



OVERVIEW

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FRANKLIN AVENUE MEDIAN UPDATE:

We Can't Afford to Fill the Blank Yet.

By Ricardo Accorsi

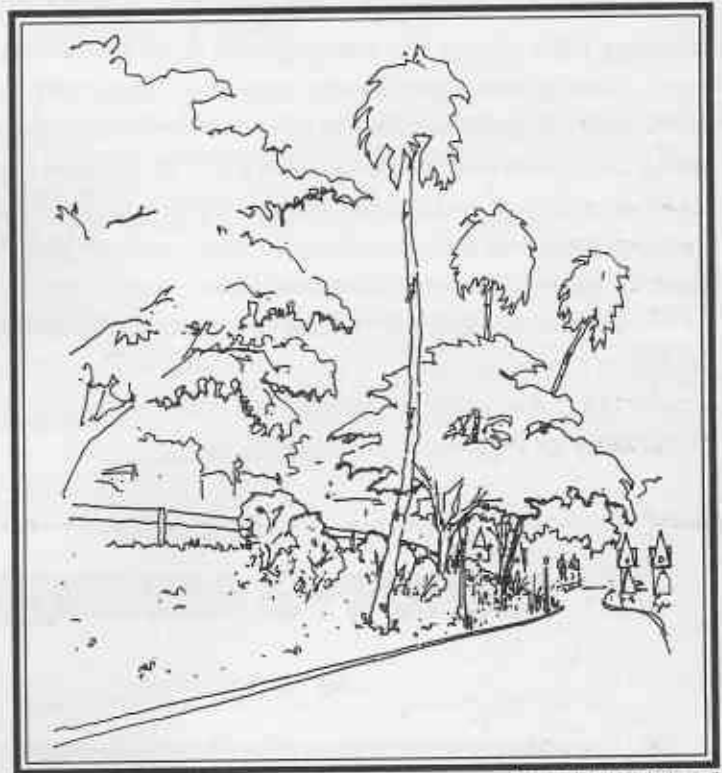
The Franklin Avenue Median Beautification Project has been making progress at a very rapid rate. The permit plans are nearly complete and preliminary approval by the City has been received. The Project is in its final planning challenge: The financial race. The referee is in place to give the go-ahead with the starter's gun. "On your marks. . Get set. . . Click." That's right. We can't afford to fill the blank median yet. The Project is quite literally on track, but now needs its neighbors' financial support to get to the finish line.

FHRA has accrued nearly \$6000 of the projected installation cost of \$10,000. A part of these funds were received in direct response to the last issue of *The Overview*, where the Project was introduced. Small and large pledges alike were made and we are hopeful that our readers' interest will be sustained, or even increased with this issue. The design has evolved gracefully into a complementary series of "landscapes" which take the median's horticultural context as a prime source of inspiration. The sketches illustrate the design which received preliminary approval from the city.

Large contributions have been made by significant individual and organizational donors from our own and nearby communities. FHRA is appealing to businesses in the area for their financial support, too. FHRA will gratefully ~~acknowledge every donor and participant in a future issue.~~ *The Overview*, when we hope the Project will be complete.

The Project calls for an irrigation system, which is in the final design stage, and will be submitted to the City for final approval shortly. During the approval period, bids will be

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Drawing by Ricardo Accorsi

Proposed Franklin Avenue landscaping, looking east toward bridge.

How did it happen? Where's 92?
Another year gone, so much yet to do.
Poverty, crime and hunger all grew.
Political mud didn't block that view.
Year's end . . . let' bid old woes adieu.

Have high hopes to start off '93
On Franklin's median, help plant a tree.
Love thy neighbor, let them love thee.
Instruct your children it's "we" not "me."
Do your best, so that we'll soon see:
Air clean . . . no smog . . . no CFC.
Yes, we all can help to make things be
Some little bit closer to trouble free.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems as our years go by, they fly by faster and faster, leaving us with so much to do and so few hours. This acceleration of time brings deadlines with amazing rapidity and those of us who regularly have to deal with them are left with the frustration of sometimes not making them. This issue was planned to be out before Thanksgiving, we didn't make it, and this year we committed to four issues of the OVERVIEW – this is the third issue for 1992. So goes the volunteer labor of love. We wish we could do more, but first we make a living.

On the other hand, another type of deadline is fast approaching – that of the holidays. A good deadline, in a sense, since it means gifts and parties and seeing old friends and happy kids and many of the other things that most of us associate with year end and beginning. Needless to say, we all are aware that there are many less fortunate than us – many who are looking at a future too bleak to contemplate, both adults and kids.

At our next general meeting, December 9, we can help some of these people, in a very easy way, by simply bringing items to the meeting to be distributed to the needy by our local law enforcement folks. See the notice later in this issue for details.

— DON WALDROP

NOW ITS MY TURN

By Marcelle Zonta

Ed.: This inaugurates a new feature in the *Overview*: Readers submitting their thoughts. It can be on any subject they feel affects the neighborhood and their place in it. We invite you to submit your turn.

LOST PETS: I have observed many lost pet signs posted in our area. As much as we love our animals, we must realize that by letting them be outside, unsupervised, we put them in great danger. We put them in even greater danger if we leave them out all night. If at all possible, we owe it to them to keep them in at night whether they like it or not. You will rest easier knowing that your companion animal is safe, and besides, let us not forget that ghastly individual who is now poisoning pets in the Silverlake area. Remember, Silverlake is only a hillside away from Franklin Hills.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

HOW SAFE DO YOU FEEL?

by Violet Weber

How safe do you feel? At home? On the highway? Is crime in our city up or down?

