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Number of Dog Bitings Reported—

Do you Know Where Your Dog Is?

Special Report

In recent months there have been a growing number of complaints about the large number of stray dogs that roam our neighborhood. Several children in Brookwood have been attacked and bitten as have a number of adult joggers. Each dog owner should be aware that, should his unleashed pet bite someone, he may be vulnerable to a lawsuit for negligence by the victim, particularly if the dog has a previous history of biting. A child sustaining a serious dog bite may well carry the scars for the rest of his or her life.

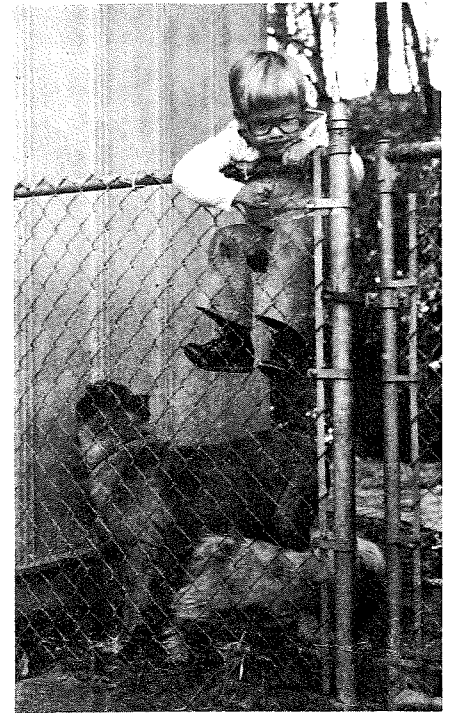
While bites are certainly the most serious aspect of the problem, there have been a number of other dog-related complaints from Brookwood residents. Many small children have been frightened by strange dogs and some refuse to play even on their own property when it is invaded by these unleashed animals. Walkers and joggers have sometimes resorted to carrying sticks or cans of mace to fend off dogs

who may be only curious but whose intentions are unclear. Responsible dog owners claim that they are unable to walk leashed dogs because they are soon surrounded by unleashed dogs. Finally, residents complain of damage to shrubbery, lawns and other property, as well as aggravation caused by excrement on their sidewalks and in their yards.

The "leash law" governing the City of Atlanta is simple and unambiguous. All dogs are to be confined to the owner's property or are to be on a leash not more than six feet in length controlled by a competent person. According to a supervisor of the Fulton County Animal Control Board a court appearance and fines ranging from \$25-\$250 are the penalty for violation. Complainants may contact the Animal Control office, 794-0358, and in most cases will be able to remain anonymous.

On January 30, John Hunsinger, 47 Woodcrest, sent a letter to Linda Copeland

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Kevin Abernethy checks out his dogs' security system.

Community Club President—

Linda Copeland Takes Control

by Marcia Abernethy

Linda Copeland, energetic and community minded, is the new President of the Brookwood Hills Civic Association, who is intent on maintaining the high standard of Brookwood Hills' living.

A Florida native, Linda was born in Miami, and grew up in Jacksonville. Her love for travel found her at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. After graduating in economics, she moved to Atlanta to work at the Federal Reserve Bank's research department.

Her husband, Dean, whom she met in Jacksonville during a college spring break, grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, attended Ole Miss, and obtained his law degree from Yale. He also moved to Atlanta after college and went to work for Alston, Miller and Gaines where he is still employed. Linda and Dean were married a year later and Linda worked part-time at the Federal

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The Copelands — Albie, Linda, Dean, and Braden.

Editorial Comment— Clear Creek Is Anything But Clear

The widening of I-85 has resulted in numerous breaks in a main sewer trunk line, which then feeds enormous volumes of raw sewage (sometimes for weeks at a time) into Clear Creek. The clean-up and repair work on the trunk line progresses at a snails pace and appears to begin only after a lot of prodding by Brookwood residents. Since the construction is expected to continue for three years, it seems reasonable to assume that we have not experienced the last sewer break.

Please Help! If you smell the odor of sewage at anytime, please call in a complaint. Keep a record of your call — person's name, time and date. Follow-up on your calls to see if there are any results.

Suggested numbers to call:
Waldo Bennett, Atlanta Office of Pollution Control—/Sewer System Evaluation, 352-2208.

Atlanta Sewer Complaints— 658-7822.
Henry Pope, head of I-85 construction project with D.O.T.— 627-1313.



