

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. —John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), speech prepared for delivery in Dallas the day of his assassination, November 22, 1963

# Franklin Hollywood Hills COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Franklin-Hollywood Hills Community Council has been making a difference in the community in a real quiet way. Our Adopt a Highway program has resulted in the cleaning out and grooming of many sections of Cal Trans



**FHHCC picks up trees and palm fronds in January.**

property in the stretch of 101 between Cahuenga and Bronson. The homeless are less inclined to put down roots in hidden encampments now that this program is up and running. We're hoping that they will apply for assistance

and housing with the help of any one of the many social service organizations in our neighborhood.

The Christmas tree gathering pilot program worked out well. Missy Kelly and Fran Reichenbach remember well how long Christmas trees stayed on the streets in the FHHCC area after the holiday season was a distant memory last year. Missy came up with the idea of renting a truck and spending a few hours picking those trees up and delivering them to the Christmas tree dumpster across from Fire Station 82 on Bronson.

With volunteers working the Adopt-a-Highway effort and doing neighborhood clean

up projects on that day, it fell to Missy and Fran to do the gathering. It was the Saturday before the dumpster would be removed. Missy and Fran went through the community street by street collecting more than 100 trees as well as piles of palm fronds and delivering them all to the dumpster. Since then, neighbors in both Eastwood Coalition and Hollywood-Gower have volunteered to do the work at the start of 2006!

Eastwood Coalition held their first organized clean up day in January 2005. When Van Ness neighbors complained about a growing pile of trash and palm fronds on Van Ness just north of Hollywood Blvd., the Eastwood folks jumped into action. It was a Saturday and the group worked for approximately two hours



**Trees gathered by FHHCC to keep our streets clean.**

cleaning and clearing not only the Van Ness area but also the Hollywood Blvd. area around the corner. One of the volunteers actually jumped over the chain link fence to



**Van Ness before Eastwood Cleanup Day.**

pick up trash that littered that property.

There are other projects happening all over the neighborhood that go unannounced but make a huge difference in the look and feel of our neighborhoods. This

silent service is an important part of the work that we do at FHHCC and in the organizations that were born from it: Eastwood Coalition and Hollywood-Gower Neighborhood Association.

If you want to organize a clean up in your neighborhood or learn of the meetings that are held in your area, write to FranklinHwdHills@aol.com or check the website at FranklinHollywoodHills.org.



**KC, Barbara, Karl, & Jered after Eastwood Cleanup Day on Van Ness.**

## Whole Foods: Close But No Cooperation

I like my neighborhood. The area near Hollywood and Western just about has it all. It's Old Hollywood style with a New Urban feel. You can have a meal at Pailin Thai that feels like a friend's house, buy Shirak Market hummus made by the owner's Mom, or enjoy a delicious sugar donut from everyone's fuel station, Daily Donuts. Perhaps best of all is the tiled Metro station that leads you to the best ride in LA, the Red Line.

So when something gigantic and shiny wants to move into the neighborhood, those of us who feel protective of the community are going to check it out – and that's what we did when Whole Foods made a proposal to move in at the corner of Hollywood and Garfield. At an Eastwood Coalition meeting about a year ago, Whole Foods and the Bond Company (a builder and owner of the lot) promised the neighborhood a large store that would bring heaps of organic produce, healthy food, parking for residents and community benefits. Go visit our newest store in Glendale, they said.

So we did. And we talked with a few employees to learn how their store operated. We learned the store was 42,000 square feet (the same size proposed for

Hollywood, about a third larger than the new Ralph's) and employed around 250 people. Employees told us they parked on neighborhood streets and that truck loading started around 5 a.m. Would a store that size work in Hollywood? How would it impact residents? Where would everyone park?

Those were the questions that kicked off a debate that many thought would lead to a project compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. The only problem was that one of the players that needed to be at the table never really participated – Whole Foods. "The builder builds the store for us and then we lease it," we were told more than once when we inquired where Whole Foods stood.

So, that left the Eastwood Coalition to deal with Bond Development, the owner of the lot. Their goal: build the biggest store possible for their client, Whole Foods. Wall to wall development, please. Not a lot of room for compromise – and things went south pretty quickly.

