



OVERVIEW

FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ISSUE # 24

WINTER 2002

Overview and Underview

As noted above, this publication is known as the Overview. In our commitment to provide varying views of neighborhood issues we have included the underview of the Shakespeare Bridge. This rarely noticed and long neglected area has recently become the focus of efforts to clean up graffiti and rid the bridge's underworld of undesirable elements.

Photo & Caption by Bruce Carroll

Perfecting the Bridge

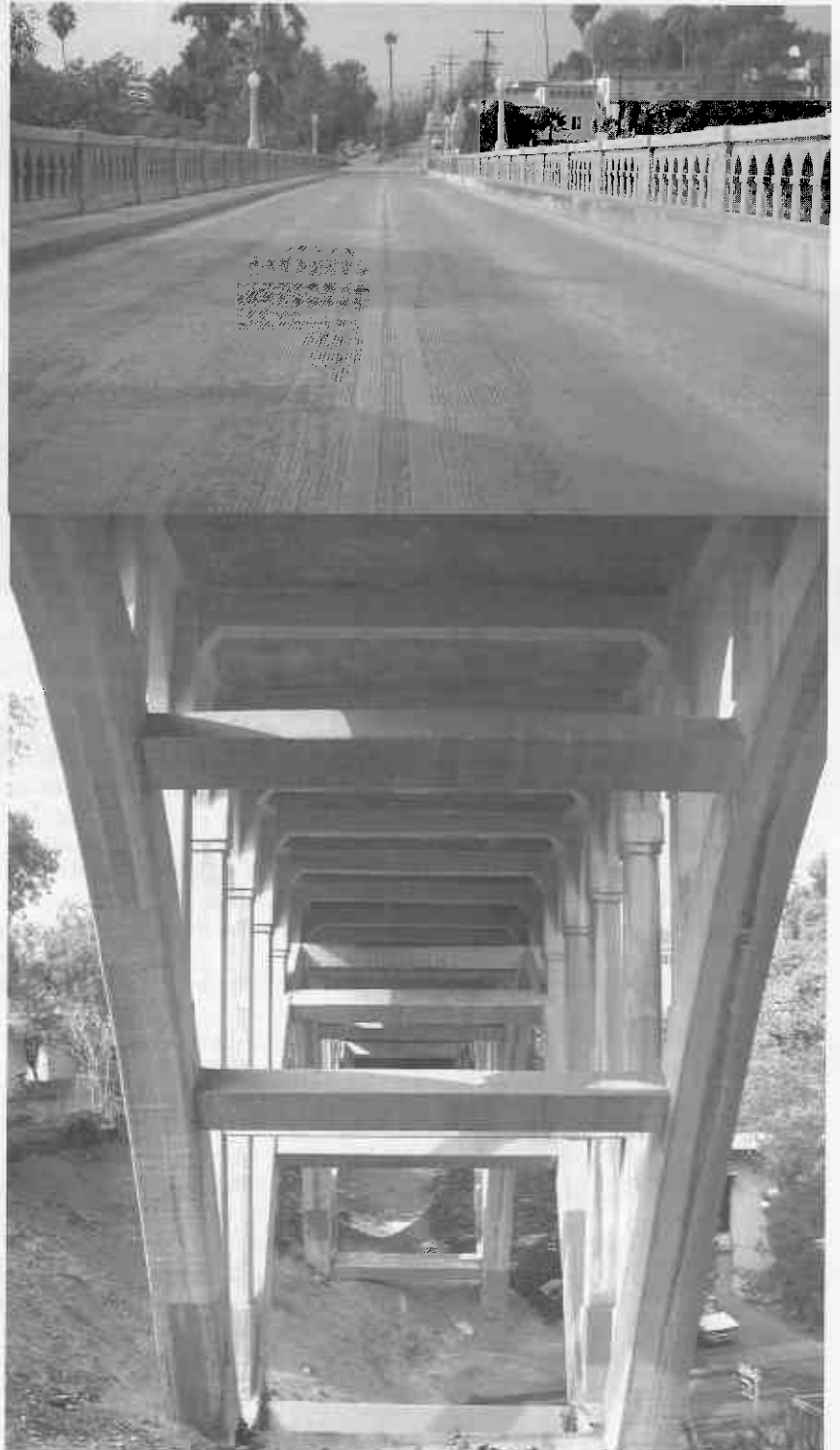
by Shirley Mims

There is a breathtaking view of the Shakespeare Bridge underneath it at the end of Monon Street. From there you can look up at its magnificent arches and see the whole bridge in its grandeur. Monon is a quiet street off of Tracy Street which has probably seen more foot traffic than cars. In recent years the area underneath the bridge had fallen to neglect and loitering. Kids were using it as a hang out spot. There was a lot of graffiti. A homeless camp showed up on the slope. Neighbors made reports of drug dealings and occasional fires.

By the request of neighbors of both Franklin Hills and Los Feliz, Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge and his staff, the Department of Public Works, local schools, and the LAPD are working together with us to clean up and beautify the area under the bridge.

The project started in January with several meetings between neighbors,

continued to page 15



INSIDE

Letter from the President	2
Community Garden	3
Useful Phone Numbers	3
Graffiti	4
SLO column	4
Annual Meeting	5
Median Update	6
Auto Shop Update	7
Neighborhood Watch	8
Secession	9
Jeannie Chang	10
Coyote Wily	10
Dog-gone	12
Farewell Address	12
Mural-to be	16
Prospect Studios	18
Los Feliz Library	21
Welcome Baskets	22
Franklin Ave. School	22