These and the other hundred of your questions will be answered at the Franklin Hills Residents Association meeting in conjunction with the Northeast Police Division on December 9th. The meeting will be held at the French American School, 4555 Russell Avenue, from 6:45 to 9:00 P.M.

In accordance with FHRA's long-stated intent to expand the Association's services to provide both current and lasting benefits, the Association intends to present four general meetings on an annual basis. The first for this season, held on August 12 to explain the Disaster Preparedness Program, was well attended and appreciated. This current Crime meeting is intended to give all of us the ways and means of protecting our lives and our property.

Co-sponsored by FHRA and the Franklin Hills Community Patrol, the meeting will focus on the role of the police with the community. LAPD's Northeast Division,

represented by Paul Afdahl, our senior lead officer, will delineate the new measures being set out by Police Chief Willie Williams as well as new, intensive training programs in which the police are engaging.

Other relevant points of interest are the community policing plans, new volunteer programs, and, as an aftermath of the terrible Spring riots, what the community can or cannot do to protect themselves if left to ourselves as we were those few terrifying days and nights.

The meeting will be facilitated by FHRA Vice President, Bryant Crouse, and the second half of the meeting will be open to questions and answers from the audience. There will be an opportunity to meet the officers who are assigned directly to our neighborhood. In addition, we will have a chance to meet Captain Wemmer, new to our area, and to find out more about the inner workings of our Northeast Division.

Refreshments will be served.

GIVE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The very spirit of Christmas is in giving. And, as some sage said, "If you want to do something for yourself, do something for somebody else.

Many families are suffering because of the difficult economic times. Every year the Northeast Police Division collects toys and foods for families who have been referred to them as being very needy.

When you come to the GENERAL MEETING on CRIME on December 9, please bring along some toys and non-perishable food and give them to the police officers who will be conducting the meeting. Or, you may call the Hot Line of the Franklin Hills Residents Association, (213) 664-7247, and arrangements will be made to pick up your contribution.

Don't let this Christmas go by without making it a little happier for someone else. It will bring the Christmas spirit into you life as well!

Don't forget, bring your contribution with you to the Crime meeting December 9, at L.I.L.A., the French-American school, 4155 Russell Street, 6:45 to 9:00 P.M.

JOIN FHRA — See page 23 for Details and Membership Form

Disaster Preparedness:

ARE WE DOING SOMETHING WRONG?

Your Disaster Preparedness Program has been in place now for two years. Two seven-week classes have been held, five response teams are in place and programs have been presented to help you know what to do and where to go to get help in case of a disaster—any disaster.

All these plans are in place. We continue to meet, to plan, to practice. Unfortunately, implementing plans and stocking our storage areas with medical supplies, food and water takes money. We have \$500—we need \$2500 as a minimum.

We have begged—even pleaded and cajoled, but we cannot seem to get above that \$500 mark which will buy only a modest amount of medical supplies.

It is my hope that you, our neighbors will respond to the very real need for disaster preparedness supplies—after all, they may save your life or that of someone you love.

We need fire extinguishers, two medium size generators, walkie talkies, shovels, crow bars, flash lights, clean blankets, chain saws, crowbars. But most of all, we need MONEY. Money isn't in copious supply right now but the tragedy of a life lost because of lack of supplies would be unforgiveable.

This is also an appeal for those who attended the August FHRA Disaster Preparedness meeting to return the "Confidential Questionnaire" which was distributed. This questionnaire evaluated the community resources which we might be able to call upon as well as giving us information we might need in order to rescue trapped persons or pets.

We ask for your support. Send a check for our disaster supplies to:

**FHRA, Disaster Fund,
P.O. Box 29122,
Los Angeles, CA 90027.**

For Additional Information: Violet Weber, (213) 663-6427

needs & wants

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Volunteer TUTORs are needed for a tutorial program, estimated time per week: 2-3 hours.

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The Library has urgent need of a working typewriter. If you can donate one, please call.

CONTACT: Thea March,
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2903

TUTORS

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• community phones •

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FHRA HOTLINE

The Franklin Hills Residents Association reminds you that we now have our own telephone number. By calling **(213) 664-7247**, you can leave messages for board and committee members, make suggestions, or ask questions.

It's not exactly a "hotline," and getting an "800" number didn't seem to make much sense, so we hope you find our plain old neighborhood number useful.

The only problem with 664-7247 is that, so far, we haven't figured out anything clever and meaningful that it might spell. We missed by one digit getting the initials FHRA. To remedy this problem, we will offer anyone who decodes the right hidden message in 664-7247 a beautiful Franklin Hills T-shirt.

FHRA HOTLINE (213) 664-7247

WARNING!

There have been numerous thefts of both incoming and outgoing mail in the Franklin Hills area recently.

To find out what to do:

COME TO THE CRIME MEETING,
WED., DEC. 9th, 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
French American School
4155 Russell Avenue

GRAFFITI ALERT

Plans are being made for another FHRA community paint-out. If you would like to be involved or if you know of a trouble area, call Isabel Dietz: 661-4351.

Patronize "Our" Businesses

Traveling to other areas to shop has become troublesome now that the population and traffic have increased so much.

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MetroRail:**SIGNS OF PROGRESS**

By Bruce Carroll

On October 2nd, a bit tardy for the promised September date, Metro Rail work crews started turning the entrance of the Barnsdall Art Park into a construction site. Their hand lettered signs were probably less an effort to blend in with the artistic theme of the park than a failure to plan ahead. Neighborhood complaints of excessive dust highlight the same failure. Red Line spokesman Kathy Jones Irish explained, "We are going to be wetting down the area to make sure the dust is controlled . . . we did have a problem because our DWP [water] hookup was not completed in time." That wasn't the only utility snag. Workers preparing the tunneling site also cut through telephone and power lines serving the park.

