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A Message from The President

With apologies to Garrison Keillor, not much news from Whitley Heights. Hopefully, by the time of our next newsletter, we should sign off on our final negotiations with Trizec Hahn. I don't want to jeopardize these delicate negotiations, but with the savvy stewardship of Jerry Leudders and Madeleine Beaumont, we should have a wonderful outcome to report by the publication of our next newsletter.

Incidentally, along with this month's newsletter, you should be receiving a card soliciting your interest about hiring a dedicated patrol car for the Hill. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it back in, whatever your opinion may be. If enough of us are interested, we could have a dedicated car patrol our neighbor to help alleviate crime.

Our Operation Clean Sweep project was such a success this year, with both the neighborhood and the City, that we are already considering doing another project for next year. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to Dick Lovell who spearheaded our last triumphant campaign.

I guess sometimes not much news can really be a lot.

Bob Bundens

MARCH 2000

March 3rd

Star-Spangled Banner named official national anthem in 1931.

Big Bake-Off Winner

Hill resident, Candy Barnhart, is one of the Winners in the Pillsbury Bake-Off in San Francisco. Cookbook is available at most market checkouts.

March 6

The Alamo falls during Texas War for Independence in 1836.

Faster & Faster

Did you know that California speed limits are set by clocking 100 cars, dropping the 15 fastest and using the 16th fastest as the limit?

March 15

Julius Caesar assassinated in Roman Senate, 44 B.C.

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

Better Patrols

Please respond to the postcard about better policing on the Hill.

March 22

Equal Rights Amendment is approved by Congress in 1974.

Keep It Clean

What public areas on the Hill need attention? Please call, write or Email your suggestion for the next beautification project.

MURIEL OF EMMET

by Schelley Kiah and Cass Coty

Recently we spent the most engaging evening with Muriel Gauvin of Emmet Terrace, who is probably Whitley Heights longest resident. The stories she had to tell and the things she remembered were fascinating. But, just picture living in Whitley Heights when the only paved road was Hollywood Blvd; and being situated so that you could see the few cars in the neighborhood trying to maneuver up and down the mud on Whitley Avenue during the winter rains. Imagine also being able to look out of your window on Emmet Terrace and have an unencumbered view of the houses on Whitley Terrace or due west and see the Pacific Ocean. When Muriel and her family, the Van Pattens, moved to Emmet Terrace in March of 1925, there were no mature trees, smog or apartment buildings; consequently, all of these vistas were possible.



Arthur S. Barnes, the principal architect and contractor of Hobart J. Whitley, built the Van Patten's house in 1920. He designed most of the houses in Whitley Heights. Whitley sent Barnes to Spain and Italy to study the detailing, architecture and landscapes of the Mediterranean. The houses he designed and built were unique to Los Angeles before 1920, but much copied afterwards. Several people told the Van Pattens that they had seen the original of their house in Italy. The accompanying photographs were taken of the interior of the house in 1925.

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Emmett (cont.)

Unfortunately, either because she was too young or people kept to themselves in those days, Muriel was unaware of her celebrity neighbors. It appears actresses Phyllis Haver and Jean Parker lived in 6621 and 6627 respectively. Between them, they starred in over 150 silent movies. While director Roland West of "Corsair" fame lived at 6665. He narrowly escaped a murder charge in the death of his second wife, actress Thelma Todd. She was found dead in her car after a heated argument. But when it was suggested she had been threatened by the mob because she refused to let them use the top floor of her restaurant for a gambling casino, West was released. A principal member of the Zoellner Quartet built and resided at 6615. And lovers William Eythe and Lon McCallister lived at 6689. Lon was a Hollywood juvenile lead in the 40's, but because of his diminutive size, his adult career was limited.

