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*20 Years of Good Times and Good Neighbors*



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2009

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## President's Comments



This is my first term as president of the Franklin Hills Residents Association and it is with great pleasure that I serve the community.

In 1980 I moved to the Franklin Hills, at the time I was attending Marshall High School. The neighborhood was made up of many

artsy musicians and it was common to hear musicians practicing or singers singing. The views were breathtaking and walking in the hills left me breathless, literally.

I came from Van Nuys so there was a bit of culture shock. or perhaps it was that there was so much culture, hip people doing different things. It wasn't long before I loved the neighborhood and knew all the neighbors.

There were Carol and Yasue the dog groomers next door and Fred the video guy downstairs, Myrtle playing the piano next door and so many more. We all visited. There were even progressive dinner parties where everyone would start with appetizers and drinks at one house and then salad at the next house and so on through dessert. It really was a fun place to be. We stayed here for nearly 10 years. I went off to grow up but as an adult I longed for *home*. None of the places I lived had that feeling. Then, three years ago I returned and bought a house on the street where I grew up. The houses have been painted and the occupants changed but the general feeling of *home* still exists for me here in the hills and I've been very happy.

In time, I did notice more incidents of graffiti than I remembered, some of the stairs are in disrepair and overgrown. I saw a need for attention to things in the neighborhood so I decided to join the FHRA. Since being on the board I have seen volunteers put together stairway clean-up and neighborhood beautification projects. Joining the FHRA is my way of giving back to the community that I so love. I hope to do good work and help to improve the quality of life for us all in the Franklin Hills.

Happy Holidays,

Michelle Parkinson, President  
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## Make Your Voice Heard Where it Counts

By Bruce Carroll



As FHRA Treasurer for the last 18 of its 20 years, I can recall paying the bills for many of the memorable events depicted on this Overview's cover. But there have been many important efforts over the years that don't lend themselves to lively photos.

One of FHRA's earliest success stories was getting "all way" STOP signs installed at Franklin & St. George...even if too many motorists and a majority of pedalists still haven't grasped the meaning of STOP. More recently we've pushed for, and gotten, better striping and a reduced accident causing hump on Franklin adjacent to the median, plus we got Franklin Ave. re-categorized from a secondary highway to a local street to protect the neighborhood's character all because we were able to make our community's case heard by the people who can get things done down at City Hall.

Although we are a tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity and never endorse political candidates we can still help make the political climate friendly to Franklin Hills. In 2002 when the vote on Hollywood secession threatened to split the community in half and literally make Hollyvista Ave. a trail of two cities, we rallied enthusiastic support for the "NO" vote which prevailed. In the mid 1990's when the seismologists concluded that the Shakespeare bridge might be too shaky in the next quake, we got the city to abandon plans for a wider plain vanilla bridge and preserved the historic landmark structure, now stronger than ever. The same neighborhood persuasive powers have also helped get crime reducing street lighting, some stairway maintenance, abandonment of the ill conceived idea to close Prospect Ave. at Vermont, and our input many times has influenced the decisions that help to make us a safer, more liveable community.

We also have a strong voice in the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council. Both GGPNC President Charley Mims, and Administrative VP Bruce Carroll are longtime FHRA boardmembers. The FHRA is in GGPNC district "E" and next March 20, 2010, the GGPNC will be holding elections for two representatives from each district. The official candidate filing period runs from December 21st to January 19th followed by a month in which write-in candidates can apply. A usually reliable source, myself, indicates Bruce Carroll is not planning on running again so we need someone committed to preserving the Franklin Hills values to battle the demons of over development which brings more traffic and less quality of life. You can find more info at the [www.GGPNC.org](http://www.GGPNC.org) website.

Even if you don't decide to throw your hat in the ring we should all vote on Saturday March 20, 2010. The polling place will be the Hollywood Lutheran Church 1733 N. New Hampshire Ave. just north of Hollywood Blvd. a block west of Vermont. Make your voice and vote count.

## FHRA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

By Bruce Carroll

In June, to celebrate our twentieth year, the FHRA returned to its meeting roots, the LILA school nestled below the Shakespeare Bridge. Both are City Historic Cultural Monuments.

