

THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

"A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CIVIC SERVICE TO THE RIVIERA COMMUNITY AND ITS RESIDENTS."

Thursday
February 4, 1993
Doors open: 7:00 p.m.
Program begins 7:30 p.m.



Riviera School
Cafeteria
365 Paseo De Arena

WELCOME TO A BRAND NEW YEAR!

I trust that each of you and those close to you had a peaceful and joyous holiday and wish you all the best in 1993!



GANGS IN OUR 'HOOD ? !

We are pleased to have as our guest speakers the officers from the Torrance Police Department's Gang Detail Unit. In our lives today the word "gang" stirs our emotions. However, it is important to disarm some of that emotion with knowledge -- or "Just the facts!" The officers will be there to provide you with the most current information and answer any questions.



I RESOLVE TO . . .

So, as I am sure, one of your new year's resolutions was to become more involved and attend your Homeowners Association meetings. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Donald a. Young, Jr.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enter 1993 with the hopes and dreams of a bright future. As President of the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA), I will try my best in making the 'RIVIERA' a better community. What can you do to make this a more enjoyable community to live in? Start by meeting and talking to the neighbors you don't know. Be reasonable in any request. Look at your neighbors point of view. If you're being asked to do something, try to accommodate your neighbor. Life is too short to spend it upset about a neighbor. Most people in our community are fairly reasonable. You can't just wish something on your neighbor, you have to communicate. But it is you that can make the difference by taking that first step. Talk to your neighbor!

This year the RHA is trying to do numerous projects in the community. Although we will use a portion of our reserve, the Board feels these are worthy projects for our limited resources. During this year we will provide the Riviera Elementary School (where we meet) with a new 10' x 10' movie screen in appreciation of using their facilities. RHA has started a reimbursement program for members who trim trees. We are replacing the 'Outstanding Landscape Award' sign because we feel this is a positive community program that should continue. Our old sign was stolen from the corner of Calle Mayor and Via Los Miradores. We are buying a sign to inform the community about a General Meeting which will occur that week. But all these good programs cost money. The Board has decided not to increase the annual dues! The way we will support these projects is by increasing the number of members. Again, I ask for your help in making this happen. If you haven't paid your dues of ten dollars, please do so now. If you are a member, talk to your neighbor and see if they would like to join. My goal is one hundred more members. Thank-you in advance for trying to help us reach this goal.

Other important information that I feel you should know about was recently reported in the Daily Breeze on January 7, 1993. The Palos Verdes City Council approved an ordinance to allow residents to trim or even remove trees on city property! Certain administrative procedures are being worked out for the permit process. This should send a clear message to our City Council that we need a similar policy. RHA Tree Committee is following this and will keep on top of the effort to have a Torrance City Tree Trim or Removal Policy.

The city will conduct a series of public forums throughout the community in January to discuss the City's budget for the next fiscal year. January 20th at the Torrance High School (7:00pm), January 28th at Edison Elementary School Cafeteria (7:30pm), and a call-in program February 4th at 7:00pm (781-7175) or call 618-5880 if you have any questions.

The last general meeting was well attended; over 175 children and 125 adults. It was our Holiday Program done in conjunction with the Riviera PTA. The Program arrangement was successful and we look forward to working with the PTA in the future. Have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Doug Holker
President

SCHOOLS SEEK HELP OF RETIREES

The Torrance Unified School District welcomes older adults to volunteer as teachers' helpers and tutors. In conjunction with the South Bay Chapter of RSVP (The Retired Senior Volunteer Program), this cooperative program, "Special Friends", offers the opportunity for older adults to bring their experience, skills and knowledge to the elementary school children in Torrance. Volunteers need not be teaching professionals. The Principal and the assigned teacher will provide training and guidance in working with the children. For information phone RSVP at 540-7759. This is a great way of passing on your experiences. Please volunteer.

RAIN

Will 1992-93 be a wet year? The 1991-92 year was well above average. The table below was made from data collected in my rain gauge located on Via Los Miradores. It represents rainfall amounts taken from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.

