



BROOKNOTES

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BWH AUCTION SURPASSES ESTIMATES

Big Bucks for Jackie's Pearls

by Betsy Crosby

The tension in the crowd on the night of April 26 was palpable. Some nervously coiled their cocktail napkins; others gazed over the crowd, spotting possible contenders for coveted items. After weeks of anticipation, the 1996 Acorn Auction sponsored by the Brookwood Hills Garden Club was about to begin.

Mal Phillips, the auctioneer, readjusted his Stetson and strode to center stage. He tossed a quick wink at his wife, Triff, as if to say, "Don't worry, dear, I won't embarrass." Triff smiled back valiantly. Memories of Mal's 1994 performance at the last Garden Club auction were still fresh in the crowd's mind. He had already established himself as a funny man. Laughter would come easily on this night of nights.

Alternately cajoling and badgering the crowd, Mal drew extravagant bids from husbands who had come with no intention of buying anything. "Do I hear \$600? Come on, some of you spend that on a hairdo--at least that's what Triff tells me." "Lake Burton is about to slip through your fingers and you'll have a miserable summer." "It beats most houses in Brookwood Hills."

Images of that other auction in New York pervaded the evening. "Now, I know you're all thinking 'I want a little bit of Jackie.' Well, Jackie never wore this, but she wanted to," asserted Mal. Fiercely bidding for the famous "Jackie Pearls" was BWH Community Club President Hank Harris, who did not rest his paddle until he had spent \$30 on the beads, which he promptly presented to his lovely but very pregnant wife, Linda. (Out of gratitude, Linda delivered a son the following Monday--see Brookwood Buzz for details). Perhaps Hank was

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From left: Charles Jones, Vicki and Ed Segraves



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Brooknotes welcomes articles, art work, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of *Brooknotes* is Friday, June 14, 1996. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Rd.

Of Pancakes and Fish

On a recent afternoon, those entering Brighton Road were surprised to see the waiters and waitresses of The Original Pancake House diligently carrying out to the sidewalk tables, chairs, dishes and loaves of bread. Were they having a sidewalk sale? Were they fumigating the restaurant?

No, they were being evicted for non-payment of rent. Anyone who has seen the weekend crowds line up patiently outside, or who has paid good money for their pricey french toast and bacon, can't help but be astounded. According to their landlord, Branch Properties, their failure to pay rent has been an ongoing problem for several years.

You can't help but wonder, what happend to the fish tank?

FROM THE BOARD

Tree Trimming

by Rob Donovan, Trees Committee Chair

The Asplundh Tree Expert Company will be moving a crew into Brookwood Hills during the week of May 20th. Asplundh works with Georgia Power and trims primarily new growth every two years in our neighborhood. The Asplundh foreman is very familiar with Brookwood Hills, which will help to expedite the trimming process.

Please be aware that Asplundh representatives will be obligated to consult with you only if trimming is necessary on a non-city tree. However, as educated homeowners we must make sure that Asplundh properly prunes our neighborhood city trees (those between the sidewalk and the street). The 1993 Brookwood Trees Watch, produced by the BWH Trees Committee and Arboguard, sets forth appropriate pruning procedures. If you do not have a copy of this report, please call Rob Donovan at the number listed below. Should you have concerns about the trimming of a city tree or one of your own, the following contact people will be helpful to you.

Tony Ward (404) 608-5467 *Georgia Power*

Dan Harger (404) 299-6363 *Asplundh General Foreman*

Jay Lowery (404) 817-6754 *Atlanta City Forester*

Rob Donovan (404) 817-7551 *Brookwood Hills Trees Committee Chair*

Trammell Crow Development

by Mike Nadal, NPU Chair

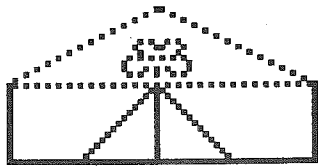
Trammell Crow Residential (TRC) filed on May 14 an application with the city for a zoning variance to develop 369 apartment units on the Jewish Community Center property. Since the May 9 meeting in Rich Auditorium, TRC has reduced the number of proposed apartments from 385 to 369.

