

# CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR LEGAL TRUST FUND

The first Fund Raiser will be a Duo-piano Concert to be held Sunday March 25th at 3:30 in the afternoon at 6654 Whitley Terrace. The artists will be Rita Paskowitz Rubin and Masako Miyata performing a program including Mozart's 'Concerto in E-Flat', Schumann's 'Andante and Variations', Schubert's 'Fantasie in F-Minor' and 'Scaramouche Suite' by Milhaud. R and Masako met while both were studying under Jakob Gimbel at Cal State Northridge preparing for their Master's Degrees in Music. They have concertized both as soloists and as a duo since graduation. This will be a preview of the program they have prepared for a concert to be performed at Cal State Northridge on March 31st as a benefit for the Bronislaw Gimbel Memorial Fund.

Another concert will be performed by Theodora Carras Primes on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 in the afternoon at 2062 Watsonia Terrace. Theo's program will include Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata', Four Ballades by Chopin, and Prokofieff's 'Sonata No. 7 in B-Flat Major'. Theo was a protoge of Adolphe Baller, Founder of the Alma Trio. Her recent performances include the Liszt E-Flat Concerto performed with the Los Angeles Solo Repertory Orchestra, Joint recitals with Tenor Renaldo Bellini in Colorado and California, all Chopin recitals in Berkeley and Los Angeles, Performances with the Prometheus Quartet over radio station KFAC and a theme and variation concert at Schoenberg Hall at UCLA.

Performances for each concert will be \$15.00 per person. Light refreshments will be served after both performances. These talented neighbors have graciously volunteered to open their homes and to perform for the express purpose of aiding our Legal Trust Fund. It behooves all of us to support their endeavors. Please plan to attend yourselves and encourage friends to attend these musical afternoons held in the outstanding settings of two of Whitley Height's most unique homes that have not previously been open to the public. Seating is limited so you are urged to make reservations by calling Carol Hartsock (850-0355) or Dick Lewis (851-1662) for either or both performances. Tickets will also be available from all Whitley Heights area representatives.

"Snips and snails and puppy dog tails, that's what little boys are made of." So say Robin, Suzanne & Jennifer about their brother Brent Robert. Baby Brent entered the world on November 25 to proud parents Kathy and Robert Ignico on Wedgewood Place.

Clark Gillie is excited to announce the arrival of a sister, Charlotte Prescott Gillie on February 20th. Clark reports that his parents, Jim & Jamie are fine as is his sister, thanks in part to Grandma Katherine Gillie's help.

Tempe (Elizabeth) Hale of Whitley Terrace is delighted to announce a new hill resident, a brother to be called Charlie by his intimates. February 17 was the eventful day. The elder Hale's, Bill & Trude, had no comment when queried. (By Carol Gilbert)

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Many changes were discussed at a meeting Brian Moore and Rick Gates had with Councilwoman Stevenson, her Deputy Sylvia Yuster, Lt. Zachary of the Holly wood Police Division, and Hugh Gillman of Transportation.

It was agreed the curb on the west side of Las Palmas between Milner and BonAir should be changed to a red curb because the workers from 2039 Las Palmas are parking on the West side, making it im-

possible to pass.

The signs on Grace which have been painted over will be replaced again with new signs. And the Police promised to enforce the signs and red curbs more diligently at those locations and on Whitley Avenue. The County is to be commended for being so prompt in putting up their "No Parking" signs on Milner between Las Palmas and Highland. It only took a few days and what a change that's made. Hopefully the City will be as prompt. (By Jim Gillie)

In the summer of '82 two longtime residents and property owners in the Wilcox/Yucca area, John Ehretz and Craig Dennis, contacted the WHCA for advice. Pres.Brian Moore attended several meetings and helped them organize into what is now known as W.A.V.E.

newly refurbished Hollywood Hawaiian apartments was held to acknowledge a dramatic reversal of the blight process. Five apartment complexes, the northernmost one being the Padre, have been or are in the process of being rehabilitated. In attendance or receiving awards of merit were Peggy Stevenson, Ira Reiner and many other notables.

