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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 of~~ *The Overview*, when we hope the Project will be complete.

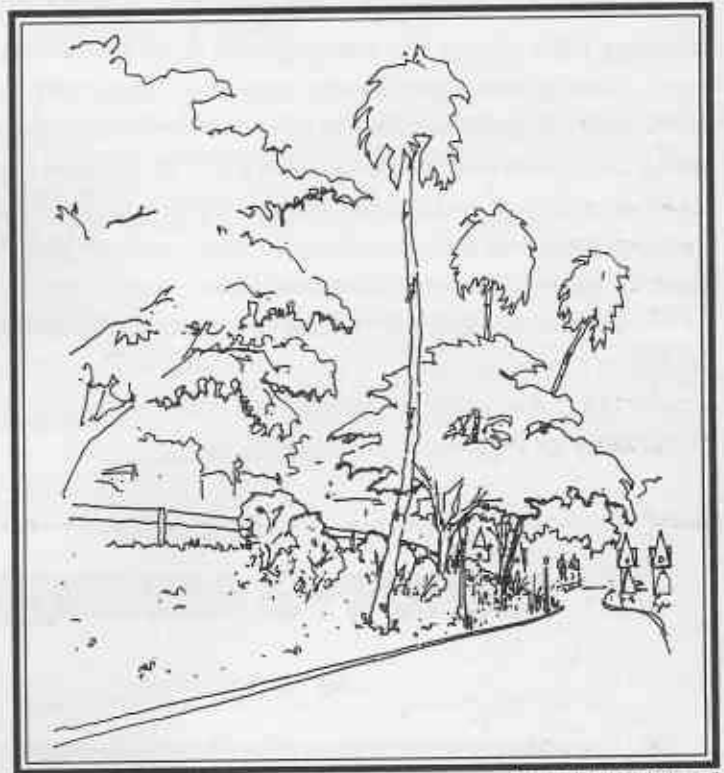
The Project calls for an irrigation system, which is in the final design stage, and will be submitted to the City for final approval shortly. During the approval period, bids will be

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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.

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

LOS FELIZ LIBRARY

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

Donations needed: Books and videos to sell, patio furniture, indoor plants and watering can, outdoor planters and plants.

The Los Feliz Library is begin-ning a rental program with multiple copies of books taken from the best seller lists. The books will rent for 10 cents a day, with no reserves being taken. PROJECT BESTSELLER is being funded by the Los Feliz Friends of the Library.

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

CONTACT: Thea March,
Los Feliz Library, 1939 1/2
Hillhurst Avenue, (213) 664-
2903

TUTORS

Volunteers to tutor little kids or big kids, in reading, math or writing skills. Community tutoring corps are forming now. If you want to help a youngster succeed in life, call 413-4221.

JOBS / APPRENTICESHIPS

If you need help in your business or home and are willing to employ, train or apprentice local teenagers, call 413-4221

• community phones •

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS

ABC-TELEVISION:

John Yingling, Plant Manager, (310) 557-5000
Security: (310) 557-5354.

CITY ANIMAL REGULATION: (213) 222-7138

COUNCILMAN JOHN FERRARO, 4th District:

Room M-30, City Hall, 200 Spring St., (213) 485-3337
District Office, 625 S. New Hampshire (213) 485-4377

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Recycling: (800)-CITYSAN

Rebate for Ultra Low Flush Toilet installation.
(213) 481-5800; (800)-722-1122

Rebate for Super Efficient Gas Water Heater.
(800) 852-9820

Hazardous Waste Hotline (213) 237-1634

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Emergency 911;

Non-emergency: 485-6235;

GRAFFITI:

On private property: (213) 253-2687

On public property: (818) 772-7753

FHRA Graffiti Action Coordinator: (213) 661-4351

LOS FELIZ PUBLIC LIBRARY: (213) 664-2903.

Hours: Mon-Tues 12:30-8:00; Wed-Thurs 12:30-5:30;
Fri-Sat 10:00-5:30.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH: (818) 904-1418

POLICE: Emergency 911;

Northeast Division: Non-emergency (213) 485-2563

RECYCLING INFO: (800) CITY SAN

SANITATION: (213) 485-4906

STREET LIGHTING: (213) 482-5483

STREET MAINTENANCE: (213) 485-5661

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: (TV Cable service) 485-2751

TRASH RECEPTACLE INFO: (800) 248-9726

WATER & POWER: (800) 722-1122

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.

The businesses that have shown interest in reaching you and your neighbors by advertising in this volunteer produced, hand-distributed, newsletter are charged the absolute minimum possible advertising fees. Their ads pay for the paper and any surplus goes to FHRA.

Please support our advertisers by utilizing their services regularly and, by all means, tell them you saw their ads in the "Overview."