By press time the park entrance was once again open with new signs welcoming the wary. Come spring these minor glitches will surely have given way to the major problem, excavating 12 miles of tunnel from Vermont and Wilshire to Hollywood and Highland. Let's hope Metro Rail's sense of direction is better than their signs, or we could all be surprised by a giant drill emerging



Since these signs were drawn, Barnsdall Art Park Museum employees have reportedly agreed not to dig tunnels if MetroRail construction workers won't make anymore signs.

somewhere along Prospect Walk. The tunneling will take until 1996.

By 1988 Metro Red Line subway trains from Sunset and Vermont will whisk you to Union Station in about 20 minutes, if you can find a place to park. The FHRA has written to Rail Construction Corporation President/CEO Ed McSpedon decrying the absence of Park-and-Ride facilities at Metro Rail's Hollywood stations. McSpedon, always looking for business, replied, "I applaud your members' interest in becoming future

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patrons." He's asked Judy Wilson who, "... directs planning issues that occur around Metro Subway stations . . . to work with you and your membership to identify a mutually agreeable solution to your request." However, the weeks have gone by with no contact from Ms. Wilson . . . we shall see.

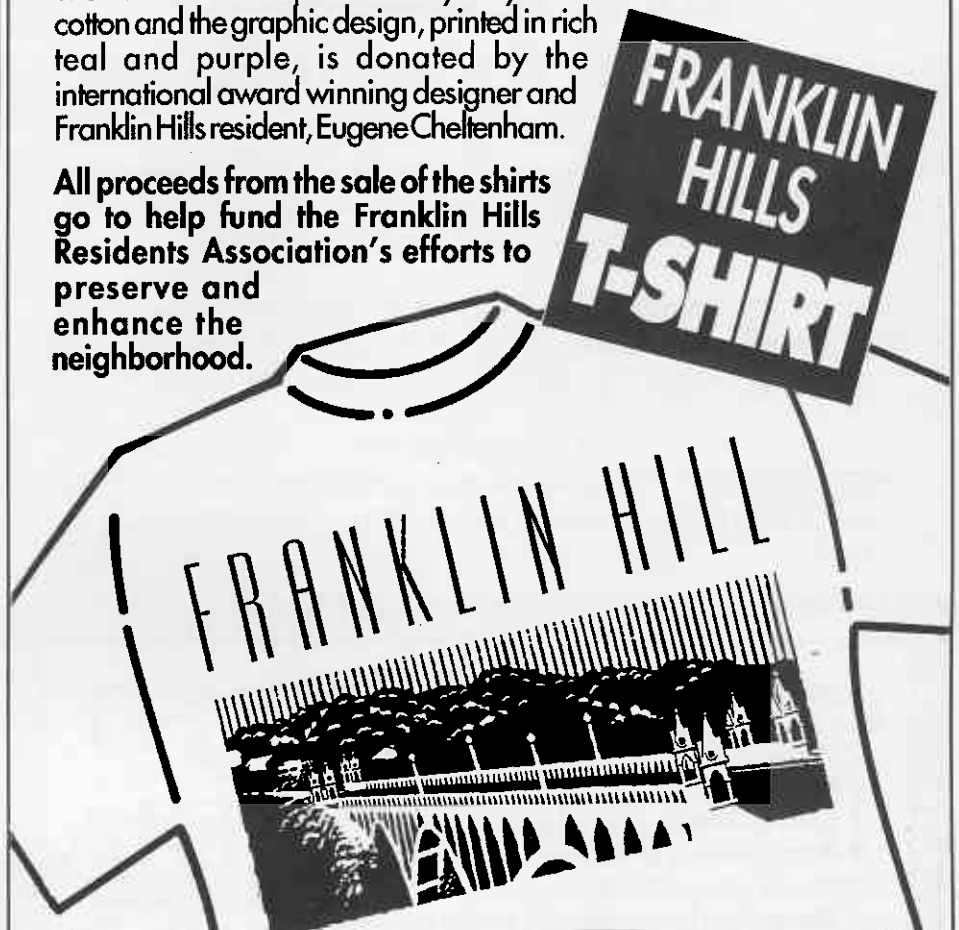
One solution, already in place, is to park free at the Glendale Amtrak station and head downtown on one of Metrolink's seven weekday trains between 6:05 A.M. and 8:15 A.M. According to spokesman Brendan Shepherd, "The cars are quite special. They're double deckers. They're air-conditioned, have individual seats, bike racks and cellular phones." But don't count on breakfast during your 25 minute ride, Shepherd warns, "there's no food service." Once you get to Union Station, free shuttles will convey you to the Civic Center, Bunker Hill area, or to 9th and Hope and the financial district. People heading there should have no problem paying (\$3.50 one way / \$6 round trip, \$80 monthly) for rail tickets from ATM style vending machines.

There is potential good news for non early risers. "Maybe six to eight months into it we'll reevaluate and it's quite possible we'll add midday, reverse commute (through Burbank to Moorpark and Santa Clarita) and also evening service." Spokesman Shepherd was even tooting his horn for the diesel locomotives that pull the 3-car, 444-seat, 150-standee, trains. "They are the cleanest burning locomotives available. They

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO

In response to nearly no requests about just what the Franklin Hills Residents' Association's directors so at their board meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month, Secretary Bruce Carroll submitted the following report:

Last month we worked on plans for the December 9th General Meeting with LAPD. (See page 3) Crime is always a pain in the _ _ _ , butt to alleviate some of that we voted to buy padded, rather than unpadded chairs . . . so come early.

