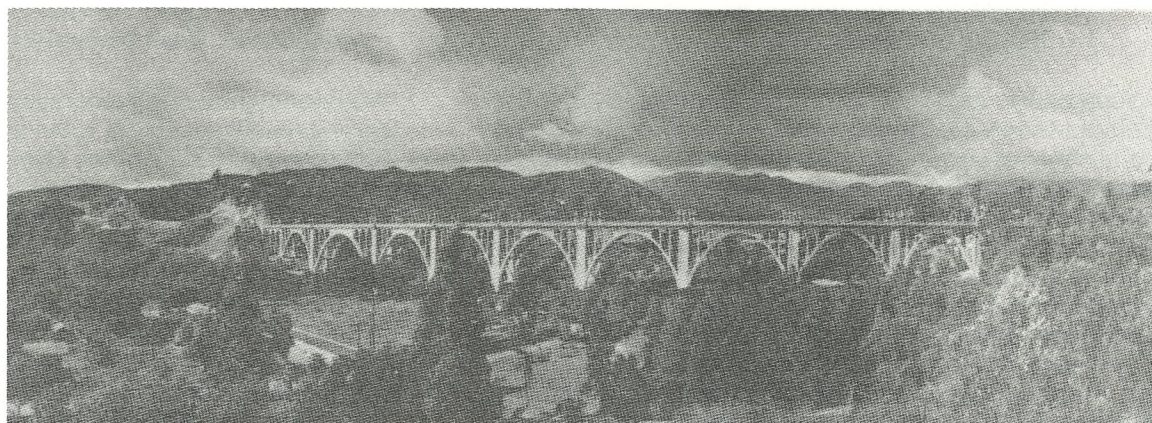


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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Publishing a neighborhood newsletter is a cooperative effort, and I am very grateful to Donna Secundy, Annette Serrurier, Katie Nack, Betty Ho, John Kimball, and Bob Takata for their participation. If you have comments on this newsletter, or ideas for the next one, please call me or our presidents, Donna and Annette. Thank you.

Virginia Kimball  
(213) 258-3524

## DATES AND NUMBERS

For recorded information on what's happening in the 91105 Zip Code, we can now call the Neighborhood Connection Line, at (818) 398-0195. This taped message is updated every Friday evening, and features information regarding film production locations, road work, board meetings, and hearings in our neighborhood.

City Hall has a hotline on which you can leave a message at night or on weekends to request city service: (818) 405-4025.

Neighbors of the Vista del Arroyo who wish to report vandalism or other problems on this federal property should call the federal protection number: (213) 894-3264.

The Rose Bowl calendar of coming events features the regular Flea Markets, which take place the second Sunday of the month, a Custom Car Show on April 17th, and the Independence Day Celebration on July 4th.

The annual meeting of the West Pasadena Residents' Association will be held in late May. The date and location have not been determined as yet, but notices will be sent to all members. Please plan to attend.

**LOOK FOR OUR BANNER**

WPRA contributed to the Colorado Street celebration by purchasing a banner which is hanging on Colorado Street near Orange Grove. Proceeds from the fund will be used for beautification. The banners will decorate Colorado Street through May.



## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN PASADENA**

*by Katie Nack, Director, District 6*

One of the most important ways that Pasadenans can participate in their city government is by accepting an appointment to one of the Commissions making recommendations to the City Board of Directors. Under the new rules adopted by the City Board, each of the 7 Districts has one appointment to each Commission having more than 5 members. Even in those Commissions where nominations are made by the Mayor, the nominations are taken from names proposed by other Directors.

Although terms of 3 years expire on June 30th, there are regularly openings caused by resignations for personal reasons. Since the beginning of the new process on February 1st this year there have been several resignations needing reappointments from District 6. It will be very helpful when there is an opportunity to make a new appointment to have a reservoir of names of people interested in participating in the work of the various commissions.

In order to participate in this process please write to me or contact Betty Ho to request an application so that I can have on file your letter of interest in sharing your skills with our City. Following is a list of the Commissions and a brief description:

- BOARD OF APPEALS - Building construction appeals
- CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS COMMISSION - Housing Code violations
- COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH - Children and youth issues
- COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN - Women's issues
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - Redevelopment
- CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION - Cultural Resources
- DESIGN COMMISSION - Review design concepts of development
- HOUSING AUTHORITY - Low income housing
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - Improve intergroup understanding
- LIBRARY COMMISSION - Library issues
- PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION - Parks and recreation issues
- PLANNING COMMISSION - Planning and Zoning city-wide
- RELOCATION APPEALS BOARD - Redevelopment appeals
- RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMISSION - Federal funds recommendations
- SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION - Senior issues
- TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION - Transportation, Prop. A funds, issues
- UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION - Water and Power issues.

Write to 100 N. Garfield, Pasadena, CA 91101, or call Betty Ho, 799-1925, for an application.

