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## Our energy, insight will carry us through an uncertain future

BY BILL BOGAARD  
FORMER PASADENA MAYOR AND  
WPRA PRESIDENT

As 2019 drew to a close, Pasadena had no reason to think that the new year would not live up to the theme of the 2020 Rose Parade, "The Power of Hope." The economy was vibrant, unemployment was historically low, and the stock market near an all-time high.

The new year did pose challenges, of course, such as overdevelopment, affordable housing and homelessness, increasing traffic and economic disparity between rich and poor. But there was interest and energy to address those issues to make real progress toward improving Pasadena's quality of life.

It's true that at year-end, it was reported that Wuhan, China, was experiencing a wave of deadly infection. But the promise of the new year loomed large, and Pasadena — and really the rest of the world — failed to take notice.

Shortly, however, Pasadena — along with the state, the nation and the world — was facing the worst and most disruptive upheaval in more than a hundred years, when, in 1918,

### Red-carpet wishes for the *real* stars

"Next year I don't wanna hear about the Oscars or Golden Globes. I don't want to see a single pathetic actor, actress, singer, celebrity or sports person on any red carpet! Next year I want to see nurses, doctors, ambulance crews, care-givers, support workers, police officers, firefighters, shop clerks, grocery store workers, garbage removal crews, delivery drivers and truck drivers, having free red-carpet parties with awards and expensive goody bags. If this doesn't happen it will be the biggest injustice ever!"

— Thanks to Lorraine Clearman, who found this in a Pasadena Next Door app post

the Spanish flu sped across the world, killing more than 675,000 in America and as many as 50 million worldwide. This new pandemic, which by mid-June took more than 400,000 lives, shook the whole world.

For various reasons, it took until March before the United States recognized the coronavirus as a mortal threat. In a few days after "Safer at Home" orders were issued, the Dow Jones lost a third of its value — more than 9,000 points — and unemployment soared to the highest level since the 1930s.

Since the "lockdown" was announced, our community has demonstrated its resiliency, its vast resources of science and technology, and its energy, compassion and concern.

City Hall and its Public Health Department stepped up to maintain municipal services and to address the many community needs brought by the pandemic. Caltech pivoted a longstanding infectious-disease project to focus on a COVID-19 vaccine, while JPL used its scientific know-how to design a low-cost ventilator needed to treat COVID-19 patients. This essential product is now being fabricated at eight U.S. factories.

The non-profits and churches of Pasadena sprang into action to support seniors, children and others who, based on sudden unemployment and the closure of public schools, could not meet basic daily

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**West Pasadena Residents' Association**

**YEARS**  
**1962 - 2020**

## 2020 annual meeting is set for ....

As reported in the postcard we mailed in April to our members and friends, the WPRA Board of Directors decided to postpone its 2020 annual meeting, which would have celebrated 58 years of community service. The decision was, in the end, an easy call.

Although our plans for the meeting were falling into place, the COVID-19 virus had other plans. And while state and local rules to loosen business and social restrictions

continue to emerge and the potential for a second (or third) virus wave exists, we continue to find it difficult to set a time for our annual meeting.

As soon as our forward vision isn't clouded by the virus (or some other disaster!), we'll select a date and communicate it by alternative means such as *Neighborhood Alerts*, postcards and the public media. So, stand by. And, as they say, "Hope springs eternal."

# We are stronger together

BY DAN BEAL  
PRESIDENT, WPRA

Pasadena has nearly 60 neighborhood associations. Astounding! Some associations have thousands of residents within their borders, as does WPRA; some represent much smaller neighborhoods. Some focus mostly on individual situations; some get involved in larger issues of public policy. Some focus locally; others take on citywide as well as local issues. Some work alone; others collaborate.

WPRA does all of those, but lately we've emphasized collaboration with neighboring associations. Under the banner of "Stronger Together," WPRA has joined with the Linda Vista / Annandale Association (LVAA) and the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association (MHNA) in several recent land-use public policy initiatives, including the issue of development concessions and timely reporting and process transparency.

Some of the advantages of collaboration include merging our best thinking, research and intelligence, and speaking with a stronger and more effective voice to city government.

Most recently, LVAA, MHNA and WPRA jointly sent a letter to the city's Planning and Community Development Department and the Planning Commission. You can read this letter on page 6, and you can find other letters at [wpra.net/letters-at-a-glance/](http://wpra.net/letters-at-a-glance/).

We'll continue to look for opportunities to join together with other associations and to respectfully and knowledgeably disagree when we don't.

### Thank you, Pasadena!

As I write this, the nation – indeed the world – is in its third week of massive protests over the killing of George Floyd, and the treatment of people of color by law enforcement, and racism in general. These protests are constitutional, righteous and necessary.

Anyone with a heart and a soul should hope that justice and real change emerge from them. But violence, injury, destruction and theft demean and sully the cause.

Pasadena has emerged as a shining star in this maelstrom. We had several numerous vehement protests, but with virtually no injuries, destruction or looting, and with cautious,

thoughtful policing.