Outside the meeting former FHRA President Adam Weisman (striped shirt, center) showed off his



experimental all electric Mini Cooper as neighbors arrived and checked in for the mid day meeting. The unique car wasn't the only treat outside the



meeting. Neighbors lined up to savor Mayview resident Vivian Shea's latest batch of made from

scratch cookies and brownies. A scrumptious meeting tradition for many years.

Breaking with tradition this year's meeting was on a Saturday and began at 11am and it looked like someone put out the word that shorts were the uniform of the day.



Inside, Mary Frances Smith-Reynolds, whose dedication over six years saw the completion of the Hoover Walk Mural after overcoming many obstacles, presented a plaque received from the city to the FHRA. FHRA then President now Chairman, Charley Mims, thanked Mary Francis and all the volunteers for their hard work on the Hoover Walk and Myra Ave. Murals which your donations to FHRA helped to finance and facilitate.

Capt. William Murphy, who commands the LAPD Northeast Division, reported Part I serious crime down 37% in the area over the same period, Jan.-June, in 2008. But there were exceptions. The number of violent crimes increased from 6 to 11, aggravated assaults were up from 3 to 8 and robbery increased from 2 to 3. Thefts from motor vehicles and other property crimes were down from 130 to 86.

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## Coyote Tracks - November, 2009

By George Grace - gmrnet1@gmrnet.com

A tragic event happened on September 17th and 18th in Griffith Park that affected Franklin Hills coyotes. Over the course of those two days, eight coyotes were shot and killed.

In one of the two instances that provoked this extreme response, a sleeping man was "nipped" on the foot, and woke up to find a coyote sitting near him waiting to be fed. When the incident was reported to the California Department of Fish and Game, they called in marksmen from the US Department of Agriculture to shoot any coyote begging for food. Eight coyotes were killed.

I was outraged by the killing and circulated a petition among Griffith Park supporters, condemning the slaughter. It also placed the blame on human Park visitors that feed coyotes, and "teach" them to approach and beg for food. The petition advocated intensified enforcement of laws that forbid feeding wildlife. In this case, feeding coyotes, had deadly consequences.

In Los Angeles, feeding coyotes is punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or up to six months in County Jail.

Within a week, over 200 people - including a number of Franklin Hills residents - had signed the petition and left comments. The list of respondents with comments was sent to Councilman Tom LaBonge, Jon Mukri, General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and others City officials.

You can read them by visiting:

<http://www.friendsofgriffithpark.org/Coyote-Petition1.pdf>

In October, a City Council Committee directed the Department of Animal Services to improve enforcement of the ban on feeding wildlife in Griffith Park, install new signs, and develop new procedures to prevent feeding coyotes. New signs are presently being installed in all City Parks and new procedures are being implemented.

Since the September killings, Animal Services has received many requests asking for coyote removal - including from Franklin Hills. Since wildlife is not relocated to different areas, this translates to euthanizing them.



*Coyote in Griffith Park*

A Franklin Hills request concerned two coyotes frequenting the Udell Court, Clayton and Mayview area that were "not running away" and "stalking" people. When Animal Services came to investigate, the coyotes had not been seen for some time. Hopefully they have moved on. (Continued on Page 16)



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## Absolutely Free of Charge!

By: Chris Boutelle

Is your black trash container cracked?  
Has your blue recycling bin lost a wheel?  
Is the top of your green yard clippings barrel  
missing or broken?

You can get it repaired or replaced if necessary free from the city by calling the city's central service telephone number "311" and having them connect you with the Bureau of Sanitation. As their machines most likely caused the damage to your container, they will replace it the following week. After all, the city doesn't want refuse leaking onto the street.

You must have the serial number (printed on the front of the container) and address of your property to give them when you call. Then they will usually ask you to leave the EMPTY container out by the curb the day after its usual pick-up day (Thursday is pick-up day in Franklin Hills.)

If you have a large or bulky item that is too big for your black bin, such as a couch, a refrigerator, or a mattress, you can call the same number—"311". They will direct you to the Department of Sanitation who will arrange a pick-up. On Weekends, the 311 operator can take your request.