In October, we decided to join with other neighborhood organizations in our area in a Street Tree Beautification Coalition. Working with ABC along the barren stretches of Talmadge is among the initial objectives. In addition to a dearth of trees, the board also pondered the dearth of committee activity by those not already on the board. Anyone out there with some good ideas and a little time . . . or perhaps with no ideas but a lot of time . . . call the FHRA hotline. If you read the rest of this story you'll find the number . . . If you can't wait to volunteer call 664-7247.

In September, we voted unanimously to tell the city we support a traffic light at Hyperion

and Monon, to allow people (and cars) to move more safely between Trader Joe's and the shops around it and Mayfair Market and the shops around it. The board also supported proposed bike paths on Griffith park Boulevard where it parallels Hyperion.

And for those who prefer to exercise their minds, we appointed a committee to look for ways to support the Los Feliz Branch Library. Their first act was to donate 10 special dictionaries to the library's literacy program. We also heard that official papers requesting the FHRA be appointed a nonprofit organization have been received by the bureaucrats.

In August the board goofed off and didn't meet, but Vi Weber and her committee worked hard on the very helpful and successful Community Disaster Preparedness meeting.

In July the board discussed: the purchase of CB radios so our disaster team leaders can communicate in a

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MY VIEW

by Bruce Carroll

It is more efficient...but takes more time?
 It is automated...but takes more manpower?
 It helps the environment...but creates more pollution?
 and one final hint:
 It happens every Thursday in the Franklin Hills.

??????????

The answer to the *Overview* riddle of the month: our new garbage collection system, of course.

Back in simpler times, say a year ago, Vernon Adams singlehandedly managed to drive his garbage truck around the Franklin Hills, stop at each cluster of cans, and personally to heft them into the hopper. On our narrow streets he was able to do both sides in a single trip.

When recycling came our way most of us happily put bottles, cans and newspapers into our new yellow boxes. But recycling is obviously very difficult, so the recycling bandwagon we were eager to get on turned out to be a second truck, requiring two men. One man drives while the other decides if the contents are worthy of recycling. He rejected

last year's phone books, for example.

Then came real automation. Behemoth wheeled cans now decorate our curbs Thursday mornings (and in some cases all week.) With a magic can picker-upper mounted on the right side of his garbage truck, a much relieved, especially in the back, Vernon Adams now doesn't have to touch those heavy dirty cans. But he does have to drive twice as far, going up one side of the street and down the other. He says that takes about 30-45 minutes longer, but "it's a lot easier."

Now we all know the refuse of life in our throw-away society doesn't always fit into just two cans...even really big ones...so we need extra cans for the contents of that closet we should have cleaned out years ago; and we stack bags of clippings (which we should compost) from that jungle where the back yard used to be. Because the truck with the magic picker-upper is sort of a let down when it comes to these problems we also need the "sweeper truck". It zips about the neighborhood with two tough guts aboard looking for the stuff the other trucks just couldn't handle.

So, where we used to manage with one man, one truck, one trip, we're now blessed with five men, three trucks, four trips, and it takes longer. But there are some advantages. The money strapped city now spends over 50 bucks apiece to give us garbage cans, and more importantly if I hear that clank and clatter in front of my house before I finish squeezing my morning orange juice I still have plenty of time to throw the peels away. I can use the can across the street. •

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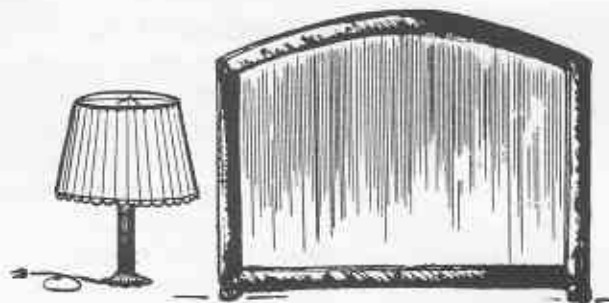
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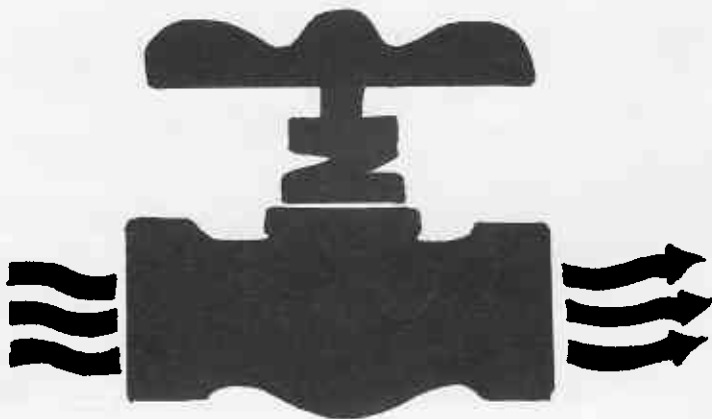
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For all of those who have ever griped about the competence of government employees, it would have restored their faith if they had attended the recent retirement party for Joe Ennis, the affable postman who has served the Franklin Hill for the past 13 years.

The only complaint ever made about the friendly postman was that he was later than the others because he had so many friends on his route that by the time he has stopped for a cheery hello, his day became longer and longer.