TRC's purchase contract with the Jewish Community Center is contingent on TRC obtaining this zoning variance. The front of the property is currently zoned commercial; the rear is zoned for single family residences.

The first step in the application process is to appear before the Neighborhood Planning Unit. TRC will likely be on the agenda for the June 5, 1996 NPU-E meeting. This meeting must proceed TRC's appearance before the Zoning Review Board in July and the hearing this fall concerning a change in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).

As the BWH representative to NPU-E, I encourage you to attend the upcoming NPU meeting. Many of you joined us for the May 9th meeting at Rich Auditorium and we need your continued support. The NPU needs to hear many of the concerns and objections you voiced at that meeting.

The NPU meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the mid-town library auditorium (in the Invesco Building at the corner of Peachtree and 16th Street). If you can attend, please call me at 874-9534. As the meeting agenda becomes set, I can confirm whether TRC is on the agenda.



The second annual Brookwood Girls Park Campout will take place in Brookwood Park June 1, 6:00 p.m. Saturday through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. Bring tents, sleeping bags, ground cloths, pads, pillows and flashlights. Call Larry Pless at 892-6024 to confirm.

Brookwood Dads: Circle June 9th on your calendar for the annual BWG planning meeting at Larry Pless's house, 25 Palisades, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. We will elect a new director, and discuss outing ideas for Brookwood Girls for the 1996-97 school year.

BROOKWOOD BUZZ

Six and a half years ago, when Linda Harris was pregnant with her first child, she bought a blue ribbon and a pink ribbon. When daughter Helen arrived, the pink ribbon went on the door and the blue ribbon was put in the closet. Then daughter Carolyn arrived, and the blue ribbon was relegated to the closet once more. This time the blue ribbon finally made it to the front door. Henry Bullard Harris, IV was born at 5:03 a.m. on April 29. At 8 lbs, 10 oz., he outweighed his sisters by almost 2 lbs. "It was quite a shocker for Mom," said Linda. Congratulations, Linda and Hank.

Proud grandparents Nancy and Bill Kennedy announce that their daughter Denis delivered on May 15 a baby girl. Laura Denis joins sister Nancy, Grace and Courtney Callaghan Koenig.

GRADUATES! TELL US YOUR PLANS FOLLOWING GRADUATION. THE JUNE ISSUE OF BROOKNOTES IS DEDICATED TO YOU.

ARE YOU A NEW NEIGHBOR? DO YOU HAVE A NEW BABY? DID YOUR CHILD WIN AN AWARD, OR PLAY ON A WINNING TEAM? PLEASE LET BROOKNOTES IN ON YOUR GOOD NEWS BY DROPPING OFF A NOTE TO 34 BRIGHTON RD.

BABYSITTER LIST

In last month's *Brooknotes*, we asked for a list of babysitters in the neighborhood. Below is the response we received. If you would like to be included on the list, please submit your information to the pool mailbox at 77 Wakefield. Mark your entry "For *Brooknotes*."

Katherine Bradshaw, 351-5489, age 12

Rising 7th grader at Lovett. Most weekends; weekdays and weekends during summer.

Anne Townshend Bradshaw, 351-5489, age 10

Rising 5th grader at Lovett. Most weekends; weekdays and weekends during summer

Kristin Feeley, 355-5104, age 11

Hours: Monday-Thursday after 3:00 p.m., and every other weekend. (In summer more hours will be available). References: Susan Young (351-7202) and Nancy Bramlett (351-3609).

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, 352-8812, age 14

Available evenings and some days during summer. Graduating in June from Christ the King, rising 9th grader at Pace Academy. References: Allison Lancaster (812-0158), Susan Young (351-7202). Address: 260 Brighton Road.

Mary Margaret Murphy, 351-3938, age 14

Usually not available on weeknights during school year; otherwise all the time. Address: 23 Wakefield.