Particularly troublesome was the plan for truck loading at the store. To save square footage, Bond proposed using the residential street of Garfield as a staging area to back trucks in and out of the loading dock—five tractor trailers a day plus 15-20 additional delivery trucks of varying sizes. It was a plan



**The corner of Hollywood Blvd. and Garfield Place.**

that would have ended up rattling residents with idling trucks and beeping back-up warnings, not to mention obstructing the 190 Metro buses that use Garfield as a route turnabout.

And there were other problems, too. The spaces in the two levels of parking above the store weren't adding up to enough for customers and employees – the promise of residential spaces quickly evaporated. Also, for various reasons, LADOT prohibit Bond from using Hollywood Blvd. as a

car entrance, which would have required all customers to use Garfield—another burden on residents. Neighbors also soured on Bond when the Garfield lot wasn't fenced securely and became a garbage dump and crime magnet. In sum, Bond never budged from the proposal that was originally presented other than to

move the main pedestrian entrance to the corner (our suggestion) and change the façade. Every proposal presented by neighbors, such as a larger enclosed loading zone, reduced square footage, and more generous setbacks from the street, were rejected by the developer.

Recently, the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) took up a request from its planning committee to endorse the project. This followed a public relations letter to residents from Bond and Whole Foods touting the proposed Hollywood store. After hearing from both sides of the issue, including residents who have tracked

the project for months, HUNC wisely decided to table action on the matter until an Environmental Impact Report for the project was completed. A few days later, Whole Foods announced they were no longer interested in the Garfield lot. For everyone involved, the story of the proposed Whole Foods store appears to have come to an abrupt but unlamented end.

I am certain Whole Foods will find another home in the Hollywood area. My advice when they come calling is to make sure Whole Foods is to the negotiating table. Only Whole Foods can give their word about how a new store will operate. And even though it's Hollywood, be wary of anyone promising you the stars – think clearly, fight for impacted residents and businesses, and demand a good project. The neighborhood places we usually like best are the ones that were thoughtfully and carefully designed. We owe it to future residents to help create those places when opportunities come before us.

—Dave Monks is a member of the Eastwood Coalition. For more information about this issue and a review of documents, see their webpage—go to FranklinHollywoodHills.org and click on Eastwood Coalition.



Your awareness, your alert level is being tested. This is especially true for the elderly. Recently, the Los Angeles Police Department released a bulletin warning neighbors that teams of "distraction thieves" have been very active in our area. "These teams of men, women, and sometimes children, in various combinations will approach elderly people at their homes," the report states. "Bogus excuses will be used to get into the house. The residents are distracted and

# CRIME REPORT

jewelry and money are taken." These criminals may say that they are looking for their cat, work for a utility company, used to work or live in the house and wish to take a look around, or any number of excuses to enter the home. This recent "game" has worked many times in our area. When the neighbors refuse to allow entry into the home, this ruse will no longer work. If someone comes to your home with an excuse, tell them that you are calling the police—tell them this through your closed door. If they stay, call 9-1-1. If, after hearing this, they leave your home, contact Detective Escontrias or Zemones, Commercial Crimes Division, Burglary Special Section at 213-485-2524 or e-mail 24189@lapd.lacity.org. If this occurs after hours, call 877-ASK-LAPD and report

the event.

Burglary thefts from motor vehicles continue throughout the hillside streets as do burglaries from our homes. While our patrol area has the lowest crime rate in Hollywood, we need to keep our eyes and ears open and our neighborhood watch programs going. In a recent meeting of the Argyle Civic Association, Officer Bill Sollie reported that Argyle Ave. and Beachwood Drive are the two streets with the most crime in the area. And in January alone there were two armed robberies; one in the 2200 block of Beachwood and the other in the 2300 block of Beachwood. There was a burglary in the 2800 block of Hollyridge and one in the 3300 block of Deronda.

