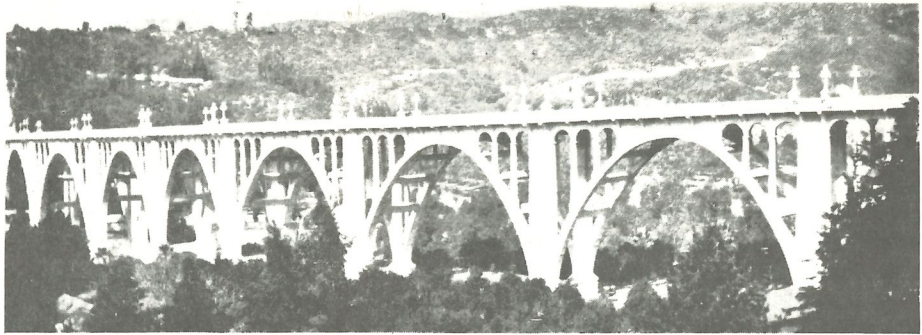


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NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S RECEPTION

Monday, May 7 5:30 P.M.
Castle Green, 99 South Raymond

If you would like to attend the reception to welcome the new mayor of Pasadena, please call 799-9819.

CITIZENS FORUM CABLE TV AND TRAFFIC CONTROL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sponsored by WPRA and Bill Bogaard
Thursday, May 17 7:30 P.M.
San Rafael School Auditorium
1090 Nithsdale Road

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On May 7, if tradition holds, Vice Mayor Bill Bogaard will be elected mayor of Pasadena. It has been 28 years since a Director from our district has served as mayor. Bill and his wife, Claire, are members of our Advisory Board. We're sure that West Pasadena will join the rest of the city on May 7 in welcoming Bill as our mayor.

Richard Yadley

TO ALL NEIGHBORS IN WEST PASADENA

This issue of our newsletter is being mailed to "current resident" and is intended to arrive at every residence within the boundaries of the West Pasadena Residents' Association. These boundaries are:

- on the north — Colorado Boulevard
- on the south—City of South Pasadena
- on the east — Fair Oaks Boulevard
- on the west — City of Los Angeles

We encourage anyone who is new to the neighborhood or anyone who is not yet a member of the WPRA to complete the information on the attached envelope and to return it. Dues are \$5.00 for a family (or individual) membership and \$25 for a contributing membership. The money collected is used to cover the cost of mailings, the printing of the newsletter, and an occasional special project. Membership includes the quarterly newsletter and announcements of meetings important to the residents of West Pasadena.

The Membership Drive also serves as an opportunity for WPRA to update the mailing list. Future newsletters will be mailed only to paid members. If you have been receiving more than one newsletter, please notify us so that we can correct our files.

WPRA Meetings are held monthly at various homes. Residents are always welcome. Please call Annette Serrurier, WPRA Secretary, for the date, time, and place (799-2556).

Virginia Kimball
Editor (258-3524)

OPEN HOUSE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

If you haven't been inside an elementary school lately, here's your chance. May 1st will be Open House at all public elementary schools in Pasadena. The local school for residents west of the Arroyo is San Rafael, located at 1090 Nithsdale. West Pasadena students east of the Arroyo attend Linda Vista School, 1259 Linda Vista Avenue. Classrooms will be open from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. at both schools, allowing students to show off their classwork. San Rafael will be holding a book fair in its auditorium at the same time.

TEACH SOMEONE TO READ & WRITE

"Pasadena Reads" adult literacy campaign needs volunteers with at least a high school reading level to be tutors. They will work with one or more learners twice a week for approximately one and a half hours a session. Classes will take place throughout the city at a time and place convenient for all.

If you or someone you know would like to improve reading and writing skills, or volunteer as a tutor, call the "Pasadena Reads" office at 405-4034. This project is sponsored by the Pasadena Public Library.

REPORT TO RESIDENTS

City Director Bill Bogaard will join with City Director Bill Thomson to report to residents of District 7 on progress in Old Pasadena and other matters. A question and answer period will follow. The meeting will be held in Dabney Lounge at Cal Tech, Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 P.M.

MONDAY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY?

Susan Mackall, the librarian at San Rafael Library, is thinking of opening the library one night a week in order to make the library more available for people who work during the day. There are no funds for extra hours, but this could be accomplished by opening later. The proposed plan is for the library to be open Mondays from 1:00 - 9:00 P.M. Please let her know what you think of the idea by stopping by the library or calling 795-7974.

THANK YOU, JIM GAMB

The WPRA Board has expressed its gratitude to Jim Gamb for three years of capable leadership as President of the WPRA. Jim's enthusiasm, organization, and patience inspired the organization. It is probably not coincidental that during the past few years, neighborhood organizations such as the WPRA have become a stronger voice in the City of Pasadena. We are pleased that Jim will continue to serve on the board. Thank you, Jim!

PASADENA IN THE PAST

The Pasadena Daily Evening Star of December 26, 1889 reported heavy rains and flooding in West Pasadena:

WATER EVERYWHERE

This rain seems likely to pass into history as the heaviest and most long-continued since the great flood years of '56 and '62. Seventeen inches in 25 days of December and over 28 inches this early in the season is a remarkable record, and the end is not yet, for the clouds are weeping again today and the wind still sits in the east.

Apparently this was the storm which washed out the old toll bridge across the Arroyo Seco near the present La Loma Bridge as seen in this photograph. The bridge had been built by the Campbell-Johnston sons who owned the San Rafael Ranch. If you wanted to cross the bridge with your horse and buggy, the toll was 25 cents. On foot, the toll was probably 5 cents. But if you were on your way to church (at the Church of the Angels, built in honor of the senior Campbell-Johnston), you could cross for free.



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REPORT FROM WILLIAM J. BOGAARD, VICE MAYOR

CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE TO BEGIN IN FALL 1984

Cable television service is expected to be available in southwest Pasadena before year end. Falcon Communications, Inc., the winner of the Pasadena citywide cable television franchise, recently moved its headquarters to Pasadena and will commence installation of the cable network in the southwest section of the city. Other areas of the city will be completed during the next fifteen months. The Pasadena program for local origination programming is in a stage of preparation, with the Board of Directors of the corporation which will manage public access broadcasting expected to be named by the City Board later this month.

VISTA DEL ARROYO NEARS COMPLETION

The restoration of the Vista del Arroyo, a \$10 million project funded by the U.S. Congress, is nearing completion and the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, is scheduled to relocate from Los Angeles during the late summer. This is an appellate court, which has proceedings involving oral argument by attorneys, so the traffic and parking requirements will be limited. Other tenants of the Vista Tower will move in at a later time, after construction of necessary tenant improvements.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ROUTE 134 SOUND BARRIER

Residents of San Rafael will be pleased to know that the sound barrier on the Route 134 Freeway will be constructed beginning this month. The project, which has been in the Caltrans budget for nearly five years, is scheduled to be completed in September. During construction, the contractor is subject to noise restrictions designed to keep noise levels of the construction activity within the allowable limits currently imposed on vehicles using the Freeway. Persons wishing to know more about this project may call Mr. C.B. Moseley, Caltrans Senior Transportation Engineer, at (213) 620-3170.