



# NEWSLETTER

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FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## ABC-TV SAYS NO EXPANSION

Meetings are continuing on a regular basis between heads of West Coast operations of ABC-TV and representatives of the communities surrounding the Prospect-Talmadge production lot known as ABC Television Center. FHRA representatives Don Waldrop, Lola Cashman and Sandra Harper have met on several occasions with ABC Vice President Roger Lund and Plant Manager John Yingling in conferences facilitated by Mike Woo deputy Valeria Velasco.

Discussions initially centered on ABC's Ten Year Strategic Plan which had alarmed Franklin Hills residents with plans for a 280,000 sq. ft. office building, two new soundstages, additional parking areas and expanded warehouse space. According to V.P. Lund, ABC has no plans to do any further enlarging — the 10 year plan was simply a way of dealing with requests from the city for planning information on which to base the revised Hollywood Community plan. However, neighborhood reps noticed frequent mention of a "development agreement" between the studio and the city.

FHRA asked for and received a commitment from the studio for a complete and independent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Traffic Study prior to any further development. ABC reps emphasized increased communication between ABC and the community. They have promised cooperation and follow-ups on complaints and have set up a "Neighborhood hotline" to be called by residents when the quality of life of our neighborhood is compromised in some way by ABC. During office hours the number to call is 537-5000; after hours the number is 537-5354.

**JOIN FHRA**



FHRA new board of directors, *Front row, left to right:* Bryant Crouse, Lola Cashman; *Middle row:* Violet Weber, Sandra Harper, Jim Churchill, Jessica Tachibana; *Back row:* Jack Lieberman, Lothar Von Schoenborn, Tony Michaelis, Robert Kerr and Don Waldrop.

## FHRA BOARD OFFICIALLY ELECTED

An association representing the Franklin Hills area, with a duly elected board, was formed on October 2, 1989. Bylaws were passed and the eleven member board was elected by vote at the general meeting. The Board then elected its officers by acclamation at a later meeting. New officers of the Board include Don Waldrop, President, Lola Cashman, Vice President, Jim Churchill, Secretary and Jessica Tachibana, Treasurer.

The Franklin Hills Residents Association is dedicated to improving the community through the establishment of teams to concentrate on issues such as Disaster Preparedness, Planning and

Zoning, Crime and Safety, Traffic, ABC-TV and others. According to FHRA President Don Waldrop, "We have a terrific group of people on the Board. They are all bright, energetic and motivated people with great ideas. We're looking forward to getting a lot done."

**SPECIAL MEETING  
EARTHQUAKE  
PREPAREDNESS**

**ARE YOU READY?**

*(SEE INSIDE, p. 3)*

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are fortunate to live in a very beautiful neighborhood, situated as it is in the hills of south Los Feliz. While our lives here are wonderful in many ways, we still have quite a number of intrusions — things that make us off-balance or defensive, events that make us wonder "Why doesn't somebody take care of that?" or "I wish I knew who to call about that," or even, sometimes, "I've had enough, I can't take it anymore." If this association, with your help, achieves its goals, we will not have as many occasions to have those thoughts. United, we have political clout and a voice that *must be heard* by the people we have elected.

In our first year of existence we have already made ourselves known to many of those people. We have hosted City Councilman Michael Woo in a meeting focused on the projected expansion of ABC-TV. In February we held a Candidate's Forum where audience questions were directed at all the other candidates running for the 13th district city councilman's seat. We have been very involved in discussions regarding the projected development of the open space at Los Feliz Hills School and are actively working with the school, The Trust for Public Land and State legislators Roos and Roberti to find an alternative solution. We have cooperated with adjacent community groups to enforce zoning violations by developers. We are planning a general meeting devoted to your safety during and after a major earthquake.

There is much we can do, but we need your participation urgently — without you there can be no association. Let us hear from you, *join*, let us know what you want, and please, *volunteer* if you can. If you have questions or would like to bring up an issue, don't hesitate to contact me or any of the members of the board — WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS.