1981-82 Board of Directors

New Directors for the Brookwood Hills Community Club are from left (standing) Frank Chew, Neal Ray, Robert McCallum, Kay Summers, Jack Heisel, Margaret Murphy, Steve Dana, Priscilla Hopkins, John Bonner, (Seated) Julius Lennard, Linda Copeland, and Liz Primm. Other Directors are Tom Player, Steve Segal, Oscar Persons, Felix Robb, and Tom Benham.

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Reserve Bank until their daughter, Albie, was born.

Albie, 12 years old, attends Westminster and is a serious student of ballet. Her brother, Braden, 9 years old, also attends Westminster and loves all sports, especially soccer, basketball, and baseball.

This is Linda's third year on the board of officers for Brookwood Hills. The past two years, she was very active in the pool renovations. She also finds time for a part-time catering business with Barbara Persons, playing on the Brookwood Hills' ALTA tennis team, and serves as Junior League treasurer.

Dean enjoys yardwork, gardening, tennis, and was Braden's soccer team

coach last fall. He was also a Rhodes Scholar and attended Oxford in England which led to a family trip this March to England. Dean is still very involved with the Rhodes Scholar program, serving as head of the Southern District Selection Committee.

Linda's main objective is to get the entire neighborhood involved. She said volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. She wants to maintain security by keeping the present system and will work hard with the tree replacement program. Her concluding statement was "to make the people of Brookwood Hills my friends and keep the neighborhood a nice place to live for my family and everyone else's."

Beautification Gift For Brookwood Hills

by Gene D'Angelo

Mrs. Linton Johnson, who resided at 168 Huntington until her death a few months ago, generously bequeathed a considerable sum of money to the Brookwood Hills Community Club. Margaret was interested in gardening and very concerned for the well-being of Brookwood's aging oaks and her gift will be used for neighborhood beautification.

Margaret was a long-time resident of Brookwood, since her parents built a house at 82 Huntington in the 1920s. She later moved to 168 Huntington. She was a retired teacher in the Fulton County School System. Her children, Nancy Johnson Bounds, an executive with CBS in Paris, and Linton Earle Johnson, a financial consultant in New York, were a great source of pride to her. They both hold graduate degrees from the prestigious Wharton School of Finance and Commerce.

Margaret was my next door neighbor from the time our family moved to Brookwood Hills some years ago. She became a surrogate grandmother to my children, giving them that special one-to-one attention. Their first "paying" jobs were doing simple chores for "Aunt Margaret." We all have fond memories of her to cherish and I'm sure the neighborhood joins me in expressing our appreciation for her gift to the neighborhood.

Pool Party Planned For Friday, June 19

The pool will open the first week of June, although the exact date has not been decided. There will be a pool party Friday, June 19.

E. Rivers Carnival Saturday, April 25

Neighborhood children are invited to the 12th Annual E. Rivers Carnival Saturday, April 25. Festivities will last from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Palisades Residents Walter and Ginger Lambeth relate that the carnival will include a number of games for the very young, athletic events, hamburger walk, space walk, face painting, and other fun games.

Neighborhood Brownies Have Openings

Girls entering the second or third grade next fall are invited to join the neighborhood Brownie troop. Call Kitty Hawks, 351-3845, or Darla Bone, 873-1804.

May 1 Deadline

Renewals for Brookwood Hills Club memberships are due now. Deadline is May 1.

Newsmakers

New Faces

by Virginia Reynolds

Renting at 232 Parkdale Way are **Nancy Kamens**, Son **Ross**, who attends the University of Georgia, and Daughter **Kelly**, who attends Galloway School. Nancy is a freelance writer and a student at Georgia State.

172 Huntington is now the home of **Deborah** and **Stephen Rogers**. Stephen is from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and works for Arthur Andersen and Co., Deborah came to Atlanta 7 years ago from Boca Raton, Florida, and is presently with the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. That is, until the birth of their first child the end of June.

The former home of Miss Lois Hansard, 82 Huntington, is now home to **Steven** and **Jane Smith**. A Maryland native, Steve has lived in Atlanta for 10 years. Jane has been here for 6 years, moving from West Virginia. She attended the U. of Ga. and Steve attended Duke. Steve is with Prudential in the Real Estate Investment Corporation and Jane works for Ford Motor Credit Co. in their Real Estate Division. They are members of Atlanta Yacht Club and their hobby is competitive sailing.

John (Kit) and **Betsy Weitnauer** are new faces at 111 Brighton, the former home of James Rankins. Kit is an attorney with Alston, Miller, and Gaines and Betsy is presently the Executive Director of Special Audiences, Inc. until early June when she is expecting their first child. Kit grew up in Decatur and attended both Washington and Lee and Georgia Law School. Betsy is a native Atlantan who attended Westminster and Smith. They are members of The Cathedral of St. Philip.

