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CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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A gala Christmas party for all HHA members and their guests, the first in HHA history, will be held at 3 PM Sunday, Dec. 15, at Yamashiro.

According to Chairman Vera Richards, the party theme will be a nostalgic return to "Hollywood in its heyday, 1940-1945, when Tinseltown was still untarnished."

If you really want to get in the mood, Vera says, "Come in costume as an extra, a star, a G.I. Joe or a WAC...here's lookin' at you, kid!"

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members. Members can bring guests for \$10 a ticket. The price includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and dancing to the mood music of Ed Lerner's 40's Band, live.

Checks can be mailed to Ed Andrzejczyk, 1936 1/2 Hillcrest Road, Hollywood, CA 90068, or give them to a block captain.

Come see your old friends, meet new ones, and get the holiday season off to a joyous start at a party that we hope will become an annual event.

WHAT: Nostalgic Hollywood Christmas Party

WHEN: 3 PM Sunday, Dec. 15, 1985 WHERE: Yamashiro, 1999 N. Sycamore, Hollywood

FOR: HHA members and guests

PRICE: \$10 for members;

\$13 for non-members

ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECT OFFICERS AT
FIRST BOARD MEETING OF '85-'86 SEASON

New and re-elected HHA board members met Nov. 12 at the Merlin Hotel to elect association officers for 1985-86. The results: Elliot Johnson, re-elected president; Barbara Betlem, former recording secretary, elected vice president; Don Wakefield, who's always been our treasurer, re-elected: Axelrod, former corresponding secretary, elected recording secretary; Elisabeth Plumb, elected corresponding secretary.

As most of you know, our big General Meeting was held the previous week at Yamashiro, to elect a Board of Directors for the new season. Robert Axelrod, Cate Elected were: Bangs, Herb Berlin, Barbara Betlem, Bramberg, Mike Buscemi, Fredericka Cooper, Sperry Deuterman, Linda Deutsch, Tom Glover, Melinda Henderson, Elliot Johnson, Fran Offenhauser, Elisabeth Plumb, Jamia Riehl, Bob Shafer, Don Wakefield, Theo Wilson, Bonnie Wolfe, Morgan Woodward.

We thank all of you who participated at the general meeting, as well as those who could not attend but took the trouble to vote via the mail-in system.

Now I'd like to address those who didn't do either. Frankly, this reporter felt that the turnout for the general meeting was below par. We would like to find out from the membership what we can offer at a general meeting that will bring you in. What would you like to gain from attending a general meeting?

I would like to get your answers. The whole Board would! Feel free to call me at 851-8705 or drop me a line at 2074 Paramount Dr., LA, CA 90068.

--- by Robert Axelrod

MIKE WOO TALKS TO THE HHA

Sitting in his City Hall office, Councilman Michael Woo was talking recently about the two-week extension granted in the fight against the demolition of the Highland-Camrose Bungalow Village.

Asked about a proposal that would provide for the property to be used as rehearsal space by the Philharmonic Institute, Woo said, "I think it's a good idea and a proper response to the concerns of the neighborhood. It's appropriate because of its proximity to the Hollywood Bowl and it takes care of a need.

"I raised the question of noise," the councilman continued. "If the intention is to use the space for rehearsal rooms, they would have to be adequately soundproofed, not only for the neighbors but for the musicians themselves." Parking, the councilman was assured, would be provided in the already existing Bowl parking lots.

In addition to the Philharmonic proposal, another plan is being considered -- one that would preserve some of the bungalows for residential use and turn others into a bed-andbreakfast hotel. "That plan pencils out better," said Woo aide Gilda Haas, remarking that it would generate more income. "You can charge \$70 a night in a B&B," said, noting that that amount is far higher than what a developer can expect to make on residential property.

As far as the Environmental Impact Report that would have to be done on the property before any work could begin, Woo said that it hasn't yet been done. "The developer wouldn't embark on the study until he has approval for his plans," said the councilman.

Woo also talked about his ideas for attracting new business to Hollywood. "The most immediate problem facing Hollywood is crime," he said. "By that I mean the safety of people walking on the street and the epidemic of car break-ins and home burglaries in the area. I'm a strong supporter of the Neighborhood Watch programs, and I want to encourage neighborhoods that haven't

started one to start a program."
But, he continued, the Neighborhood
Watch isn't a total solution to crime
problems; Woo says he favors
increasing the numbers of policemen
assigned to the area. To that end,
he has joined with Councilmen Bernson
and Cunningham to work with a task
force of business people who are
looking for ways to augment the
current force.

"We have to do these kinds of nuts-and-bolts things before we can even think about attracting large-scale businesses, like department stores, to the area," he said. "The major challenge is figuring out how to coordinate your immediate needs with a long-range vision."

