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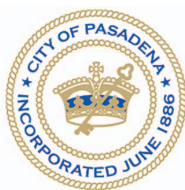
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Historic votes, new voices oppose tunnels, point to new transportation models

City votes to oppose 710 tunnel, support alternatives

The Pasadena City Council, during a special meeting on April 13, voted 5-3 to oppose the SR-710 toll tunnel option in Caltrans' and LA Metro's plans to extend the SR-710 freeway between Alhambra and Pasadena. District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison led the effort to oppose the tunnel. Supporting his motion were Mayor Bill Bogaard and councilmembers Jacque Robinson, Gene Masuda and Victor Gordo.



Councilmembers Terry Tornek, Margaret McAustin and John Kennedy could not support the motion because they believed they were bound by the 2001 Measure A election results.

In that election, a majority of Pasadena voters supported a "surface" freeway option and barred City Council from opposing a freeway extension without another election. Councilmember Madison and Mayor Bogaard argued that those supporting Measure A were voting on a *truck-free surface freeway*, not *toll tunnels for trucks*. A motion by Terry Tornek to schedule another election on the matter failed in a 4-4 vote.

Although Council split its vote about the tunnel, it unanimously approved the locally preferred alternative proposed by the 710 Working Group. The Working Group was composed of City staff and public members, including WPRA President Geoff Baum and WPRA Vice President Sarah Gavit.

Subsequently, Mayor Bogaard notified Los Angeles Mayor (and Metro Board President) Eric Garcetti of Pasadena's now-formal opposition to the tunnel option and its unanimous preference for the locally preferred alternative. — *Contributed by Bill Urban*

National Trust names 710 corridor as 'treasure'

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has named the historic communities of the SR-710 corridor — Pasadena, Glendale, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, La Cañada



National Trust for
Historic Preservation

Flintridge, Alhambra and the Los Angeles neighborhood of El Sereno — as its newest National Treasure. Additionally, it called on LA Metro, Caltrans and other key decision-makers to embrace a progressive, forward-thinking model for transportation planning that is suitable for the 21st Century needs of the Los Angeles metro area.

As early as 1989 the Trust had added South Pasadena and El Sereno to its annual list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, shining a national media spotlight on the devastating threat the SR-710 project posed to area historic communities. And in 1999, the Trust's legal advocacy helped secure an injunction that stopped the plan to build a surface route that would have required demolition of hundreds of historic homes and cultural sites.



During the WPRA's May 6 annual meeting, WPRA Director Joan Hearst (right) presented Vince Farhat with the organization's highest possible honor — the Dorothy Lindsey Community Service Award. Vince was cited for his selfless generosity and tireless volunteer efforts in the service of Pasadena's citizens. Although Vince was out of town, his wife Betsy, left, and son William accepted the award on his behalf. Vince joins past recipients Mic Hansen (2011) and Claire Bogaard (2012). The award was created in 2011 to honor the late Dorothy Lindsey.

(Photo by Chuck Hudson)

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Together, we're making a difference

BY GEOFFREY BAUM
PRESIDENT, WPRA

Nearly 200 friends and neighbors gathered at Sequoyah School in May for the WPRA's 2015 annual meeting. We were pleased to welcome Terry Tornek who joined the gathering in his first public event since taking office as our new mayor.

Just before the meeting, I received a delightful note from Ginny Moore, a neighbor who recently moved back to west Pasadena. Back in the 1950s, she and her neighbors began a tradition of active involvement that led to the founding of the WPRA. Ginny attended our annual meeting (see photo to the right).



Geoffrey Baum

We are delighted to welcome her back to Pasadena and the WPRA!

The meeting also provided an opportunity to reflect on a very productive year. Together, we worked



WPRA board member and former president, Fred Zepeda, welcomes Ginny Moore back to Pasadena and the WPRA during the May annual WPRA meeting. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

diligently to keep neighbors connected and engaged through our electronic and printed newsletters, our website, Facebook page and special events, including a candidates' forum for our recent city elections and the fun summer members' reception, hosted by Andrea and John Van de Kamp.

We also engaged in many very important issues, including:

1. Plans to demolish historic apartment homes on S. Orange Grove Circle, which would have displaced dozens of long-time residents

2. Development of Desiderio Park and the negative impact of a possible public restroom
3. The General Plan draft as it evolves and moves toward final adoption
4. Traffic metrics when the City chose to eliminate a traditional traffic measure, the results of which could result in even more auto gridlock
5. The Rose Bowl Stadium's proposed and scheduled list of major events, including the proposed music and arts festival

Most important, with your help and financial support, the WPRA continues to mobilize volunteers and resources to fight the SR-710 tunnel plan. I am proud to report that this effort has already generated important support from our elected leaders. We are making a difference.

Despite these signs of hope, however, let's not forget that this is a multi-year effort. Deeply entrenched, well-funded interests want to see the tunnel built. If we hold our ground, 50 years from now we will be able to send a note to our grandchildren, like the one I got from Ginny that celebrates what a wonderful community west Pasadena still is.

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Area: The WPRA service area is bounded on the north by Colorado Boulevard, on the east by Fair Oaks Avenue and on the south and west by the city limits.

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A grateful city “Thanks, Bill” for 16 years of exemplary leadership



Family, friends and associates on April 25 braved a chilly afternoon and intermittent rain to mark the end of Bill Bogaard's 16 years of service as mayor. Those who attended expressed their admiration for the out-going mayor and, quite clearly, the man. In this photo, Mayor Bogaard is flanked by the Council. They are, left to right, Steve Madison (District 6), Gene Masuda (District 4), Margaret McAustin (District 2), Jacque Robinson (District 1 and Vice Mayor), Mayor Bogaard, Victor Gordo (District 5) and Terry Tornek (District 7). John Kennedy (District 3) was unable to attend the event. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

2015 elections usher in a new era at City Hall

By JUSTIN CHAPMAN
SECRETARY, WPRA

Bill Bogaard's decision not to seek re-election as mayor gave rise to an entertaining election period, the results of which will have a profound impact on Council politics and City policy.

Primary election

It took the March 10 primary election to reduce from six to two the number of mayoral candidates. Councilmembers Terry Tornek and Jacque Robinson led the field with 5,475 votes (36%) and 4,643 (31%), respectively. Since neither received a majority of the vote, they, as the two top candidates, would have to face each other in a run-off election. As for the other four mayoral candidates in the election, Don Morgan received 2,250 votes (15%); Bill Thomson received 2,008 (13%); Allen Shay, 634 (4%); and Jason Hardin, 76 (0.05%).

Also, three incumbent councilmembers — Steve Madison (District 6), Margaret McAustin (District 2) and Gene Masuda (District 4) — who ran unopposed — were reelected. In the District 1 race, to replace outgoing Councilmember (and mayoral hopeful)

Mayoral runoff District 6 election results: April 21, 2015

Poll		Terry Tornek	Jacque Robinson
5150004	Fire Station #38, 1150 Linda Vista	663	231
5150010	Pasadena Meadows, 150 Bellefontaine	317	163
5150011	Maranatha High School, 169 S. St. John	444	214
5150032	Throop Memorial Church, 300 S. Los Robles	149	187
5150044	Sheraton Pasadena Hotel, 303 E. Cordova	147	155
5150092	Fire Station #39, 50 Avenue 64	346	160
5150094	Church of the Angels, 1050 Avenue 64	335	207
Total District 6		2,401 (64%)	1,317 (36%)
Total City		8,549 (54%)	7,170 (46%)

Jacque Robinson, PUSD board member Tyron Hampton and former Pasadena Fire Chief Calvin Wells and were the top two vote-getters in a five-person race, which punched their tickets for a run-off election.