He was honored by a well-attended patio party at the home of Mrs. Violet Weber in late September. Joe was presented with an honorary plaque from the City of Los Angeles for his long service, presented by Council President John Ferraro's first deputy, Tom LaBonge. LaBonge praised Ennis' long years of service and urged others in the postal service to take him as a role model. LaBonge also noted his own resignation from Ferraro's staff to run for Councilman in the Thirteenth District.

Ennis received another plaque, making him an honorary member of the Trojan Family for having been one of USC's most enthusiastic boosters. The plaque, from the office of USC Vice President Shari Thorell, was presented by alumna Carol Skinner.

Many other gifts and cards, as well as a very substantial community-contributed cash gift, were presented to Mr. Ennis as a token of the esteem in which the Franklin Hills neighborhood holds him.

Nearly one hundred people crowded the patio on DeLoz Avenue, and a committee consisting of Carol Skinner, Dorothy Jean Hartshorn, Marcelle Zonta and Violet Weber served Mexican hors d'oeuvres and champagne, and Vivien Shea capped the afternoon with four home-baked cakes for dessert.

It was not only a party to honor Mr. Ennis but also a chance for the neighborhood to get acquainted with each other and, hopefully, will stimulate more block parties in the years ahead. •



ABOVE: Joe Ennis is presented a Los Angeles City plaque by Tom La Bonge, Councilman Ferraro's Deputy, honoring Joe's service to Franklin Hills. RIGHT: Joe is overcome with poetic ecstasy after Bruce Carroll's song: "Lay Down Your Bag, Joe Ennis" to the tune of "Hang Down Your Head, Tom Dooley."



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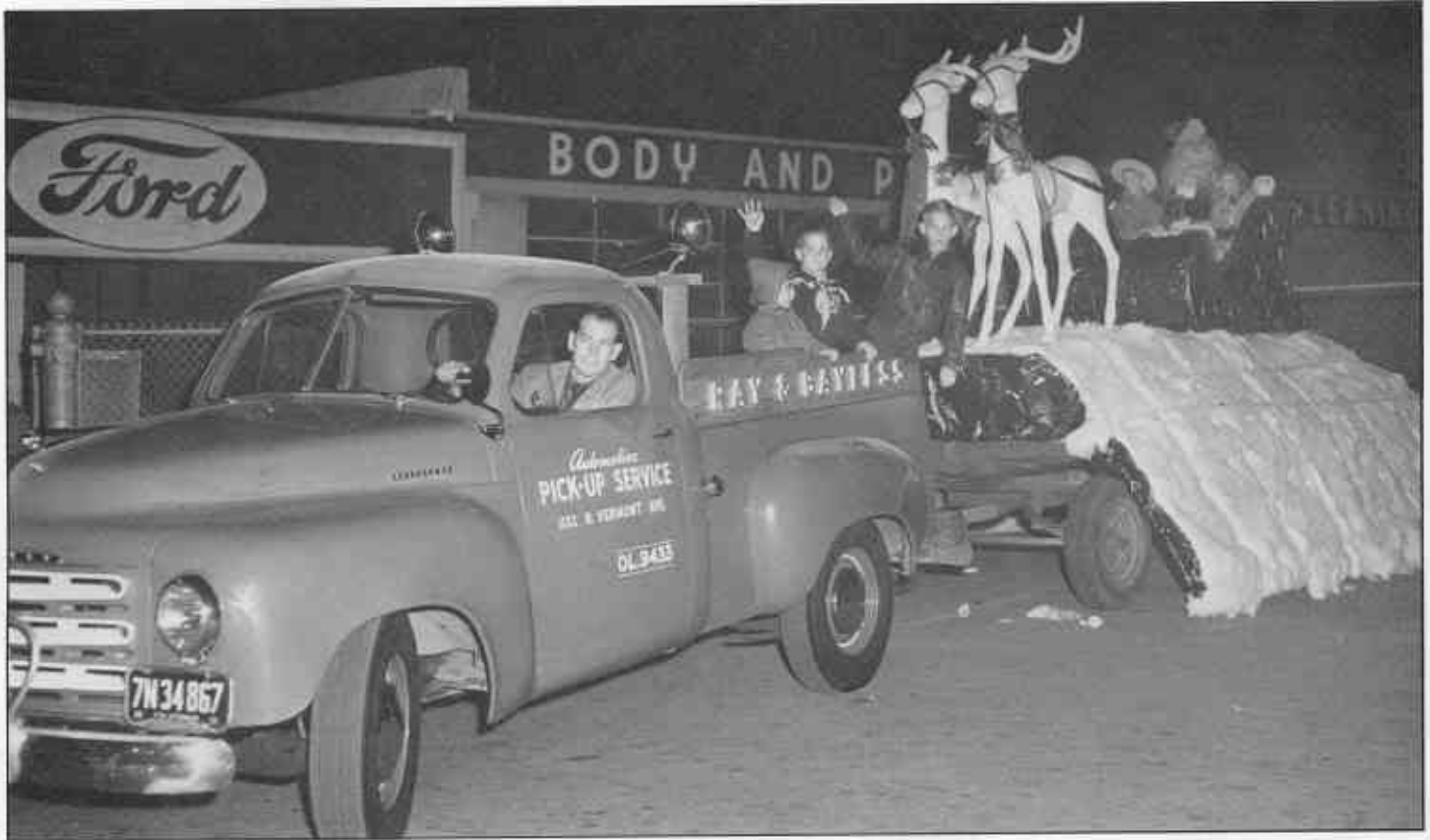
Median, from p. 1

solicited from licensed landscape contractors for the installation of the irrigation system only. This will provide a professional system and warranty for what is arguably the backbone of the Project. Reducing the technical aspects and risks of the installation will allow the volunteers to concentrate on the enjoyable work of the actual planting.