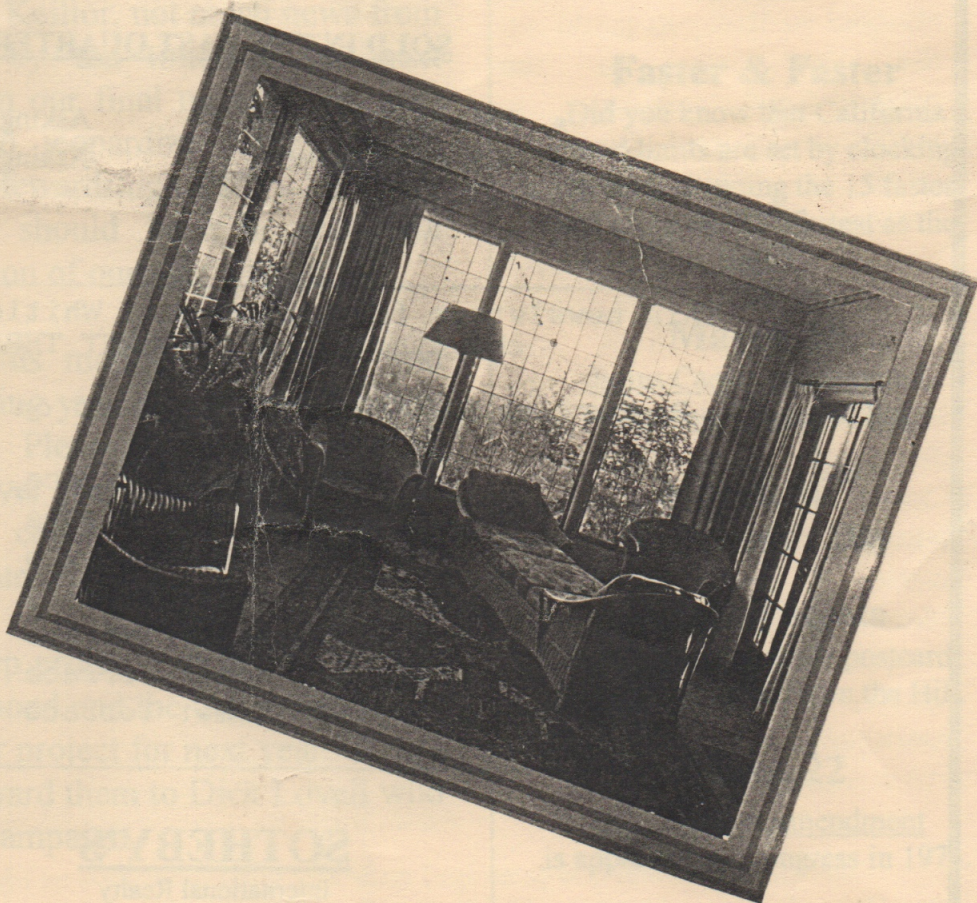
Our historical residents are distinguished, but our present day notables continue to shine: **Dennis Gassner** is a film production designer who works regularly with the Cohen Brothers, won an Oscar for his work on "Bugsy," and a BAFTA for "The Truman Show". From his office in his Emmett Terrace home, he has a clear view of the art deco Montecito apartment building on Franklin. It was the inspiration for the office building in the film "Hudsucker Proxy".

Amy Ness is a production supervisor and production manager with a long list of titles to her credit including "Men in Black," "Get Shorty" and "Forest Gump".

Andy Shuttleworth is a steadicam operator who emigrated from England where he shot 3 films with Kenneth Branagh. He is responsible for that phenomenal 3½ minute opening shot in "Boogie Nights" which won him significant industry recognition. His other credits include "Cinderella," "8MM" and "She's All That."

Lewis Segal is the dance critic for the LA Times. He received the Lester Horton Award for championing local dance; and, although photography is a hobby, his stills have appeared in the LA Times and as a movie poster for the film "Natural Causes" starring Ali McGraw and Linda Purl.

Elisa Rishwain is an interior designer and actress who is currently starring in Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue" in the South Bay. She has restored her sunny Mediterranean house to its original glory.



So you see, even if the city of Los Angeles took Ross Emmett Whitley's name in vain and dropped the last "t", we have managed to survive and prosper down here.

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CURRENTLY LISTED

- 6624 Whitley Terrace \$875,000
The Dr. Hans Schiff Residence, 1939 by Paul Laszlo. Important international style architecture with many innovative upgrades including superb new swimming pool. City views. Rare opportunity. An awesome property.
- 2022 Whitley Avenue \$599,000
Charming stylish Spanish. Gorgeous 1920's home with generous public spaces, plus a second living area on lower level. Very flexible floorplan could be studio/guesthouse/office/etc. Pretty gardens.

SOLD IN THE LAST QUARTER

- 6642 Emmet Terrace Asking \$299,000
- 2051 Kendra Court Asking \$650,000

This newsletter features one of Whitley Heights most charming streets--EMMET TERRACE!

Properties BARRY SLOANE has sold on Emmet Terrace

- 6636 Emmet Terrace
- 6642 Emmet Terrace
- 6643 Emmet Terrace
- 6665 Emmet Terrace
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- 6666 Emmet Terrace
- 6689 Emmet Terrace

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