General municipal election

In the April 21 general municipal (runoff) election, the mayoral and District 1 run-off contests were decided. For Mayor, Tornek won with 8,549 votes (64%), while Robinson garnered 7,170 (46%). Just over 20% of the nearly 80,000 registered voters came out to elect the next mayor. In District 6, 26% of the more than 14,000 who participated. Citywide, Tornek won 25 of 47 precincts (53%). In Council District 6, he won five of seven

precincts (71%). [See accompanying table]

In a close District 1 contest, Hampton won with 1,238 votes (51%), while Wells received 1,185 votes (49%).

Making it official

On May 4, City Clerk Mark Jomsky swore in Terry Tornek as mayor and reelected councilmembers Madison, McAustin and Masuda. He also swore in new councilmember Hampton. Councilmember Masuda was named Vice Mayor, a position previously held by outgoing Councilmember Robinson. In a subsequent meeting, City Council appointed Andy Wilson to serve the remaining two years of Tornek's council term.

La Loma Bridge will soon close for retrofit

At long last (barring any 11th hour surprises), the City of Pasadena by the end of July will close the historic La Loma Bridge to begin an 18-month, \$12.4 million seismic retrofit and rehabilitation. The project should be completed by December 2016. The 1914 neoclassical revival bridge will also be widened by a foot on each side to meet current federal design standards.

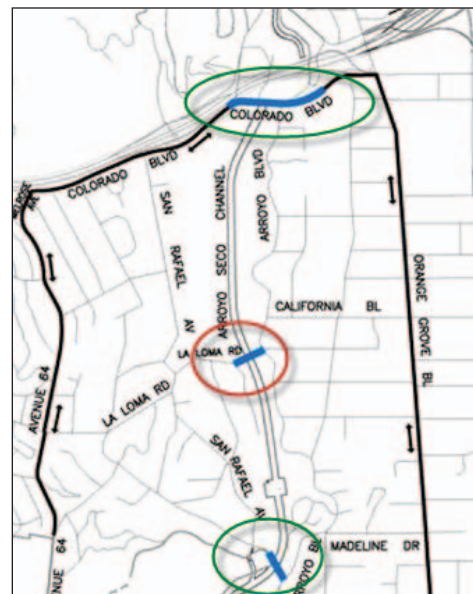
During construction, the city will redirect primary traffic from the south and the west up Avenue 64 to the Colorado Street Bridge, and redirect local, residential traffic along La Loma Road and side streets down to the San Rafael Bridge (at the end of Laguna Road).

City staff has developed trail closure guidance, including for the trail that leads from the west end of the bridge, at La Loma and Rockwood, down into the Lower Arroyo. This is the only access point into

the Arroyo from the west side and will be completely closed for nearly the entire project. This means that those on the west side of the Lower Arroyo can only access the Arroyo by crossing either the Colorado Street Bridge or the San Rafael Bridge.

The path on the east side of the channel will be open as often as possible; however, the City reports that a certain times it will be unsafe for anyone to pass under the bridge. A trail detour climbing up the east bank, around the construction and back down is planned. The detour will not be suitable for horses, so equestrian use of the Arroyo will be limited.

More information, including a map showing trail closures and access, is available at cityofpasadena.net/PublicWorks/La_Loma_Bridge_Project, or by calling the Pasadena Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.



Schematic identifying La Loma Bridge (red oval) and the Colorado and San Rafael bridges (green ovals).

Appeals court rejects Rose Bowl/NFL EIR suit

A California state appeals court on May 28 rejected a community group's challenge to the City's certification of the Environmental Impact Report related to the potential temporary lease of the Rose Bowl Stadium by a National Football League team until its permanent stadium is opened.

A three-judge panel of California's Second Appellate District affirmed a lower court's denial of a mandamus petition filed by the Coalition for Preservation of the Arroyo, which comprises the Linda-Vista Annandale Association, East Arroyo Neighborhood Preservation Committee, and San Rafael Neighborhoods Association. The WPRA also helped support the suit.

The panel held that the city's 2012 environmental impact report was timely in its rejection of the Coalition's claim that the report was premature and segmented because the city hadn't yet negotiated a lease with an NFL team. Also, it ruled that the City had adequately addressed the environmental impacts as required by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Points of view

- Nina Chomsky, president of the Linda Vista~Annandale Association:** "This Decision is unfortunate for the neighborhoods surrounding the Arroyo particularly when the rush to approve the AEG Music and Arts Festival is factored in. The Petitioners are considering all their options in light of this Decision, and may file a Petition for Rehearing in the Appellate Court based on errors of fact and law."
- Victor Gordo, District 5 City Councilmember and president of the Rose Bowl Operating Company:** "The Court's decision reaffirms that the City of Pasadena and its staff conducted a comprehensive and proper analysis of potential environmental impacts as required under CEQA. However, we will continue to seek the right balance between revenue-producing opportunities for the Stadium and limiting impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods. In fact, an Environmental Impact Report process is currently underway relative to a proposed arts and music festival as a potential new opportunity with far fewer event days as proposed with the NFL."
- Geoffrey Baum, president, West Pasadena Residents' Association:** "It [an NFL lease] would have a devastating impact on the community. We think the NFL is a bad idea for the Rose Bowl, and we think the city should continue to explore other options for a long-term tenant."

BRIEFS

Pedestrian improvements at Colorado and Fair Oaks

Pasadena's Public Works Department has announced plans for pedestrian improvements at the busiest intersection in the Old Pasadena Historic District — Colorado Boulevard at Fair Oaks Avenue. These improvements include new “bulb-outs,” curb ramps and striping to improve crosswalk visibility. The shorter crosswalk distance will also increase the area available for pedestrians to gather and will reduce the number of lanes of cars.

The intersection was identified in a 2011 study prepared for the Department of Transportation as having the highest number of pedestrian-vehicle collisions from 2005-2010, including one fatality. Construction of the improvements is slated to begin in January 2016.

Because the project involves federal funds and is located within a National Register Historic District, a special review process is required by federal law to ensure that the project specifications comply with the Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The Design Commission has provided valuable feedback to Public Works, and Pasadena Heritage submitted comments at the same time regarding the necessary protective measures for the historic buildings and the importance of monitoring these buildings during construction.

In 1983, Pasadena Heritage initiated the nomination of Old Pasadena as a National Register Historic District. Pasadena Heritage holds facade easements on 37 commercial buildings in the district, including the historic Dodsworth building on the southwest corner of the intersection in question. *Source: Pasadena Heritage*

LOOKING BACK, 1903:

1903: “Busch Gardens was established by Adolphus Busch on Orange Grove Boulevard, and was opened to visitors by invitation only.” — *Pasadena Community Book, 1943*

Tunnels, transformation, celebration

By SUE MOSSMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
PASADENA HERITAGE

SR-710 DEIR comment period closing soon

In preparing comments for the massive 710 Freeway extension Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), Pasadena Heritage



is now focusing its attention on the Cultural Resources analysis. We've been very fortunate to have the help and support of the National Trust for Historic Preservation on this issue, and we celebrate the recent announcement that the 710 corridor has been named one of the Trust's “National Treasures.”

