



THE PASSWORD (March 1997 - Published periodically for the Property Owners of the Cahuenga Pass)

**DRAFT EIR MEETING -
APRIL 14, 1997 3:00 p.m. at
Sportsman's Lodge, Studio City,
Ca. ****URGENT! Plan to
attend, make your voice heard!**

The DEIR does not adequately project or study the amount of increased traffic that will result if the Universal proposal is approved. We have been familiar with Universal's traffic projections over the past couple of years and find them to be seriously flawed. The amount of projected traffic is severely underestimated, especially when the amount of proposed additional development at the other major studios and overall regional growth is taken into account.

If you want to voice your objection to Universal's massive planned resort and theme park in our midst, please attend this hearing. The Los Angeles County Dept. of Regional Planning is very interested in what we, as residents, of the area surrounding Universal have to say and that is why they called an additional meeting for public comment.

UNIVERSAL NOISE HOTLINE

**** (818) 622-2995 — * Operational right now!**

This line is manned evenings, weekend evenings and for special events. If no one answers, lve your message on voice mail to page the person taking noise complaints or wait to be transferred to security if it is an emergency.

Rescue our canyons!! (By Renee Greif, President, Rescue our Canyons)

As many of you are aware, the MTA is in the process of documenting any and all information regarding possible spring activity along the Hollywood Hills subway tunnel route. Once identified, the "spring" is evaluated to determine if it is a perennial or seasonal spring, or water that has surfaced for some other reason. In response to our request, the MTA

sent out letters to all homeowners along the tunnel route requesting information on spring activity. We tried to notify you through your Assn's newsletter as well as through posters at major roads in the hills. Before this effort began, the MTA believed it only had to be concerned with 3 or 4 springs in Runyon Canyon Park. These springs occur along the entire tunnel route, and are now being protected as required by our Consent Decree. There are in actuality, 35 potential spring locations that are being evaluated, so this number may increase as monitoring continues. Please remember, the protection of our springs is a key element to protecting the groundwater regime.

Now that spring is here, it is time to determine if there are seasonal springs that were not noticeable in the fall. Water flows within a month or two after the last rains and may be evidence of a seasonal spring, which are also protected by the Consent Decree. If you have information regarding a possible seasons spring, please do not assume someone else will report it. Please also call MTA team member, Beverly Voran, at (213) 687-1130 and notify them of the location of the surface water. The boundaries of the included area are Outpost Drive on the East, the southern boundary of Runyon Canyon, the western boundary of Wrightwood Drive, and the northern boundary of Lankershim Blvd, near Kentucky Drive. I would also like to be keep apprised of any problems you are having from the tunneling, so please fee free to leave a message at the above number, and I will return your call. FYI: As of March 1, both tunnels were at Mulholland Dr. near Nichols Canyon.

****NEW RECYCLING CONTAINERS FROM CITY**

Starting in March, the yellow recycling bins can be thrown out. The city of LA will replace them with full-size blue barrels that residents can use for all recyclables - including newspapers-- without pre-sorting. Residents will be able to keep the yellow bins if they so desire. This solution seems to have solve the problem of scavengers looting sorted recyclables at curbside. Now the City can get more money from recyclables.

HOT NUMBERS

(Keep this list handy near a phone)

No. Hollywood Police: 11480 Tiara St, No.
Hollywood 911 (emergency)
Captain's office (818) 756-8821
Desk (Reports) (818) 756-8824
Detectives (818) 756-8831
Abandoned cars (818) 222-6366
Alleys (Clean up, repair, maintenance)
(818)756-8314
Animal regulation (injured, lost, found,
Barking dogs) (818)756-8481
Blocked driveways (6 AM -11 PM
(818) 756-9418
Neighborhood eyesores (818)756-8201
Illegally Parked Cars (818) 904-1420
Graffiti Removal (818) 756-8838
Health Dept. (Rats, mosquitoes,
unhealthful conditions) (818) 834-3370
Loud parties (LAPD dispatch)(818)756-1122
Traffic enforcement requests (818) 756-8381
(Parking meter maid) (818-756-9418
Street lights out (818) 994-LITE

NOTE: New address for No.Hollywood Police
dept. after May 1997:

11640 Burbank Blvd., No. Hollywood,Ca.

******City Council postpones gas leaf-blower
ban**

The LA City Council has postponed the date when an ordinance banning gasoline-powered leaf blowers goes into effect from March 1 to July 1, giving gardeners and the lawn industry four extra months to prepare for the ban. Mayor Riordan has elected to sign the ordinance but that he will "review its application with gardeners, the LAPD, and environmentalists six months after its effect

**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS (By No.Hollywood Sr.
Lead Officer John Caparelli)**

Here are a few tips to keep your residence safe:

- Install a quality deadbolt on every door leading into your residence. Most residential burglaries occur through
- poorly-secured or unlocked doors.
- Leave drapes and shades open. When they're closed, they're a sign of an unoccupied house.
- Don't leave keys under doormats, flower pots or window ledges.
- Leave interior lights on. No necessarily a lamp in the front window, but one or two in interior rooms.