Welcome to **Dr. Brantley Burns** who married the former Lyniece Talmadge on Feb. 7, 1981, at Peachtree Rd. United Methodist Church. They live at 210 Brighton. Dr. Burns is a gastroenterologist at Piedmont Hospital.

Room Needed

Young English woman working at St. Philip Cathedral Towers needs an inexpensive room or garage apartment. Call the Rev. Ken Kinnett, 91 Huntington, 876-7777.

T-Ball Interest?

John Tucker has arranged an informal neighborhood T-ball team for youngsters 4-6 years of age. Practice/play will be Saturdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the park. Call John if interested; 321-1765 (office), 872-3435 (home).

New Arrivals

by Beth Grey

Michael Baras was born 10-3-80 to Tom and Leslie Benham of 21 Palisades. He is their first child.

Elizabeth Sewell Stokes, the second daughter of Jim and Esther Stokes, was born 12-18-80. The Stokes live at 129 Palisades.

Stuart Holmes Bracken, the second son of Chris and Brenda Bracken, was born 12-30-80. The Brackens live at 50 Camden.

Harry and Louise Eichelberger of 25 Palisades, have a second son, born 2-23-81. His name is **John Gibbs**.

John Dwyer Horton was born 3-11-81. He is the first child of Judy and John Horton, 14 Montclair.

New Books

Karen O'Connor, 100 Palisades, is the author of *Women's Organizations' Use of the Courts* (Lexington, Mass., Lexington Books, D.C. Heath, 1980). **Sue Trotter**, 58 Montclair, is one of six authors of *From Kudzu to the Ivy. How to Find Your College: A Southerners' Guide to Northeastern Colleges*.

Emergency Information

The police phone number to call in an emergency is 658-6666. Remain calm, identify yourself, give your address, and tell them you live in Zone 2.

Letter to the Editor:

61 Brighton Rd., N.E.

Dear Editor,

Monday, March 23, I was attacked by a neighbor's dog, while jogging. This dog ran out into the street, barking viciously, and bit my leg (puncture bite through thick warm-up pants). It seems that joggers must not only beware of potholes, cars and muggers, but of dogs also. This is absurd! Not only is it rude, irresponsible and insensitive for people to let their dogs roam the streets unattended, it is against the law. Furthermore, the owner of the dog that bit me had failed to renew the dog's inoculation against rabies which had expired about 7 months ago. Not only am I shocked and angry, I am concerned about my health. Even if the owner does pay the doctor's fees, he or she cannot make up for the trauma I experienced nor for the inconvenience of doctor's visits and daily care and worry over the wound.

Presidential Thoughts

Dear Neighbors,

For most of us a very important part of our life is our home. For those of us who live in Brookwood Hills our "home" is also our wonderful neighborhood.

We live contained midst beautiful trees with our own recreational area, yet we are very close to the cultural and business centers of Atlanta. We have neighbors of varied ages and interests who seem to enjoy being "neighborly." Members of our community have gotten together to form co-ops for babysitting and produce-buying. We have a neighborhood newspaper. Our houses are individualized and well cared for. We also have an organized community club that tries to help us maintain, improve, and make safe our Brookwood Hills community.

As president of this organization for 1981, I would like to ask that we take a moment to think about our good fortune—that we live in Brookwood Hills. Let us continue to demonstrate our pride in it, whether it be flying our flags on the Fourth of July, putting candles in our windows for the December holidays, or picking up a piece of trash in our park or on our streets. And, let us keep up with the happenings in our community, such as the special clean-up day we are planning for May, by reading the **Brookwood Byword**.

Linda Copeland
Board President

Have a New Car?

If you have a new car, remember to get a Brookwood bumper sticker from Liz Primm, 64 Brighton. She needs the make, model, color, and license number of your car.

Now when I run I carry a riding crop to beat away the dogs and I wear heavy sweat pants to help protect my legs. Along with these, I take with me a new fear.

With much concern,
Ellen Hale

Editor's Note: Ellen Hale, an honors student and class officer at Westminster, is the owner of a dauchshund. She keeps the dog comfortably fenced in an area of her back yard, is responsible that the dog's shots are current, and keeps a medical record at home. When her dog is out of the enclosure it is walking at heel or on a leash or riding in the car with one of the family.