Many Whitley Heights residents were there to express interest and gratitude for the good efforts of W.A.V.E., among them were the Whitfields, Brian Moore, Bob Primes, Jim Mathes, and Ed. Balin. (By Ed Balin)

We need complaints! Our streets are in awful condition. This is the time to do something about it. Please send me any pictures, anectdotes, citations, hospital bills, tape recordings of rattles in your when you bump over the crevices in the street. Anything. need it all to improve the surface of our streets before closure. The more On Tuesday, Feb. 28, an event at the information we have the stronger our case will be when presented to City Hall. Jim Gillie, Chairman, Traffic and Safety. 463-3089

#### FOOTHILL PATROL

Have you seen all the Westec Security signs so prominently displayed by the larger Westec Co? The staff at Foothill are remaining with Westec. project that the only change in service may be an improvement. At present, the phone number used for Foothill is still operational. Patrol members will be notified when that number is changed. Should you have any problems with the patrol service, members are welcome to call Eddie Perrez at Foothill Patrol. (By Carol Gilbert)

VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE!!!

Well, now that we've got your attention, I'm happy to report there really was no massacre. However, on Felbruary 14, your Closure Committee consisting of Jim Gillie, Mary Jackson, Jim Mathes, Bruce Miller, Brian Moore, Robert Primes and Doug Crawford of Access Control Co. stormed City Hall to meet with Larry Burks, Division Engineer with the Los Angeles Street Opening & Widening Division (this includes street closure) and our good friend Sylvia Yuster of Councilwoman Pedggy Stevenson's office.

Mr. Burks' department makes the determination whether or not our plan for street closure is sound from a safety and engineering point of view. Our biggest challenge will be to figure out ways for trucks and larger vehicles to turn around should they inadvertantly find themselves blocked by one of our gates. To this end, we must have graded engineering diagrams of each of our sites made up and we are currently looking for a civil engineer with a background of working with the City to work with us. If you should have any recommendations, please call Bob Primes at 851-8444.

The good news is that the City reiterated that they would continue to provide street lighting, sewer, storm drains, water system, police, fire, and garbage collection. The only thing they wouldn't provide would be street maintainance. Brian suggested going after the Gas Company to properlyrestore our streets and their recent subterranean intrusions. Further good news was that recent legislation makes it legal to obtain power from adjacent residences rather than have to bring it in at great cost from DWP manholes.

For those of you who keep asking, "When will we get closure?" we can only answer that none of us have ever done this exact thing before (nor has hardly any one else). It is complicated, expensive, it takes time, but we believe it is the best thing that can happen to our 'hill' and will be for genera-tions to come. Thanks for your support. (Robert Primes, Chairman, Closure Committee)

#### TRASH COLLECTION REMINDER

It has been noticed that because so many gardners make their rounds early on Thursdays, trash and garbage is being set out on Thursday mornings. This is unsightly and unhealthful, particularly as we approach warmer . weather. Please keep trash cans, etc. off the street until after 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and comply with the City Ordinance so stating. You can do a Tot to help keep Whitley Heights clean and beautiful by simply observing this sensible ordinance.

ATTEND THE BENEFIT CONCERTS!

#### COUNTY PLANTING

At the request of the WHCA, Los Angeles County, through Pat Moore at the Hollywood Bowl, has agreed to extend the Ligurstrum Hedge now planted on the north side of Milner Road between Highland and Las Palmas, on up Milner Road as far as the County Property runs. Hopefully, this will not only provide a good visual screen, but will make it more difficult for people to climb over the fence from the park to our streets. Look for this to be accomplished before the start of the 1984 Hollywood Bowl Season.

## DISTINGUISHED WHITLEY HEIGHTS RESIDENT MOVES TO MANHATTAN BEACH

"Hugo" Primes, longterm resident and tireless worker on Whitley Heights auctions, parties and other civic affairs moved from his Watsonia Terrace home to Manhattan Beach last October. Hugo almost certainly carried more tables, chairs, video playback equipment, barricades, etc. than anyone else on the Hill these past five years. While it's true his 4448 pound weight made him uniquely qualified to do this work, we are nonetheless proud to have worked with him.