Light the outside of your residence. Motion-activated floodlights are excellent deterrents to would-be burglars.

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Editorial ***

**2 STUDIO EXPANSION PLANS RECEIVE OPPOSITE
REACTIONS:** Like NBC, Universal needs equation the area can live with.

When a proposal to nearly triple the size of NBC's studio complex came before the Burbank City Council earlier this month, 22 nearby residents and local business representatives testified. Not one opposed the network's 20-year growth plan--one of three that will add more than 7 million sq. feet of new development to Burbank over the next two decades. But just the day before that amicable hearing, dozens of people jammed the downtown Hall of Records to complain for four hours about a plan to nearly double the size of Universal Studios, which sits up the hill, less than two miles from the studio cluster housing NBC, Warner Bros. and Walt Disney Studios. What gives?

The San Fernando Valley's entertainment industry has helped fill the void left by the collapse of aerospace, providing thousands of high-paying jobs to residents from Chatsworth to Glendale. Office space in the southeast Valley is among the most desirable in the region, with rents topping premium locations downtown and in Century City.

So why would residents -- many of them employed in the entertainment industry--embrace one set of studio expansion plans and reject another? Why is tripling of NBC welcomed and a doubling of Universal scorned? Part of the answer lies in differences of scale: NBC proposes a total complex of 3 million sq. feet and Universal proposes 11.3 million sq. feet.

But the biggest perceived difference, and the biggest problem for most people, lies in the intended uses of the new facilities. NBC plans to build offices and studio space, quiet

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uses that generate traffic but cause few other problems. Universal plans those kinds of facilities too, but also wants to build resort hotels and expand the tourist-oriented successes of its theme park and CityWalk entertainment complex.

Some neighbors appropriately fear increases in traffic, noise, litter and crime--not to mention the potential proliferation of tacky burger joints and cheap motels that generally hem destination resorts. They dismiss Universal's boasts about the project creating thousands of new jobs, pointing out that many will be low-wage service workers. And despite the confident promises of the project's environmental impact report, the Universal expansion will cause problems in the neighborhood.

The question is whether those problems are offset by the potential benefits. Expected tax revenues are substantial--as much as \$25 million a year to Los Angeles city and county. Construction jobs will provide solid wages, as will the jobs that occupy the studio and office space proposed by Universal. And with the completion of the Metro Rail subway station across the street, the complex will be poised as a regional center of business and entertainment.

Despite the surface differences, the decisions at the heart of the NBC and the Universal plans really differ very little. Both ask residents and officials to make a trade. In Burbank, they traded extra traffic for as many as 4,700 new jobs and \$2 million a year in property. **In Universal City, the trade is slightly more vague-- obscured by the neon lights of the project's theme-park component--but essentially asks for more traffic and noise in and business taxes in exchange for more jobs and taxes.**

Reducing the rhetoric from both sides and focusing on that fairly simple equation would go a long way toward find a project that's right for Universal, right for its neighbors and right for Southern California.

Please support your local homeowners group, THE CAHUENGA PASS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC. by filling out the attached Dues Payment Form. We need your dues and support to continue to make ours a neighborhood we can all be proud to be to live in.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FORM

Enclosed is payment for my (our) 1997/1998 Dues for my (our) property(ies) owned in the Cahuenga Pass area. I (we) understand the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Assoc. is a nonprofit California mutual Benefit Corporation incorporated only for the property owners in this area and payment is due by July 1st for the term of one year.

Last Name, first name (s) (Please print)

Property Address (if more than one, pls list separately)

Mailing Address (if different than property address) City, State and Postal Zip Code

Residence phone (indicate if unlisted with "U") / fax

Please check the committees you would be interested in assisting:

- _____ Community Improvement/Maintenance & Security
- _____ Membership/Newsletter and Outreach Liaison
- _____ Special Events and Meetings
- _____ Corporate Business/Elections and Nominations
- _____ Planning/Traffic and Development

Calculation of Dues:

\$30 annual dues required by all property owners for each CPPOA membership. Membership entitles you to one vote per household.

Check. No. _____ Total Dues Paid: _____
Make all checks payable to CPPOA

MAIL YOUR PAYMENT TO:
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
P.O. Box 85528
Universal City, Calif. 91618

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