Our neighbors to the south are having quite a different kind of problem. Yes, they have the burglaries

from home and auto but they also have aggravated assaults and robberies. Most of us do business outside of our local neighborhood. We travel south of Franklin on a regular basis visiting and shopping in these neighborhoods. Be especially cautious in the following areas: Hollywood/Western, Hollywood/Vine, Hollywood/Highland, and Caluenga/Yucca. Most of the crimes in these areas are robberies and happen in the dark. Be especially careful when walking to and from your car whether you parked on the street or in one of the many parking lots and structures in Hollywood. Try not to travel alone, be very observant picking up your pace until you are in a well-lit area or inside your destination. Being distracted by conversation, sightseeing, or fidgeting with shopping bags is the best way to become a target. Your vigilance will help you avoid being a victim.

If you would like more information on the crime stats in your neighborhood, you should meet your Senior Lead Officer:

If you live north of Franklin Ave and east of the

101 Freeway, your Senior Lead officer is Bill Sollie. His phone number is 213-793-0703 and his e-mail is 21444@lapd.lacity.org. If you live south of Franklin Ave. east of the 101 freeway, Armen Sevdalian is your Senior Lead Officer. His phone number is 213-793-0712 and his e-mail is 25156@lapd.lacity.org. If you live south of Franklin Ave. west of the 101 freeway, Maria Gholizadeh is your Senior Lead Officer. Her phone number is 213-793-0705 and her e-mail is 30469@lapd.lacity.org. Your SLOs are always willing to attend neighborhood meetings upon request to answer any questions regarding crime and crime prevention.

If you live outside the above neighborhoods, call the Hollywood Community Police Station and ask to speak to your senior lead officer: 213-485-4310. This officer will let you know how to make contact with the neighborhood watch or neighborhood organization nearest you. Please get involved. See inset on this page for information on E-Crime Watch.

—Editor

## Cops NOW Wins City Council Support

Wednesday, February 9th, 2005 marked a historic day for Los Angeles. The City Council unanimously approved Councilman Greig Smith's *Cops Now* plan, which will immediately add 300 new police officers to help Chief Bratton's efforts in fighting crime throughout the City.

Moreover, *Cops Now* proves that the City can support public safety without raising taxes!



Councilman Greig Smith

The *Cops Now* plan hires 300 new police officers by dedicating \$66 million owed to the City by the State and coupling that with matching funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for an additional \$21 million.

*Cops Now* is a giant first step, as it increases the police department to the second highest level in history. Public safety is the City's top priority and Councilman Smith will continue to fight

for more legislation that will make our streets safe and not place additional economic burdens on the citizens and businesses of Los Angeles.

### City Council Rejects Sales Tax

After weeks of contentious debate, the City Council decided not to place the half-cent City only sales tax increase for funding public safety on the May ballot.

As a Reserve Los Angeles Police Officer, Councilman Greig Smith shares the passion proponents of the tax increase have for the City's Police and Fire Departments. However, from day one he

has opposed this tax increase because "people are tired of the City constantly taking the easy way out. Raising taxes to solve problems," says Councilman Smith. The tax increase would have raised the City's sales tax to the highest rate throughout the state of California, causing a mass exodus of commerce from the City to its neighboring municipalities.

An independent poll by the Los Angeles Times shows that more people oppose than support the tax increase. It provides clear evidence that the measure had no chance to receive the

67% needed for approval.

With the tax increase officially defeated, it is time for our divided City to move forward. Councilman Alex Padilla stated that, "leadership is bringing people together to solve problems, not further dividing people."

Smith says, "I couldn't agree more and I am committed to work with everyone on all sides of this issue to make Los Angeles the safest big City in America."

— Information contained in this article provided courtesy of the helpful staff in the 12th District Los Angeles City Council

## E-CRIME WATCH

Crime reports are posted at the BCNA website: BeachwoodCanyon.org. Use the forum to share info. Keep your finger on the pulse of your neighborhood.

It's highly recommended that you report EVERY crime that you experience or see. At the very least, please let your Senior Lead Officer know if you are a victim of crime.

If you live in the Beachwood Canyon area, your Senior Lead Officer is Bill Sollie (213-793-0703 21444@lapd.lacity.org) Basic Car area 6A15.