- DON WALDROP

## LOS FELIZ HILLS SCHOOL GETS SUPPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN ROOS

Los Feliz Hills School, experiencing severe financial hardship, has proposed development of the southern 3.37 acre portion of its 6.4 acre campus which is zoned for residential development. A prime party of interest was the Century Group, headed by Rick Caruso (also president of the Department of Water and Power), which projected plans for a 49 unit townhome development on the 3.37 acre open area, leaving the school on its present site. Century's offer was accepted by the school but upon completion of soil studies (indicating possible methane gas problems, major compaction and foundation expenses to be incurred) the offer was lowered significantly and refused by the school. The Century Group has remained interested.

The school also received and rejected offers from ABC-TV which projected plans for surface or structure parking but would not allow the school to remain.

The FHRA has facilitated negotiations between the Los Feliz Hills School and the Trust for Public Land to access State parkland funds made available by House Bill 70. The school has elected to pursue this course and considerable progress has been made in this regard, with strong support from Assemblyman Mike Roos. For updates on recent events, contact FHRA/LOS FELIZ HILLS SCHOOL team members.

For membership information, contact any of the members listed or write FHRA, P.O. Box 29122, Los Angeles, CA

## FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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To better serve the community the FHRA's newly elected board has formed teams to effectively deal with the issues that concern our neighborhood on a day-to-day basis. The teams and their leaders are:

#### ABC-TV/ COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

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**Anyone wishing to be a part of any team effort should contact the team leaders listed above.**

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## FROM THE EDITOR

When I moved to the Franklin Hills area four years ago, I saw only a fixer-upper house with a nice floor plan." It wasn't until the house was renovated and my husband and I comfortably ensconced that I took a look around. After a little exploring I knew we had hit it lucky. The history, architecture and ethnic diversity make the Franklin Hills a unique and beautiful community.

The FHRA is pivotal in maintaining the integrity of this neighborhood and always striving to improve our quality of life and spirit of community. From tackling the big stuff, like ABC-TV to small things, such as making sure the elderly in our area are doing o.k., the Association is there for the community and for us as individuals. That's why we, as residents, should show support for our neighborhood by joining the FHRA.

Come to our January 24th general meeting dealing with Earthquake Preparedness. You'll learn what you need to know to survive "The Big One." It'll also be a good time to join the Association. We need people who care about their community to donate a few minutes of time and effort per month to make it a better, safer place to live.

We also welcome your comments and suggestions about the Newsletter and about our community. Please address them to Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 29122, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Your letter will be printed as space allows.

- LOLA RODRIGUEZ CASHMAN

### CREATIVE IMAGE

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## WILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SURVIVE THE BIG ONE?

"As Southern California waits for the Big One that will inevitably hit sometime in the future, the experts are unanimous on one point: The great quake will strike with vengeance that will leave this region in ruins.

*Los Angeles Times, 11/5/8*

WITH KNOWLEDGE AND PREPARATION WE CAN SURVIVE SUCH A QUAKE

### Think about these facts:

- **San Andreas Fault has moved on an average every 131 years.**
- **It has been 132 years since the last major movement.**
- **Seismologists predict a 60% chance of a 7.5 to 8.5 quake on the Southern San Andreas fault within the next 30 years, producing possible multiple quakes with shaking from one to five minutes.**
- **There are 42 surface faults in the Los Angeles Basin, including one that runs along the base of the Hollywood Hills into the Los Feliz District.**

FRANKLIN HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HAS PLANNED A SPECIAL EVENING:

### HOW TO SURVIVE THE BIG ONE

A Free Evening of Earthquake Preparedness Training  
by the Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Wednesday, January 24, 1990  
7:00 p.m. at ABC-TV TELEVISION CENTER  
(Use the VISITORS GATE at Prospect and Sanborn)

Henry Johnson, the Fire and Safety Specialist known for his one-hour TV special, "Surviving the Big One" on KCET, or Firefighter Larry Jarvis will host this event for residents of Franklin Hills. This 1 1/2 hour session will help to dispel myths and fears about the next big quake. There will be visuals, safety pamphlets, practical tips on what to do, and a question and answer period.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO MAKE A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

### CONTEST - NAME THAT NEWSLETTER!

The FHRA Newsletter needs a name. The winner will receive a one year free membership in the Association plus dinner for two at winner's choice of PALERMO RISTORANTE ITALIANO or TRATTORIA FARFALLA. The winning name will be judged on the basis of originality, appropriateness and creativity. Please submit your ideas to: FHRA NEWSLETTER, P.O. BOX 29122, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