Hugo was delivered to Theo & Bob Primes of Watsonia Terrace in December, 1969, in San Francisco. "He always was a good truck," sniffed Bob, wiping a moist spot from his eye, "He never, ever, let us down; he could carry anything!"

When asked why he was moving away, Hugo confided that while he loved Whitley Heights, he was 91 thousand miles old and just hitting his stride. He felt there was more "action" down in Manhattan Beach and hoped to meet a nice 'pick' up truck. (By Hugo's Fan Club)

### COME JOIN US

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION? IF YOU AREN'T,

DO YOU LIVE IN WHITLEY HEIGHTS?

DO YOU LIVE IN WHITLEY PARK?

ARE YOU A HOMEOWNER?

ARE YOU A TENANT?

FIND OUT HOW HOW YOU CAN BECOME AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AND RESPONSIBLE RESIDENT IN THE WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION STARTING RIGHT NOW. CALL DICK LEWIS (851-1662) OR GINI COL-VIG (851-2664).

APPLAUSE FOR THESE HOMEOWNERS

Due to the special springtime weather we all have been enjoying many homeowners have taken advantage of the opportunity to make significant improvements on or about their property. We would like to call your attention to those whose time, effort, and money have made their properties more attrac-Rick Gates on Las Palmas

- Bob Carroll on Milner Road
- Robert Ignico on Wedgewood Place
- Scott Nutter, Chuck Hattendorf, Fred Burgess & Jim Mathes between their respective homes on Watsonia Terrace.

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

2039 North Las Palmas---an address that has become, to many of us, as nefarious a place as Bluebeard's Castle ever was--an address that will surely, in our minds and memories, rank with the Black Hole of Calcutta, Ford's Theatre and Mrs. O'Leary's Stable.

This building is a symbol, my friends--a present day, money making symbol of all of the very worst machinations of our City <u>bureaucracy</u> and its tunnel-visioned operatives. Without my giving you the <u>entire</u> speech of your Association's President who fears that he may be growing a bit cynical around the edges, I will simply report that:

- A. On December 12th, Judge Geeneart rule in Superior Court that Highland Development could not use the driveway. It had to be posted and chained. This became effective December 27th.
- B. The W.H.C.A. cited Highland Development for Contempt of Court on February 14 for continuing to use the driveway. (Highland Development denied all!)
- C. On March 2, Judge Waddington continued the case until April 14 for counsel's convenience.
- D. Highland Development has applied for a final inspection and Certificate of Occupancy.
- E. W.H.C.A. has been steadily pressuring the City to prohibit Pedestrian Access to Las Palmas. All City agencies save one have no hard objection. Councilwoman Stevenson has hosted two meetings in her office for this purpose. The City Attorney was adamantly opposed to our position (AGAIN!), but has waffled somewhat upon being presented with two specific proposals, both of which obviously had merit.
- F. Your Association President talked personally with Ira Reiner, THE City Attorney, about the negative, stonewalling attitude of his deputy Claudia McGhee Henry and, to a lesser degree, Gary Netzer and John Haggerty.

  Mr. Reiner promised to acquaint himself with the case (Remember the 500-plus signature petitions we sent him on the case last spring? With NO response!) and confer with Mr. Haggerty and get back to me. None of this has been done as of March 4th. I just wrote him another letter.
- G. We'll try again tomorrow--and the next day...! And the

A great THANK YOU to all of you who have supported the Legal Fund. The letter that went out to all residents from the Board of Directors and myself has been well responded to in contributions. We could not go forward without this help. James Mathes and Fred Burgess have my deepest appreciation for their letter labor, and Mark Schwartz, Bruce Miller, Rick Gates, Bonnie Antosz, Gene Schreiber and Richard Lewis for their fund raising (and lowering) efforts.

Be sure to attend our Fund Raising Concerts. Rita Rubin and Theo Primes are giving us a rare opportunity to share their artistry and their homes.

Thank you, Brian