Elizabeth Robinson, 875-3631, age 11

Daytime sitting June and July. References available upon request.

Charles Slick, 872-9393, age 11

Rising 5th grader at Lovett. Daytime sitting. References: Harvey Ross (897-1077).

Anne Slick, 872-9393, age 12

Rising 7th grader at Lovett. Daytime and nighttime sitting. References: Harvey Ross (897-1077) and Elizabeth Nadal (874-9534).

John Weitnauer, 355-2803, age 13

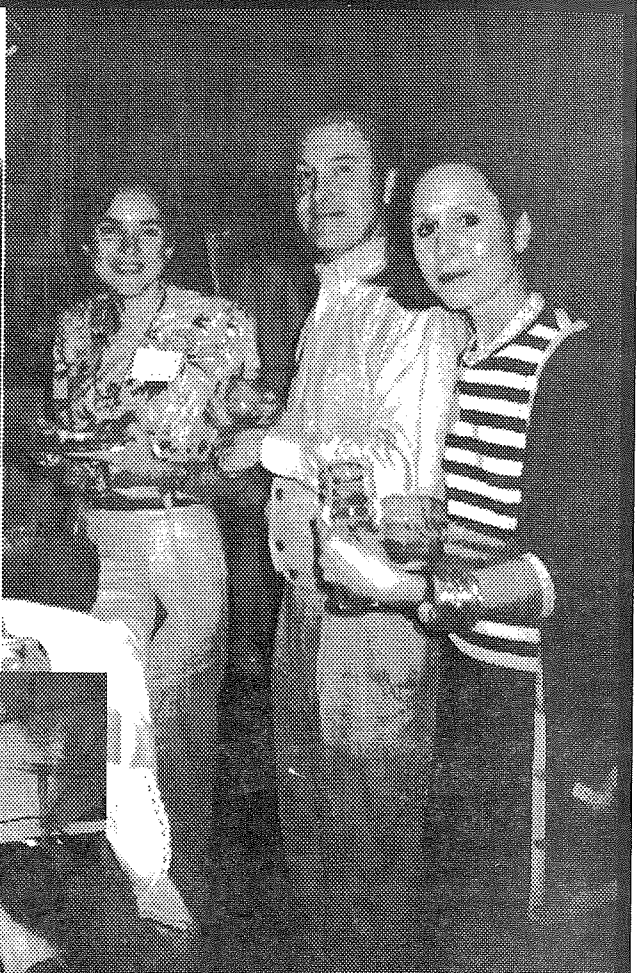
Available Friday at 3:40 through Sunday. References: Elizabeth Hale (350-0842); Katherine Menefee (352-8278); Cary Weems (355-4716).

Carson Weitnauer, 355-2803, age 15

Available Friday at 3:40 through Sunday, weekdays during summer. 9th grader at Westminster, 1 year of experience babysitting. Life Boy Scout, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid and Lifesaving merit badges, in addition to others. References: Cary Weems (355-4716).

Pelham Wilder, 876-0716, age 13 (male)

Prefers children 2 and older. Address: 7 Montclair Drive.



**1996 Acorn Auction
Sponsored by the
Brookwood Hills
Garden Club**

Taking advantage of the delicious Greek food and plentiful drink prior to the start of the live auction are, clockwise from top left, Mal Phillips and Sandra and Tom Player; Jane Jeter and Nils and Mimi Young; Katie Bollman (hostess), Elaine Moynihan and Sarah Hagood; Diane Epstein, Diane Ray, Marilyn Kohla, Katrina Newton and Karen Grice.

Next Issue - The Cancer Party

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inspired by the background information provided by Mal on the pearls: "Jackie O wore these when she was naked." In an effort to justify his extravagance, Hank could only say "It's for the trees."

The evening reached its zenith as the trip to Katie Bollman's home in Bermuda came on the auction block. Those that had failed to win vacations to Montecarlo, Cashiers, Highlands, Santa Rosa, Dataw Island, Lake Burton or Maine gripped their paddles with renewed determination. This one would not slip through their fingers. Sensing the agitation of the crowd, Mal Phillips observed, "Does it get any more exciting than this?"

