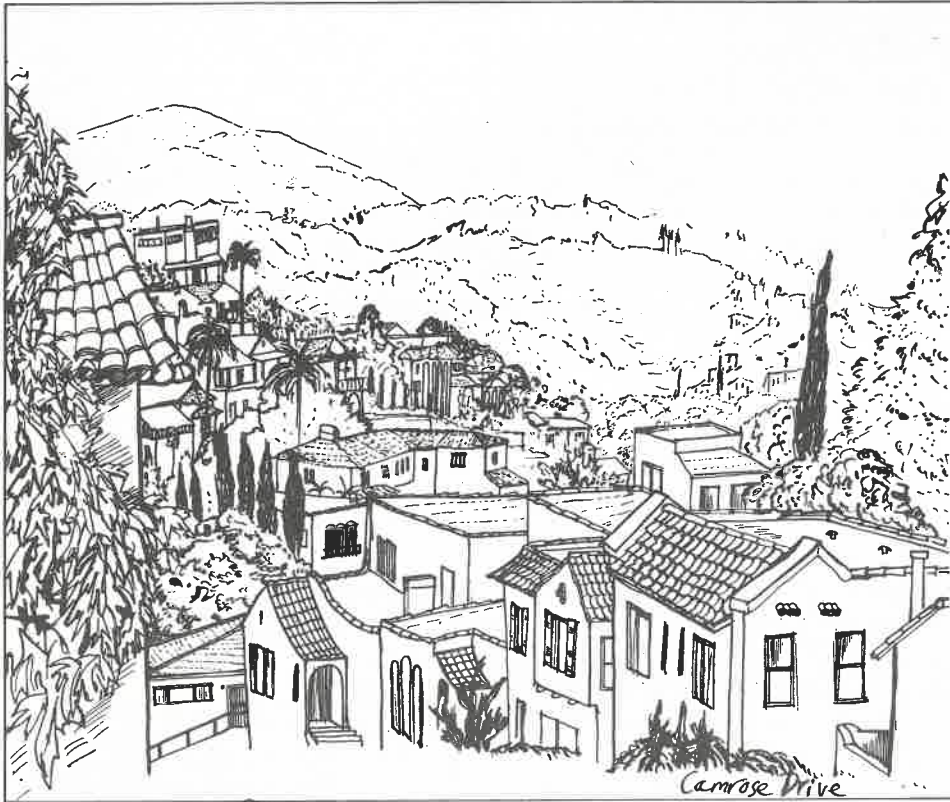


# HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS VIEW

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Annie Kelley used ink and the view from a neighbor's house for this scene of our east slope.

GENERAL MEETING  
SET FOR MAY 14

STEVENSON AND WOO  
WILL BE OUR GUESTS

There's big news for HHA members! Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson and the challenger for her City Council seat, Mike Woo, have agreed to appear in a special candidates' forum at the HHA General Membership Meeting on May 14.

Mark your calendar and reserve the date. Come and bring a neighbor! This is your chance to hear both candidates answer tough questions about the future of Hollywood and our hillside neighborhood.

Either Stevenson or Woo will be your councilperson for the next four years. Find out how they will represent you!

The meeting is scheduled

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## CITY COUNCIL DECLARES HIGHLND-CAMROSE BUNGALOWS HISTORIC LANDMARK

(A report from Ron Max,  
Village President)

We won! They said it couldn't be done. Well... The Highland Camrose Bungalow Village is now officially an Historic Monument. The vote in City Council was 12 to 2 after a heated debate in which Councilman Gilbert Lindsay again showed us what kind of a politician he really is! Totally taking the side of the developers at the onset of the hearing, he said that the villagers (to our faces) lived in rat and flea infested "outhouses," etc.. I won't waste anymore words on Mr. Lindsay but maybe, in afterthought, I should thank him. I'm sure that any councilperson who was undecided went our way, so as not to be associated or supportive of Mr. Lindsay's calculated degradation of decent, clean-living people. We must never lose sight of the fact that Mr. Lindsay's attitude is representative of those developers who decide to build whatever they want, and to hell with everyone else!

So, what's next? For our part, we want to put these buildings back into shape. The city now has given us six months to a year to ensure preservation. Peggy Stevenson, our councilperson, is working on the other end.

Please see page 3

## GUEST OPINION

[Brian Moore is an appointed member of the Project Area Committee.]

I would like to thank the editors of "THE VIEW" for allowing me this space in what I believe is one of the finest neighborhood newspapers that I have ever seen or read.

My views of the proposed Hollywood Community Redevelopment Plan (C.R.A.) are candid and are my own opinion.

I believe the C.R.A. is the only available agency at this time with enough power and planning behind it to reverse the blight and deterioration of Hollywood. Both the power and planning are of great concern to me. The power can be misused, and the planning could lead to a crippled, desolate city. I believe, however, that these two elements can be controlled by strong citizen input. I applauded or disapproved of various aspects of the plan as an outsider to the process. I was not eligible to be a member of the Project Area Committee (P.A.C.) because I lived outside the project's boundary. I was very disturbed as it became evident to me that the P.A.C. was voting in favor of maximum densities for most areas, even though the streets and parking weren't available to handle these densities.