If you live south of Franklin, west of the 101 Freeway, your Senior Lead Officer is Maria Gholizadeh (213-793-0705 30469@lapd.lacity.org) Basic Car Area 6A37.

If you live south of Franklin, east of the 101 Freeway, your

Senior Lead Officer is Armen Sevdalian (213-793-0712 25156@lapd.lacity.org) Basic Car Area 6A49.

Write to Beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net to be added to the Canyon-Wide Neighborhood E-Crime Watch list.

Being alert and taking action is what E-Crime Watch is all about.

When you hear of a crime in your neighborhood, after you have reported to the police, write to Beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net and share that information with the neighborhood.

Your reports are posted on Beachwoodcanyon.org. If the crime is of a violent nature or if a weapon is involved, you will receive an e-mail alert.

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Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide you with information or to answer questions you may have about services or events happening within the City. If you need service, the operators will transfer you to the right service provider, the first time.

If you prefer self-service the Citywide Services Directory (CSD), the searchable database used by 3-1-1 operators, is also available via the internet at www.lacity.org.

It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting. — Tom Stoppard (1937 - ), Jumpers (1972) act 1

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

[Regarding One For the Books, The Violinist and the

And about four decades ago, after buying a couple of first editions by Aldous at the now departed Gilberts Bookstore on Hollywood,



**Laura Huxley and Sean Hughes.**

Writer published in the Holiday 2004 issue] I'm sure I am not the first to figure out that the article is about Laura and Aldous Huxley. It was always a pleasure to see Laura's name a few below mine when I voted at the Hollywoodland Realty office.

east of Vine, one of the owners said "Too bad you never got Huxley to sign some of these. He was in here all the time and I'm sure you remember seeing him." He then described a man that I HAD seen, more than once, in my high school

years—elderly, and with his vision so impaired that he held books just inches from his face while he read.

They are both important writers and wonderful, curious human beings.

Credit is also due to Marcella Meharg for writing her clever little quiz in the Beachwood Voice. I hope more of these will turn up now and then.

Thanks...and continued congratulations to Fran and Bill Reichenbach, too!

—Sean Hughes

*Actually, Sean was the first to officially identify "The Violinist and the Writer" featured in the last "One for the Books" column. Mrs. Huxley and Hughes visited over tea and biscuits (compliments of Hughes) and chatted about literature, her late husband's work and Yoga.*

*The following two letters are in response to Bill Reichenbach's editorial, "Election Process Condemned by Government!"*

John Kerry didn't lose the election, as you, the editor, suggest, because of fraud or voter irregularities. He lost because he GOT FEWER VOTES! He was a LOSER! Nobody stole this election from him, he gave it away because he was a weak candidate who tried to echo

his opponent's position rather than oppose it. You embarrass the Democratic Party by suggesting we got cheated again. We need to get our act together and offer a descent alternative rather than make pathetic claims that the election was stolen from us. Get over the denial and face reality, or we will never win.

—hillsduo@att.net

*Thank you (thank you, thank you) for noting so carefully that we had suggested that the vote totals were the result of fraud or irregularities, because whether votes in Ohio or Florida or New Mexico weren't counted is an unknowable (except maybe to Oliver Stone). Nor will we ever know whether Democratic voters were discouraged from casting ballots by lack of voting booths, location of polling places, intimidation by Republican poll "observers", etc. What we do know, and what the point of our editorial was, is that apathy is no longer an acceptable response to losing elections. And we agree wholeheartedly with the writer that progressives have got to present a better program to America's voters, or we will continue to deserve to lose.*

—Editor

**Mr. Reichenbach:**  
Democrats had every right to be sore losers in

2000. Being a sore loser in 2004 is just being... a really sore loser. Bush did not win last month's election by fraud. He won it fair and square. The vote tallies were far closer in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin (both states won by Kerry) than they were in Ohio and Florida, but you don't hear Republicans demanding recount after recount or claiming there was a conflict of interest or fraud, as you have, because the governors of those states were Democrats. Your guy lost this time, clearly and cleanly. Deal with. Move on. Get over it. Stop whining! And comparing our electoral system to that of The Ukraine, where the leading candidate was poisoned so severely his face was disfigured for life, is absurd and offensive.