The National Trust chooses issues that have great historic preservation consequences, community impacts and are representative of similar issues elsewhere in the country to highlight as a National Treasure. The Trust's role, through its local field office, has been to help strategize, coordinate and communicate common threads among the many organizations, coalitions, neighborhoods, government agencies and others. Its help has been extremely valuable to us and many others in recent months.

After a review of the Cultural Resource information in the DEIR documents, Pasadena Heritage believes that the analysis of individual historic properties in Pasadena is adequate.

We have found few flaws in the DEIR's identification of historic properties and their significance, with two large historic districts in the 710 path — the Markham Place Historic District, listed on the National Register, and the Pasadena Avenue Historic District, declared eligible for listing.

However, we continue to have grave concerns about the impacts of vibration, ground disruption, and settlement under the hundred-year-old foundations — virtually ignored by the DEIR. This is a major and frustrating deficiency, from which one might mistakenly infer there could be no significant impact. In fact, existing historical analysis proves that negative impacts are likely.

South Orange Grove's mid-century transformation

Pasadena Heritage was proud to present an in-depth look at South Orange Grove Boulevard's transition beginning in the late 1940s from Millionaires' Row mansions to garden apartments. A lecture and tour on May 16, during National Preservation Month, drew an enthusiastic crowd.

Preservation Director Jesse Lattig presented new research and an overview of the history of this grand boulevard. She included information about its decline after the Great Depression and its post-war transformation to garden apartment living.

After the lecture, which was held at Westridge School, attendees took a walking tour of South Orange Grove as far north as California Boulevard. The group stopped along the route to hear docents present historical and architectural descriptions. Several gracious homeowners opened their apartments or condos, which provided our guests with a more intimate look at life on South Orange Grove today.

Pasadena Heritage plans to offer a repeat performance of the lecture, “South Orange Grove: Mid-Century Living on Millionaires' Row” at the Pasadena Central Library as soon as it can be scheduled and is considering a similar tour north of California Boulevard in the future.

On the calendar: “Cum Laude: Historic Preservation and Higher Education”

On Saturday, July 18, Pasadena Heritage will honor four local institutions of higher learning for preserving historic buildings on their campuses while providing excellent and diverse educational opportunities in our fair city.

Honorees at a gala evening, to be held at Art Center College of Design's South Raymond campus, are the Art Center, Caltech, Fuller Seminary and Pasadena Community College. Many generous sponsors have contributed support for this event (including WPRA) for which we are most grateful. The summer gala is the alternative to the Colorado Street Bridge Party, which is held every other year. *With only limited seating, just a few tickets are still available – please call the office or check our website for more information.*

BRIEFS

Drought, water-restrictions will impact public lands and trees

The critical issue of the drought and new State water restrictions were on the agenda for a gathering of organizations and institutions co-hosted on May 20 by the Huntington Library and Pasadena Heritage at the Huntington's Botanical Center.

Pasadena Water and Power staff summarized Pasadena's sources of water, water usage and current capital projects designed to improve our local supply. Questions included how to capture more rain water when it does fall, how to care for street trees and other mature trees, incentive programs offered by PWP, and the need for Pasadena residents to pull together to achieve the goal of a 28% reduction in overall water consumption.

A statement of concern and a request for consideration for our public park lands and trees was drafted and submitted to the City Council in June. *Source: Pasadena Heritage*

Pasadena Heritage receives PCF grant

Pasadena Heritage is a proud recipient of a 2015 Capital Grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation. The money will fund technical upgrades including a new computer and laptop, updated server and, to enable Pasadena Heritage to keep pace with technology, new software.

Pasadena Heritage also received a grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation in 2013 to assist with foundation work for its headquarters, the Madison house. *Source: Pasadena Heritage*

LOOKING BACK, 1894:

1894: "First contract was given to light the streets with electricity." — *Pasadena Community Book, 1943*

Neighborhood eyesores or property-owner limitations?

City seeks "mansionization" answers and standards

By MIC HANSEN

For the past several years, the community has voiced multiple concerns about new as well as "remodeled" or "rehabilitated" homes that have been clearly out of scale and character with the surrounding homes. Often these oversized and embellished homes dwarf their neighbors and conflict, stylistically, with adjacent homes. These situations can affect privacy, access to sunlight, aesthetics, vegetation, and general neighborhood coherence and appearance.

Last fall, the Planning Commission asked that "the mansionization issue" be placed on its work plan. On Sept. 8, City Council agreed and instructed City staff to review this matter and submit recommendations for resolution.

Late last year, the Planning Staff proposed a three-phase approach to take into consideration those single-family areas throughout the City that have the least protection.

- The initial phase deals with the Lower Hastings neighborhood in east Pasadena, which has been experiencing a surfeit of unsuited remodels and new construction. A neighborhood overlay and temporary construction moratorium is now in place in this area to mitigate this trend, at least for the time being.
- The second phase addresses non-hillside neighborhoods with no historic/landmark designation. (Areas that have historic overlay require staff or Historic Preservation Commission review for appropriateness.)
- And the third, and last phase, will be the hillside overlay areas, which in Council District 6 includes most of the west Arroyo area, including the San Rafael Hills and Linda Vista.

As many of you may be aware, the Planning Department has held seven workshops in multiple neighborhoods to receive community input regarding neighborhood compatibility. The last of these workshops

was held June 11 in west Pasadena. The next step is for the Planning staff to consolidate and report the community input received at these sessions to the Planning Commission and City Council. The input received throughout Pasadena will provide a more thorough understanding of issues and concerns and the establishment of solutions.

Although current standards in Pasadena regulate size, height and setbacks in single-family zoned neighborhoods, Pasadena does not have specific design standards for single-family homes as we do for multi-family construction. Further, compatibility is not solely dependent on quantitative measures, but also on qualitative and aesthetic awareness and sensitivity. This is why it's so important to look at additional criteria to mitigate homes that are out of scale and/or context.

Many cities in Los Angeles County have also tried to address this challenge, with varying degrees of success. We are learning from their experiences, and will need to craft a solution that will be "uniquely Pasadena" to appropriately serve our diverse, established, and historic neighborhoods.

Even though the majority of the community supports this initiative, not everyone agrees. Some view standards as restrictions on property rights and their ability to maximize their property's value. However, neighborhood coherence, tree removal, disturbance of views and privacy can also affect values.

As this process moves forward, it is important that all continue to participate by attending applicable hearings and expressing concerns to staff and commissioners.