Finally, at this time of year, many people have bought and enjoyed a Holiday Tree. What do you do with it when the holidays are over? First remove all of the decorations (including tinsel) and the stand. Then cut it up as much as you can and place it in your GREEN yard trimmings container. It should not stick out of the container as the top should be able to close so that the truck's grabbing arms do not injure the top. The Department of Sanitation will pick it up on the following Thursday when you put your trash out. They will compost it.

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## Zen and the Art of Driving in the Franklin Hills

By Anne Richardson

It would be too easy to write a piece about obnoxious things that other drivers do on the Franklin Hills. It would be too easy to cite the drivers, mostly unfamiliar with our area, who steam up the hill with no respect for those who have to reverse tracks to make room for them. It would be too easy to mention the drivers who speed past our dogwalkers and babystrollers as though people should not walk on the road at all.

It would also not surprise anyone to hear about tensions that have risen to the level of slaps on the back of a car, drivers getting out of their vehicles to argue, even head-on car accidents.

But this is not that article. This is a bit of a mea culpa, and an effort to move past the all-too-easy tendency in car incidents to blame the other guy, rather than take a hard look at one's own self. And perhaps, to ride a mile in the other guy's pickup truck.

True things that I have done:

- Drove up Franklin Ave in a mad rush because I forgot something that morning. This, after having initially driven down at the speed limit when I thought I had plenty of time.
- Impatiently refused to be the one to back up when I was rushing on my way to the vet for what might be the last time with my beloved cat, dying of kidney disease.
- Failed to come to a complete stop at the stop sign at Franklin and St. George when I was lost in thought about what was happening at work that day.
- Cursed under my breath at a vehicle going too fast/too slow/etc. before I realized it was someone I knew. (See Pg 17, *Zen Master*)

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## A Nice Walk On The Hill

By Charley Mims

As you drive around the Franklin Hills , have you ever noticed the signs for public stairways? Have you looked on the Franklin Hills Residents Association's web site lately? When you look there, you may find a heading called "Public Stairways." Click on that and you will find a street map of the Franklin Hills with all fourteen of our public stairways colored in red with black outlines. These stairways provide short cuts to walk to neighbors homes instead of driving around our hillside streets. My wife and I like to take walks on the Hill and use some of these stairways just to get our blood pumping.

You don't have to join a gym to keep fit, just take the recommended path to complete all fourteen stairways within an hour or two. Do this three times a week to get cost free exercise! With the recession we are now in this is a real budget booster.

The City of Los Angeles has not had enough revenue to keep these stairways free of overhanging plants nor debris for decades. Several years ago volunteers from our neighborhood got together to cut back overhanging vegetation, shovel up dirt and debris, sweep the stairways clean and leave plastic bags full of debris at the bottom of the stairway for pickup by the City's Bureau of Street Services. We finished cleaning up at least one long stairway and often two in the course of a strenuous days labor.

We also contacted the abutting property owners and encouraged them to help keep the stairways cleaned up. Over the last several years we cleaned up all three segments of Radio Walk, all three segments of Prospect Walk and the long stairway and walk from Udell Court to Mayview Drive .

You can help too. Just take a walk up or down our stairways and send an email to the Franklin Hills Residents Association to inform us of the condition of the stairways that you "inspected" for us. Leave your contact information in the email and we will offer you the chance to help other volunteers the next time we do a Franklin Hills public stairway cleanup! See the map of public stairways on next page.

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**The Sierra Club has devised a route covering all 14 stairways which should take about 1-2 hours. It starts just east of the Shakespeare Bridge near the corner of Franklin and St. George.**

Down Sanborn from Franklin (one stairway)

Up Prospect (three stairways)

Down Radio Walk (two stairways)

Up Sanborn from Clayton (one stairway)

Up Sunset from Sanborn (one stairway)

Up Cumberland (one stairway)

Across Clayton-Clayton (one stairway)