—Ken Koonce  
Canyon Drive,  
cartoonken@worldnet.att.net

*Thank you for your letter. We encourage expressions of viewpoints conflicting with our own. In response, we'd like to say (1) maybe the reason why the winner didn't contest the results of any particular state is that he won, and (2) Republicans are bitterly contesting the gubernatorial race in the state of Washington, aren't they? But please keep writing.* —editor  
**More Letters on page 25.**

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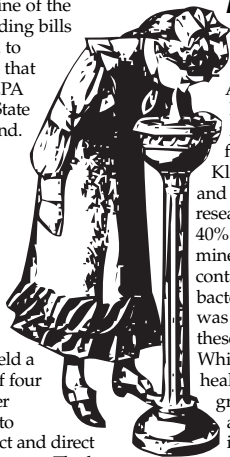
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# Congress vs Clean Water in California

Before the last Congress ended their session in November, nine of the thirteen spending bills were delayed to include those that fund the USEPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This includes measures to restore California's critical waterways. Around the same time the Water Reuse Association held a symposium of four hundred water professionals to discuss indirect and direct potable water reuse. The large plan to subject the populace in the U.S. to "recharged waters" is being promoted with vigor. One panel discussion was "to drink or

## American Microbiology Association is Concerned

not to drink." Don't ask! In November of 2004 the American Microbiology Association heard from Dr. Rocus Klont, a professor and medical researcher. He found 40% of commercial mineral waters are contaminated with bacteria and fungi. He was able to culture these in his laboratory. While the risk to healthy people is not great, it is to infants and those who are immunocompromised. This is typically used in hospitals for its incorrectly perceived safety. It is estimated that 40% of the population (to include infants) is



## Toxic D.C.

immunocompromised. Going to the Capitol? Believe it or not, the water is more toxic than the administration. The USEPA and the city of Washington D.C. are now reporting bacteria levels in the city's tap water that exceed federal health standards. It is speculated that the surge in bacteria resulted from a chemical attempt to clean the interior of the city's water delivery system. The elderly, weak, children, and immunocompromised are advised to boil their water for three minutes.

## Leonardo da Vinci Got There First

Research scientists at Johns Hopkins University have demonstrated that soil along a river embankment removes dangerous microbes and organic matter from the water, acting as a "natural filter" for drinking water

## HOLLYWORDS

### Not in Kansas...

Answers  
(Puzzle on Page 8)

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drawn directly from a river. In Europe this is called riverbank-filtration and it greatly improves the smell and taste of the water. Those who wish to dam the L.A. River should consider this. In his 15th century notebooks, Leonardo da Vinci wrote on canalization of water to chateaus and the importance of the plants and

soil forming embankments. He wrote of sedges, rushes, willows, and similar plants removing toxins. Only in recent years have scientists found the same information to be true—without referencing Leonardo's 400+ year-old studies with which they were not familiar.

—William Emboden  
Ph.D., F.L.S.

# Datura—Angel's Trumpet or Devil's Weed?

It is difficult to imagine a more beautiful plant; its gray-green velvet leaves tinged violet just like the conical flower that opens during the evening and stays closed at night. But equally impressive are the host of chemicals that make this plant a hallucinogen and a deadly poison. Its fruits, first green and then brown are covered with spiny enations giving the plant the name "thornapple." Four species grow in California, but the most common by far is *Datura meteloides*, known to the Indians of this area as the sacred *Datura*. It was used in initiation rites to intoxicate a boy entering manhood so that he would forget the things that had made him a boy. Also known at *Datura innoxia*, the name most widely used by most botanists, this plant carries the name "Angel's trumpet," "Devil's Weed," "Downy thornapple," and "Tolguacha" (Chumash).

It is thought to have been introduced into the southwestern United States by way of Mexico. This branching perennial grows to three feet tall and as wide as six feet across in some instances. Its trumpet-like flower is eight inches in length and is moth pollinated for the most part. The green fruit turns brown when it is the size of a walnut. It splits to reveal a multitude of seeds that are flat and about the size of

peppercorn. All parts of the plant have an intoxicating effect. For that reason a number of young people in southern California have been hospitalized for their experiments with the



*Datura innoxia* in full flower.

