

# The Riviera

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Mr. Paul R. McAfee, Chief of the Operations branch of the Air Traffic Division of the Federal Aviation Administration, Western Region, will address the Riviera Homeowners Association at its general membership meeting, Monday, June 4, 1973 at 8 o'clock p.m. at Parkway School. The role of the Federal government in regulations of aircraft and the function of the FAA will be the principal topic in what promises to be a very timely and topical program. Mr. McAfee also happens to reside in the Riviera.

- 1- El Retiro
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Also at the June 4 meeting, the Riviera Homeowners executive board has voted to propose to the general membership that \$2000 of RHA funds be put in trust as a contribution to the proposed El Retiro Library expansion, parking-lot paving, lighting and landscaping project. It is intended that funds from Torrance library bond issue be used for a 1000 square foot expansion of the library. City funds are to be budgeted for the remaining work, but there would still be a \$12,600 deficit. The Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club and Riviera Village Rotary have expressed interest in joining RHA in making up the amount necessary to assure that the work will be done in the next year.

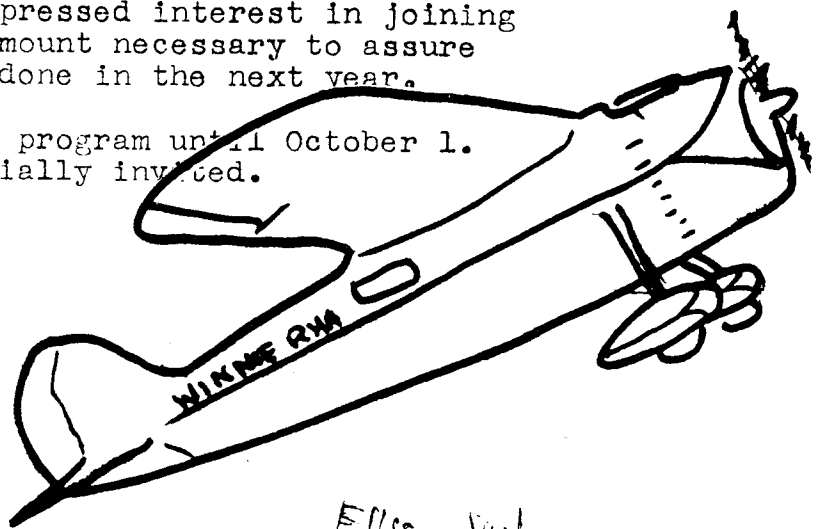
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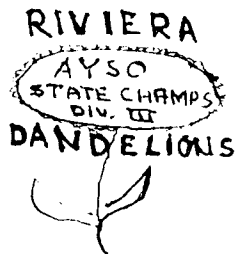
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Budget

This will be our final program until October 1. All residents are cordially invited.



Ellen Vign.



• Issues and Information of Importance to the Riviera •



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Overwhelming community involvement and concern were dramatically demonstrated by the unprecedented turnout of the concerned citizens at the recent public meetings of the Torrance Airport Commission. The meetings were ostensibly intended for presentation of development options for our information, but what they became were forums for the many groups and individuals to go on record, sometimes quite colorfully, to make known to all their opposition to any expansion in any form of airport traffic because of noise and safety hazards.

The position of Riviera Homeowners Association was expressed, to recommend actual curtailment in certain cases, and to provide better accountability for violations of air traffic regulations. Many of our individual members made their views known as well.

There is little doubt now that lawmakers, at least on the local level, are well aware of the nearly unanimous grave public concern regarding airport noise, jet traffic and air commuter service. However, the advantages gained by public response were rendered unclear by a very recent 5-4 decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, in which the city of Burbank's ordinance to ban jet flights during nighttime hours was struck down, due to the federal government's stated preemption of control of air traffic flow.

The significance of the Burbank decision is unknown at this point. Some believe that it will work to the advantage of nearby homeowners in that it will in effect force federal legislation to protect their interests.

We contacted the office of one of our U. S. senators regarding the Torrance airport problem generally, and were advised that the senator has no position at this point, but would like to listen to and carefully consider what we say.

Particularly considering the possible implications of the Burbank decision, and in view of the probable crucial role to be assumed by the federal government, here is a classic case calling for citizen involvement, where writing one's congressman can and should achieve tangible results, just as we feel community participation has done at the local level.

... Bob White

P. S. Congratulations to Councilman Don Wilson on his appointment to the South Coast Regional Commission!

## TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM BURGLARS

Homes are particularly vulnerable to burglary during the summer months when owners are away. There are two things every resident can do to protect his belongings. One is to use an electric marker to engrave an identifying number on his household valuables. Most people use their social security or driver's license number. RHA has these markers available to loan to residents. Call Joe Clukey (home - 378-5571 or business - 535-2584) or Bud Skolich (375-5175). The tools may also be borrowed from the Torrance Police Department.



The second precaution is a basic neighborhood vigil organized very simply by neighbors agreeing to alert each other to their absences. Residents who are usually home during daytime hours are especially valuable in keeping general surveillance for unusual activity, but they need to know when their neighbors will be away. So lock your house and take the other usual precautions but give yourself that extra insurance by marking your valuables and letting your neighbors know you'll be away.

## RATS IN THE RIVIERA?

Hard to believe. Incredible. But true, nevertheless. Millie Schoenberg reports that the pesky rodents have invaded the area. The County Health Department is responsive but only on a single-lot basis. In other words they will bait the ivy with an anti-coagulant (fatal to rats only) for anyone who complains, but will not touch a neighbor's ivy patch. Millie would like to hear from everyone who is bothered by rats, hoping to build a case for an area-wide extermination program by the health authorities. Please call Millie at 378-9561.



## HERE'S TO SIGNLESS SUNDAYS

Taking note of the growing crop of real estate, garage sale and other signs on the Calle Mayor parkway, the RHA board is asking Torrance councilmen to make it unlawful to post signs on public property. This, of course, would be a city-wide ordinance and we can't help thinking that all residents would be grateful for relief from this particular form of visual pollution.

OPEN HOUSE

FOR SALE

! A T T E N T I O N   E L L I N W O O D !

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO JOIN THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Over the years it has been the feeling of many area residents that the Riviera section has a natural geographic extension north and east to Pacific Coast Highway and Vista Montana. Many Ellinwood residents have expressed interest in joining the Riviera Homeowners Association because it is a consistently active and concerned homeowner group. The RHA Board feels that we share a distinct community interest and that your membership will be a source of strength and enthusiasm.

The delivery area of the RHA newsletter is being extended with this issue to invite you to join us.

Our newsletter is delivered monthly, September through June, to each home in the area. RHA meetings are held on the first Monday of each month through the same period. If you have questions about the organization please contact Bob White, president, 373-1901; Jerry Galuhn, vice-president, 373-1439; Herbert or Marian Hoffman, membership, 375-7487; or Rosalie Woodward, newsletter editor, 375-6390.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Feinberg

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Keating

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Yerke

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shields

Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Wengrow

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