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Dog Problems

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recounting an incident in which three dogs attacked him while he was jogging on New Camden. He requested that Linda take action in her capacity as President of the Brookwood Hills Community Club to help correct this growing problem in our neighborhood. Linda responded by writing a letter to New Camden residents asking that they comply with the Atlanta "leash law" for the good of our neighborhood. Linda's letter is printed below in accord with her feeling that it is most properly addressed to all Brookwood residents:

Dear Neighbors:

In response to John Hunsinger's letter about his being attacked by dogs on Monday night, January 26, while running on New Camden, I have told him that according to the Atlanta "leash law," Section 14-4041 of the Atlanta City Code, that he has very right to request the Fulton County Health Department to impound those dogs.

Since John reported his incident to me, I have heard about two previous occasions when joggers on New Camden were actually bitten.

These occurrences should not be happening in our neighborhood. As Brookwood Hills neighbors we should all be considerate of one another and keep our neighborhood safe and pleasant for outdoor activities. Certainly we should not allow our pets to destroy our environment.

Please be aware of the City of Atlanta leash law and keep your pets confined — for the well being of your neighbors and that of your pet.

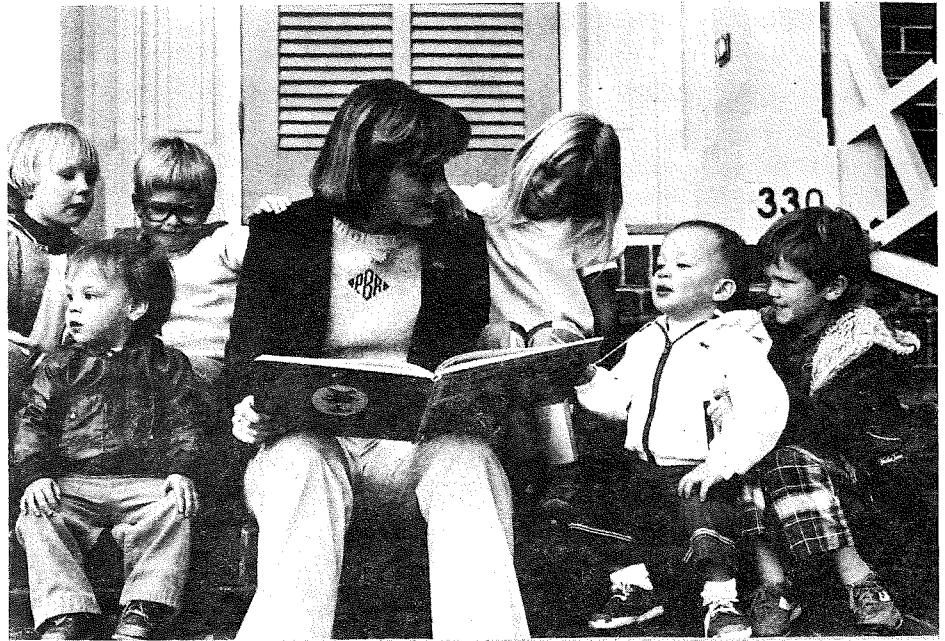
Sincerely,

Linda L. Copeland

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TV Star René Burdett and neighborhood youngsters.

Lights, Camera, Action!

by Marcia Abernethy

René Burdett, 356 Camden, is an up and coming television star. She can be seen noon Saturday on Channel 11's "Rainbow Magic," a children's show.

René, daughter of Pat and Byrd Burdett, is a junior at Northside High School, where she learned about the program auditions through a new course, School Without Walls. Out of 87 students who auditioned, only four were selected.

Every week, René has communications classes at Channel 11. She is taught basic communication skills, has exams, and earns regular school credit. She and her three co-workers take a central theme—ecology, health, etc.—and "write the scripts, film, act, edit, and produce the show." They also incorporate scripts of

other features that are interesting and entertaining to children.

Besides her responsibilities at the television station, René is an incredibly busy person. Her other activities include Junior Class President, Beta Club, Who's Who of American High School Students, top five percent of her class, cheerleader for two years, and Brookwood Hills Swim Team. She is also a state semi-finalist for the Governor's Honors Program and plans on attending special sessions this summer.

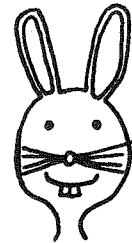
A natural for television, the Barbara Walters of Brookwood Hills, René wisely wants to study communications in college. Her parents are extremely proud of her and you will see why if you put some magic into your children's lives and tune into "Rainbow Magic." Happy viewing!

Easter Egg Hunt Monday, April 13

The Easter Bunny and his "friends" will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the park Monday, April 13, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. All neighborhood children first grade and under are invited. (Must be accompanied by an adult.)

The Easter Bunny (Brookwood Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops and the Brookwood Garden Club) reports that there will be other activities in addition to the egg hunt. All at no charge.

Look for posters around the neighborhood for more details.



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