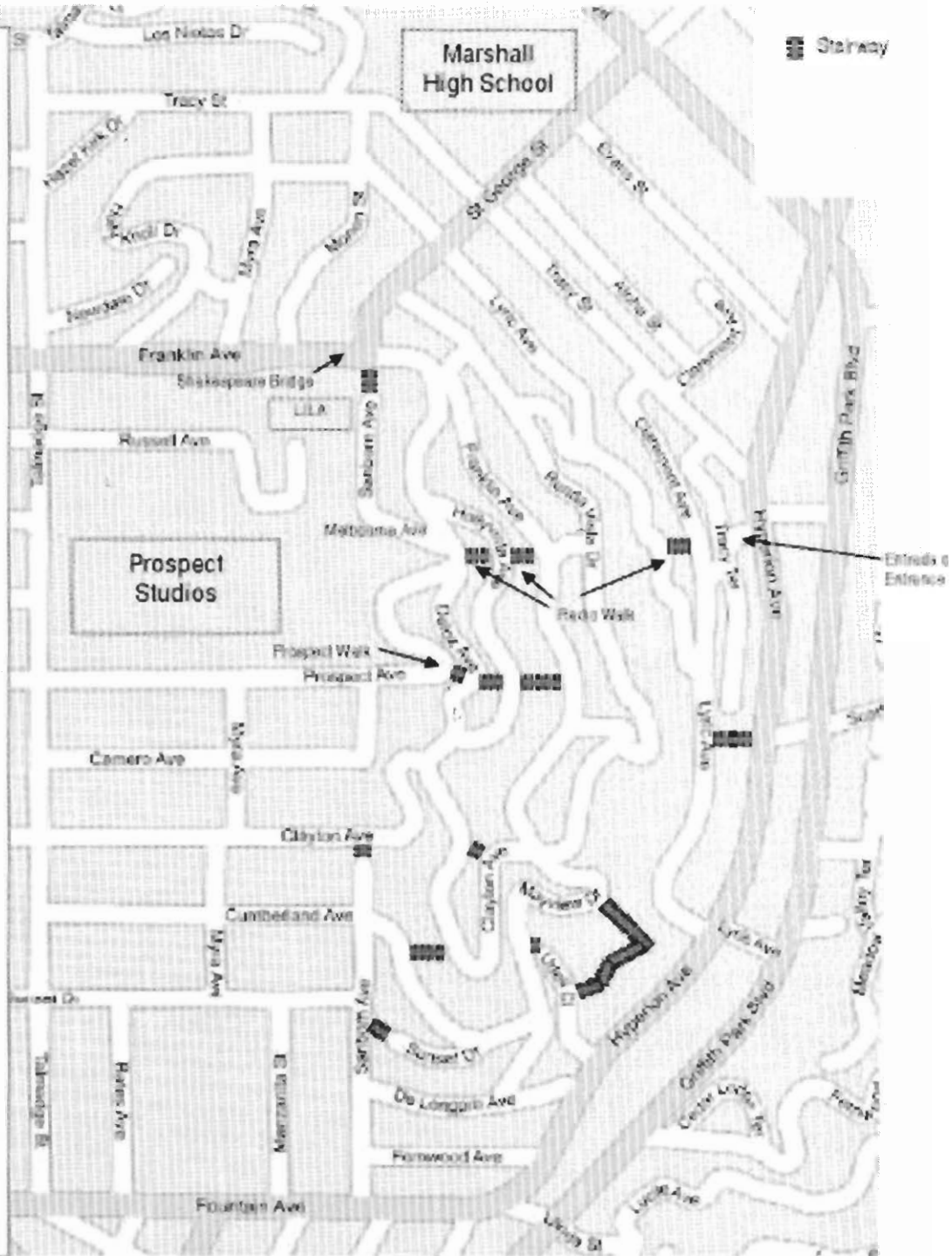
Down Clayton-Udell (one stairway)

Up Udell-Clayton (one stairway)

Up Hyperion-Lyric (one stairway)

Up Radio Walk-Lyric (one stairway)

**Then walk northwest on Lyric back to St. George to complete the circuit.**



**Map of Franklin Hills Public Stairways**

<http://www.franklinhills.org/stairwaywalk.pdf>

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By Elizabeth Richardson

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High among residents' concerns at the meeting was the late night noise from changed production patterns at Prospect Studios. Studio manager, Manie Ellis (left), promised changes in operation during the 10pm-7am hours so that trucks would have to do less maneuvering, be parked farther from homes, drivers would be reminded to reduce noise and backup generators would be sound baffled. Ellis said noise complaints can be phoned to studio security 24/7 at 323-671-4554.

