

# Riviera Homeowners' Dance Set Tonight at Redondo Elks Hall

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Tonight's the night for the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Vacation Dinner-Dance at the Redondo Elks Hall. Hope you made your reservations; steak dinners and dancing to a 10-piece orchestra is a mighty tempting way to spend an evening.

At this writing, reservations are being made in brisk fashion but it may be that Mrs. Michael English, reservations chairman, would have a few seats left. If mundane matters pushed the dinner dance out of your mind till now, a call to her may still find you a steak with your name on it. Tariff for the whole evening is \$5 per person.

Some Riviera parents are confused at the current Torrance Elementary system of grading.

Here's an example: student brings home a report card that says in part "SOCIAL STUDIES: student likes this subject very much; eager to learn; is below average."

Another example? Student brings home spelling papers marked 100 all term long; gets grading "below average." The parents of these children who tell me they worked with them all during the year are confused. Would you be?

Guest of honor at a Plush Horse luncheon last Tuesday was Mrs. Robert A. Matson, outgoing president of Las Vecinas. She was honored also at a cocktail party held prior to the luncheon at the home of Mrs. Henry Schmalz, president elect.

Board members of Las Vecinas presented Mrs. Matson with gifts in recognition of the outstanding year just enjoyed by the Riviera women's club. Sizeable contributions have been made to several worthy organizations including the Leukemia Wing of the City of Hope, Torrance Dental Health Association and Harbor General Hospital.

The club now sponsors 31 Riviera Girl Scout and Brownie troops, having added nine new troops during Mrs. Matson's term of office. It has contributed towards Courts of Award, camperships for Girl Scouts, to the American Field Service and has granted two scholarships.

Rational thinkers in this area are wondering about the outbursts at City Council last week where Gene Pinski and followers stormed the chambers to protest over the proposed tract to be built by Harry Kissel adjacent to Hollywood Riviera.

The area is just below the tract known as Palos Verdes Riviera — all hillside and a difficult building problem at best.

The Torrance Planning Commission, an unusually civic-minded group of responsible citizens, has been over the plans with a fine toothed comb. Queries reveal they feel the plans are more than adequate and have approved them.

We looked into it a bit and indeed found discrepancies between remarks made at Council and the facts. For instance: Pinski demanded that zoning on Newton where it intersects with Vista Montana be changed from C-1 to R-1 because the property designated C-1 butted against R-1 property.

The truth is that the C-1 property is at the bottom of a hill and the R-1 property is at the top of the hill at this point. The hill provides very adequate buffer for the R-1 property. There are other points.

Suffice for the moment is that our Planning Commission which has a record of protect-

ing the citizens of this area, has found Kissel's plans satisfactory within their area of responsibility. So far as Kissel donating more parks or rebuilding streets outside his tract or being denied the use of water (more items demanded by Pinski) — umph!

**UP HILL AND DOWN DALE:** Louis Cable, 800 Calle de Arboles, is planning one of the more ambitious additions for his home. Estimate of the cost of building is over \$6700. . . . Judi Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reid of Riviera and a student at UC of Santa Barbara, is home after a tour of the Pacific Northwest. She'll take over her summertime duties as recreation assistant with Torrance Recreation, her third year of such vacationtime work. . . . Mrs. M. L. Barger's Riviera home was the site of Delta Gamma Alums final luncheon meeting of the season. . . . Both Riviera Methodist Church and Las Vecinas held a bake sale last Saturday. The former set up its stand at Jim Dandy While Las Vecinas hawked their wares in front of Frontier Market. Both were a success despite the coincidental timing. . . . Last Thursday eve was the last meeting of the year for chapter IQ of the PEO. Mrs. Verne Darby of Riviera was hostess at the meeting which was held in her home. . . . Adding a bathroom and bedroom to his home at 208 Paseo de Granada is Burnett Holt. . . . Modern dance lessons will be taught at El Retiro park this summer by Torrance Recreation. If you have a yen to express yourself terpsichorically, contact Torrance Recreation Dept; first lesson's July 8. . . . Mrs. Guthrie Worth of Riviera, secretary of Alpha Phi Alums in this area, presented the club's \$100 donation to South Bay Community hospital last week. . . . Mrs. Harold Leslie of Riviera was hostess at a cocktail party held at her home prior to the Las Madrecitas dance last Saturday evening at San Pedro's Hacienda Hotel. The dance was for the Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopedic Hospital. . . . Parke Bryan sold his gym lease at Riviera Beach Club last week. He bowed out while the managers of the rest of the Clubhouse took over.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ham-

ack are now at home in Redondo Beach, following their honeymoon in Palm Springs.