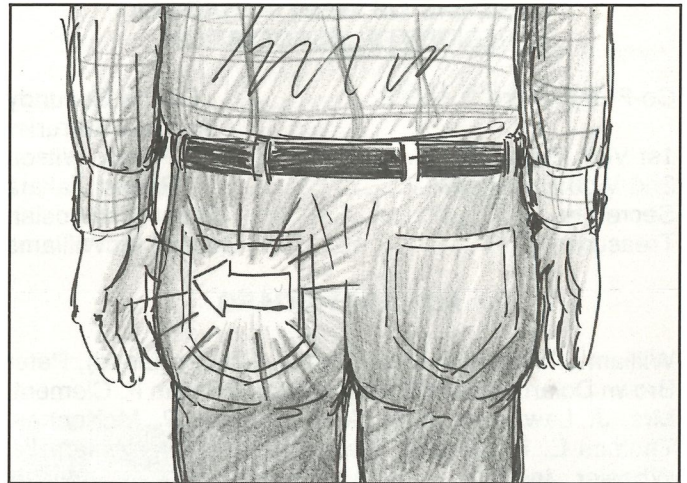
## **LEFT TURN POCKETS?**

*by Donna Secundy*

Currently under consideration within the city's Traffic Engineering Department is the possibility of installing left-turn pockets along Orange Grove Blvd. at the corners of California and Del Mar. It is their hope that this would significantly decrease the high number of accidents occurring at these intersections.

At a public neighborhood meeting on March 8, a group consisting of our City Director Katie Nack, and representatives from the Traffic Department, and the Police Department, put forth the facts and statistics surrounding these corners. Many questions and concerns were raised by neighbors. From that meeting, Mrs. Nack took the lead in forming a sub-committee of interested neighbors to meet with the City to further discuss all of the options available for this project.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these two areas, please feel free to write or call Mr. Dave Barnhart, City Hall, Traffic and Engineering Dept., (818) 405-4230 or Donna Secundy, Co-President, West Pasadena Residents' Assoc., (213) 681-0484.



## **COLORADO BRIDGE REHABILITATION**

*by Clarie Bogaard*

The environmental documentation for the Old Colorado Bridge is nearing completion. The formal design phase will take six to nine months and September 1989 is the targeted completion date. If all approvals are in order at this time, construction on the bridge will begin in November 1988.

The entire top of the bridge including the deck will be removed to repair the supporting arches that rise from the Arroyo Seco. The arches will be repaired and the top of the bridge will be rebuilt. The bridge roadway will be widened by two feet but that change should not be apparent. The seating alcoves and other decorative treatments on the deck railings will be replicated as part of the deck replacement. The only new element will be curb-side barriers between the sidewalks and the traffic lanes. Federal Highways and Caltrans are insisting on the barriers for added protection should a driver lose control on the roadway.

West Pasadena Resident Jerry Lehmer, a structural engineer and a member of the Citizens Committee for the Colorado Bridge Rehabilitation, has been representing WPRA these past two years.



## MORE GREENERY

### Tree planting is planned in West Pasadena

475 West Bellefontaine . . . . .	1 Cinnamomum camphora
585 West Bellefontaine . . . . .	1 Cinnamomum camphora
638 West Bradford Street . . . . .	1 Quercus agrifolia
430 California Terrace . . . . .	1 Quercus agrifolia
226 Malcolm Dr. on Glenullen Dr. . .	1 Podocarpus macrophylla
167 San Miguel Road . . .	1 Zelkova serrata "Village Green"

## BEYOND BURGER KING

### by Virginia Kimball

Taking the family out to dinner has always been a challenge for us. I like a place with tablecloths, waitpersons, and non-hamburger cuisine. My husband and older daughter are adventuresome with food—the more exotic, the better. Our younger daughter, however, complicates any excursion.

Our thirteen-year-old subscribes to the one-food-at-a-time theory of eating. She appreciates good, simple food . . . like French fries. Combinations can be acceptable to her so long as they're served separately . . . like milk and cookies, or catsup next to the French fries. She's a little dubious about hamburgers, but they'll do if she's really hungry. Casseroles are torture equivalent to child abuse.

This kid's idea of the ultimate dining experience is a grilled cheese sandwich and vanilla Coke at the Rose City Diner, with Burger King a close second. We still drag her along to "real" restaurants from time to time. Over the years, we've tried new dining spots, relying on appetizers, which are often simple one-food dishes, to prevent her starving while the rest of us try more enlightened fare.

Early last summer, we visited the new Oak Tree Inn, at 1315 Fair Oaks in South Pasadena and followed our usual pattern by ordering spare ribs and fried shrimp for the young one and more exotic fare for the rest of us. The Oak Tree Inn is a Chinese restaurant, featuring Mandarin cuisine in high-tech, contemporary surroundings with many young waiters who take good care of their customers.

Our waiter adroitly served the Moo Shu Pork with that amazing system of using two spoons like chopsticks to spread the plum sauce, add the meat and vegetables to the Chinese tortilla, fold, and wrap it like a burrito. (An ancient Mandarin chef must have taught the early Mexican people some culinary secrets . . . or maybe it was vice versa?)

We were so entranced by his performance that we forgot to explain that one of us wouldn't be eating. What followed was a minor miracle: just like Mikey in the cereal commercials, she *liked* it. And after that first taste, she tried other dishes, and found more to her liking. While our lives haven't been completely transformed, we have at last found a restaurant we all enjoy, and we've returned many times.

