

THE RIVIERA REPORT

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting-Public Safety Discussion with Chief De Ladurantey

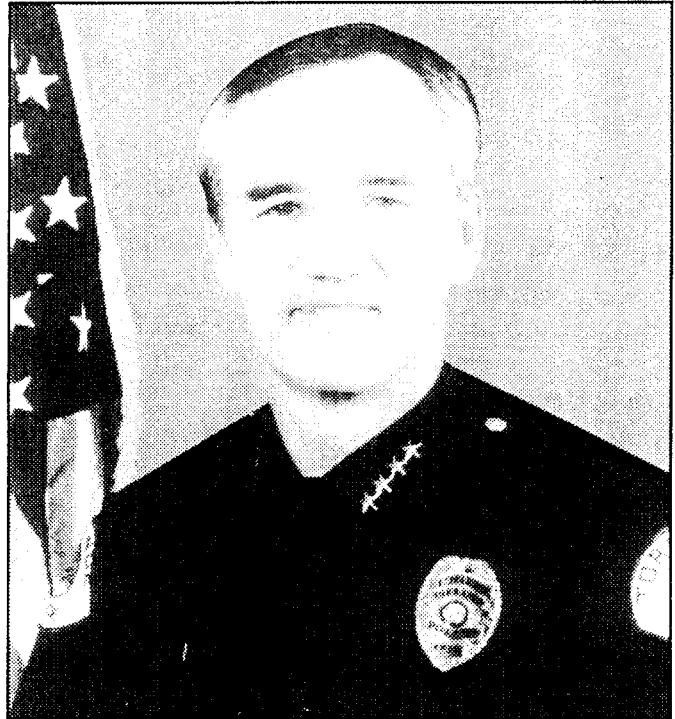
Glenn Tanner

WHEN: Thursday April 4

TIME: 7:00 p.m

WHERE: Riviera Elementary
School Cafeteria
365 Paseo de Arena

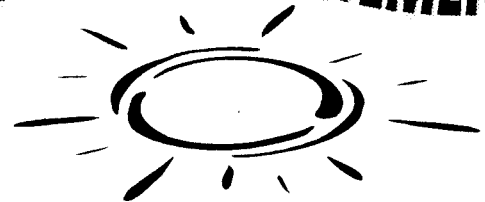
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Discussion of the current state of public safety in Torrance and the Hollywood Riviera presented by Chief-of-Police **Joseph De Ladurantey**. Also on hand will be the Riviera's Community Lead Officer **Joe Rengle**. Main topics covered will include the following ...

- Crime in Torrance. Is it getting better or worse ?
- What can the Police do to protect the average citizen ?
- Are gangs on the increase or on the decline ?
- What's in the future for the Police Department ?
- What can you do to prevent crime ?
- How can you form a Neighborhood Watch ?
- How the Community Lead Officer program can benefit your neighborhood.

SUMMER EXCITEMENT



With warm summer days just around the corner, your Homeowner's Association is planning events that will help you get to know your neighbors, just a bit better. Let's face it. We live in the greatest community under the sun, so what better way to celebrate than with your neighbors! Watch this newsletter for more information next month!

President's Notes

Don Young, Jr.

For those of you who were unable to attend, our program for the February general meeting were the candidates for Torrance City Council. All the candidates were there doing their best, taking on the questions submitted by some of you. Although there isn't a defining campaign issue, trees and the impact they have on views remains a major concern.

We also tried something a little different this time. We invited the Seaside Homeowners Association and the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association to be our guests as we "grilled" the candidates together. Although a show of hands indicated a significant portion of the audience was from the Riviera Homeowners Association, there was a very good representation from our guest associations.

Are You A Member

Armelle Feuvrier

Please look at the label on this Newsletter on it, you will find the date you last renewed your membership. If you haven't done so since September

As indicated on the front page, our April 4th program brings our Chief of Police, Joe De Ladurantey and our Community Lead Officer, Joe Rengle to present the current status of policing our city and answer your questions. This is a great opportunity to learn first hand from those who know. So we hope you will be able to make it.

Finally, we would like to have your input on another topic. What would you like to see your Riviera Homeowners Association do to enhance the esthetics of the Riviera. We were recently presented with a gift of a few thousand dollars with the caveat we use the funds toward the beautification of the Riviera. This gift was presented by Kay White on behalf of the defunct Community Association. To all those who were a part of that, we graciously accept that gift and extend our appreciation.

Point of View

Shirley McNair

City owned eucalyptus trees have been allowed to grow so thick and tall that hundreds of homes in the Riviera have lost their view. Many residents believe that the loss of their view is a major issue.

Other cities have provisions to protect views.

Proposition M, the View Restoration Ordinance passed by the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes in 1989, has been upheld by the Courts and the city is now putting it into effect.

Alan Fishman, of the Palos Verdes Estates Planning Department, says they allow trimming of city trees to restore or improve views.

1995, this is your chance. Please take a moment now and make your membership current. Thanks for your continued support.

Ron Osborne, of Manhattan Beach Public Works Department says their city prohibits city owned vegetation on walk streets from being allowed to grow so large that it obstructs ocean views.