Councilwoman Stevenson, in an attempt to balance this citizen's advisory body, appointed me to the P.A.C. in March of 1985.

Much of the plan is ready for approval, and I have had little chance for input on its preparation. Still, I feel it is worthwhile to serve on the P.A.C. and perhaps have some influence on future decisions. I still believe C.R.A. can rebuild Hollywood in a meaningful way. I believe that the P.A.C. is still strongly pro-density, and not likely to change. The P.A.C. and its committees are often rushed to a decision by staff without time to study issues. Community input is controlled by the procedure of having citizen participation at the end of a P.A.C. meeting, after issues are discussed and votes taken.

My thought is this: Let us participate in good faith and confidence. The Redevelopment Plan cannot be adopted until the Hollywood Community Plan is amended. This will involve public hearings before the Planning Commission. The areas outside the project boundary must be considered at these hearings. Let us all be there.

Thank you.

Brian Moore

Pres., Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

## GUEST OPINION

[Fran Offenhauser is an elected member of the Project Area Committee.]

"Sub-area 1", the apartment area at the base of our hills and Whitley Heights, has probably generated more comment and conflict in recent public hearings than any other of the Community Redevelopment Agency's sub-areas in the 1100-acre Hollywood project.

Four principal concerns were voiced by citizens: views to and from our hillsides; traffic overloading our streets; parking spillover into our residential neighborhoods; and design quality of future construction. However, many felt that a strong incentive, in the form of high density for new construction, was needed to draw developers into the area to spur on its upgrading.

The error is classic: "good" and "evil" are equated with antidevelopment and development. To many minds, evil won, as a density of 130 units per acre (reduced from 250) will be allowed in the future.

What is sad is that many elected representatives of Hollywood--my fellow PAC members--ardently believe that the only hope for Hollywood is in quantity of allowable new development. They miss the lessons of building rehabilitation and of high quality, low density neighborhoods (say Beverly Hills). Hillside people equate the limiting of new construction with solving our problems; unfortunately, such limitation does nothing to solve today's traffic and parking problems.

With time the debate got convoluted -- worse rather than better. The saving grace is that the CRA must operate openly, and that vigilance in monitoring the future may bring better results for Sub-area 1.

--- By Fran Offenhauser

Past Pres., Hollywood Heritage

## FOLLOW UP

In the last VIEW we printed copies of letters sent by the HHA and Whitley Heights Civic Assn. to the presidents of Hughes Market and the L.A. Philharmonic Assn., asking for meetings about various problems.

The Philharmonic Association representative has set a meeting this month (May), and details will be given to you in the next VIEW. So far, no response from Fred McLaren, president of Hughes.

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE POST OFFICE?

When the HHA purchased a bulk mail permit for \$80, so that we could mail the VIEW, we were told that delivery would be made between 5 and 10 working days. Besides the \$80 annual fee, of course, the HHA must pay for the cost of each mailing.

Copies of the last VIEW, which we hoped to get into your hands well before the March 26 public forum of all candidates for the 13th District Council seat, were taken to the downtown Terminal Annex on March 14. All of the VIEWS with the 90068 zip codes were bundled together, and kept separate from other zip code addresses.

We are sorry to report that most of the HHA members received their VIEWS long after the March 26 meeting, some of us in mid-April, a MONTH after the post office received them! There has been no reasonable explanation from the postal authorities.

Also: The postmaster has not responded to our petitions for the return of the sub-station on Highland Avenue, nor to our request for a Hollywood postmark, which we once possessed. A copy of the VIEW making these requests was mailed to Postmaster Charles King. Maybe his copy was lost in the mail, or is taking even longer than a month to arrive.

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## BUNGALOWS SAVED---cont.

I wish to thank Council- persons Stevenson and Joel Wachs for their magnificent work on our behalf; Senator Roberti, Supervisor Edelman, Assemblyman Margolin, Ernest Fleischmann of the L.A. Philharmonic, Pat Moore of the Hollywood Bowl; Christy Johnson McAvoy of the Hollywood Heritage; Brian Moore, Carol Stevens and Jerry Daniels of the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations; Carol Oliver, President of the Outpost Estates, and you, the residents of the Hollywood Heights, who came down to the City Council Chambers April 23 to lend your physical support. I can't tell you how important your presence was to our victory. It all goes to show what we can do if we put our minds and feet to it. Bravo to us all!

Ron Max

Board Member H.H.A.

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We are calling for your talent, hot ideas, your enthusiasm and your sense of general fun for an

OLD HOLLYWOOD CELEBRATION,

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1985

Let's raise some bucks for the Highland-Camrose Bungalow Village, which has been fighting demolition.

We have a great idea here. Not just a block party, but a real "Faire", over at the grassy knoll above the Lasky Museum, opposite the Hollywood Bowl.

Think in terms of talent, arts and crafts, food, etc., out in the sunshine with our friends and our neighbors.