Although Woo's long-range goals may encompass large-scale businesses, for the present it is apparent that smaller businesses are developing in the area. Mini-malls -- those ubiquitous shopping centers replete with do-nut stands, pizza parlors and convenience stores that seem to be popping up on every street corner -- are a case in point.

"The property owners are hedging their bets," says Woo. "They're not ready yet to invest in large-scale development. But they want to make their property pay. It's a form of land-banking." While the owners "hedge their bets", Woo does think something can be done to make the shopping malls more attractive than they are now. "I don't want to ban them. I don't want to set myself up as the supreme arbiter of taste," he says with a laugh. "But my training is in city planning and I want to get directly involved in the process. I support an ordinance that regulate them in terms of landscaping and parking."

As the councilman talks, interest urban in design architecture gets the better of him and he becomes animated, discussing plans for tours and a map of what he calls the architectural "treasures" of our district, including the Neutra and Schindler houses. Another project is a directory of streets in the area. "I'd like to get school kids involved, doing the research, finding out who Selma was, who Wilcox Then, the councilman answers his own question. "Actually, Wilcox was a developer -- L.A. probably has more streets named after developers than any other city in the country," he says with a laugh.

But the most, obvious problem that arises when talking about bringing new business into the area is increase in traffic on streets already overburdened. In our neighborhood, one of the major objections to development has been adding to the number of using Highland Avenue. "There have been a number of visionary proposals to deal with the problem," says Woo, a few of them ticking off construction of а tunnel, straightening out the dog-leg, routing traffic behind the Methodist "I'm not yet committed to the specific proposals," he any of "But the traffic is a major says. impediment to growth, and at point, we'll have to start choosing among the proposals."

However, the councilman says, the problem has been around a long time. "The first and only time I ever saw (the late councilman) Bob Stevenson, I was attending a meeting at the Methodist Church. The neighborhood in arms, and people were threatening to throw papier-mache dummies out into the street to protest the traffic. I don't think there's been any significant change since then," he says, laughing ruefully.

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-- By Linda Perney

Note: Councilman Woo has joined the HHA in asking Postmaster Charles King to reopen our post office at 1767 N. Highland Ave. In a letter dated Nov. 8, Woo noted that the "historic" post office "does provide a significant service to the residents in the 13th council district, and acts as a reminder of our rich architectural heritage."

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HUGHES MARKET CLOSING

Hughes Market on Franklin and Highland is being vacated and will be closing its doors to the public mid-January, 1986. The property is being sold and is now in escrow.

In October, Maurice Refoua, the buyer; Sandra Ford, Project Manager; and Stan Stratton, real estate broker and the leasing agent, met with the Board of Directors to find out what the residents of the area wanted on that property and to present a synopsis of their proposed project.

The Board emphasized the continued need for a market in that area. interview with VIEW, Ms. Ford stated that the building housing Hughes, which is about 11,000 square feet, is too small for any major market to consider operating. Stratton, however, is trying to find a smaller market, such as Chalet Gourmet, to lease the premises. Escrow is to close by the end January and it is anticipated that by that time, the major lessee will be known.

According to Ms. Ford, plans are the present building for to be demolished. It will be replaced by one major structure for the market and six-to-eight "high quality shops" at the back of the lot. Parking will be in the front. Ms. Ford emphasized that this will not be a "strip center", that is, a shopping center "tacky" with stores. Although acknowledging that it will be a minimall, she stated that it will commercial shopping center aimed at providing essential goods services, such as a meat and produce market, to the local residents. emphasized that the buyer development company want to provide our community with what we want and need.

-- By Joyce Breiman

BLOCK CAPTAIN REPORT

How shall we characterize the Block Captains? As the last link of our HHA information network? As the legs of the neighborhood? Thanks to eight new volunteers the Network now has 23 Block Captains. Coverage will be more efficient than ever, and a new central distribution point also will facilitate rapid delivery.

Because the Block Captains sometimes are not able to act immediately, we are building a roster of Deputies who can step in to help occasionally. Please phone your B.C. and offer your aid as a Deputy. (We

have had a rash of late-breaking communiques recently, and realize \underline{how} much we need that back-up aid!)

The Christmas Party on December 15 is the first special project of the B.C. group. You will be hearing soon from your Block Captain if you haven't already made reservations. We hope everyone will come to celebrate the holidays together and to meet friends and neighbors.

Keep the list of Block Captains nearby, and telephone with questions, comments, offers of aid and other concerns, including address changes.