Prospect Ave. resident James McEwen, who has led the effort to reduce noise from the lot, said residents can call 323-285-5150 to report noise problems (see Overview #37 pg. 17). There were also questions about the use of such large heavy trucks on neighborhood streets where the posted weight limit is 6,000 pounds. Councilmember Tom LaBonge (right) promised a meeting in the fall with FHRA, McEwen and Disney to review the problems and assess the effectiveness of Disney's mitigation efforts.

Councilmember LaBonge also introduced his new deputy for our area, Mary Rodriguez. The Tracy street resident really needed no introduction as she has been active in the neighborhood for years and has worked hard at improving local schools, especially King Middle School, for many years. She is a former President of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council and also FHRA member.



During the meeting raffle winners won books, Zoo and movie tickets and \$75 dinner certificates donated by Sila Bistro and Michelangelo Ristorante.



After the meeting everyone was a winner as we were all treated to a delicious catered lunch provided by our generous hosts at the LILA school.

A good time was had by all as the FHRA came back to the location where it was founded on October 2, 1989, by residents concerned about plans to possibly expand with new high rise buildings what was then ABC TV Center and is now known as Prospect Studios.

But just as those problems from 20 years ago were long ago resolved, let's hope that history once again repeats itself with a quieter neighborhood for all for the next 20 years and beyond.

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## Hot but Cool, Green but White

By Bruce Carroll

When I was younger things that were "Hot" were called "Cool." Now with the focus on energy savings almost anything that cools and saves energy is once again "hot." Or as is the case with my new roof, a colorful oxymoron, something that's very white is very green.

When planning to install solar power panels on my roof I decided it would be wise to replace the aging flat roof. After getting numerous bids the one that seemed both cool and reliable was a white PVC (plastic) membrane applied atop a layer of fan fold foam insulation right on top of my old tar and gravel roof. Even before I got my electric bill I knew things were a lot cooler because during September and October on 90+ degree days the air conditioning wasn't running full time all afternoon.



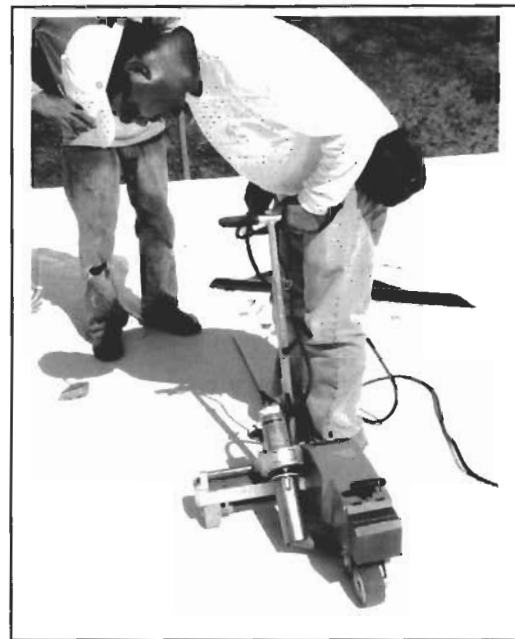
Even before the installation was complete I noticed a dramatic difference when on a very hot day I put my hand on part of the old roof while getting off the ladder. It was hot like the sand at the beach before you get to the water's edge. Then I put my hand on the new portion of the roof and it was still slightly cool to the touch.

Another big plus, think of it as a pleasant gift to the neighborhood, comes with the roof's installation.

It's done without cooking up vats of smelly tar that waft through the neighborhood and pollute the air. Rolls of the PVC are unrolled, screwed down and then melted to one another with electric heating devices that make a firmly sealed two inch wide seam.

Of course the real proof of any roof is whether I'll need pots and umbrellas inside the house, if we ever get a really rainy el nino season. So far things are nice and dry. The PVC roof material has been used in industrial applications for more than 30 years and has a lifetime warranty for residential applications.

If you are interested in an energy saving roof and think you might need a new roof feel free to send me an e-mail via [BruceCarroll@FranklinHills.org](mailto:BruceCarroll@FranklinHills.org) and I'll be happy to give you more info or a tour of the roof for those not afraid of heights.



If you're really into going green I've now had my solar electric panels installed atop the new roof and it's like they came with a holiday gift from the state. If my cool white roof and other measures save so much energy that I produce more power than I use, under the new state law known as AB490 the DWP will have to pay me for the extra power that my solar panels send into the electric grid.

