

Helmut's high jinks

THEY'VE seen almost everything in the Hollywood Hills, but a 100-foot-high nude woman had everyone gasping the other night. The occasion was a book party for fotog Helmut Newton, and the nude in question was a blowup of the cover of his coffee-table tome "Sumo."

Helmut's publisher, Benedikt Taschen, hung the huge illustration from the roof of his futuristic house and had it backlit so it could be seen for miles around. Newton, who isn't happy if he isn't shocking someone, really appreciated the grand gesture.

Guests included Robert Evans (who's in the book) with Christine Peters, who works with him on the Paramount lot and is the paramour of studio owner Sumner Redstone. Sumner's aggrieved wife, you will recall, is seeking maybe \$3 billion as a divorce settlement.

Sargent and Eunice Shriver and son Bobby were there, along with Billy Wilder (another Newton subject), photographer Herb Ritz, Christie Hefner with designer Thierry Mugler, Nikki Haskell and producer Gary Pudney, and restaurateur Michael Chow and wife Ava.