Mic Hansen is a current member of the Planning and Design commissions, the Metro/710 Stakeholder Oversight Advisory Committee (as Pasadena's representative) and a member of the Heritage Housing Partners board of directors. She has been a member of the WPR and Pasadena Heritage boards of directors, and the General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

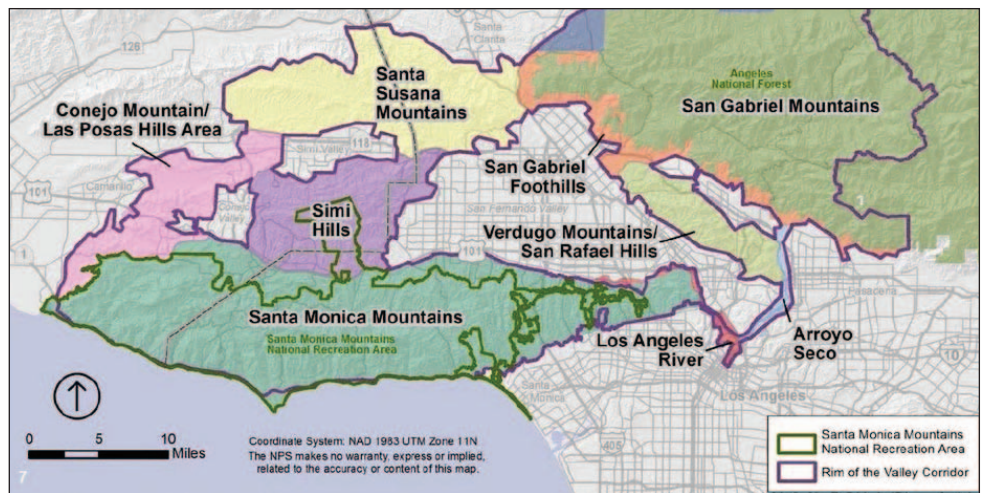
BRIEFS

City adopts Level 2 water shortage plan

Due to the severe drought in California, City Council on June 1 adopted a Level 2 water-supply shortage plan, which imposes additional mandatory water restrictions for residents and businesses. Level 2 permits outdoor watering only on Tuesday and Saturday, between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. It also requires the city to reduce water consumption by 28%, based on 2013 consumption, and reinforces that violators face fines up to \$500 per incident. Council action also included the following water-use restrictions:

- No turf irrigation within 48-hours following a measurable rain
- No washing hard or paved surfaces using potable water, except as necessary to alleviate safety and/or sanitary hazards
- All master-metered multifamily properties must certify installation of water efficient shower heads and aerators on faucets by September 30, 2015
- The abbreviated outdoor watering schedule is effective through October; a one-day-per-week outdoor watering limit will be effective from November to March
- All identified water leaks must be fixed within 48 hours, and filling ornamental lakes and ponds is prohibited

Pasadena Water and Power will regularly report to City Council on progress to meet the 28% conservation goal. If water savings are not sufficient during the summer, the City Council may have to mandate additional water use restrictions. [See conservation meter graphic below, which will be updated regularly on the City's website.]



Rim of the Valley corridor is outlined in purple.

Rim of the Valley

A national recreation area in Arroyo Seco and west Pasadena?

BY BLAINE CAVENA
TREASURER, WPRA

Rim of the Valley” is the short name for an effort to significantly expand the current Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). Expansion could include the mountain and natural areas encircling the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi and Conejo Valleys in southern California. Areas being studied as part of this effort include all of the Arroyo Seco as well as portions of west Pasadena, including parts of Linda Vista, East Arroyo and San Rafael.

Some may think of a National Recreation Area as a national park, but while the National Park Service (NPS) would have some role in managing any expanded area, Rim of the Valley would not be a national park. Management of an expanded area would be a collaborative effort with cities and other local and state agencies and organizations, as is the case with today’s SMMNRA. Land acquisition, whether private land or state or local public lands, would be limited to willing sellers and be dependent upon funding.

In concept, the Rim of the Valley would permit the NPS to support local and regional efforts to expand recreational opportunities, protect habitat and preserve both natural and historic resources. Rim of the Valley

proposals support collaboration between the NPS and local communities to further these goals. Efforts could include funding for parks, trails, and other recreation opportunities, and the NPS would be able to provide technical assistance for recreation planning, education and resource protection.

While maintaining local control is a concern, as currently envisioned any Rim of the Valley expansion would have extremely limited effect on land not federally owned. City and other local and state entities would continue to manage policies and regulations for land use, zoning, parks, water rights, flood control, fire protection and more, both on private land and on public land that is not federally owned. Except for mineral and oil or gas extraction, and solid waste facilities, the NPS would have no authority over non-federal lands. Stewardship actions and conservation efforts on non-federal land would continue to be voluntary.

Expansion of the SMMNRA requires legislation by Congress. While current proposals would not affect local control, the final result — and the final boundaries of the expanded area — will be determined by the actual legislation. The WPRA is monitoring Rim of the Valley efforts but has not taken a position on the issue.

To learn more about this topic visit the National Park Service website.

WPRA examines a changing Pasadena

BY JUSTIN CHAPMAN,
SECRETARY, WPRA
PHOTOS BY CHUCK HUDSON, UNLESS
OTHERWISE NOTED

About 200 people gathered at beautiful Sequoyah School on May 6 for the WPRA's annual meeting, guided by the theme "Challenges and Opportunities for Change." Prior to the start of the formal portion of the meeting, attendees and members mingled with City officials and other guests, while perusing exhibitor booths of local organizations. The Little Flower Candy Co. provided food for the event.

Sequoyah School Director Josh Brody opened the meeting with a reference to the threat of the SR-710 tunnel option, which, he noted, could displace the celebrated school. "We have been a part of the Pasadena community since 1958, and we are very much looking forward to being on this campus into the future," he said.

WPRA director and past president Bill Urban led the business portion of the meeting, which comprised the election of 2015-2016 officers and board members. [See page 2 for full listing.]

President Baum recounted the past 12 months' issues and accomplishments, including development of a park in the Desiderio base and the restroom controversy, potential displacement of some of our neighbors in Orange Grove Circle and the City's General Plan. He also cited the issue of an "extremely ambitious schedule of major events at the



District 6 Councilmember Steve Madison



WPRA President Geoffrey Baum presented a **Community Service Award** to the Pasadena Garden Club, accepted on the organization's behalf by Tom Seifert, for its work maintaining the La Casita del Arroyo garden and many other locations around the city.

Rose Bowl, including the proposed music and arts festival. We also played a positive role in city elections by serving as a source of information and engagement. We gave hundreds of our neighbors an opportunity to meet and hear the mayoral candidates during our forum in January."

District 6 City Councilman Steve Madison praised the WPRA's efforts and congratulated newly elected Mayor Terry Tornek. "I know he's going to do a great job for us," said Madison. "We've got a Council with the right mix of veteran leadership and new councilmembers, but we need your help and your support and your input."

2015 Community Service Awards

Board member Joan Hearst presented the **Dorothy Lindsey Community Service Award** to Vince Farhat for his tireless volunteer efforts for the community and city. Since Vince was out of town, his son, William, ably accepted the award on his behalf. [See photo front page.]

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accepted on the organization's behalf by Tom Seifert, for its work maintaining the La Casita del Arroyo garden and many other locations around the city.

Bill Urban and Audrey O'Kelley surprised Chuck Hudson with a **Community Service Award** for his role as editor of the quarterly newsletter, co-editor of Neighborhood Update, and chair of the WPRA's Communications Committee.