-- By Jamia Riehl

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(LOWER - 2112 Woodland) (MIDDLE - High Tower to	Sarah Radcliffe	874-1877
Glencoe/La Presa) (UPPER - Hillcrest to	Bucky Morgan	850-0317
Glencoe/La Presa) Glencoe Way (NORTH)	Spiro Pastos	851-6948
Glencoe Way (SOUTH) Highland Avenue	Vera Richards	851-6706
(South of 1900) (1900 and North)	Elisabeth Plumb	851-8080
Hillcrest Road (UPPER - 2002 to 2031) (MIDDLE - 1900 to 1975,	Maggie Barrett	874-9570
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1817 Hillcrest (Villa Bonita #41) La Presa Dr./Yeager Place Los Altos Orchid Ave./Bonita Terrace Paramount Drive Paseo del Serra Pinehurst Rockledge Road Sycamore Avenue	Sally DeBelles Mark Boli Jason Parker Marcus Gallman Trudy Oppitz Dennis Spiegel Jon Gindick Jean Gordon	850-7288 876-3561 874-2223 851-6664 874-9681 876-0542 851-7438 851-1848
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GENERAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ---- 911

NO COMMENT

From The L.A. Times, 11/21/85:

Chip-In, a Hollywood coalition formed to feed and find shelter for the homeless, has been denied an application to enter a float in the Hollywood Christmas Parade, which is run by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Chip-In was in competition for the last float slot in the parade, according to parade director Larry Harmon.

"Because the parade is geared to a two-hour television time limit," Harmon said, "we had only room for one more float." According to The Times, Harmon "said that the parade committee selected a float depicting the 'Miss Hollywood Pageant' sponsored by Proctor & Gamble Co."

Also according to the article, CC President Bill Welsh denied that the Chip-In application was rejected Hollywood because some business people are complaining about the program, which feeds 1500 people a week at the Salvation Army, Hollywood Blvd., where long lines 6:00 P.M. form at weekdays.

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UPDATE:

HIGHLAND-CAMROSE BUNGALOW VILLAGE Meeting with the Cultural Heritage Commission Nov. 20, 1985

Representing the L.A. Community Design Center, spokeswoman Anita Lendecker apprised the commission of exciting proposals very purchase of the Bungalow Village. One: a bed and breakfast operation, incorporating the historical quality of the village with the needs tourist clientele. Second: use L.A. Philharmonic student/artist-in-residence schooling facility.

We are, as you know, basically trying to stave off the developer's action to demolish without a plan or an EIR. His attorney's main complaint was that we did not have money on the table on Nov. 20. He is still pleading financial hardship. The price of the property has now gone up to almost 3 million dollars.

Jim Gilson spoke on behalf of the Edelman office in support of the Philharmonic's interest and Gilda Haas spoke for Michael Woo's office concerning a necessary extension for the bungalows.

Bruce Canfield spoke Chamber Hollywood of Commerce in favor of the developer, stating that of little the bungalows were consequence in the Hollywood.

Velma Taylor, member of the Commission, reminded the board that they were involved in saving things, not destruction.

After a vote, it was decided that the Bungalow project be given an extension on a two-week basis with progress reports turned in to the Commission on a weekly basis. We did it again. See the movie.

Thank you for your help and support!

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--- Elisabeth Plumb



NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

(This is the last of the two-part series written by Alice Kawan with the information compiled by Grayce Baldwin, after, interviews by Grayce with the police and with Westec.)

HHA residents can make their homes Shrubbery safer from burglars. should be trimmed on the front and Walls and fences sides of homes. should not conceal homes from view. Outdoor lighting is essential. A dog can be very effective. Find a dog that barks whenever a stranger enters the yard and continues until the stranger leaves. Attacking dogs are a liablility problem and a danger to officers who may need to enter your yard. Double-hung windows are easy targets. A knife or screwdriver can easily be used to unlock windows. be placed Pins or nails should through one of the frames and into the other frame to prevent them from being opened. Windows not needed for ventilation or escape during fire may be permanently nailed shut. French doors are another invitation to burglars. Make sure these are pinned closed at both top and bottom. All doors should have deadbolts. doors with windows in them or within reach, install double-locking deadbolts (key hole on both sides). This will prevent the burglar from breaking a window and reaching in to unlock the door. Solid core doors should have single-sided deadbolts for escape in case of fire. A sturdy door chain or preferably a fisheye door lens should be installed on all exterior doors so that residents can identify visitors before opening the Any tree or trellis which can be used as a ladder to reach second story windows or porches should removed.

Personal attacks against women are the most frightening assaults. Women have several methods available to prevent or repel such attacks. First, avoid walking or driving alone possible. If you must drive alone, lock all the car doors. your car breaks down, lift the hood, get back in and lock the doors. stranger offers to help, thank him and ask him to call the authorities. Do not get out of the car! If you are walking alone, keep your purse wrapped securely around your wrist or Walk with your back shoulder.