## Griffith Park Holiday Light Festival Walking Shoes Step Ahead of Brake Shoes

By Bruce Carroll

For the last 13 years the Holiday Light Festival in Griffith Park, put on by the LA Department of Water and Power, brought out thousands of cars each night and the ire of area residents and environmentalists. While the light displays are brilliant, sitting and breathing in the traffic jam dimmed the experience and brought forth calls for change.

This year the 28 night festival began December 3rd with a bike night followed by 14 walk only nights then 13 driving nights. Having fewer fuel nights than feet nights was a big step forward. This feat was accomplished through continued pressure from the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council's Parks River & Open Space (PROS) committee which has for several years campaigned to make the festival a non-polluting event.

Earlier this year when the DWP seemed to need a little kick in the right direction Bernadette Soter, who chairs the GGPNC's PROS committee, put out a call for support, and the e-mails, many from FHRA members, poured in asking city officials to switch the event to one promoting people power over polluting power. It's another example of how despite all the criticism of unresponsive government, the right pressure in the right place can bring change. The message is you have to keep trying.



Despite some rain, and the fact that Gene Kelly couldn't make it, the festival's walking nights attracted thousands who enjoyed Singin' in the Rain or just strolling through a mile of unique holiday spirit. Photo by Kathryn Louyse

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The festival runs daily from 5pm to 10pm until December 30, 2009, and there is free parking in the LA Zoo parking lot. During the driving nights there will be free shuttles for those who don't want to waste their own gas.

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(Continued from Page 5 - *Coyotes in Franklin Hills*)

I had an encounter about 10 days ago with a coyote while walking my dogs in the same area near Clayton and Mayview. I thought it might be one of the offending pair. The coyote was standing in the street close to the Clayton stairs. When he saw us, he (or she) ran into the bushes and disappeared.

My dogs just ignored him. We proceeded over the stairs, and when we reached the other side, the coyote was standing in the middle of Clayton, about 30 feet away, looking us over. I decided to run him off, and threw a rock at him. He immediately bolted back into the bushes, and vanished. I always carry rocks (or lemons) with me when I walk my dogs. Animal Services recommends carrying something to throw, and a loud whistle. Throwing rocks works for me. I haven't bought my whistle yet.

I respect our urban coyotes. Their presence, along with raccoons, possums, skunks and other local critters is one of the things that makes living in Los Angeles unique. If we are careful, it should be easy to coexist with our local wildlife, including coyotes. I'd hate to see Franklin Hills without them.

Please post your coyote sightings at <http://www.gmrnet.com/Coyotea.html> where you can also read all sighting reports - many from Franklin Hills - gathered since 2003.

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(Continued from Page 8, *Zen Master*) All this reminded me of a story from the Zen literature I read some time ago, so I thought I would revise it somewhat for a new context. Hope it is not too opaque.

### The Zenmaster in the Franklin Hills

Once upon a time, a Zen Master rented a house in the Franklin Hills. She had with her an apprentice, who was studying at the feet of the master, in order to become more familiar with the ways of Zen Buddhism.

One morning, the Zen master got in her Prius, and along with the apprentice drove off to her office in Studio City. As they descended the hill, a FedEx delivery truck appeared at the bottom of the hill. The driver came up the hill steadily, waiting for the Prius to move out of the way. The Zen master put her car in reverse and backed a considerable way up the hill, since there were many parked cars preventing her from easing over to the side of the road. Once the FedEx truck roared past them, she put her car in forward and again proceeded down the hill.

They drove to a level spot in the road. Suddenly, a sedan came toward them quickly with a harried looking woman in the driver's seat.

Once again, the Zen master politely put the car in reverse, and drove backward a long way toward the starting point. After a dutiful wave of thanks from the flustered driver, the Zen master then proceeded again on her way and got to the bottom of a curve and began to go uphill.

Just then, a pickup truck full of gardening equipment came ripping toward them. The driver, quite unaware of the two vehicles who had preceded him, and worried about whether he was on track to get to all of his jobs for the day, came on quite briskly, expecting the Prius to move. The apprentice stared in horror as the Zen Master a third time put the car in reverse and drove backward downhill all along the length of a short block before she could find a place to pull over and let the car pass. The pickup driver was new to the area



*Cars Driving in the Franklin Hills*

*Credit: Ben Bryant*

and did not know about the convention of waving thank you, and merely zoomed past the Prius as it went to its destination.