Van de Kamp, Hansen shine a light on the past, present and future

WPRA treasurer Blaine Cavena introduced the headlining speakers: John Van de Kamp, former California attorney general and WPRA board member, and Mic Hansen, member of the City's Planning and Design commissions and former WPRA board member.

Van de Kamp spoke about the ways Pasadena has changed over the past few decades, touching on transportation, entertainment, culture, politics, race, education, sports, restaurants and more. "Was the past an idyllic past," he asked, "to which we should aspire, and if so, what made it so, and what should

Pasadena in its 53rd annual meeting



WPRA Director John Van de Kamp noted that Pasadena would “inevitably continue to change,” but urged citizens to fight to make the most of it.

we concentrate on? Pasadena has changed – mostly, though not always, for the better,” he continued.

“Pasadena is no longer a sleepy city, a place where Easterners used to spend their winters. It has diversity, vitality – still some great neighborhoods. It has a lot of engaged and sometimes enraged citizens. Overall, it’s a good place to live, but with issues confronting us, dealing with size, growth, public services and the needs of a quite different population. Pasadena will inevitably continue to change, and as citizens we should fight to make the most of it.”

Hansen provided an overview of new development projects — of which there are many — across the city and then addressed a key issue. “Most of us in this room may agree that Pasadena has a sense of place, often defined as the quality that brands a place with ineffable uniqueness and a distinctive identity,” Hansen said.

“We can see and feel this uniqueness of Pasadena all around us: iconic architecture, lush and tended gardens, the Arroyo, our urban forest, beautiful neighborhoods throughout the city, including those in our own west Pasadena, and our vibrant, pedestrian friendly city center.”

She encouraged the audience to consider what they want Pasadena to look like in the years to come. “As we move ahead, we know that



Newly minted Mayor Terry Tornek vowed “to restore people’s confidence in city government” and make sure citizens understand that the City “is listening to what they have to say.”



Mic Hansen, member of the Planning and Design commissions, who noted that Pasadena “has a sense of place ... with ineffable uniqueness and a distinctive identity,” encouraged the audience to imagine what they thought Pasadena would look like in years to come.



Former WPRA presidents Bill Urban and Audrey O’Kelley present Chuck Hudson, WPRA Director of Communications, with a Community Service Award for his work on the association’s quarterly newsletter and weekly eNewsletter. (Photo by James Mcpherson, *Pasadena Now*)

change is inevitable and often challenging to manage,” she said. “All of us acknowledge the need for growth and economic prosperity. But achieving a balance is often complex and requires a great deal of planning, patience, negotiation and compromise.”

Mayor gets his “new career” off to a great start

Mayor Tornek praised the WPRA and began laying out his priorities for the city. “What a perfect way to start my new career as mayor,”

he said. “Coming to the WPRA is the right place to start, because it’s the neighborhood organizations and neighborhoods that really are the essence of what our city is about.”

Tornek said he will strive to better communicate with citizens. “We need to restore people’s confidence in city government and make sure they understand that we’re listening to what they have to say. We can work our way through the challenges to make our city stronger.”

Critical canyon water, Hahamongna sediment and Arroyo restoration projects move forward

BY TIM BRICK
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Arroyo Seco Canyon Project

The Pasadena City Council on June 1 certified the environmental document and approved a conditional use permit for the Arroyo Seco Canyon Project, a partnership between Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) and the Arroyo Seco Foundation. The project should be completed in two years.

The project will expand local water supplies from the Arroyo Seco stream and local groundwater while at the same time improving environmental conditions for fish and habitat. Enhancements to Pasadena's water intake structure in the mountain canyon will improve its reliability as well as conditions for fish and aquatic species.

The spreading basins at the top of Hahamongna Watershed Park will be expanded to allow Pasadena to take its full entitlement during high flow periods by reducing the size of the former JPL parking lot on the east side of the basin from 1,100 spaces to less than 100 reserved for recreational visitors.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation developed the original conceptual plan and grant application for this project and has worked closely with PWP to publicize and shape the program.

We're also excited about the nursery that we're now developing to propagate native plants for the habitat restoration elements of the project.

Hahamongna sediment lawsuit

December 8, 2015 has been set as the tentative date for the court hearing on the lawsuit regarding LA County Flood Control District's program to excavate 2.4 million cubic yards of sediment from behind Devil's Gate Dam in Hahamongna Watershed Park and to truck it to distant landfills.

LA Superior Court Judge Luis Lavin will consider the lawsuit, filed by the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon Society last December to challenge the enormous impacts of the County's program on Hahamongna and the surrounding neighborhoods including west Pasadena.

While attorneys Mitchell Tsai and Christina Caro are preparing the challenge of the environmental impact report, they are also aggressively pursuing issues related to several regulatory permits that the Flood Control District must obtain before they can begin their massive sediment trucking operation, which, as planned, would involve more than 425,000 truckloads over a three-year period.

The regulatory agencies involved, include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, all have the responsibility to protect natural resources, so each can require additional environmental studies and mitigation measures to determine the least damaging practical alternative. These permits could be as important as the lawsuit itself in reducing the negative impacts of the Flood Control District's program and establishing a more sustainable approach to flood and stream management in the Arroyo Seco.

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WPRA plants tree in honor of its late, first president

Former WPRA presidents, Audrey O'Kelly and Bill Urban, right, mark the planting of a camphor tree in Singer Park. The tree stands as a memorial to the WPRA's first president, Richard Jencks, who passed away in June 2014. "Richard's influence — and his inspiration — were most profound in regard to the Arroyo Seco," wrote former Mayor Bill Bogaard in the fall 2014 issue of this newsletter. "I view the creation, during the early 80's, of the ordinance protecting the Arroyo Seco to be the direct result of Richard's legacy." Facilitating the purchase and planting of the tree is Emina Darakjy, left, a past president of Pasadena Beautiful and Pasadena Street Tree chair. Although planting a commemorative tree in a public park requires City approval, it is done at no expense to the City. The WPRA bought the tree and paid for the planting service, and Emina's personal time and guidance is her gift to both the City and our urban forest. (Photo by Chuck Hudson)

A busy summer for SRES

Editor's note: The WPRA has "adopted" San Rafael Elementary School, 1090 Nithsdale Rd., which is the last public elementary school in west Pasadena, through the WPRA-sponsored Student Enrichment Program.



BY RUDY RAMIREZ
PRINCIPAL, SAN
RAFAEL ELEMENTARY



Dear friends:

Although the 2014-2015 school year has come to an end, some very exciting things continue to happen at San Rafael Elementary. Specifically, the Pasadena Unified School District will begin trenching on our campus this summer to determine (with 99.9% certainty) whether or not previously identified earthquake faults under the school exist and, if so, are active. If the faults are determined to be inactive, it would be possible for PUSD to maintain a school campus in west Pasadena. Of course, our academic community is extremely excited about the possibility of being able to stay at our amazing school in our great neighborhood.

Looking forward, San Rafael Elementary has many exciting things in store for the 2015-2016 school year. For starters, we'll begin the school year with a full-time physical education teacher, thanks to the tireless fund-raising efforts of our parent community. Also, our School Site Council has approved the hiring of supplemental staff to support classroom instruction and student achievement. When our students arrive in the fall, we will welcome them with a full staff.

