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HILLSIDE FIRES

Residents on the Camrose face of the hillside have become alarmingly accustomed to the "snap, crackle, pop" of early morning fires. Arson has been suspected in some cases. A chronological summary of fires follows....

Pre-1982--The apartment building at 1921 Highland (across from Hughes) had a number of arson fires including one that claimed two lives. This property has changed ownership due to the resulting foreclosure and little information is available from the current management.

April 15, 1982--A garage building behind the apartments at 6832-48 Camrose erupted into a ball of flames at 2:30 in the morning, taking two cars with it. The fire department could not attribute this fire to arson despite the building management's suspicions and request for an investigation.

Sept. 30, 1982--Three arson fires were set on this morning: First was a couch outside of the structure at 1937 Highland, followed by a garage at the 6832-48 Camrose apartments an hour later (resulting in total destruction including seven cars and a portion of the apartment building roof), and ending with another garage (attached to a house) set on fire in the 6900 block of Camrose.

Approx. Oct. 6, 1982--A detached garage on Hightower burst into flames at about the same time in the morning the other fires took place. Two cars were destroyed. The owner of this property could not be reached for comment.

Nov. 4, 1982--Another early morning fire was set outside the same Camrose residence whose attached garage was hit on September 30.

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DECEMBER 1 - GENERAL MEETING

Our last--and most important--general membership meeting of this year will be held Wed., Dec. 1, with guest speakers who will discuss two of our top priority concerns: fires and crime that threaten our neighborhood.

The meeting will be held at the Yamashiro Inn, starting at 7 p.m. with a no-host bar for an hour of socializing with your friends. The HHA will provide hors d'oeuvres. The meeting will start promptly at 8 p.m., and there will be smoking and non-smoking sections provided. Our new officers will also be introduced.

Our speakers will be:

BATTALION CHIEF ROBERT J. MACMILLAN,
Los Angeles City Fire Department.

CAPTAIN ROBERT SMITSON, commanding
officer, Hollywood Division, Los
Angeles Police Department.

Our Fire Committee chairman, Tom Glover, arranged for Chief Macmillan to speak to us. Security Committee chairman, Scott Chambers, arranged for Captain Smitson to address us.

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OUR NEW OFFICERS

As provided in the bylaws, the Board of Directors elected by the general membership met to vote on the four officers of the HHA. They are:

Grayce Baldwin - President
Elliot Johnson - Vice-President
Don Wakefield - Treasurer
Barbara Betlem - Secretary

On October 12, members of the Hollywood Heights Association exercised democracy in such great numbers that most cities, and indeed the entire country, would be proud to have such a record.

At that time, we had 111 paid-up members who were eligible to vote for directors on the ballots we distributed throughout our area--100 of them did just that, and elected the board which was announced in the premier edition of "VIEW".

Talk about pride! There are communities with associations of long standing which cannot touch the excellence of that turnout.

All of this adds up to an invitation to the rest of our community to get involved in this embryo organization, which already has come so far in such a short time.

We now have 181 paid-up members, out of a possible 750. We have lots of work to do, many problems to solve. Please help us by joining and becoming involved.

Ask not what your community is going to do for you, but what you can do for your community. I can think of no more appropriate message to borrow as the newly elected president of the HHA.

Please give the officers and the board your suggestions. The suggestion box (which was also used as a ballot box) is at 6905 Camrose, northwest corner of La Presa, attached to the wall behind the U.S. Postal Service Mailbox. And please join us on December 1.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Volunteers are needed to serve as a "welcome committee" for new residents moving into our area. The committee will be advised by neighbors about the newcomers, and then will visit them to tell them about the HHA, give them back issues of VIEW, and let them know they can become members. A sign-up list will be available at the December 1 meeting.

Actor MORGAN WOODWARD, known to TV fans as "Punk" Anderson on "Dallas", and to longtime residents as "The Terror of Camrose", has been named to the board of directors of Lear Fan Inc., in an advisory capacity. Lear Fan, one of the developments of the late aircraft genius, William Lear, has plants in Reno and Belfast, and Morgan now is dividing his time between the set of "Dallas" and the board room at Reno.

Jet Setters: KENDY RICHARDS and her mother, IRENE CHAMBERLAIN, flew to Tokyo for a few days, then traveled in mainland China for a three-week tour that included the capital, Beijing (Peking) and China's largest city, Shanghai.....After a month in England, JUNE MOORE came home in time for the 5th Annual Glencoe Way block sale, but will leave for Yugoslavia to join a friend who is working on a film being made in Zagreb..... LINDA DEUTSCH joined journalists from all over the world at a formal banquet in London, attended by Princess Margaret, celebrating the centenary of the London Press Club. Linda stayed overnight at Harlaxton Castle in Grantham, where she met up with friends going on the fabled Orient Express, and then spent a week in Paris..... Dancers JACQUI and BILL LANDRUM returned from a tour in Denmark and brought back as souvenirs stunning Danish-made posters showing them in a beautiful dance pose.

HELP THE WALKERS

After receiving a copy of the last issue of VIEW, a Camrose Drive resident, Al Fohrman, called to ask if we could mention the problems of walking along lower Camrose. He pointed out that some of the shrubbery and trees extend so far into the street that pedestrians have to leave the sidewalk and walk in traffic; and on the opposite sidewalk, dog-owners are neither curbing their pets nor cleaning up after them. We agree with Al--please prune the foliage if it interferes with pedestrians, and please curb your dogs.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD MUSEUM

"This is an historic day," declared County Supervisor Edmund Edelman as he stood before some 200 of our neighbors and friends who had come out on a sunny Friday morning, Nov. 12, to support a welcome new addition to our Hollywood Heights area--the new Hollywood Museum.