"madapple" of the southwest. Most gardens have pink, peach, yellow and white versions of its nearest relative, *Brugmansia*. It grows into a small tree producing an abundance of flowers, but rarely fruiting. All of the *Datura* and *Brugmansia* species are toxic even by touch and rubbing the fingers into the eyes or nasal passages. The plants are filled with dangerous tropane alkaloids. The seeds of *Datura* are particularly deadly. Both genera contain scopolamine (hyoscyine), hyoscyamine, norhyoscyamine, meteloides and atropine. I mention these so that if you suspect a poisoning, you can inform your physician at the hospital. Symptoms often

appear a few minutes after ingestion and are revealed in thirst, a dry mouth, flushed skin, visual alterations with the inability to focus, nausea, a rapid pulse, fever and delirium or delusions.

Incoherence sets in followed by a stupor.

Few physicians are schooled in the discipline of plant toxicology. If you suspect this kind of incident, carefully collect the suspected plant and have your physician call the Poison Control Center (800-222-1222). Oddly, if placed in a fax machine carefully, the image is easily transferred to a botanist or poison control center in Los Angeles. (Don't forget to place in a transparent sleeve first.)

Both genera have a long

history of use as hallucinogens, but this is done by curanderos and shamans who know appropriate parts and dosages and monitor the initiate. Used throughout South America, it is believed the *Brugmansia* allows communication with one's ancestors. A red species, *Brugmansia sanguinea* is especially popular as it contains high amounts of scopolamine. Various species of these "tree *Daturas*" are found from Colombia to Chile. They are used in



*Datura innoxia* showing the spiny seed capsule.

almost every area to communicate with a spirit world. The manner of use ranges from smoking desiccated blossoms to cigars made of the leaves. The diagnosis of disease is

believed possible under the effect of these as is considered prophecy. The same is true in parts of Mexico where the seeds may be ground up with butter for the curander's use as "Tolache."

A strict warning should be issued for those who would follow such practices. Without knowing dosages or having a ritual context of use, the plants are poisons that will land you in the hospital. The seeds of the common *Datura innoxia* found around trails, parks, campgrounds and playgrounds are extremely toxic and the plants should be eradicated. If *Brugmansia* is to be grown in a yard, maintain the tree. Form and cut away basal shoots as well as raking up desiccated leaves and flowers.

These two genera are among the most common of our poisonous plants in the canyons and throughout southern California. Get to know them, respect them, and eliminate any *Datura* plants around children's playing area. If ingestion should occur, induce vomiting immediately and take the child to the emergency ward of the nearest hospital. Beauty is sometimes fatal—even in the plant world.

—William Emboden, Ph.D.,  
F.L.S., Author *Narcotic Plants*  
(Macmillan Publication)

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not "Eureka!" (I found it!) but "That's funny..." —Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)

# A 'Model' Neighbor



Living in the canyon there resides a woman with a past, quite a fashionable past at that. After graduating from boarding school in England, Jackie Stoloff saw an ad in the Sunday paper for "mannequin needed." In her interview, she recalls



asking how much she would make. When the interviewer replied, she said, "I'm sorry, I couldn't possibly work for that. It wouldn't be enough to pay for my train fare to

work from the country and back every day." He replied that she could use a monthly pass, and she told him it wouldn't even cover that. He asked, "Why? Do you travel first class?" "Of course I do!" she replied. That got Jackie her job at the well-known

Debenham & Freebody, where the Queen of England bought gloves. And so began Jackie's modeling career.

Jackie worked her way up to become a famous vogue cover model (and loves to pose as much today as she did in the 40's). In the 1970's Jackie went back to school to earn a Real Estate license. In a

creative burst of self-promotion she took one of

her Vogue cover shots, reduced the size and created a card that said "I have probably been in your home before. May I come again?"

Now in her 80's Jackie has a very active mind—remembers everything and is quite witty. She enjoys a healthy diet and an active life—even after hip surgery and, up until a few months ago, still taught swim classes at our local YMCA. Her sheer persistence of style (style in the broadest sense of all is consciousness) and massive belief in oneself has her living life to the fullest, still making the most of every moment no matter what her age. Jackie also feels that her love for her garden helps her maintain a youthful outlook on life.