Speaking of students, we expect to welcome 78 new kindergarten faces — a significant portion of which are neighborhood children — to our campus in the fall. We're so very grateful for the support and assistance we receive from so many in the community.



Under the little big top—San Rafael Elementary (SRE) School students enjoy some new physical education equipment. The school once again has a PE teacher, after years without one, thanks to an SRE parents' fundraiser. The WPRA contributed \$2,500 for the purchase of equipment that can be used in those PE classes.

The tide has turned for San Rafael Elementary

BY KEN HARBISON
DIRECTOR, WPRA

Earlier this year I wrote about how bleak the prospects looked for San Rafael Elementary's (SRE) continued existence and for retaining a public school west of the Arroyo, while continuing to grow support for this 2014 California Distinguished School.

However, the change in administration within Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) — mainly the new Superintendent and the new faces on the Board and on the facilities committee — has apparently already prompted a welcome "second look" at the 7-11 Committee report submitted last year, particularly as it relates to the Committee's recommendation to do limited trenching on the SRE property to confirm whether or not the suspected faults do exist, and, if so, whether they are active.

On June 16, 2015, in part in response to requests from the WPRA, PUSD held a community meeting at SRE to discuss such issues. Approximately 60 community members and others attended the community meeting, which WPRA provided advance notice of via an e-Alert. Many SRE parents attended, including many young SRE parents

who own homes in this neighborhood. No community member spoke in favor of closing the school, which refusing to do this trenching would render a certainty.

The following details were confirmed, in response to questions from various community members:

- No streets will be closed; the trenching will only occur on SRE property.
- Removed dirt will be kept on SRE property, dust mitigation will be employed.
- The trenching itself will take approximately four days.
- The trenches will be covered to comply with safety regulations, and the longer seismic review process, and finally the closure of the trenches, is anticipated to be complete by August 11, 2015.

As expected, traffic around SRE was also a major discussion topic. As enrollment at SRE has drastically increased (to full capacity) traffic has grown, particularly at "drop-off" time. There have also been complaints about the behavior of a few parents in violating parking regulations.

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Arroyo Seco Arts & Music Festival at the Rose Bowl

BY DARRYL DUNN,
CEO AND GENERAL MANAGER,
ROSE BOWL STADIUM

As we prepare for the summer, the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) is thinking about the future, and the ways in which we can ensure the historic stadium will be successful for future generations. To provide a dependable revenue source for both the stadium and the City of Pasadena, we continue to identify potential long-term Rose Bowl tenants, in addition to the Tournament of Roses and UCLA.

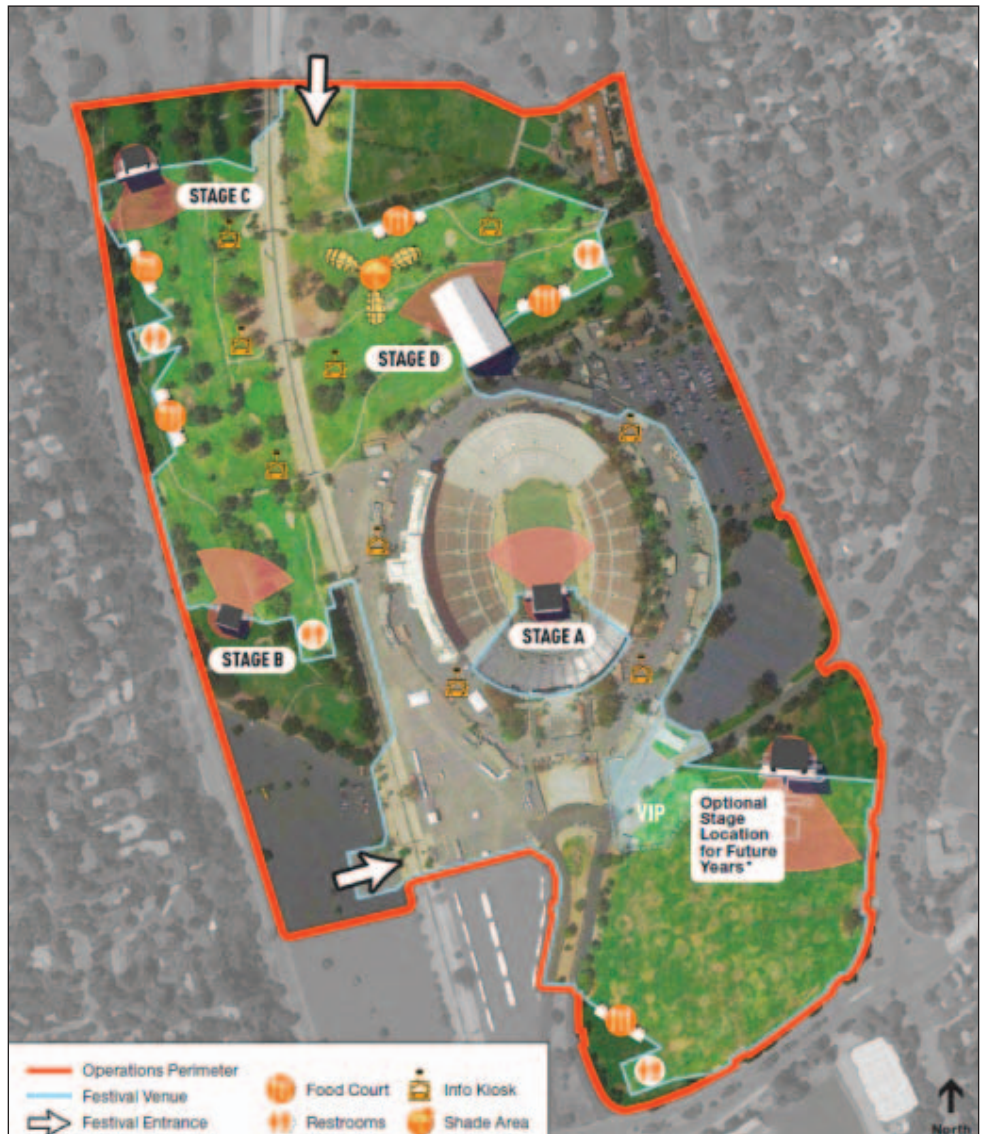
One potential tenant is a multi-day music and arts festival. An early step in evaluating this was to partner with AEG/Goldenvoice, who produce many successful music festivals around the world, to help us conceptualize and design the festival. We are all keenly aware that the event must be unique and sensitive to the Arroyo and Pasadena, and the emphasis on the arts in addition to music aligns with our community.

The festival concept

The music and arts festival, which we propose to name the Arroyo Seco Music & Arts Festival at the Rose Bowl, would continue the proud Pasadena tradition of world-class art, music and food. It would be an event to be shared by multiple generations of families. The known aspects of the proposed festival include:

- The festival would take place annually every June. The first year, slated for 2016, would be a two-day festival. Thereafter, the festival is expected to run for three days.
- Musical acts would appeal to multiple generations and would fit with the culture and values of Pasadena with the quality the community and world has come to expect.
- Art would likely include visual and performing arts intertwined with the musical performances.
- Net festival revenue is estimated to exceed \$2 million each year. The majority of the revenue would go to upkeep of the Stadium and Brookside Golf Course, as well as to improvements in the Arroyo Seco.
- The economic benefit to local businesses and Downtown Pasadena is expected to be a significant boost to the local economy. The goal is to replicate January in June.

