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ARSON INVESTIGATION

The Association has taken action to follow up the progress (or lack of it) of the investigation of the numerous recent arson-connected fires on the hill.

Since August 1982 and even before that, our community has been threatened by an individual who set a series of garage, car, and house fires in the Camrose area. A team of board members has toured the area and personally interviewed most of the fire victims-- action that had not been taken by the understaffed arson investigation squad.

The information gathered by this team is being compiled into a letter to be sent to Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson and to Captain Littleton of the Hollywood Division of the Los Angeles Fire Department. We urge officials to investigate this dangerous problem.

According to a reliable source at the District Attorney's office, the identity of the arsonist is known, but further evidence is needed to file charges against him. Anyone having information pertinent to this problem is urged to call the Arson Squad: 485-6095.

--By Bonnie Wolfe

NEW! NEW! NEW! ADS IN "VIEW"

Ads are now being accepted in the newsletter. Each ad must be accompanied by a \$5 check, payable to Hollywood Heights Association, and should be deposited in the suggestion box on the northwest corner of Camrose and La Presa, directly behind the U.S. post box. Your \$5 buys a one x one-inch column ad, approximately 30 words.

Our neighbors may be interested in your furniture, china, baby-sitting services, etc. And you will be supporting your neighborhood association by advertising in the newsletter.

--By Alice Kawan

BUMPER STICKER - NO HHA DECAL - YES



A decal showing the silhouetted orchestra at the Bowl and the initials of the Hollywood Heights Association will identify you as a resident of Hollywood Heights. And during the Bowl season, you won't have to wait on your way up Camrose -- the decal on your car is your I.D.

How do you get one? Easy. The cost to members of the Association is one dollar per car. If you're reading this and you're not a member, the cost is \$2.50. Small amount for the convenience.

But save money...Join the Hollywood Heights Association. Annual dues are a mere \$10.00. And membership gives you a vote in the finest neighborhood association in Los Angeles: Hollywood Heights.

To receive your decal, send a check made out to the Hollywood Heights Association, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Don Wakefield, 2151 Rockledge Rd., Hollywood, CA 90068.

--By Herb Berlin



Grayce Baldwin, the multi-talented, multi-lingual president of the Hollywood Heights Association, is puzzled when people tell her they're too busy for any project.

"I have four jobs and go to school every night," she says, "and some people say they're too busy to be on committees!"

Ms. Baldwin, who has added the association to her long string of responsibilities, explains her willingness to work saying, "I care about the community I live in. The association is part of that community and so are the people in it."

The effervescent Ms. Baldwin has lived on Camrose Drive for six years. Before that, she lived in and around the Hollywood Hills for a long time. A native of Winnipeg, Canada, Grayce Baldwin was raised in Vermont but came to Los Angeles as a young woman. A graduate of Skidmore College, she studied performing arts and has a masters degree in merchandising.

"I used to be married and had a lot of children," she says of her private life. "I'm now a former wife and mother."

On her own now, she operates a catering company called, "Just Leave Everything To Us". She designs blouses for EZ-ON, a local firm, and creates fashion separates for a European manufacturer. She also teaches fashion merchandising at UCLA and attends an acting workshop at that university.

With catering at the top of her list of occupations, Ms. Baldwin notes that she has studied cooking in Europe where she became multi-lingual by necessity.

"I studied in Milan, Florence and Paris," she recalls. "I had a private cooking tutor who spoke no English at all. So I had to become multi-lingual."

Curious about the history of your house? The Historical Committee has had so many requests about the background of specific homes that a special arrangement is being made to start researching them. While the Committee itself will get busy investigating the neighborhood's overall history, we have contacted a researcher who will search for your home's roots in the City and County archives. This can save you a trip downtown.

For a fee of \$5.00, the Committee will arrange to get your original house building permit, if available, that tells you who built your house and when. If the house has been remodeled, this information is available, too. The researcher can then tell you whether your house appears to have some special significance -- if it is associated with a prominent architect or personage or whether it has special character, background, or style.

This is just a start. But for those of you who are so curious you just can't wait, we're glad to make this available. Later, when we better understand the development of the neighborhood as a whole, and when we have looked at the Player's Directories, the old phone books, the memoirs, and the like, we'll be better able to place your house in the context of the history of Hollywood.

For those permits, call June Moore at 851-0810.

--By Fran Offenhauser

Last year, Ms. Baldwin helped organize the HHA, and her energetic efforts made her a natural choice to be its first president.

"I want to get a lot of new people involved," she says of her plans for the group. "I don't think the same people should be doing everything all the time. There's lots of room for new people and new ideas."

