

THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 1984



YOU'RE INVITED
to attend



RHA's FAMILY PARTY



Date: Wednesday evening, December 5

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Le Lycee Francais de Los Angeles
(Formerly Parkway Elementary School)
220 Via Riviera

The enchanting music of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" provides the background for JIM GAMBLE'S marionette production, "A Sugarplum Christmas". Following the original story, Gamble has adapted the classic holiday ballet into a delightful half-hour presentation for audiences of all ages.

Performing over 500 shows annually for schools, fairs, business and community organizations, as well as private parties, the Gamble Marionettes have become a tradition for many audiences.

Early technical training in engineering has provided Gamble with a unique background for building intricate marionette productions. Nationally known for his techniques, he is in frequent demand as a lecturer on marionette design.

Gamble leads a double professional life, for not only is he a puppeteer, but also a Continental Airlines pilot!

His varied background, pleasing personality and over 30 years of experience in performing as a Master Puppeteer have made Jim Gamble a much-in-demand entertainer.

There will be additional "Christmas entertainment", as well as refreshments, so please do join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening!

Sonya Mullin
Program/Hospitality Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The response to my offer to let you know when city commission vacancies come up was very gratifying. It's nice to know so many who take an interest in their city are willing to get involved. Again, if you would like information about serving on a city commission (Airport, Civil Service, Environmental Quality, Fine Arts, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Traffic and Water), call me at 373-1901.

At the request of the North Torrance Neighbors Against Overcrowding, RHA joined in asking the City for R-1 (single-family) zoning for the Perry School site, 182nd and Prairie Avenue. Developers are requesting approval of a large condominium project on the site, which is surrounded by predominantly single-family homes. In a spirit of cooperation among homeowner groups, RHA is supporting the North Torrance Neighbors' efforts to limit residential density to that compatible with their neighborhood.

Hope to see you all at our Christmas Party December 5 at Le Lycee (Parkway School). We're featuring Jim Gamble and his puppets, so bring your children/grandchildren. We start early and end early so as not to keep the Sugar Plums waiting.

Kay White

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This is the time of year we make a special plea for new members and renewals, since the RHA membership year begins in January and is good through next December. Of course we welcome you at any time, but why not get the most for your membership fee of \$10.00 and join now?

We realize many of you are busy with other involvements and perhaps may not be able to attend most meetings; quite possibly your schedule is such that you cannot come to any meetings at all. Why join then? Because, through our newsletter, you will be constantly apprised of what is taking place in your community, and informed about local issues that concern us all. There are constantly pertinent areas of interest which pertain to the Riviera that local newspapers simply do not cover -- we DO! With the exception of this issue, however, only members of RHA will receive copies of our newsletter, which are mailed out every other month.

Our president and other members of the executive board attend city council meetings, planning commission meetings, etc., and are working hard watching out for our best interests at "city hall".

Enclosed in your newsletter is a membership envelope for your convenience. Please make your check payable to Riviera Homeowners Association. If you have any questions concerning membership, please call Marta Colley at 378-2085.



Anyone who is lucky enough to have a copy of a community cookbook knows what a treasure it can be. The RHA Board thinks it is time to publish a community cookbook entitled: "RHA Really Cooks!"

We believe that RHA members are among the best cooks in the country; therefore, we would appreciate having your favorite recipes in our cookbook. (If you only have one you wish to share, that's fine, too, of course!) Please be sure and double-check them before mailing, making sure all ingredients are correct, and also sign your name so you will be given credit; after all they are your recipes!

Mail recipes to: Kay White, 645 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach 90277. For further information, call Kay at 373-1901.

ARE YOUR JUNIPERS TURNING BROWN?

A problem with juniper damage has been reported in the Riviera area, and we contacted the Palos Verdes Begonia Farm for some help. They very kindly supplied us with the following information and advised that it is not necessary to destroy your affected plants.

The problem has been caused by plant stress brought on by two winters of exceptionally heavy rain followed by an extremely hot summer of 1984. This stress made some junipers susceptible to attack by insects, particularly the cypress tip moth, causing the foliage to turn yellow in the early winter and brown by late winter or early spring. Affected plants usually recover their green color during the spring and summer. Plants attacked year after year are not killed; instead the plants go through green-to-brown-to-green phases and their growth is drastically reduced.

Spraying-If already established plants become brown due to tip moth damage, you can use an insecticide spray to prevent a recurrence of such unsightliness the next year. For effective control of tip moths, apply the spray when the adult moths are active. Beginning in the early spring, examine the foliage for 1/4 inch long, white, silken cocoons. When these appear, vigorously shake the foliage once a week and watch to see if silvery tan, tiny moths fly up and then settle back on the foliage.

When large numbers of tip moths fly out of the foliage, make one spray application. A spray applied when the moths are active kills the moths before they finish laying their eggs and destroys larvae that hatch from eggs already laid. After the larvae have successfully invaded the foliage tips, there is little you can do to control them. In this area, it is usually best to spray during early April. The optimum spray date varies from year to year and also depends on plant location and exposure. Acephate (Orthene) and diazinon sprays are effective against the cypress tip moth. Correctly applied sprays protect foliage against damage by the next tip moth generation. The benefits of spraying, therefore, do not become evident until winter when tip moth damage first becomes noticeable.

Our thanks to an alert neighbor for bringing this problem to our attention. More information is available by contacting RHA or the Begonia Farm.

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