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Preliminary plan for layout of proposed arts and music festival at the Rose Bowl

WPRA listening, but cautious of festival

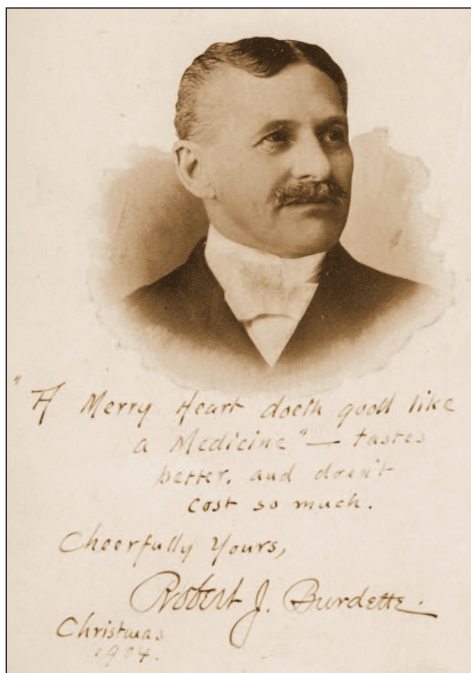
BY BILL URBAN
DIRECTOR AND
FORMER PRESIDENT, WPRA

The City has taken its first step in formally evaluating the concept of an annual three-day music and arts festival at the Rose Bowl by issuing a Final Initial Report (interesting title), which analyzes 19 state-mandated environmental areas that would be affected by the festival. The report identified 10 areas, including air quality, noise, public services, recreation, and traffic, that are likely to be significantly impacted and must be analyzed. This

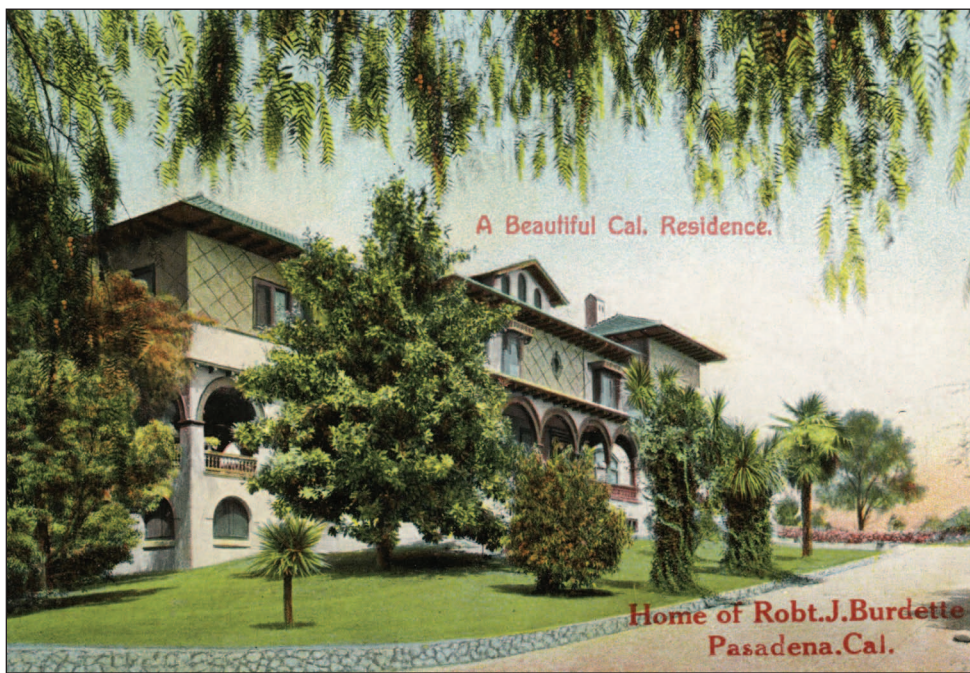
report is the first step in preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The WPRA is open to the concept of a festival as a way to showcase Pasadena and provide a reliable revenue stream for the Rose Bowl, and as a source of funds for improvements to the Central Arroyo. However, the severe impact of such a large event on both the surrounding neighborhoods and neighborhoods along the traffic corridors serving the Rose Bowl must be minimized.

To review the WPRA letter sent to the City during its "scoping sessions" view the letter on the WPRA website (wpra.net).



Christmas card inscribed by Robert J. Burdette, 1904. Courtesy of the Archives, Pasadena Museum of History (Ephemera Collection)



On postcard, residence of Robert J. Burdette, circa 1900. Published by Newman Postcard Co., Los Angeles, Courtesy of the Archives, Pasadena Museum of History (Postcard Collection)

Mustaches, cigars and pulpits: Robert Burdette

By NICK SMITH

In 1899, the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena offered to make a local man, Robert Burdette, their new pastor. He had filled in while they searched, and they thought him the perfect choice. He felt compelled to decline for a rather unusual reason: he wasn't a Presbyterian. They wanted him anyway, but in his formal reply, he phrased it convincingly.

"There is no place in all this land higher than the pulpit. I thank you with all my heart — I thank you more earnestly, more lovingly than I know how to express, for this invitation, this call to be your pastor... 'A night and a day have I been in the deep,' storm tossed, with heartache and heart longings, earnestly desiring to continue this work with you, and yet knowing that it might not be. I am a Baptist; this is a Presbyterian church. If, after forty years of service in one denomination, I could say to you that in three months I had changed my convictions on certain points of denominational differences, you would doubt the perfect sincerity of that sudden conversion in a man of my years. And I ought to doubt it, myself."

Why was he in such demand? While largely forgotten now, Robert Burdette was a well-

known writer, poet and humorist for most of his life, and a minister from 1897 until his death. His book of reminiscences from the Civil War, *Drums of the 47th*, was a firsthand account of life as a simple soldier, while most of his other writings ranged from the theological to the humorously philosophical.

Burdette was a humorist and poet long before he was a minister. His writing career began in 1872, in a small Midwestern newspaper, but he eventually became the "staff humorist" for the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. He constantly toured as a lecturer, and gave his most famous lecture, "The Rise and Fall of the Mustache," an estimated 3,000 times.

In 1897 he became a full minister, and preached in Los Angeles. There he met and married the formidable Clara, who had already outlived two husbands. They shared her Orange Grove estate until his death in 1914. Their home was so picturesque and Burdette's appeal so great that postcard companies sold views of the exterior and interior of their house for years.

Nick Smith is co-curator of the exhibition "When Johnny Came Marching West: How the Civil War Shaped Pasadena," which is on view at Pasadena Museum of History through September 20.

Special offer for WPRA members

Enjoy a free curator-led tour of **When Johnny Came Marching West: How the Civil War Shaped Pasadena**, with paid gallery admission on Saturday, August 8 at 1:30 p.m. or at 3 p.m. Space is limited! Advanced reservations are required. Visit wpra.brownpapertickets.com or call (800) 838-3006 and enter the password: JOHNNY. For further information about the exhibit or the Museum, please visit pasadenahistory.org or call 626-577-1660.