DATE	AMOUNT	CUMULATIVE
July 1 to Dec 6, 1991	1.5	1.5
December 7,	.5	2.0
December 28, 1991	2.5	4.5
January 5, 1992	2.5	7.0
February 5	1.5	8.5
February 9	2.5	11.0
February 12	1.1	12.1
February 13	.5	12.6
February 15	.7	13.3
Mar 2/3	2.4	15.7
March 6	.3	16.0
March 20	2.1	18.1
March 22	1.2	19.3
March 28	1.0	20.3
April 1 '92	.2	20.5



As you can tell, we had over six inches of rain in February and seven inches in March. It was a good rainfall year in Southern California, but the Sierras had only about 70% of a normal snowpack. Northern California also experienced a below normal rainfall year. It is from these areas and the Colorado River that we receive our water. Hopefully this year they will get an above average rainfall. It is my opinion we will!

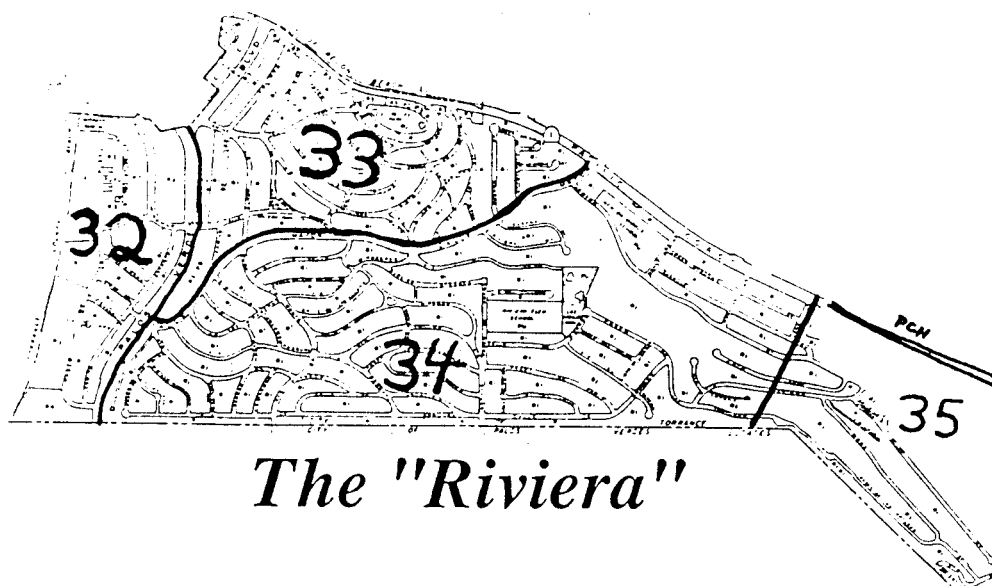
(This article was written in September, 1992 but could not be printed because of lack of space.)

Doug Holker

CRIME REPORT

As a continuing service to the Riviera residents, we are publishing the crime statistics for our area that were provided for us by the Torrance Police Department. I have prepared a new map of the area that hopefully will be more legible. The data are divided into four areas of the Riviera for the period from November 1 to December 31, 1992. There has been some sporadic problems with thieves taking individual's mail that has been delivered or waiting for it to be delivered. Please report any suspicious persons or vehicles to the Torrance Police.

<u>Area</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>
Residential Burglary	3	5	2	3
Commercial Burglary	0	0	0	3
Vehicle Burglary	9	3	14	2
Stolen Vehicle	0	5	6	0
Assault	0	1	0	0
Vandalism (over \$1000)	0	0	2	0
Vandalism (under \$1000)	0	0	4	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0



