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NOVEMBER 1st MEETING: SECURITY MEASURE SUCCESS -OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

In what promises to be a fascinating session Officer Don Hartel of the Torrance Police Department will describe the impressive success of its program, "Operation Identification", the system in which electric tools are made available to property owners for marking their valuables. Statistics have been compiled now which show that the program is reducing burglaries dramatically. Officer Hartel will provide background on methods of illegal entry and examine security measures homeowners may take.

Parkway School Cafetorium, 8:00 p.m., November 1st.

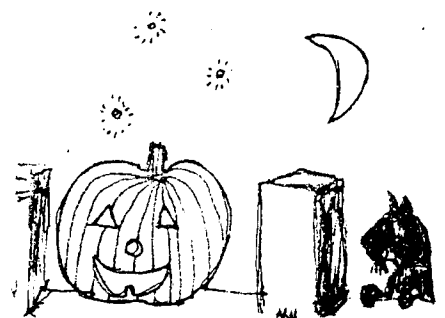
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Halloween is almost here again and it's time to stock up on treats to give our visiting ghouls, vampires and ghosts. Fun for all? Don't you believe it! I am sure you have all seen the results of egg-throwing and group fighting and perhaps the accidents from high-speed racing automobiles. We have been very fortunate so far that no toddlers have been injured or even killed.

Many mothers have been walking with their little ones, but I have found that most of the "pranks" stopped as soon as a few fathers were on the street. A few times I surprised older children trying to take candy from younger ones and it's amazing how you can change a "mischievous" kid into a good kid when you are suddenly standing right next to him. So how about it, Dads?

A couple of hours to protect your most precious possessions?

Joe Clukey



• **Issues and Information of Importance to the Riviera** •

TORRANCE AIRPORT

The Torrance airport is often the target of complaints by Riviera residents because of its production of noise, and the hazards associated with exceptionally low-flying aircraft. The potential problems of the airport, should large scale expansion bring in larger, more powerful aircraft, are also of concern. The fate of homeowners in residential areas adjacent to growing airports has, in general, not been happy, as the problems with the north runway at Los Angeles International demonstrated. On the other hand, general and light executive aircraft fields, such as Torrance is now, represent a city-run 'business' which provides revenue, a base for local business, and a center for recreational and business flying for the area. Special affairs such as the recent air show provide entertainment for aviation fans as well. The objective of the Riviera Homeowners, through its airport committee, is to provide a voice of community interest in airport affairs and to influence the city administration's decisions in matters which bear on the airport's relationship to the Riviera. The position of the RHA board, representing the membership, has generally been to support the airport in its present role as a general aviation field, while at the same time attempting to reduce noise and safety problems. The position represents a balance between outright closure and expansion into commercial service.

The city, through the airport commission and the airport manager, Jack Egan, has been cooperative in informing the community about airport affairs and allowing its participation in debates over airport affairs. The principal problems, common to almost all city-surrounded airports, are noise and safety. Legislation directed at the noise problem has so far had relatively little effect because of the federal pre-emption of aviation affairs through the FAA. The tower at Torrance, for example, is FAA operated, and flight operations are directed by them. This fact explains why flight-pattern problems cannot be worked out solely by the city-run airport office. The city, however, does have a marginal control over operations through the granting of licenses to sell fuel and other services. The safety problem centers around planes landing over and turning into the hillside at levels below safe operating height. There is no question that pilots do this, but in so doing they are operating outside the prescribed patterns; the FAA and the airport administration have agreed to emphasize to the pilots the need for attention to the pattern.

The airport commission has recently been active in trying to communicate with the residents of the surrounding areas in airport-related affairs. A committee has been set up by the airport commission to study the 'touch and go' question: whether restriction of operations would make sense. The stand against large-scale expansion of the airport, assuming the current aircraft types would be used (that is, more power equals more noise), we feel is still correct and that view appears to be supported in city government. By continuing to present to the city our views on the airport in a balanced manner, we can retain the quality of Riviera living while retaining too the services of the Torrance airport for the city as a whole. If you have questions, complaints or suggestions concerning the airport please call me.

Tom Nosek, RHA Airport Chm. 375-5119

OF INTEREST IN THE RIVIERA

✓ Torrance City Council has declared a 90 day moratorium on new construction on Vista Montana pending study of hillside development by the planning commission and the council. Major concern has been expressed over the possible creation of a serious traffic hazard if, as the builder has planned, there were driveway access onto Montana.

✓ The controversial Torrance freeway alternate routes have become an issue once again. The city traffic department has promised to keep us posted on new developments and supplied with pertinent information.

✓ Did you know that if you can gather a group of fifteen or twenty people the police department will send an officer to discuss and answer questions about any phase of police work in which the group might be interested?

Another police community relations program residents might want to take advantage of: You can arrange to ride along with a policeman in a patrol car as he answers an evening's worth of calls. Joe Clukey did this recently and recommends it to everyone. He reports being very favorably impressed with the tact and ability of the officer he accompanied.

For information regarding either of these programs contact the Torrance police department - 328-3456.

BABY-SITTING CO-OP

The Riviera baby-sitting cooperative, started a year ago, is doing strong. For those who might be interested in joining, the membership chairman is Freda Main - 375 3997.

HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY

The Torrance Fire Department reminds parents that all halloween costumes should be marked "flameproof" if purchased ready-made or should undergo flameproofing at home. Avoid flimsy fabrics and loose flowing skirts and sleeves. Use "natural" masks whenever possible ... that is make-up applied to the skin. Avoid masks not flameproofed and those that interfere with vision. Children should carry flashlights ... never a burning candle. And use your good common sense in decorating your home.