Historic votes, new voices

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Now the Trust continues this three-decade legacy by advocating for a series of economical 21st Century transportation solutions that consider the needs of the region as a whole. Rather than focusing solely on moving people in their cars, the alternative solutions the Trust supports encourages a range of mobility options that will provide people of all ages and backgrounds with more flexible and accessible transit choices.

Curiously, this approach aligns with Metro's current policies embracing more progressive regional transportation planning that includes an expanding regional network of light rail, bus systems, and a network of bike and pedestrian options. — *Contributed by Chuck Hudson.*

'Beyond the 710' looks forward

A new voice in the battle against the SR-710 tunnel



proposal has emerged: *Beyond the 710 Coalition*. This initiative, in its own words, "is about connecting communities, increasing everyone's quality of life, and putting scarce transportation dollars to their best use."

The Coalition comprises Pasadena, Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the No 710 Action Committee. U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff has also announced his support the group and sent a letter to Metro and Caltrans expressing his opposition to the toll tunnel plan.

Water Plan

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The City will also be retrofitting medians with low-emitting irrigation systems for trees, removing turf at Pasadena fire stations and planting drought-tolerant landscaping, turning off all water fountains at City facilities, investing in a recycled-water project and an upper Arroyo Seco Canyon project to increase water supplies, introducing a new graywater program, "Laundry to Landscape," and acquiring new technology and hardware to capture water flushed from pipes during maintenance.

A fundamental Coalition tenet is that proponents of the SR-710 toll tunnels have misdiagnosed the cause of increased traffic and congestion. The Coalition cites studies that indicate at least 85% of the commuters exiting the 710 freeway at the Valley Boulevard stub in Alhambra are headed toward local destinations. In spite of this, some believe the tunnel option is the solution. Clearly, the tunnel option would not relieve the corridor's traffic congestion. Worse, it would actually attract more traffic, squeezing as many as 180,000 cars and trucks each day north through the tunnel and into Pasadena's SR-134/I-210 interchanges.

The Beyond the 710 Coalition's plan is based on four pillars of modern traffic planning: community-serving transit, and congestion reduction, and incorporates Great Streets concepts to encourage bikers and walkers, while managing traffic demand. Further, the Coalition advocates removing the freeway "stubs" and repurposing the land for smart development, which was a plan first floated by the Connecting Pasadena Project. — Contributed by Audrey O'Kelley

Critical water

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Arroyo Seco ecosystem restoration

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Study has now moved into a new phase. During this phase, the Corps is working with local partners to shape alternatives and evaluate the environmental impacts and benefits that would result from 10 miles of stream restoration from the San Gabriel Mountains through west Pasadena and all the way to downtown Los Angeles.

The Arroyo Seco Foundation will sponsor a series of community planning workshops in the late summer and early fall to re-envision various stretches of the Arroyo, including Pasadena's Lower Arroyo, and how they can best be enhanced.

Stay tuned for details, or send an email to info@arroyoseco.org to be informed of the meetings.

The tide has turned

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The WPRA has previously discussed these important issues with PUSD, as impacts that need to be mitigated. Superintendent McDonald has committed to working with the neighborhood to address these concerns. The WPRA will be following up with him, with PUSD, and with the parent groups at SRE to work on new solutions.

There are no guarantees that trenching will save this school. However, this is a time of tremendous hope for public education in west Pasadena, and for a program that has once again made our neighborhood a destination for young families interested in public education.

Rose Bowl Festival

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Steps in the process

The City initiated an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in May of this year to study the potential impacts of a weekend music and arts festival. Three scoping sessions were held for public comment in May and public comments were accepted through June 8.

The City Planning Department, independent of the Rose Bowl, is managing the EIR process. It will spend this summer working with Environmental Science Associates (ESA), a nationally recognized expert in EIR preparation to perform the necessary analysis and issue a Draft EIR late this summer or early fall. Following release of the DEIR there will be a 45-day period for public comment.

Finally, the City Planning Department will incorporate or respond to the public comments and issue a Final Environmental Impact Report for City commissions and, ultimately, City Council review.

The RBOC will continue to work with our community neighbors to address any concerns and the impact the festival may have on the surrounding neighborhoods.

For more information or to comment on the environmental process, contact David Sanchez, City of Pasadena, at (626) 744-6707 or email him at dsanchez@cityofpasadena.gov. If you have questions about the festival itself, please call the dedicated Festival Community Information line at (626) 577-2166.

Gone, but not forgotten

2,000 attend funeral of Owen Brown in Pasadena



On Aug. 17, 1886, the National G.A.R. Encampment visited Pasadena. "An event that will live in history is the hauling in a carriage by enthusiastic 'vets' of four members of the 'Old John Brown' family, who live here. Jason and Owen Brown, Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson and her husband, Henry Thompson ...were objects of the enthusiastic admiration of the boys-in-blue ..." *Pasadena Union*

[Editor's note: The Pasadena Museum of History graciously provides WPRA News readers with historical vignettes to relive our past and inform our future.]

By KIRK MYERS
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PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY

January 10, 1889 was a significant date in early Pasadena history – the funeral of Owen Brown, son of abolitionist John Brown. Owen was the last survivor of the historic raid in October, 1859, on the federal armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, an event widely credited with the beginning of the Civil War.

About 2,000 people attended the services at the Methodist Tabernacle on South Marengo. Before describing the pall bearers, the *Pasadena Standard* noted "It is quite remarkable that there should be found in Pasadena so many men who were associated with John Brown in his mighty work, which up-heaved the nation and proved the entering wedge for the overthrow of slavery, thirty years ago."

It was also quite remarkable that Owen Brown was highly honored in death at Pasadena. Almost 30 years earlier, as one of five men who escaped from Harper's Ferry, he had been vigorously pursued as an accomplice to murder and insurrection in one of the most famous manhunts of the 19th century.

The story of his amazing escape was published in the *Atlantic Monthly* in March, 1874. The *Pasadena Standard* said that it "excels in thrilling pathos ... the most vivid conceptions of fiction." Mark Twain commented "Three different times I tried to read it but was frightened off each time before I could finish. The tale was so vivid and so real that I seemed to be living those adventures myself and sharing their intolerable perils."

By 1884, four members of the John Brown family were living in Pasadena – Owen and his brother Jason, who were homesteading in the hills north of Pasadena, and their sister Ruth Brown Thompson and her husband Henry, who had been one of John Brown's soldiers in Kansas. Owen died of pneumonia on January 8, 1889 at his sister's home, far

away from the tumultuous event that brought him to the forefront of history.

The Pasadena Museum of History is located at the corner of Orange Grove Boulevard and Walnut Street (470 W. Walnut, Pasadena 91103); free parking in the Museum lot. The Research Library & Archives are open to the public free of charge Thursdays-Sundays from 1:00-4:00 pm. For additional information, please visit the Museum's website, pasadenahistory.org, or call 626-577-1660, ext. 10.



The funeral of Owen Brown at the Methodist Tabernacle on South Marengo on January 10, 1889 was "a historic day in Pasadena. The tabernacle was well filled – about 2,000 people in attendance." *Pasadena Standard*



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