Proceedings have begun with the Department of Water & Power to have a water meter installed, at a cost of \$1,315 and there is a frontage charge of \$20 per foot, in addition to the actual cost of installing the meter. The DWP originally deemed the frontage to be 200 feet (\$2000) though the median is actually 411 feet long. Fortunately, "frontage charge," being one of those fees which no one ever seems to know exactly how to define, can change and it did. The DWP agreed to calculate the frontage as a factor of the median's width instead of its length. But according to the inexact science of these pervasive fees, DWP deemed the width to be 14 feet instead of the actual 11 feet. Well, we won't get upset about that at this point. However, the City's Department of Public Works will be approached and asked to pay for the installation fee and the monthly water bill from a fund established to maintain medians throughout the City. After all, it is City property, and it is the people of our community doing beautification work which will reflect well upon the City's governing bodies.

FHRA is very excited with the momentum the Project has picked up and we are hopeful that the funds will be gathered before this year draws to a close. It is up to all of us to continue to spread the word and to put a little bit of our private self back into the public entity. Any amount that you can pledge will help fill the blank cartridge so the Project can carry out its race. A big bang for the buck is virtually guaranteed!

See **Design Drawings** on p. 16



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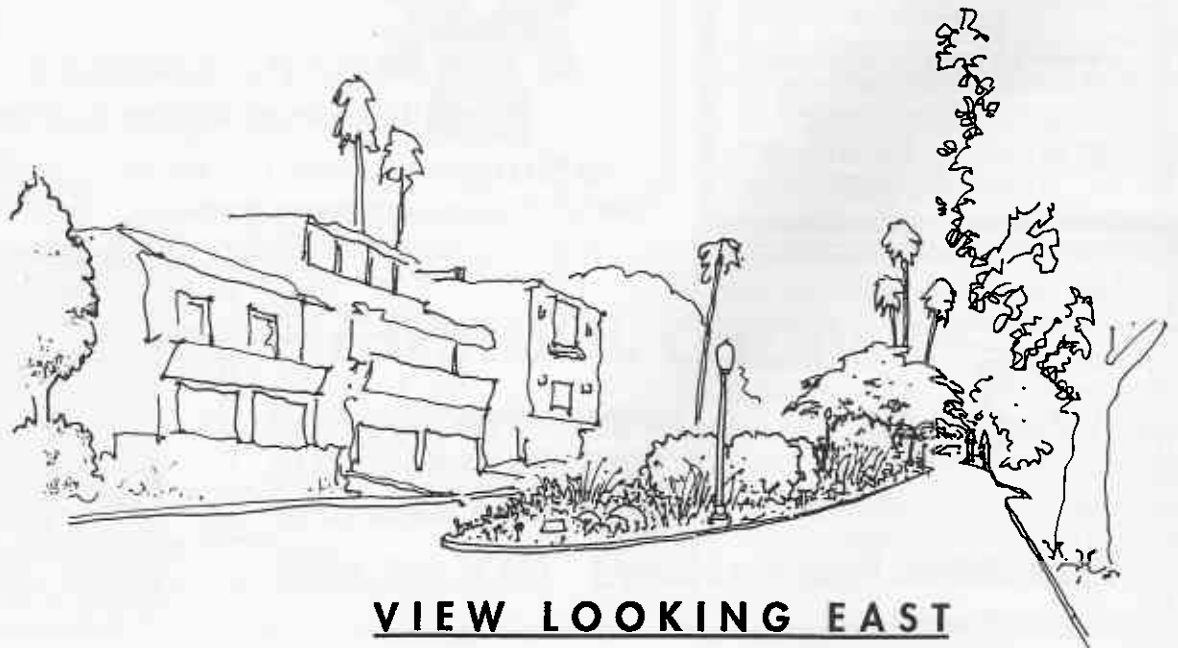
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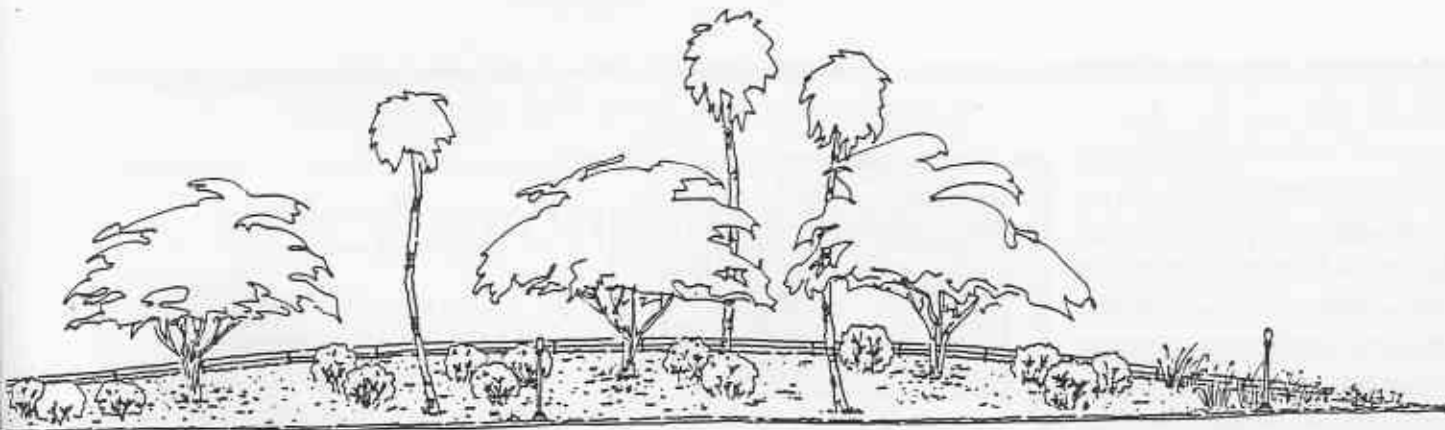