"There's nothing an association can do," she says, "without people who are willing to work."

--By Linda Deutsch

Scott Chambers has been "robbed". As chairman of the Security Committee, responsible for organizing a neighborhood protection program against crime, he says he is being "robbed" of opportunities to help the Hollywood Heights Association.

Without cooperation from everybody in the HHA, Scott feels he is being "ripped off" in his efforts to get signups for the Foothill Patrol.

What he has been robbed of, Scott says, is the Security Committee's opportunity "to help Hollywood Heights neighbors protect themselves and each other."

He said that some residents "have already signed up with Foothill Patrol individually. But their monthly premiums are higher than they would be if we had just 54 homes subscribing together." (Foothill Patrol is the security agency which has been on duty in neighboring areas for some time.)

Foothill Patrol makes several passes through the area daily, and generally responds to requests for assistance in less than five minutes. But remember, although security officers are in the neighborhood, only subscribers benefit from their service. When you sign up, a Foothill officer will do a complete security analysis on your home and provide you with tips on making it even safer.

"Let's do this now," Scott asks. "Send your check for \$60.00 to Don Wakefield, 2151 Rockledge Rd., Hollywood, CA 90068. This is for three months service. Let's stop robbing ourselves of the sense of security in our homes which we are entitled to." The checks should be mailed before February 28th.

Make your \$60 checks payable to: Hollywood Heights Association, and mark them "Foothill Patrol". The three months service is a Foothill minimum. Should the number of subscribers increase, the savings will be applied to the next quarterly payment. If you get your neighbors enrolled, you may save \$15 -- one month's worth of security coverage.

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"Today the library burned. It hit me like the death of an old friend. Or the murder. Because the Fire Chief said it was unmistakably the work of an arsonist."

Thus began an article I wrote for the Los Angeles Times last April, the day after the fire. This was "my" library. I used it often. And I miss that comfortable old building where, in spite of its small size, I could always find the information I needed. Or spend an hour just browsing. Or get excited because I found a book I'd heard of and wanted to read.

Well, there's good news: Thanks to a generous grant of over two million dollars, "my" library will be rebuilt. The gift from the Samuel Goldwyn Foundation is the largest private donation to a library ever made in California. The new library will bear the name of Frances Howard Goldwyn, wife of the famous Sam. She too was a dedicated user of the library.

The new building will be somewhat larger than the old library, and will have the finest fire and safety equipment available. According to Georgette Todd, Head Librarian, the Hollywood Regional Branch Library still needs funds to replace many of the lost books. So if you have some spare dollars, think about a donation to our library. After all, you use it too, don't you?

--By Herb Berlin

RTD METRO RAIL MEETING

If you are interested in the RTD Metro Rail subway system, there will be a public project meeting Monday, Feb. 28, 7:30 pm, at the Hollywood Multipurpose Center, 6501 Fountain Ave. For further information, contact RTD Community Relations, (213) 972-6456.



The lady on the right is the late great Sophie Tucker, "last of the red hot mamas", whose big belting voice made her world famous. She lived in our neighborhood before her death in 1966. But who is the gentleman with her? He is a member of the HHA, the photo was shot in 1952, the place was Dallas, Tex. Put your guesses in the suggestion box, northwest corner of Camrose and La Presa, and look for the correct answer in our next issue of VIEW, with a current picture of our mystery gentleman.

Many wishes for a speedy recovery from the HHA to member DENNIS INZALACO, whose face, hands and fore-arms were badly burned in a gas explosion that threw him 15 feet on a construction job Jan. 26. He was saved from a collapsing roof. Dennis is in Kaiser Permanente. Get well cards can be sent to him at 2074 Glencoe Way, Hollywood 90068, where his mother, EVELYN ENZALACO, and his grandmother, ALMA CONRADY, will take them to him.

The HHA board has accepted with regret the resignation of NITA THOMAS from elected and appointed positions in the HHA, because her personal business has developed to such an extent she cannot continue those duties. We are fortunate that she can remain an active member of the association, however. BILL HARLICKER has been named to replace her on the board.

Dancers JACQUI and BILL LANDRUM have been receiving raves for their choreography in "She Also Dances" at the South Coast Repertory. "Variety" described their work as "inventive", the "Drama Logue" called it "beautiful and unusual choreography", and the LA Times said the play was "beautifully conceived and executed".

--By Theo Wilson

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If you want to head the Parking Committee, please call Grayce Baldwin at 851-8676.

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Don't wait for your neighbor to try it -- or for yourself to get robbed. Sign up today and help recover the opportunity to band together and save on this great service -- an opportunity we can't really afford to lose.

--By Nonnie Vishner