The Zen Master and the apprentice proceeded uninterrupted and drove on toward Studio City. The apprentice was burning with righteous indignation that the Zen Master had not once, not twice, but three times allowed another driver on the hills to pass without comment or irritation. Finally, the apprentice could bear it no longer.

"Master," the apprentice said. "I can understand that you allowed the first car to pass you, as indeed, you were going downhill and it was going uphill. And I can understand why you let the second driver pass you, as you were both on level ground and the right of way was unclear. However, I don't understand why you yielded to the third car when you were the one going uphill and you had already yielded to two other cars right before? That is so unfair, and you should not have yielded!"

The Zen Master slowed the Prius down and stopped at a light. After a time she replied: "So, apprentice. I passed that third cars miles ago. Don't you think it is also time for you to let it pass?"

#### *Footnote: 1*

*Cal. Vehicle Code Section 21661 provides that: "[w]henver upon any grade the width of the roadway is insufficient to permit the passing of vehicles approaching from opposite directions at the point of meeting, the driver of the vehicle descending the grade shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle ascending the grade and shall, if necessary, back his vehicle to a place in the highway where it is possible for the vehicles to pass."*

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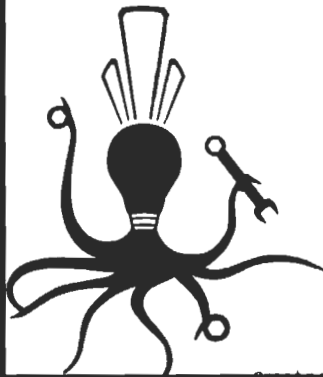
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## Snapshots of our Past

By Bruce Carroll



It's hard to put 20 years of activity into a small sampling of photos but that's what we tried to do with the cover of this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of the FHRA *Overview*. The photos are arranged for a pleasing design rather than chronology or importance.

1. One of three murals designed to transform the Myra Ave. underpass from a dumping ground into a pleasing path toward the Franklin Hills area and King Middle School. The FHRA has supported a total of five area murals.

2. The art in #1 we promote. The "art" in graffiti, marring walls and sidewalks we've worked to cover up with many graffiti paint outs over the 20 years.
3. The FHRA's other main clean-up effort has been on our public stairways where over the years we've filled countless bags with overgrown vegetation, dirt and other debris.
4. Our biggest event was the April 1998 party to celebrate the reopening of the Shakespeare bridge after seismic retrofitting. An honored guest was Catherine McGowan (seated) whose father built the bridge. **Photos 6 and 12** are also from the bridge party. Since the bridge was built in 1926 The party had a 1920s theme including period dance lessons and it attracted a crowd of about 2500 when a few hundred had been expected.
5. In November 1995 we realized the dream of turning the graffiti and weed infested Franklin Ave. median into a non asphalt island of green. **Photo 9** shows that no one was too young to help with the planting.
6. See # 4
7. The FHRA booth at the Los Feliz Village Street Fair always attracts a crowd drawn by our display of historic area photos such as **photo 8** which shows the empty streets as captured from an Army Signal Corps bi-plane in 1932.
8. Historic photo described in #7. Our collection of Historic Area photo is available for purchase.
9. See # 5
10. The unique Shakespeare Bridge often attracts film crews and the FHRA works to help them get that perfect shot while working to keep neighborhood traffic, noise and commotion to a minimum.
11. In 2000 FHRA boardmember Norman Harriton, shown between Councilmember Tom LaBonge (left) and then FHRA Chairman Adam Weisman worked hard to turn a weedy field at the L.I.L.A School below the Shakespeare Bridge into our community garden
12. See # 4
13. The FHRA has maintained a close cooperative relation with LAPD Senior Lead Officers. Ofc. Al Polehonki (right) and now retired Ofc. Sam Salazar discuss neighborhood crime trends at an FHRA meeting.
14. We can't claim to have made the rainbow, but we hope the community's combined efforts through the FHRA make it possible to feel like you've found the proverbial pot of gold while living in the Franklin Hills.

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