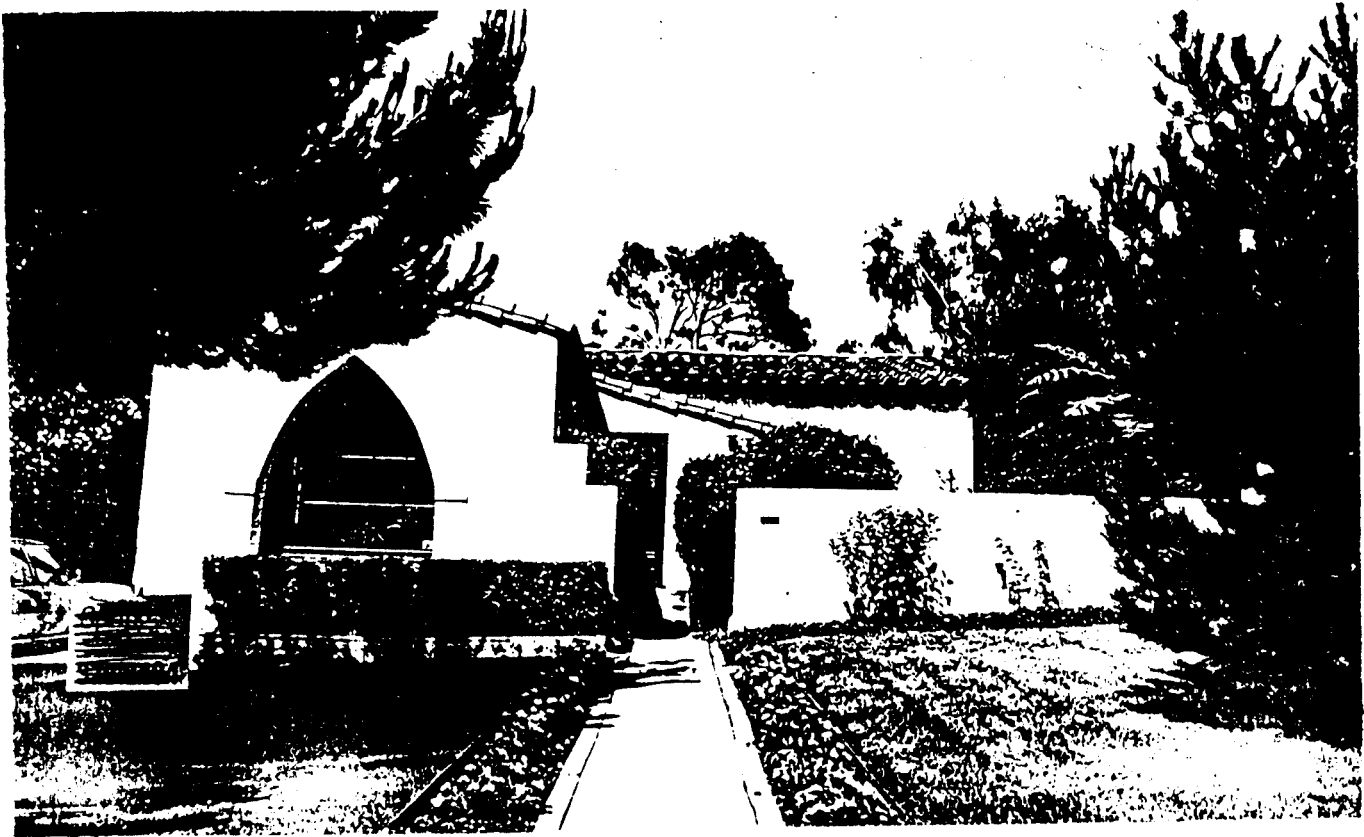
MEMBERSHIP IN THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

If your newsletter has a red dot, it means that you have not paid your renewal dues and this is the last newsletter you will receive until you rejoin.

Please send your check for \$ 10.00 to Riviera Homeowners Association, 453 Calle Mayor, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

RESIDENCE OF MR. & MRS. JAMES ZELENAY

234 Paseo de Gracia



With plans drawn as early as 1928, this could have been one of the earliest Riviera homes. However, final construction seems to have been delayed to 1933, possibly due to the Depression.