The bidding proceeded fervently, spurred on by Mal: "It's pink, it's lovely. The great thing about Bermuda is it's always perfect. You feel like you're in another country, because you know what? You are in another country." When the dust had cleared, former Camden residents Charles and Kathy Jones had pledged \$5,100 for the privilege of spending four nights at Katie's island villa.

By evening's close, the auction had grossed over \$32,000, nearly double the amount raised in 1994. A significant portion of the funds have been earmarked by the Garden Club for use by the Community Club in replacing and maintaining neighborhood trees. It was a truly stupendous neighborhood effort, from which all of us will reap the rewards.

Brookwood Diary

Date: Tuesday, May 14

Time: 10:40 a.m.

Place: Huntington Road

Speed-walker Mary Long is cruising down Huntington when a silver-gray fox, ears erect, prances across the lawns of Huntington and leaps into the woods behind the Richardsons' home at 101 Huntington. The wonders of living in an urban forest...

A Word of Thanks

On behalf of the membership of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club, I would like to thank our many neighbors for getting involved in our "Acorn Auction."

We especially would like to thank our five "Gold Medal Sponsors," who contributed a most generous \$1000 each. They are:

Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, Inc.

Neal Heery of Coldwell Banker

Patti Junger of Buckhead Brokers

Karen Mullinax of Harry Norman Realtors

Sean C. Boyd of The Fidelity Group Mortgage and Financial Services



Thank you, "Gold Medalists!"

Silver Contributions of \$500 were given by **Brookwood Village and Peachtree Battle Shopping Center.**

Bronze Contributions of \$250 to \$150 were given by **Elizabeth Nadal, Smith & Howard, P.C., CPA'S and Tech Rentals, Inc.**

We also want to thank the neighbor merchants who made donations of money, prizes and materials: **A&P, Buckhead Printing, Cafe Intermezzo, Carbuffs, The Cleaners, Cobblestone Shoe Repair, Duron Paints, Easy Way Out, The Framers, Granny Taught Us How, Home Depot, Hospitality House, King's Drugs, La Fiesta Cantina, Mailboxes, McNeely's Restaurant, Miami Subs, Nuevo Laredo Mexican Restaurant, The Original Pancake House, Oxford Too, Palisades Restaurant, Paris Market, Piedmont Health & Fitness Club, Sandler Hudson Gallery, Starbucks, Suntrust Bank, and Wolf Camera.**

As you encounter and patronize these special business people, I hope you will remember to tell them that you noticed and appreciated their participation in the Acorn Auction '96.

In a special Platinum category are **Chairman Sandra Player** and our gracious hostess **Katie Bollman**. **Mal Phillips** and his assistant **Tom Player** were magnificent auctioneers. Also, our many warm-hearted and hard-working members, neighbors, and friends of the neighborhood deserve a special round of appreciation, for without your bright ideas, special items, and hard work, this auction would not and could not happen.

The Garden Club is pleased to present the proceeds of the auction to the Civic Association, for the specific purpose of reforestation of the neighborhood after Hurricane Opal's "relandscaping."

"What goes around, comes around!" Everyone helped, and everyone will benefit, hopefully for generations to come!

Thank you all, very, very much.

**Elizabeth St. John,
President 1996-97
Brookwood Hills Garden Club**

A Playwright in BWH

by Deirdre Stiles

Before leaving on vacation or running away from (or into) the Olympic pandemonium, make plans to see Monument Street written by our BWH neighbor Bob Simmermon. Bob and Judy have lived on Montclair in Brookwood for three years and the play is Bob's first foray into writing for the stage.

Talking to Bob, I was amazed at how simple he makes writing and producing a play sound. Like so many aspiring writers, he started with an idea and a blank page. Unlike other writers, Bob's play has ended up being a full theatrical production thanks in part to funding he received from a New York foundation. Described as a dramatic comedy about "a man who has lost his connection to his emotional and spiritual essence," the play promises to be thought provoking as well as entertaining.