At the February RHA Candidates Meeting, **George Nakano**, **Don Lee** and **Maureen O'Donnell** all said they would support an amendment to the Tree Trimming Ordinance to include trimming city trees to restore views.

Only our Mayor and City Council can address this issue and solve the problem. Their phone number is 618 - 2801. Please contact them if this issue is important to you.

Profile:

ARMELLE FEUVRIER



Vice President

■ Membersfip ■

With our two children, and a third on the way, my husband and I moved to the Riviera from Venice. Gary and I realized it was time to live in a community where our kids could play outside, walk to school, and receive a solid education from the public school system. Within a month, Ariana joined our family.

It's been over three years since we've been here, and life is great. Eric is an honors student at Richardson Middle School, while Luc excels at Riviera Elementary. Our daughter can't wait to follow in her brothers' footsteps.

I was born in Versailles, France. My dad's job as a General in the French Air Force moved us everywhere. So when I decided to study in the U.S., leaving family and friends behind, it didn't seem too unusual. After graduating from the French National Space and Aeronautics Academy with a degree in electrical engineering, I said good-bye to my parents and three sisters (and their families) who still live in and around Paris. We try to see them whenever we can.

UC Berkeley gave me a Masters degree in Statistics in 1978 and I took a position with the international shipping firm, American Presidents Lines. Seven years later, I took a position as Vice President with PARA, Inc., a financial firm based in Pasadena.

Recently, I launched my own company, Advanced Financial Analysis, a firm that specializes in analyzing our client's accounts payable records searching for and recovering accounts payable payment errors.

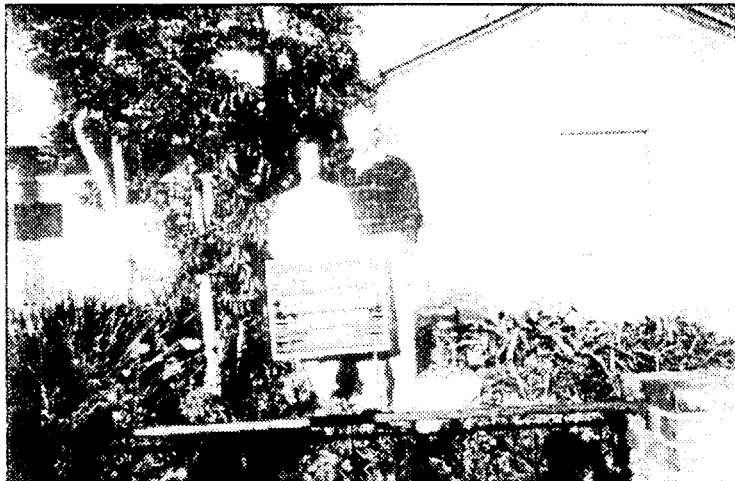
An amazing husband, three great kids and a wonderful community, how lucky can one get???....

Outstanding Landscape Award Winners

Ruth Vogel

Peggy and Tim Haug, 5119 Newton Street were presented with the February award. Their handsome new driveway and brick pillars frame a very colorful garden of Iceland poppies, impatiens, delphinium and ranunculas. Peggy has created an

unusual effect with Rosenka bouganvillea growing as a ground cover and melaleuca trees provide a stately anchor for all the flowers and shrubs. Peggy also designed and planted the children's garden at our South Coast Botanic Garden.



Peggy and Tim Haug in front of their Newton St. Home.

The March award went to longtime Riviera residents, Jeanne and Joe Salmen at 252 Via Buena Ventura, for their outstanding example of a Mediterranean style drought resistant garden. It is brimming with South African bulbs and many plants from the Mediterranean area which share our climate and particularly our lack of rainfall

for most of the year. Spring is the best season because the winter rains have created a riot of color with California Poppies, ranunculas, freesias, violas, pansies, marigold and dianthus, interspersed with some very unusual and interesting shrubs.



Jeanne and Joe Salmen in front of their Via Buena Ventura home.

TORRANCE STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED

Patsy Loughboro

The Torrance City Council has adopted the conclusion of a two-year project to provide a long-term view of the key issues confronting the city over the next 10 years and strategies for addressing them. The Strategic Plan involved a broad spectrum of citizens and community groups,

including city employees, to produce clear goals and sub-goals to be used to guide budget, operational and organizational decisions. A summary brochure and complete report on the Plan is available at El Retiro and WALTERIA Libraries.

Profile: RUTH VOGEL



Director ■ Landscape ■

Ruth Vogel, a 32 year Riviera resident has been active in the community for almost that many years. She has been a former President of Parkway School PTA (now the site of Riviera Colony) and The Torrance League of Women Voters, as well as devoting service to numerous civic boards, school and community groups and government committees.

Ruth was born and reared in a suburban area of Yonkers, New York; graduated from college and moved to California with husband, Nat, in 1959; settled in the Riviera in 1964 and raised two sons, Steven, 34, Curator of Marine Science at Cabrillo Aquarium and David, 32 an Occupational Therapist in Seattle.

Before her current full-time real estate career, Ruth divided her time between teaching elementary school, property management and working towards certification in horticulture and landscape architecture.

In her spare time she enjoys practically everything but particularly tennis, skiing, gardening, cycling and just plain old walking!

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