We salute you, Jackie Stoloff as our long-standing "model" neighbor and example of joie la vive.

—Nina VanTassell

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### Dearest Fran,

I felt I had to respond to your "Wildlife urban sprawl—Crossing the Line," article, in the Beachwood Voice, Holiday 2004, Vol 7, # 4, issue:

I was SO incensed by your appalling ignorance, that I literally felt nauseous.

How DARE you even suggest that coyotes are encroaching on "OUR" neighborhood.

Let's think about this for a moment...mmmmm...Who was here first??

COYOTES WERE you blinkered cretin!

WE, yes WE, are the interlopers.

If you had learned ANYTHING about coyotes during your obviously sparse and pitiful education; you might have come across the well known fact that their primary preferred prey are small rodents; rats, voles, mice, etc of which there are an abundance in Griffith park, Bronson Canyon and probably your own fancy back yard.

People like YOU, with your overwhelming lack of knowledge of the ecosystem you inhabit defile, are likely to become the main reason the species of Homo-Sapien might not last much longer. Coyotes are struggling

quietly to co-exist along side us, while we rob and defile their homeland.

They put up with your human smells and your stupid yappy dog filth.

You ought to feel blessed they have the grace not to sh't on your doorstep every day.

God knows I am sorely tempted.

I've seen stupid, but you take the cake.

You and Hitler would have made a great and repulsive couple.

I won't ramble on any more.

You are so despicable that if I think about you much longer, I am going to get seriously ill.

I pity you in your next life, you've got a rather large wake-up call waiting.

With loathing,  
—Sarah. tpatusa@iwon.com

Dear Sarah,

It was my pleasure to be able to create an avenue for your rage. However, if you read my article a little more carefully you will see that I never suggested that coyotes encroach on OUR neighborhood. Please ask Wildlife Officer Gregory Randall how many calls he gets from crying neighbors grieving the loss of their small pet (dog, cat, or rabbit) to coyotes in Beachwood Canyon. His number is 213-485-5767 and his e-mail is Grandall@ani.lacity.org. The point of the article was—protect your pets from harm. Your restraint regarding my from porch is greatly appreciated.  
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The Hollywood franchise of Waco-based Curves International, Inc., the world's largest fitness center franchise, today announced the 7th Annual Food Drive to be held the week of March 7th, 2005 at its club on 5825 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 213, Hollywood, California 90028.

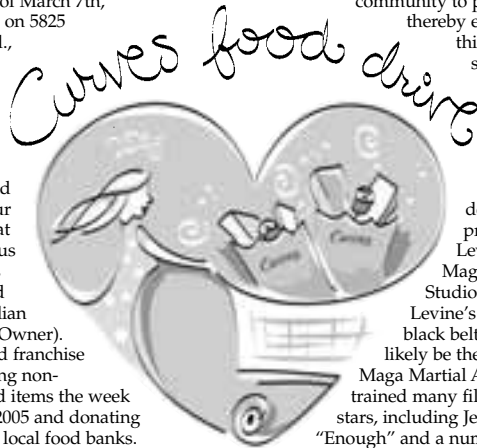
"We are excited to be able to help and give back to our community that has embraced us so warmly this past year," said Marine Dordulian (Franchise Co-Owner). The Hollywood franchise will be collecting non-perishable food items the week of March 7th, 2005 and donating all groceries to local food banks. "Being part of a community means giving back and helping whenever possible," said Anna Isbirian (Franchise Co-Owner).

To encourage participation in the food drive, we will waive the normal \$149 service fee for new members signing up the week of March 7th, 2005 that bring a bag of non-perishable food items. It will cost \$0 to join

the week of March 7th, 2005 for women who participate in the Curves 7th Annual Food Drive. "By waiving our service fee entirely, we hope to encourage the women of our community to participate and thereby ensuring we make this food drive a successful event," said Anna Isbirian.