Writing is not Bob Simmermon's "real" job. He has been a full-time practicing psychotherapist in Atlanta for 18 years and sits on the boards of the Psychotherapy Association Foundation and the American Psychotherapy Association. As a member of the film committee of the American Psychotherapy Association, he has worked to form a bridge between the two fields he loves: psychotherapy and media.

So, how do you go from psychotherapist to playwright? The connection seems obvious to Bob and his wife Judy. The two met while in school at Indiana University where Bob was interested in film and theater as well as psychology. Upon graduation, many of his friends went off to careers in screen writing, directing and theater, while Bob and Judy decided to "be practical" and go to graduate school, both earning their doctorates in psychology. After living overseas and teaching in Greece and other parts of Europe, they settled in Atlanta and set up separate practices.

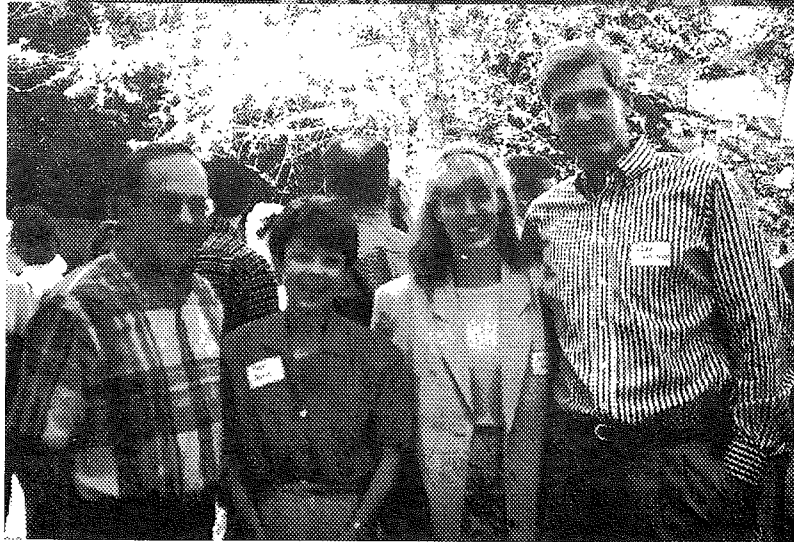
Over the years, Bob stayed in touch with many of his college friends who are in the industry and was always reading scripts or screen plays. He has consulted on episodes of M*A*S*H, Hill Street Blues, and Newhart. "After reading other people's work for years, you get to a point in your life when you realize that you have something to say," states Bob, who started writing about six years ago. His first work was a screen play which has already been optioned to a Hollywood production company. He has also written a story for a collection of works called *Out of the Blue* by the editors of the best selling book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

As for Monument Street, the title is taken from the name of a street he knew as a child. Stones quarried at the river were carried down this street to be used as monuments in the cemetery. While Bob drew much of his material for the play from his own life, his work as a therapist and from his studies of the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung, his inspiration came in the form of a painting entitled "Back to the Beginning" that he saw at a local gallery. The painting now hangs over the Simmermons' living room fireplace.

The play, which is rich in symbolism, centers on the transformation of a man's life. It is the tale of a successful, forty-something man named Arthur who despite his accomplishments has lost touch with life's meaning. The two-act play explores Arthur's journey, aided by his sometimes scoundrel of a therapist named Hoffman, to rediscover his true self. The playbill synopsis declares that as part of this journey, Arthur "discovers that achievement is not self worth and propriety is no substitute for dignity."

Bob describes his concept of Monument Street as a sacred circle or mandala (to use the sanscrit word that Jung helped import into western thought) because the street literally begins at the river, ends at the cemetery and turns back to the beginning. In the play, Arthur's grandfather offers him this piece of wisdom: "Swim naked in the river every chance you get". I asked Bob if that quote came from his own grandfather. He shook his head "No." Was it his own advise to the audience perhaps? He smiled and nodded "Yes." Monument Street runs from June 6-9 at the 14th Street Playhouse/Main Stage and is being presented as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Georgia Psychological Foundation. All proceeds will benefit the inner city outreach program of the Academy Theater.