"Hollywood needs a shot in the arm," said the supervisor. "It's seeking to fight its way back to glory...No other place in the world can duplicate the history of Hollywood."

That history will be displayed soon in the museum to be housed in movie-land's very first movie studio - a barn in which the movie, "Squaw Man," was filmed in 1913 by film pioneers Jesse Lasky, Samuel Goldwyn and Cecil B. DeMille.

The barn, which has been shifted to various sites since it was moved from its original location at Selma and Vine, will be brought to its new home - the grassy area at the back of the Hollywood Bowl parking lot off Milner Rd. just across the street from Camrose.

The festive groundbreaking, which also featured a speech by Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson, was put together by Marian Gibbons, president of Hollywood Heritage Inc. She and our own Hollywood Heights member, Fran Offenhauser (architect of the project), have worked years to make the museum a reality.

On hand for the groundbreaking were the children of some of Hollywood's pioneer filmmakers - Danny Selznick, Betty Lasky and Eugene Zukor - all supporters of the museum.

A key figure in the project, John Anson Ford, who is 99, was not present, but a videotape of the ceremonies was made for him. Ms. Gibbons promised that next September, Ford will celebrate his 100th birthday at the new Hollywood museum!

--By Linda Deutsch

FAREWELL TO A LANDMARK

For many decades there stood a giant eucalyptus tree in the cul-de-sac on Paramount Drive. During the 16 years we have lived on the hill, the tree was a landmark for friends to find our house. It offered shade and beauty, and was unique in that it stood in the middle of the drive leading to the houses on the point of the hill.

In the winter of 1980, during a freak storm, the tree was struck by lightning, and after a few weeks the residents realized the tree was dead and would have to come down. Finally in September of this year, as many sad neighbors watched, the tree was removed, leaving only memories for all of us who had enjoyed its presence.

At the end of that day, I came home to find Larry Wolfe and Greg Raines discussing the loss of our beautiful tree and looking through a scrapbook. Greg had discovered it in the house where he now lives, formerly owned by the late Bonnie Greenwall, who had built her home and four other homes on Paramount Dr. Miss Greenwall first lived in the house on the corner of Glencoe and Camrose. In the scrapbook were two pictures of that house, in a shot that also encompassed the entire hillside. Probably taken in the mid-30's from Broadview Terr. looking south to downtown L.A., the photographs show a sparsely populated hillside from High Tower up to Paramount Dr. where we can see the beautiful eucalyptus, a mature tree even then. The Bekins storage building in Hollywood looms above the city as perhaps the tallest building at that time. Also visible is the tower of the old Hollywood First National Building, now Security Pacific National Bank at Hollywood and Highland.

My husband borrowed the pictures and had negatives and enlargements made for us and some of our neighbors. We would be happy to loan the negatives to anyone wishing copies of the photographs. Call us at 874-9724.

--By Alice Kawan

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Hollywood Heights VIEW staff:

Theo Wilson --	Herb Berlin	Neva Praeger
Chairwoman	Alica Kawan	Nita Thomas
Linda Deutsch --	Barbara Lewis	Nonnie Vishner
Co-chairwoman	Dan O'Connell	Bonnie Wolfe

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If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact the chairpeople listed above.

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Most of these fires share two common elements: They are set early in the morning and involve open garages.

Battalion Chief Robert J. Macmillan of the Los Angeles City Fire Dept. will be speaking at the Dec. 1st general meeting and will possibly have someone from the arson detail with him - another good reason for you to attend. In the meantime, report any suspects or occurrences to Arson Investigator Weireter at 485-6095.

--By Dan O'Connell

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Scott will provide a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those who want to join in the hiring of Foothill Patrol, the security force his committee has selected as the best for our area.

THE MEETING IS FREE. Please mark it on your calendars. Nita Thomas will arrange car pools wherever possible for the meeting. Those who need rides and those willing to offer rides are asked to call Nita at 851-0015.

When: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Where: Yamashiro Inn, 1999 N.
Sycamore, above Magic Castle

Time: 7-8 p.m., no-host bar;
8 p.m., meeting.

--By Theo Wilson

We now have progressed to the point where we can begin to compile a directory for HHA members. We intend to list tradesmen, in as wide a variety as possible, as recommended by members for the benefit of others looking for reliable and expert help.

If you know someone you can recommend without qualification, please call Nita Thomas, 851-0015, who will compile the directory.

It will be helpful to list exchanges of our own services, and these will also be included in the directory.

Nita needs telephone numbers for a personnel file, and will list these in the directory only if requested to do so. All others will be kept confidential.

If you recommend anyone for the directory--contractor, painter, plumber, electrician, dressmaker, babysitter, housekeeper, or whatever--you will be endorsing this person, so consider your recommendations carefully.

--By Neva Praeger

HHA MEMBERSHIPS FOR CHRISTMAS

From Jack MacFarlane comes a wonderful and timely idea:

Buy a membership in the HHA as a Christmas gift for a good buddy in the neighborhood.

The \$10 dues can be a present for a roommate, a tenant, a landlord, a friend who lives in our area. What could be an easier way to let others know you are thinking of them?

And a reminder for those who have not yet paid their dues -- PLEASE DO IT NOW! The \$10 check should be made out to the Hollywood Heights Association and mailed to Don Wakefield, treasurer, at 2152 Rockledge Road, Hollywood, CA 90068. It will be deposited in our association account at The Bank of Hollywood.