

# View from the Canyon

Reporter Lisa-Lou Cash with all the latest news and views direct from Topanga Canyon.

## WAVE OF UFO ACTIVITY

*Hits Topanga Canyon*

STRANGE ACTIVITY was reported in the skies above Topanga Canyon on the night of June 20th. From 9:30pm to 11:30pm calls came pouring into the local police station. In total 23 UFO sightings were reported that night according to Officer Dean Roberts. The most bizarre came from a couple that claimed their car was chased by three flying objects as they drove up Canyon Blvd.

"At first I thought, 'Oh, maybe Hollywood is making a movie.' But then we noticed the damn thing didn't make any noise. We lost complete control of the car and it lifted us up into the sky. Yes that's right, it lifted us right up off the ground. I've never been more frightened in my life." recounted Topanga resident Laurence Oliver.

## FLARED PANTS

*Can save your life*

A TOPANGA CANYON MAN slipped 25 feet down a ravine while attempting to elude a local police officer after a fight broke out at the Roadhouse Bar when he refused to pay his \$23 tab. When the police found him, Jed Herms, 26, was hanging precariously from a branch. His bell bottoms' pant leg had caught onto a branch, breaking his fall.

"Those flared pants saved his life," insisted Detective Tom Burt.

While his leg was severely scratched, remarkably, Herms suffered no other injuries. Herms was ordered to pay back the 23 dollars and sentenced to 350 hours of community service for disturbing the peace.

## NUDISTS CHASED INTO TOWN

*By angry coyotes*

A GROUP OF 20 NUDISTS who had gathered to celebrate the full moon with a drumming session last Sunday were chased into town by a pack of angry coyotes.

"It was the funniest thing I've ever seen", said local Julia Landon. "They came rushing down the hill butt naked. I wanted to help them but I couldn't stop laughing."

Car horns eventually scared the coyotes away. A laughing epidemic quickly spread through the canyon. Echoes of laughter could be heard all through the night. The epidemic wasn't contained until the following morning. The nudists refused to comment on the story.

## LOCAL ARTIST WINS LOTTERY

*Not once but twice!*

WHEN WILL PIMPLE REALIZED he had won 25,000 dollars, not once but twice, he started howling like a wolf. Pimple, an artist who lives on the Morning Star commune nestled in the woodland hillside up on Topanga Canyon, received two lottery tickets from his girlfriend, Nancy Parker, as a birthday present.

"The first time I couldn't believe it," said the twice-lucky winner.

"The second time, I thought "God's on my side."

When asked what he planned to do with his winnings he said: "We're going to build a yoga studio and outdoor lavatories for the community. Then maybe we'll sail around the world?"

The odds against Pimple winning one million dollars in both games were a daunting one trillion to one.

## LAVA LAMP EXPLODES

*Burns local in his sleep*

BOBBY FALLS, AGE 32, is yet another victim of a lava lamp accident. The lava lamp, which he bought at a garage sale for two dollars the week before, exploded in his bedroom while he and his girlfriend were sleeping. When the glass shattered, the oily liquid went flying all over Falls' back. Jenny Jones woke up to her boyfriend screaming from pain.

"You can't trust anything that's man-made," she said.

Falls is currently recovering from 2nd degree burns. Several hundred injuries involving the "lava" filled light contraptions have been reported in the state of California this year alone.

## MEET PETE THE PARAKEET

*Topanga's newest hero*

A BURGLAR who was attempting to rob a house at 3am on June 4th was deterred by the sound of a dog barking. Only it wasn't a dog barking, it was a parakeet, mimicking a dog. Meet Topanga's newest hero, Pete, a 3 year old blue crowned green parakeet.

"People always told me he didn't quite sound like a dog, but I always felt he did," said Pete's keeper Bob Wilson. He explained: "His previous owners had a dog and so Pete picked up barking."

Wilson was awoken by the barking but didn't think anything of it until the following morning when he noticed some broken glass on the floor.

The intruder had taken just three steps before turning back in his tracks, leaving a trace: three muddy footprints. He was wearing Wurkensnocks, size 11 and is still on the loose.