Guide to the George Leidal Collection on the City of Irvine

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Descriptive Summary
Title: George Leidal collection on the City of Irvine
Dates: 1970-1973
Collection number: MS-R030
Creator: Leidal, George
Collection Size: 4 linear feet (4 boxes)
Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.
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Abstract: This collection comprises files of George Leidal, a reporter employed by the Daily Pilot newspaper in Newport Beach, California. Leidal reported on the planning, incorporation, and early development of the City of Irvine, a master-planned community designed by architect William Pereira and developed by The Irvine Company. The materials are principally agenda packets of the Irvine City Council and Planning Commission, accompanied by some other files of other city and local area committees. Irvine was incorporated on December 28, 1971, and the files include the first City Council meeting held on that date.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of George Leidal, date unknown.

Processing Information
Processed by Andre Ambrus, 2005.

Biography
George A. Leidal was a reporter working for the Daily Pilot, a newspaper published in Newport Beach, California. His residences included Irvine, California and later Key West, Florida.

History
The City of Irvine is a master-planned community located in Orange County, California. It was designed by architect William Pereira and developed by The Irvine Company. The first General Plan for the future city was issued in 1964, and Irvine was incorporated on December 28, 1971.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
This collection comprises files of George A. Leidal, a reporter employed by the Daily Pilot newspaper in Newport Beach, California. Leidal reported on the planning, incorporation, and early development of the City of Irvine, a master-planned community designed by architect William Pereira and developed by the Irvine Company. The materials are principally agenda packets of the Irvine City Council and Planning Commission, accompanied by some other files of other city and local area committees. Most agenda packets include meeting agendas, minutes of previous meetings, and background documents, such as city ordinances and planning documents that correspond to individual agenda items. Also included are handwritten and/or typewritten notes taken by Leidal that provide his perspectives on how the city was established and the issues that dominated early planning discussions. File dates were assigned by Leidal and generally correspond to the date of the relevant City Council meeting; in a few cases the file date is inaccurate. Several files document the first City Council elections, which were held in 1971. Irvine was incorporated on December 28, 1971, and the files include the first City Council meeting held on that date.

**Arrangement**
This collection is arranged topically.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
Irvine (Calif.). City Council--Archives.
Irvine (Calif.). Planning Commission--Archives.
City planning--California--Orange County--Archives.
Planned communities--California--Orange County--Archives.
Irvine (Calif.)--Archives.

**Titles**
Irvine (Calif.). City Council.
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**City of Irvine City Council meetings**

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