The wedding, held about a month ago, joined Helen Diane Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Roberts, 205 Via Colusa, and Robert Glenn Ham-

ack, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Glenn Hamack, 1307 S. Catalina, Redondo Beach.

The formal ceremony was held at Torrance First Baptist Church, followed by a reception in the social hall of the church. The bride is a graduate of Torrance High and attended El Camino. Her bridegroom is a graduate of El Camino and also attended Long Beach State College.

Hollywood Riviera Girl Scouts of Newton School held their Court of Honor Awards ceremony last week at El Retiro Park Clubhouse. Members of Troop 233 received their first class awards, and were presented with ribbons bearing the badges they earned during this past year. Leader of troop 233 is Mrs. H. L. Coleman with Mrs. Marvin Jones acting as co-leader.

Proficiency badges were awarded to members of Girl Scout troop 144. Their leader, Mrs. W. C. Bowman, made the awards assisted by co-leader Mrs. J. G. Brown.

Girl Scouts of troop 233 who earned first class rank included Kathleen Jones, Diane May-er, Gwendolyn Van Camp, Kris-

tin Borgeson, Karen Beuhler, Andrea Coleman, Judy Stark, Adrienne Fein, Susanne Freer, Irene Hanson, Kathleen Jones and Kay Oberst. Gretchen Strommenger was awarded her second class badge.

Awards were presented to the following Scouts of troop 144: Judy Bissell, Wanda Brown, Arlene Weston, Sharon Ellis, Janet Clark, Danielle Dobus, Linda Grady, Lynn Hamilton, Sue Hartly, Susan Johnson, Ann McClelland, Sharon McKaig, Kathy Oberst, Joyce Salsberry and Judy Tremaine.

Mayor Al Isen gave out with

a good idea for the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. this week.

He suggests the association can take over functions of the Civil Defense projects for this area. And what better organization for the job? As has been said before, this area is a highly industrialized prime target and a well coordinated civil defense may make a big difference some day.

The Riviera Homeowners Assn., seems an ideal set up for appointing area leaders, service personnel and block wardens. CD leaders in Torrance assert this community

now has the necessary equipment but needs the organization that can be supplied by the Homeowners Association.

If the HRIA likes the mayor's idea, why not contact the CD office in Torrance for all the info and equipment? This looks like a great community project from where we sit.

Los Cancioneros, the award-winning choral group that "grew like topsy" from the idea of a few Riviera families, will present its annual spring concert this Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, at Redondo High Auditorium. As usual over the past years, the first half of their program will be a formal concert presentation,

followed by a staged production written by Rivieran Paul Bennett.

Don Bremer will conduct the presentation titled "Mr. Time-ly." The production centers around a Mr. Timey, who with the aid of a black magical box, can bend time to his will. It looks like another success for our Los Cancioneros, so better call FR 5-1633 for ticket information.

Members of Las Vecinas enjoyed luncheon a la barbeque at the home of Mrs. H. L. Coleman, 540 Calle Mayor, last week. Those attending the affair included Mmes. Carl Wolff, Walter McClelland, Mel Hef-

linger, J. F. Cowles, Bernard Beaird, and Robert Pinkney.

Laurence Lee George, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee George, 120 Via los Miradores, was awarded the first Pacific Smelting Foundation scholarship, it was announced this week. Young George is a graduating senior of Torrance High School.

The scholarship, based on scholastic record, character and aptitude, awards \$500 per year for five years towards a science or engineering career. Allowed to choose any college or university, the young Rivieran chose UCLA's Engineering School.

**EXHIBITION SLATED**

Evaluation of the paintings and drawings to be shown in the Vincent van Gogh art exhibit soon in Los Angeles has been set at more than \$2,000, 000, according to Kenneth Ross, Director of the Municipal Arts Department of Los Angeles.

The art showing has been scheduled daily between July 3 and August 4, at the Municipal Art Gallery in Barnsdall Park, Vermont at Hollywood Blvd. It will be presented by the Municipal Arts Department in cooperation with the Wildenstein Galleries of New York and under the sponsorship of the Municipal Art Patrons.



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