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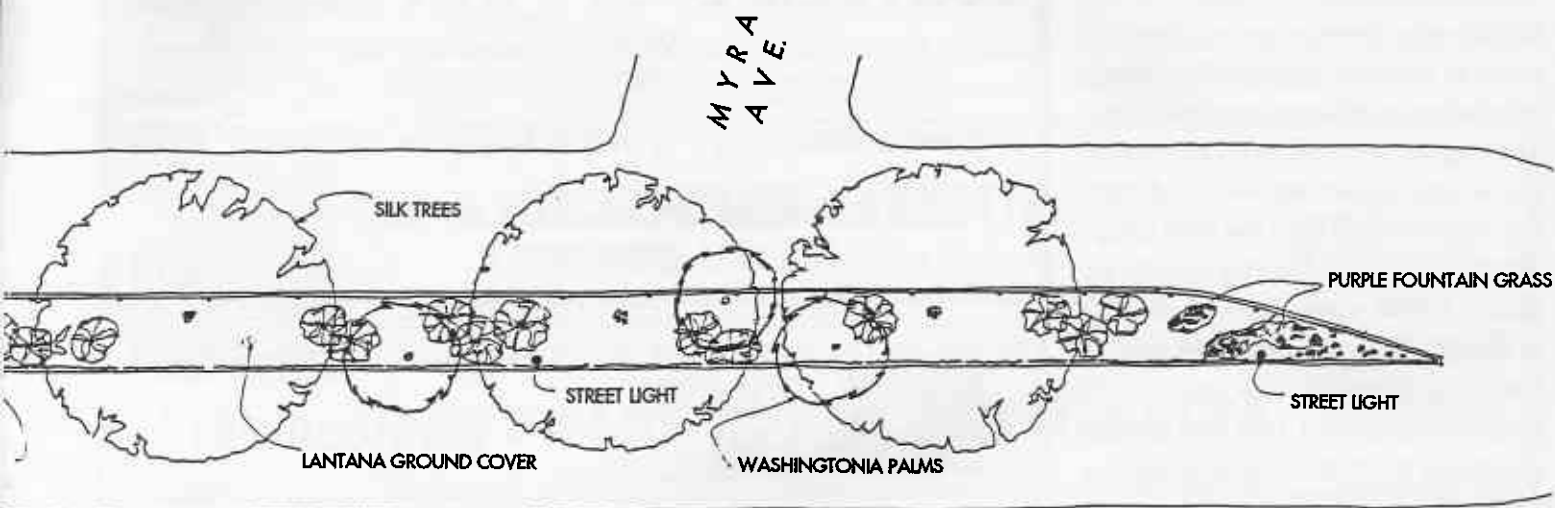
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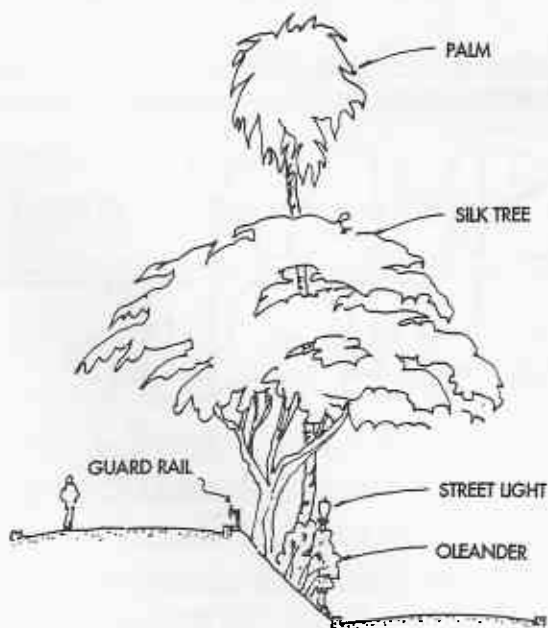
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VIEW LOOKING WEST

NOW ITS MY TURN, from p. 1

RTD BUSES: The RTD, better known to the folk like myself, who take the #26 into downtown LA, as "Rotten Transit District," is definitely not serving the people of this area. I do not know about the other buses, such as the one on Talmadge or Hyperion, but I sure would be interested to know if those buses run as infrequently as the #26 and are as undependable.

Some folk take the bus because that is their only means of getting from one point to another. Others, like myself, take the bus because we hate driving into Los Angeles every day and dealing with the outrageous parking cost. The posters beg us to take the bus; the RTD weeps about the shortfall, yet they seem to try to make the bus experience as unpleasant as possible. Several times in the last few weeks, the 7:11A.M. into Los Angeles from Hillhurst and Franklin has not shown up at all, making us all late for work. This is not good enough.

And that's just the morning. In order to catch the #26 going back into our area, one has to stand on one of the many unpleasant corners in downtown Los Angeles, waiting for what seems like forever. We see many buses going to Santa Monica, many going to the Valley and all other suburbs, but where is the #26? Nowhere to be found. When it does show up it is usually so horribly packed that it just goes zooming by and we all stand there waiting for the next one which usually comes, if we are lucky, about 30 minutes later.