*Happy Birthday to Mrs. Helen Orr who turned 101 on
April 18.*



The Community Club Board of Directors hosted a party on Sunday, May 12 in honor of the new neighbors who have moved to Brookwood Hills within the last two years. The party was held at the home of Alison and Wright Caughman. Community Club President Hank Harris urged guests to join the pool and become involved in other neighborhood activities. "That's why you spent so much money to live here--to be part of a neighborhood," reminded Hank.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Pictured clockwise from top left are Amy O'Halloran, Katherine Wabler, Ciara O'Halloran and Jacqueline Wabler; Jay and Marcie Bowen listening to President Hank Harris's spiel; Margy and Bob Pastor with Kelly Kennedy and fiancée Mike Bernot.

Don't forget to water your trees.

POOL NEWS

Come and join the summer fun! We are happy to announce that the pool will open Memorial Day weekend. Saturday hours will be noon to 8:00 p.m. with special activities, including a moonwalk, a clown, games and a cookout. Hours for Sunday will be 12-8 p.m. and for Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The pool will be closed Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, May 31. Normal hours will commence on

Saturday, June 1, opening at 10 a.m. and closing at 9 p.m.

David Jones, a highly certified scuba instructor, is interested in offering a scuba program at our BWH pool. Class times will be determined by participants and availability of the pool. Any member interested should contact David Jones for more information on costs and equipment needed. (770) 425-2310.

Mark your calendars! NPU Meeting Wednesday June 5. Come voice your opinion about the JCC development by Trammell Crow. See page 2.

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Board of directors will be at the home of Nancy and Jeff Bramlett, 18 Camden Road. If you would like to attend, please call Nancy at 351-3609. All Community Club members are welcome.

CLASSIFIEDS

- **Home for Exchange Student.** United Studies Student Exchange is looking for families to open their home to a high school student from another country for the upcoming school year. For more information, please contact Robin Kessler (404) 687-8149. BWH Reference, Beverly and Elizabeth Stacy, 351-5620.
- **Car Wash and Detailing in your Driveway.** Call David Siegel, 352-1521. Will clean your car inside and out for \$25; plus wax \$40 (price may vary for Suburban).
- **Found - 2 Tablecloths.** These tablecloths were left at my door Friday, May 10. One is blue and white check, the other white with embroidery. Garden Club members, could you have left these after your meeting that Friday? Call Virginia Latham, 228 Camden, 352-5886.
- **Math Tutor.** Cannon Wilson, daughter of Sandra and Tom Player, graduate of Westminster and Denison University, and a math teacher at Sweetwater Middle School. Any math through the high school level. \$20 hour. 351-4519.
- **Camp Cool 1996.** Camp Cool is on! A long-time Brookwood Hills tradition, Camp Cool is open to ages 4-6 this year, and will take place on June 19, 20 and 21. The hours are 9:00-1:00 and the cost is \$60. For more information and/or a brochure, call Emily Withrow (352-1315) or Sarah Parker (355-2303).
- **Helping Hands.** Need some help this summer? Call "Helping Hands for Hire." Serving our BWH neighbors for 4 years. Will water plants, pick up mail/paper, feed pets, etc. when you are out of town. Contact Virginia or James Porter at 355-8876.
- **Pet and Plant Sitting.** Willing to take care of dogs, cats and other animals May 20 through July 8, 1996. Will also water plants, bring in mail, etc. Please call Anni Lindenberg, 351-0541.
- **Babysitter Needed.** Between June 3 and 21 to pick up girls after school and help with homework. Occasional errands. Must be an experienced driver. Please call Sandy Wilcox at (404) 870-0388.
- **Found at Park.** Child's lavender umbrella and infant's blue/white striped sun hat. Call Deirdre Stiles, 249-9544.
- **Found at Park.** Bicycle Helmet. Call Larre Holladay at 249-7486.

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