We are now in the planning stage, and we need---and welcome---suggestions on donations, promotion outlets, money-raisers, talent. I know we will find access to everything.

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**MAY MEETING---cont.**

for 7 p.m. (no host cocktails) with the forum to start at 7:30 p.m. The place is Yamashiro Inn.

Here's how the program will work:

The candidates will first answer three major questions formulated by the HHA Board of Directors to represent the most urgent interest of membership. Then, written questions submitted from the audience will be asked by the moderator John Schwada of the Herald Examiner. The presentation is expected to last one hour with a timer keeping things on schedule.

The June 4 election will be the second runoff in which Woo and Stevenson have faced each other. Woo, who lost to Stevenson in 1981, took nearly 35% of the vote in this year's primary, forcing the runoff. Stevenson won 42% of the primary vote, not the majority needed to win reelection. Woo was one of five candidates who challenged her in the primary.

Among the issues which have confronted the candidates during their campaign are questions about crime, revitalization of Hollywood and the threat of commercial development in residential neighborhoods. Another issue which is crucial to HHA residents is traffic congestion on Highland Avenue.

If you want to know how the candidates will address these problems, bring your questions and come out for the candidates' forum. A strong showing will serve to impress upon both candidates the importance of Hollywood Heights in their future plans.

(In our last VIEW, we relied upon an incorrect L.A. Times story and mis-spelled the name of candidate Bennett Kayser of Silver Lake, a systems manager. Sorry, Mr. Kayser.)

--- By Linda Deutsch

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## MORGAN'S THE DADDY, NOT THE DAUGHTER, YOU DODO!

After 30 years of acting in movie and TV roles calling for muscle, meanness and mayhem, Morgan Woodward is used to all kinds of reactions to his "bad guy" image. (In fact, Morgan's auto license is: BAD GUY.)

But he was taken back, to put it mildly, when he recently saw a review of his latest hit film, "Girls Just Want To Have Fun", and read that "...as the spoiled rich girl, Morgan Woodward is appropriately vain as well as formidably athletic." The reviewer, in the April 8 Hollywood Reporter, also described the "trashing of Woodward's debutante party", and told how the two young stars were "competing against rich girl Morgan Woodward and her partner for the grand dance prize."

Morgan, who actually plays the indulgent millionaire FATHER of the spoiled deb, recalled that Newsweek Magazine once listed him among the "Dirty Half Dozen" because he was so "ornery".

"I'm one of the few guys who was big enough and mean enough to fight John Wayne, Fess Parker, Jim Arness and Clint Walker---all of them 6'6", Morgan told VIEW. (Morgan is a founder and board member of HHA.)

"I was in Scandia when this lady came over to me and asked me, 'Aren't you the one who shot Paul Newman in Cool Hand Luke?' I answered, 'Yes mam, I did', and she hauled off and hit me with her handbag," Morgan continued, trying to keep a straight face.

"I was so mean," he continued, "that I was shot in a Disney movie by a 14-year-old, Ron Howard, and usually Disney didn't let ANYBODY get shot. But they let this kid shoot me in 'Wild Country'.

"And even a nice guy like Jimmy Stewart shot me. Or course that was after I kicked a little dog in 'Fire Creek'. That's how ornery I've been. And here, after 30 years in the business and three Emmy nominations, I'm described as a 'spoiled little rich girl'.

"I realize I'm getting older and I guess I'm getting mellower, but I didn't know I'd be called a deb!" Morgan concluded, trying to sound mournful.

Never mind, Morgan. WE know who you are. And so do your zillions of fans. Besides, with the raves the movie is getting, you can keep on joking. The L.A. Times called it "an original, delightful, exuberant romp". The Houston Post said it is "one of the season's most pleasant surprises". KABC-TV said it was a "ton of good laughs". And even the Hollywood Reporter reviewer who got so mixed up declared that "Girls' is fun."

--- By Theo Wilson

## AN OPEN LETTER: TIPS ON BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Would all residents of walk streets-- Alta Loma, Los Altos and Broadview Terrace-- remember to give explicit directions to their visitors and to delivery personnel? Neighbors on adjacent streets are frequently asked for directions by "lost" visitors and delivery drivers who cannot find correct addresses.

Please dn't put your trash out on the sidewalks prior to Thursday evening, in preparation for the Friday collection.

Garbage should be in a garbage can. Plastic bags alone are not enough to prevent animals from scattering the contents.

If you have a new neighbor, introduce yourself, tell him/her about the Hollywood Heights Association (maybe they'd like to join when they hear the advantages of membership). Make sure to notify your block captain about changes on your street. If the block captain gets the new name, address and phone number, the new neighbors will receive the VIEW.

Lovingly,  
J.M. Turner

P.S. TO THIS OPEN LETTER: HHA Treasurer Don Wakefield adds this tip: Be sure that your empty garbage cans, after collection day, are replaced and covered. If left lying outside, they indicate that you are not at home--an invitation to burglars.

Also: Will J.M. Turner please identify himself/herself? We have no address or telephone for the membership roster.

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