Also on their docket sometime in March is a self-defense class to be presented by Darrin Levine of the Krav Maga Martial Arts Studio on Olympic. Mr. Levine's wife is also a black belt and will most likely be the presenter. Krav Maga Martial Arts Studio has trained many film and television stars, including Jennifer Lopez in "Enough" and a number of the actors from the movie, "Troy." This event will be open to all women in the Hollywood community as a community service and will be presented on a weekday evening. Please call Curves for details and dates.

For more information about Curves call (323) 467-8101 or visit [www.curvesinternational.com](http://www.curvesinternational.com).



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and coal covered the floors and that were home.

Nellie saw something in a little pile of dirt and bent down to pick it up. It was a walnut. She and Roger tried to break it open but they were unsuccessful. So they kept it as a small symbol of their return to home, safety and the life they were forced to leave so long ago. On the walnut she painted a red heart with R + N in the middle using red nail polish. (See photo)

Later, they would travel to America with their daughter's family while still remaining close to the LeRoche's and all the extended family that grew throughout the years.

Frequent trips back to Paris included many

reunions in Le Breuille and these are all fresh in Nellie's sharp memory.

Dear Roger left this world on January 25, 1988 having worked until he was 85. He used to have a men's clothing shop right next to the Brown Derby on Vine Street. Dear Monique recently passed away from cancer, leaving her two children, Benjamin and Sasa, Sasa's son Jacob, who is 15 years old, and her partner, Sylvia.

These days, Nellie looks forward to each day and greets it with the same hope and joy she did when she was young. She looks forward to her weekly shopping trips with Sasa and her luncheons with Benjamin. Jacob has been a

great help to her.

When asked how Nellie has stayed so healthy for such a long time, she says she eats fresh food that she makes herself, eating only small portions. She attributes the longevity of her marriage to Roger to patience and not letting a couple of wrong words ruin the whole marriage. And now, it's her love and value of family that gives her strength and inspiration. "Without them, I would have nothing" she says.

Want a dose of joy and inspiration? Go see Nellie. She's the little, well-dressed lady waiting for the cab on Friday morning and evening—ready for Temple—enjoying life.

—Fran Reichenbach



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## A Soldiers Lament

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 That he was fine, but not alone.

A friend of his was coming, too,  
 A fellow soldier that he knew,  
 Who in the throes of battle strife  
 Lost arms and eyes in sacrifice.

He asked if they would help him tend,  
 And care for his disabled friend.

Unhesitating, they said no,  
 With someone else his friend should go.

Later they learned their son had died,  
 A desperate, tragic suicide.

To them his body came at last  
 A remnant of their treasured past.  
 When opening the casket door  
 Their son within to reassure,  
 To their amazement and surprise:  
 He had no arms; he had no eyes.

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—Harry Bartron

October 1, 1996, Harry Bartron was inducted into The International Poetry Hall of Fame. His photo, bio, and poetry exhibit can be seen on the World Wide Web at the following address:

<http://www.poets.com/harrybartron.html>  
 More of his poetry can be seen by visiting the following address: [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com) and entering "Harry Bartron" on the "Search for an ILP Poet" box.

Watch the Beachwood Voice for a book review of "Drummer Boy" A Novel of the American Civil War By Harry Bartron

I have opinions of my own—strong opinions—but I don't always agree with them.—George Bush (1924-)



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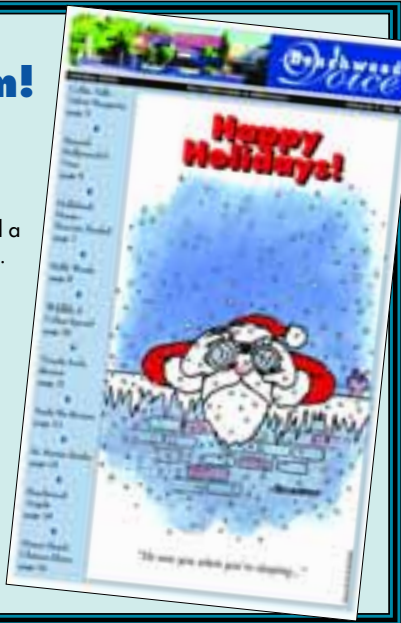
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