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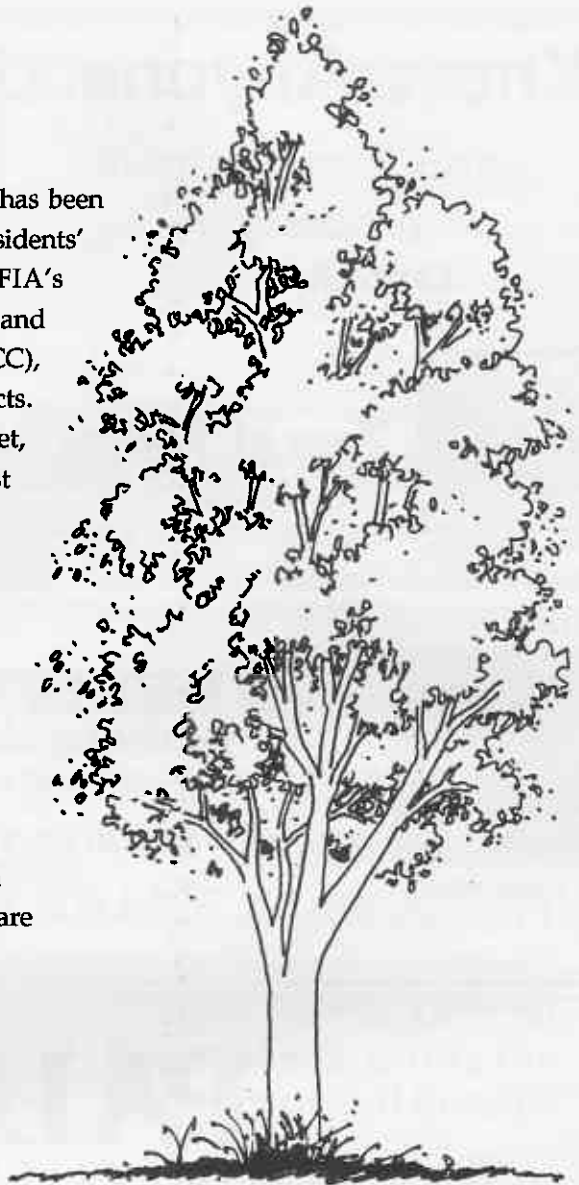
TREE PLANTING COALITION

By Ricardo Accorsi

A coalition to plan and implement the planting of street trees has been formed by the Los Feliz Improvement Association, Franklin Hills Residents' Association and South Los Feliz Community Association. LFIA's Beautification Committee, together with representatives from FHRA and SLFCA, is in contact with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC), which has highway mitigation funds available for tree planting projects.

In the Franklin Hills area, the coalition has targeted Talmadge Street, among other needy streets, to receive trees, for a few reasons. The first is that Talmadge Street is the common boundary between Franklin Hills and South Los Feliz and, as Talmadge crosses Franklin to the north, it enters into Los Feliz. The cooperative effort will benefit each separate community as well as enhance our continued ability to work together as a larger whole. A second reason is that Talmadge is a collector street having a large amount of daily traffic from our communities' residents and visitors

A practical reason is that the LACC includes Talmadge Street within a master plan for allocation of highway mitigation funds. Without this type of assistance, the tree planting project would have a much smaller chance of being realized. And, finally, ABC Studios' bare



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frontage on a large section of Talmadge Street disrupts the residential characteristics of the street. Trees along that length of sidewalk will dramatically reduce the studio's presence upon the street scape. (At the same time FHRA will undertake planning for street trees along ABC's Prospect Avenue frontage without LACC support, since Prospect falls outside of their master funding plan.)

LACC has tentatively scheduled the tree planting on Talmadge Street for March of next year. But there is still a lot of work to be done by the coalition prior to securing LACC's commitment to assist us. A survey will be conducted to identify possible tree locations along both sides of the entire street length. Property owners whose properties could have trees planted in their parkway will be contacted and their commitment to maintain the tree will be solicited. Volunteers from all surrounding areas are welcome and will be needed to conduct the planting marathon, roughly estimated at thirty trees a day for four to six days.

So, if you live on Talmadge Street, keep your eyes out for upcoming information which will require your response. And for all the rest of us, please call the FHRA hotline [(213) 664-7247] if you are interested in participating in the project.

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WHAT WE'RE UP TO, from p. 9

disaster, the pros and cons of a new Police Academy on Los Feliz Boulevard (at the old Franciscan Pottery factory site) and a letter requesting park-and-ride facilities at the Sunset -Vermont Metrorail Station.

In June we gave the go-ahead for the wonderful Franklin Hills T-shirts all fashionable residents are sporting and for our FHRA hotline. 664-7247, which helpful and inquisitive residents are calling. If there's a problem you'd like the board to tackle call the hotline and let us hear about it.

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METRORAIL, from p. 7

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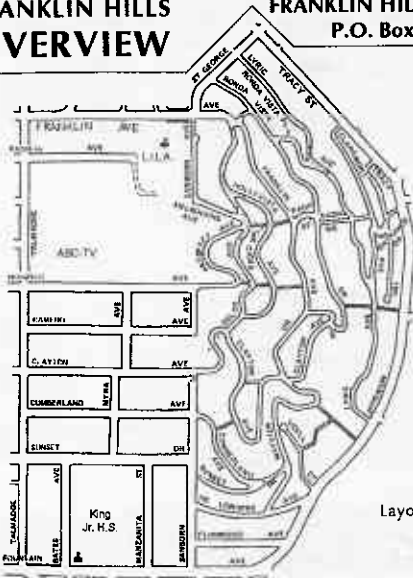


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