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MURDER IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

On Saturday, May 7, in broad daylight, and directly across the street from where visitors were assembling for a house tour at Whitley Heights, a man was murdered.

The fatal stabbing occurred at noon in front of the apartment building at the northwest corner of Highland and Camrose. It happened after the suspect, Donald Russell Hamilton, had already thrown rocks at a passing automobile and at a school bus, breaking the bus door window and showering glass over the driver.

According to official police reports, the victim, Gregg Rab, 23, was stabbed to death after Hamilton shouted remarks at him. The same remarks were shouted by Hamilton at the automobile and the bus.

Hamilton, 39, told police he had been living in his car and had been sitting on the steps of the apartment building before he saw Rab. He admitted the stabbing with a hunting knife which was later found in bushes near the building. Deputy District Attorney Laurence N. Wolfe, who is also a member of the HHA board, filed murder charges against Hamilton.

Considering the influx of prostitutes on Highland Avenue, we wonder why police cars are not cruising the area. And if police cars were cruising, perhaps they would have seen the two rock throwing incidents and prevented the murder that followed. One witness to the rock throwing found police on Hollywood Boulevard, but by the time they came to the site, the victim had been stabbed and the suspect was in custody.

-- By Linda Deutsch

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-- By Herb Berlin

IS RTD LISTENING?

Despite long-standing opposition from all of those who live in the Hollywood Bowl area, the RTD board voted May 12 to add a Hollywood Bowl station to the proposed Metro Rail Subway. The following letter was sent May 14 to the RTD Board, Mayor Bradley, Councilwoman Stevenson, members of the Board of Supervisors.

As of this publication, not one of those to whom the letter was mailed has sent a response. We have put them on notice. We plan to pursue and win this protest.

--- By Theo Wilson

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the residents who live closest to the Hollywood Bowl, we, more than any other Los Angelenos, are aware of not only the Bowl's cultural contributions, but also of the traffic and congestion and other problems with which we cope every season. CULTURE is advanced as the key word here. Make no mistake, ladies and gentlemen, the real key word is MONEY. R.T.D. METRO will be one of the biggest developers in the history of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Philharmonic leases Hollywood Bowl from Los Angeles County, and the two share all parking revenue. If Hollywood Bowl becomes a huge Park-and-Ride Center at the expense of the surrounding community, the County and the Philharmonic will have earned a disreputable profit.

Because of our knowledge, we have been on the record as opposed to a Hollywood Bowl station for the proposed Metro Rail subway, and we are outraged by the 6-3 vote taken May 12 in which you voted for such a station.

According to the story May 13 in the L. A. TIMES, those in favor argued that:

1. The Bowl is one of the City's cultural centers. BUT THE PROPONENTS FAILED TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE BOWL SERVES AS SUCH A CENTER FOR ONLY 11 WEEKS OF THE YEAR (July 4 -Sept 17, 1983), AND DURING THE REMAINING 41 WEEKS OFFERS NOTHING TO ATTRACT TRAIN LOADS OF VISITORS.
2. The stop would make the Bowl more accessible. BUT THE PROPONENTS FAILED TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THE BOWL IS SERVED BY MANY PUBLIC BUS LINES, AND SCORES OF LOW-PRICED CHARTER BUSES BRING THOUSANDS OF OTHERS TO THE BOWL DURING THE TWO MONTHS IT IS OFFERING ENTERTAINMENT, AND FROM AREAS THE SUBWAY WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO.

Why then do you want to increase the cost of the subway system by adding a station which serves no purpose for nearly ten months of the year?

We need a subway system. We do not need to have it jeopardized by such irrational planning. We believe you owe us an explanation, from the six board members who have decided to ignore the taxpayers most directly involved with the Bowl and its activities.

We await a reply.

BRIAN MOORE, President WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, Vice-President
FEDERATION OF HILLSIDE AND CANYON HOME OWNERS
GRAYCE BALDWIN, President HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
CARROL OLIVER, President OUTPOST ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



Barbara Betlem

MEET OUR SECRETARY

If you want something done always ask a busy person. Barbara Betlem's dad told her that and she listened to him.

Barbara is the Secretary of the Hollywood Heights Association. And her tasks keep her very busy. But Barbara finds time to visit her house in Big Bear for some skiing. It's been a good year for snow, Barbara says, as if we didn't know. She also finds time to do some sailing in the Marina.