[Part 2]

straight and in a confident manner. Keep your keys in the other hand. Purchase a whistle and keep it on your key ring. You are projecting an attitude which will deter most attackers who prefer defenseless victims. If attacked, you have a weapon (keys) capable of inflicting enough pain to allow you to escape and when you reach your destination you will not have to fumble with the keys. If a woman lives alone, she should list only her last name in phone books and on the mail box. Keep curtains drawn during the night. Lock all windows doors. Do not let strangers in under any circumstances. If strangers ask for help, tell them you will call whoever they wish while they remain

Before getting into your car, check the back seat. Driving home, for cars that may be alert following. Criminals may locate an expensive car and follow it home. If possible, drive by your home before actually pulling into the driveway. Be alert for anyone sitting in a parked car near your home. If you feel uneasy call Westec or the Do not wear extravagant police. jewelry or furs which may attract a criminal. If your home has a door leading in from the garage, drive into the garage and close the door before leaving the car. Be alert for anyone running into the garage as you drive in. If you see this, drive out immediately before the suspect has a chance to react and leave the area. If you are coming home alone, late, call Westec for an escort. Westec will meet you at your house and see that you get inside safely. service is subject to departing for emergency calls.

One of the most effective deterrents to crime is community involvement, i.e. a Neighborhood Watch group, already in effect in the Hollywood Heights. Alarm systems are an excellent safequard.

Finally, know your neighbors, so you can recognize when something is wrong. When you see something suspicious, call Westec and or the wrong. police. Stay in your home and be a good witness. Leave apprehension of criminals to the officers who trained, equipped and experienced in dealing with these people.

--- By Alice Kawan

DIVINE HOLLYWOOD by K. Armour

IF
GOD
WERE HERE
AND IS IN FACT
YOU'D KNOW A PLACE WITH HILLS
NEAR SEA
WHERE AN INDUSTRY WAS BORN
NOW FORLORN
THE TOWN DEMANDS RESPECT
FOR A HISTORY SO CUTE
THAT SCHOLARS TEND TO HOOT
AT GIBSON OR IBSEN
SO ENSHRINED ON FILM THAT FLICKERS
FROM BEGINNING SNICKERS
TO THE CORE OF OUR MANKIND

SO AMERICAN
THIS VARIETY PIE WAS THE APPLE OF
THEIR EY

AND STARS
ON SIDEWALKS, NOT IN SKY
BUT DEITIES THE SAME
WHO CLAIM TO BE GABLE TRUE
TO THE RED, WHITE AND MAE WEST BLUE
WHERE A DANDY
GAVE YANKEE DOODLE CANDY
TO A DEPRESSION HORDE
THE LORD
AND LADIES TAPPED OR SOFT SHOED IT
CROSBY COOED IT
AND CAPITALISM WAS THE PLATE
THE ENVY
NOT THE HATE OF A WORLD YEARNING
TO BREATHE

HEPBURN FREE OR SADDLE UP WITH COOP

WHO GIVES A DAMN AND WHAT'S THE SCOOP? WASHINGTON IS MILES AWAY FROM

HOLLYWOOD

HOORAY
AND YET
THE BUDGET DEFICIT IS WRANGLED
BY A MOVIE MAN WITH CHAPS
NO CLAPS ARE HEARD IN TINSEL TOWN
AS CONGRESS GOES TO BAT
THE BUBBLE OF OUR DREAMLAND
WON'T TAKE ANOTHER WHACK
'ROUND SUNSET AND VINE THINGS AREN'T
SO VERY FINE

THE BAROMETER
THE THERMOMETER
OF OUR LIFE AND TIME

ACTOR MORROW DIED IN TWILIGHT ZONE
AS THOUSANDS DID IN COMBAT REEL
HOW LONG GENTLEMEN
DOES IT TAKE TO FEEL
THAT AUNTIE MAME AND MARILYN, AND
GREGORY AND SPENCE
GAVE THIS NATION LEGACY
BEYOND OUR EXPORT SENSE
ABOVE THE BATTLE HYMN
A VOLLEY OF ROMANCE AND MIRTH
REMINDED
WHAT IT ALL WAS WORTH

IF GOD WERE HERE
AND IS IN FACT
YOU'D KNOW THE HOUR WAS NOW TO ACT
TO SAVE THIS HAMLET
ON THE COAST
THAT SAVED THIS NATION WITH A BOAST
THAT EQUALITY WAS DIFFERENCE
AND SPIRIT
ON THE SCREEN OF IMAGINATION SUBLIME
HOLLYWOOD DIVINE

SO, I PROPOSE A JESSEL TOAST TO THE PATENT PENDING ON OUR HAPPY ENDING

(K. Armour, an HHA member, is a playwright. She read this poem at the HHA General Meeting, and many members asked that it be printed in VIEW.)

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And the $\frac{\text{knuckle bones}}{\text{knocking the}}$, who spend their time $\frac{\text{knocking the}}{\text{knocking the}}$ ones who've done the work.

And last there are the <u>backbones</u>, who are too busy keeping things going to do much talking....

-- Anonymous