I recommend the Oak Tree Inn for others too. The food is nicely presented, very well prepared, and moderately priced. The service is very good. Besides the Moo Shu, we enjoy the three flavors with hot garlic sauce and the Oak Tree chicken. With 24 hours notice, they'll serve Peking duck, and it looks very good. Many other people have discovered the Oak Tree Inn too, so reservations are usually necessary.

## VISTA DEL ARROYO AUCTION

### by Claire Bogaard

After years of discussion and several recent delays, the auction of the Vista del Arroyo bungalows was finally held on February 5, 1988 at the Hilton Hotel in Pasadena. The General Services Administration had agreed to auction eight of the 17 bungalows. The nine remaining bungalows will be leased to the Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the proposed Western Justice Center.

The auction attracted a number of bidders and the eight bungalows were purchased by a West Los Angeles doctor for more than one million dollars.

The City of Pasadena will now be processing the residential zoning for the area. WPRA members will recall that the WPRA Board has long supported residential zoning for the bungalow use.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Diane Walker is the new branch librarian at the San Rafael Branch Library. Diane has a Masters Degree in Education with a minor in Instructional Technology from the University of Arkansas. She has two years experience in college libraries and one year experience in the public school media center.

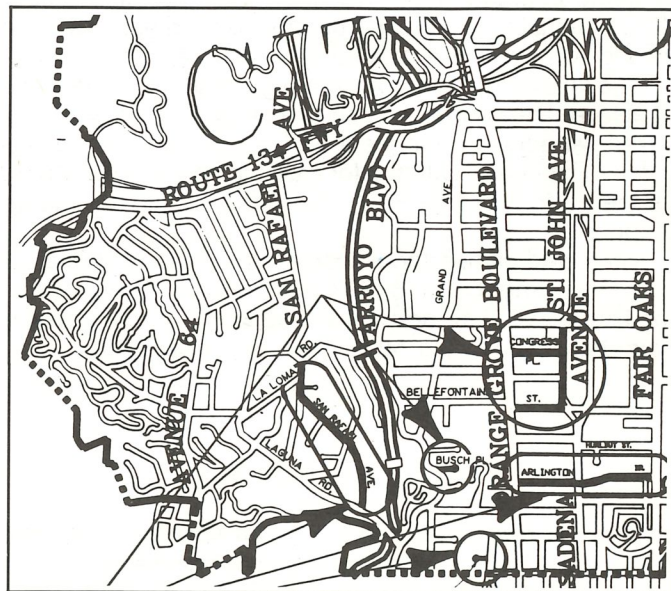
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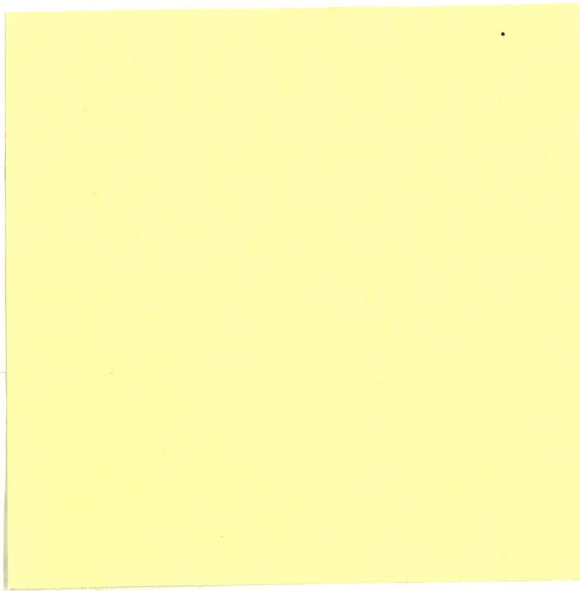
#### Project Locations in West Pasadena

Congress Place . . . . .	Orange Grove to St. John Ave.
Bellefontaine . . . . .	Orange Grove to St. John Ave.
St. John Ave. . . . .	California to Bellefontaine
San Rafael Ave. . . . .	La Loma Road to Laguna Road
Columbia Circle . . . . .	Hillside Road to cul-de-sac
Busch Place . . . . .	Arroyo Blvd. to cul-de-sac
Arlington Drive . . . . .	Orange Grove to Fair Oaks



Installation of these new street lights should be completed by the end of summer. For a construction schedule, call Betty Ho, (818) 799-1925.





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### **LA CASITA DEL ARROYO IS BACK** *by Bob Takata*

The newly renovated La Casita del Arroyo recently reopened and is now available for functions seven days a week. Located on Arroyo Blvd. a few blocks north of California Blvd., La Casita perches on the eastern edge of the Arroyo. It is a charming stone building.

The interior is a spacious room graced by a large stone fireplace. The room is suffused with light from several king-sized windows on the west and south walls. A modern kitchen has been outfitted for catering services. La Casita is the perfect setting for gatherings of up to a hundred people.

Interested parties should contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (818) 793-0966 Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Their hours are 9-12 and 2-4., The staff is very helpful, and the rental fees are reasonable.

#### ***La Casita del Arroyo***

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