Barbara took her degree in Psychology from the University of Rochester, her home town. Her work as an Officer of the Court brings her into continual contact with abused and neglected children. She is a Children's Services Worker and as such, settles cases for these kids and their very special problems.

Barbara gets to the Y in Hollywood at least three times a week for working out and exercise classes, which she enjoys as a change of pace from the daytime tasks. Which is probably why she has all that energy and looks so fit and fine.

Of the Hollywood Heights Association Barbara says, "I like to know my neighbors. And I'm absolutely delighted to have met so many nice people."

In addition to her secretarial chores, Barbara undertook to chair the Garage Sale Committee -- a fund raiser for HHA. At the last general meeting, everyone filled out the questionnaire about a Garage Sale. Everyone agreed that it was a great idea. Unfortunately, no one signed up to help. So if we want a Garage Sale, members, some of you had better contact Barbara.

About Hollywood Heights Barbara shares the feeling of many of us: "When I get to my house on the hill, I know I'm home."

-- By Herb Berlin

BOARD ACTIONS

The officers and board meet the fourth Monday of each month. If you have suggestions, questions or information, please leave them in our suggestion box and the board will discuss them at the meeting. The next meeting will be June 27.

THERE IS A NEW LOCATION FOR THE SUGGESTION BOX. It is now at the northeast corner of Hightower and Camrose. Advertisements for VIEW also can be left in the suggestion box. Each ad costs \$5.

To bring you up to date on motions passed by the board:

We agreed to join Hollywood Hills Federation, and allocated \$60 for dues.

We plan to apply for incorporation as a non-profit association for tax-exempt status.

We went on record opposing an application for a video game arcade at Yucca and Highland.

We joined with Whitley Heights in protesting development of 81 units between Highland and Las Palmas and in demanding a traffic survey and environmental review.

We authorized a survey regarding improvements needed at Hughes Market which will be presented to top management.

-- By Theo Wilson

GET YOUR DECALS NOW!!

The Hollywood Bowl season begins July 4, and residents can anticipate the usual traffic congestion.

This is a reminder that your association has decals for your automobile car windows which will ease your trips in and out of the area. The Explorer Scouts assigned to keep outsiders from parking in our residential area will be looking for the HHA decal in the driver's side corner of your car window.

To get your decal, send a stamped self-addressed envelope with \$1 for members and \$2.50 for non-members to:

Don Wakefield
Treasurer, HHA
2152 Rockledge Road
Hollywood, CA 90068

LOWDOWN FROM THE HEIGHTS

A fire broke out in the Hillcrest Road home of BARBARA LEWIS while she was away. Her neighbors not only called the fire department and rescued a cat who lives below, but also warned the firemen there were three other pets in Barbara's house. All of the animals were saved, but Barbara returned to find firemen wetting down the area, an entire room destroyed, the house filled with ashes and smoke...Barbara has been the mainstay of VIEW, handling all of the layout. For this issue, DAN O'CONNELL volunteered to fill in. Many thanks to him.

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Our sister association across Highland Avenue, WHITLEY HEIGHTS, invites one and all to the 11th annual auction, Sunday, June 12, at 6740 Whitley Terrace. According to chairperson Gini Colvig, there will be free beer, free lemonade, free popcorn, and a chance to bid on some fine things. Admission is one or more auctionable items. Viewing is at noon; the auction starts at 1 p.m. For more information, call Gini at 851-2664 or Dick Lewis at 851-1662.

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HERB BERLIN has been appointed to replace BILL HARLICKER as a member of the board. Harlicker, the "Mayor of Glencoe Way," submitted his resignation, explaining he did not have "enough time to do justice" to the association.

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About 60 handmade, one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments created by NITA THOMAS will be on display at the huge Ceramic-Craft-Hobby-Gifts show June 23 through June 26, at the Anaheim Convention Center. The jeweled Christmas balls, displayed in individual cases, take Nita more than one week each to complete.

-- By Theo Wilson

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

PENNY LAYNE, 874-6795, is coordinator of PROJECT INVOLVEMENT, through which block captains will work to get their neighbors involved in HHA activities, and to act as a liaison between members of each block and the Board of Directors.

Captains are needed for Camrose, Highland, Hillcrest, Pinehurst and Franklin. Please call Penny. Please help.

NAMES OF CAPTAINS AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF VIEW.

---By Alice Kawan

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