

We're turning up the heat

Dear Readers,

Summer is here, hotter than ever... and so is the award-winning Beachwood Voice. (Okay, we had to let you know—we earned the Hollywood/Highlands Democratic Club's annual Media Award for our "tireless and courageous efforts to bring independent news to the Hollywood Community.") It's true, you won't find out a lot about what concerns our neighborhood in the pages of the mainstream media, which is why we continue to turn up the heat on Councilmen Garcetti and LaBonge for their backroom maneuvering with the CRA. We're referring, of course, to the proposed permanent supportive housing project to be built at Gower just north of Hollywood Blvd., or to put it in the terms W relates to: "The Clear Streets Initiative." Who cares if it works – it *sounds* good! Two sidebars contributed by our newest columnists, Tyrone Roy and Lucyl Caruso, both of whom are homeless, offer readers a chance to experience homelessness from the other side of the car window. And, check out Don Farkas' *The Frightening Political Doctrine of "Dominionism"* (page 5), revealing the sicko rationalization of Tom DeLay's Texas



difference in a Councilman's life—make him work!

posse, Bill Frist, Pat Robertson and others who work tirelessly to dismantle the Bill of Rights and other Constitutional protections and freedoms.

Take a break from *all that* to sojourn in southern Oregon (Sea to Shining Sea, page 16), and join us in fond farewell to Captain Sanchez, who brings us his last Captain's Corner (page 4). There's more—movie reviews, commentaries, profiles of local folks like Cassandra Peterson (aka *Elvira* on page 30), an article on skin cancer that can actually save your life—enough summer reading to keep you busy and informed for the next two months.

There are free concerts *every week* all summer long at Hollywood & Highland—Tuesday and Friday nights, and some Thursdays—under the stars. What could be cooler?

Enjoy the summer in Hollywood, support our advertisers and pick up the phone to make a

—Prudence Baird, Associate Editor, & the Award-winning Staff at The Beachwood Voice

"There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart."
—Celia Thaxter

"Most of you have been where I am tonight. The crash site of unrequited love. You ask yourself, How did I get here? What was it about? Was it her smile? Was it the way she crossed her legs, the turn of her ankle, the poignant vulnerability of her slender wrists? What are these elusive and ephemeral things that ignite passion in the human heart? That's an age-old question. It's perfect food for thought on a bright midsummer's night."

—Martin Sage and Sybil Adelman, *Northern Exposure, The Bumpy Road to Love, 1991*

Impatience As Virtue

Readers of the *L.A. Weekly*,
Put not too much stock,
In the recent article,
About Fran Reichenbach.

The lengthy exploitation,
Of her years of public work,
(Seemingly intended to discredit her),
Her efforts will but perk.

"Patience" as a virtue,
Has long been understood.
But "Impatience" takes true credit,
For most of public good.

—Harry Bartron

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