This three bedroom, two bath home has its original 1771 square feet, no additions having been added. Heavy machinery was not available to level the lot before construction so the footings meander under the house at varying levels.

Typical of the time, the living room has a large arched window, Spanish fireplace, beamed ceiling and matching alcoves. Also there is an entry hall with a phone alcove. All the flooring is original oak, with the dining room having "quartersawn" cut strips, a unique cutting method no longer done since the process wastes too much wood.

A delight to the eyes is the exciting and original lavender tiled bath room with black and light yellow accent trim and design in the floor, walls and arched shower stall.

The masters of this wonderful residence are Jim, a pharmacist, and Peggy, a housewife.

Howard Koters



RHA TREE TRIMMING PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION DUE IN FEBRUARY



As announced in the last *Riviera Report*, application for the RHA Tree Trimming Pilot Program will be accepted at the February General Meeting. This program is to encourage RHA members to cooperatively restore views blocked by vegetation by partially reimbursing RHA members.

Once you and your neighbor have agreed on the proposed trimming, you simply fill out the application. As previously announced, RHA will not fund neighbors who cannot agree on a plan of action. Also, this pilot program has limited funding, so applications will be taken on a first come basis beginning with the February meeting. RHA will contribute \$10 toward your trimming project for each year your household has been a RHA member. The maximum per household is \$100, or the actual cost of trimming, whichever is the less. Note that two RHA member households may be involved with a single project and each receive funding. The \$100 maximum applies per household, not project.

Applications will be accepted starting at the February meeting and by postmark by mail following that meeting for a brief period. All applicants will be informed of funding determination by the end of February. Vouchers showing the amount of funding will be issued by RHA to each funded member. Members will choose their own tree trimmer. To be reimbursed, these vouchers must be returned with a copy of the paid receipt by August 31, 1993, when they expire.

Greg Anunson

If there are any questions regarding this program, please contact Greg Anunson (378 - 6384), Irene Shackelford (373 - 1838), Connie Sullivan (378 - 1554), or Jim Vogl (378-1803).

OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPE AWARD

The RHA and the Riviera Garden Club were very pleased to present the December *OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPE AWARD* to Kristina and Steven Taylor of 433 Via La Selva.

The Taylors have transformed their home into a wonderful example of the Southwest right down to rough-hewn timbers and lodge poles.

The completed landscape is very appealing and enhances the architecture. The striking street side cactus garden contrasts dramatically with the lush entry and inner courtyard planting of palms, evergreens, lantana, gardenia, azaleas and impatiens. This entry courtyard has a stately evergreen pine tree that has been beautifully pruned to frame the house as well as be considerate of neighbors views. We thank the Taylors for their thoughtfulness and for truly enhancing our Riviera community.

Ruth Vogel

RIVIERA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Since 1983, RHA has recognized Riviera residents who have made a major contribution to our community through their volunteer work, political involvement, or good neighborliness. Please nominate a worthy candidate for recognition at our April 1993 general meeting by sending a name and brief description of service to:

RHA, P.O. BOX 1074, TORRANCE, CA 90505 or by phoning 378 5793. Past recipients of the Riviera Community Service Award are: Don Malone, Jim Perry, Georgeanne Griswold, Robert Mantovani, Katy Geissert, and Lynn Bramhall.

Please type or print:

Name _____

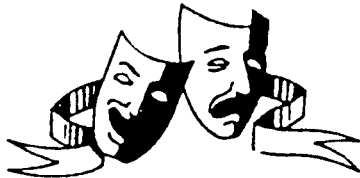
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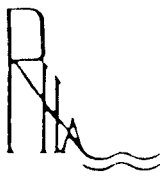
for the 1993 Riviera community Service Award, for the following reasons:

PALOS VERDES PLAYERS

Playing through February 13 Murray Schisgal's comedy *LUV* followed by *NORMAN, IS THAT YOU ?* February 19 through April 3, 1993.



For reservations please call (310) 326 2287



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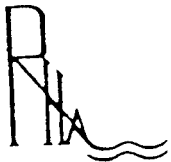
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