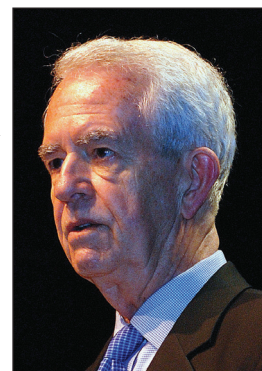
We've contributed to the international voices, but without diluting the message with irresponsible opportunism or provocation. Is this a facet of the oft-mentioned "Pasadena Way?"

I hope so. In any case, thank you, Pasadena.

### Helping hands

Many people and organizations have stepped up during the COVID-19 crisis to help those in need. WPRA, thanks to your generosity, contributed to two very effective local organizations: Friends in Deed and the Pasadena Senior Center.

We'll continue to look for ways to support our caring organizations, and we rely on your financial contributions to do so. You can donate to and join WPRA on line at [wpra.net/donations/donate/](http://wpra.net/donations/donate/).



Dan Beal

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**Mission:** Founded in 1962, the West Pasadena Residents' Association is dedicated to maintaining the character of our community and enhancing the quality of life in west Pasadena.

**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.

**Funding:** All WPRA activities are funded through membership dues and contributions. The WPRA receives no public funding and has no paid employees.

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## On passing

### Carol van Zalingen, dean, Westridge School

Carol van Zalingen, Lower and Middle School dean of student support at Westridge School, died on Tuesday, April 14 in Huntington Memorial Hospital from complications related to Covid-19. She joined Westridge in 2008, as the 8th grade English teacher and, in 2015, transitioned to the role of dean of student support.

Carol was born in Uganda and lived in Iran, before moving to the United States. Prior to coming to Westridge, she taught language arts in Hoover, Alabama, and Hilliard, Ohio. She held a B.A. in English and anthropology from Rice University and an M.Ed. from the University of Montevallo. She was also a gifted young-adult novelist.

### David Wolf, local architect, historian, and author

David Wolf, a Pasadena native, architect, historian and a champion of collaborative city planning passed away at the end of 2019 at age 54. Wolf, who was born in Pasadena was a graduate of John Muir High School and earned a master's degree in architecture from UC Berkeley.

David loved all things Pasadena, and devoted countless hours of his time, talent and treasure to familiarize current Pasadenans of our city's early history and the importance of community-based planning with broad citizen participation. He was the author of "My City," a carefully researched book about early planning efforts in Pasadena, and how revisiting this type of 'bottom-up' planning approach would benefit and re-energize current planning processes.

He dedicated the last 10 years of his life to detailed historical research for his book, as well as the "Pasadena Passages" project that advocated linking Pasadena's alleyways in the Central District and the Arroyo Link that re-created a century-old pathway descending from Old Pasadena into the Arroyo.

## Moody is the police department's first female Deputy Chief

The Pasadena Police Department in February named Commander Cheryl Moody as the department's Deputy Chief. Moody began her new role on Feb. 17 and now oversees the department's daily operations and special projects, while continuing to manage the department's reorganization efforts.

She is the first woman in the police department's more than 130-year history to serve as deputy chief.

"We are very proud of Cheryl Moody in her new role," said Chief of Police John Perez. "We are equally proud that she is the first woman to serve in this role and are excited for the opportunities it provides to the city of Pasadena."

Moody was hired in 1992 as a patrol officer for the Pasadena Police Department, after serving three years in the U.S. Air Force and four years with the Long Beach Police Department. At that time, cocaine use was running rampant in that city. Moody worked undercover on drug detail posing as a buyer and a dealer.

"I'm honored and humbled," Moody said. "I stand on the shoulders of giants to reach this level in the department."



Deputy Chief Cheryl Moody

Moody has nearly three decades of policing experience, leading many high-performing teams over the years such as the Special Enforcement Section.

She has served on Pasadena Police Department's Executive Command staff for five years and has held executive board positions with local and national chapters of The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Moody currently serves as the President of the Los Angeles County chapter of Women Leaders in Law Enforcement. — Source: *City of Pasadena and Pasadena Now*

## Claire Bogaard among Schiff's 2020 Women of the Year

United States Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Burbank) honored 15 inspiring women from communities in the 28th Congressional District. Included among them is Pasadena's own Claire Bogaard.

Claire is a founding member of Pasadena Heritage. Some of the many organizations and committees Claire has served on include the National Trust for Historic Preservation as an advisor and trustee; Advisory Committee for the Restoration of Pasadena City Hall; No 710 Action

Committee as co-chair; and the West Pasadena Residents' Association as a member of its Board of Directors, and co-editor of its newsletter.



Claire Bogaard

The 28<sup>th</sup> district includes Atwater Village, Burbank, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Glendale, Hollywood, Hollywood Hills, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Los Feliz, Montrose, Pasadena, Silver Lake, Tujunga and West Hollywood.



# Q&A | with Bryan Frieders: *Pasadena's interim fire chief*

WPRA President Dan Beal and Director Linda Zinn interviewed Pasadena's interim Fire Chief Bryan Frieders to learn more about how the department is handling the COVID-19 challenge and what steps it's taking to mitigate the risk of catastrophic fires in and around the Arroyo Seco.

Chief Frieders has more than 29 years of experience in a variety of assignments including training, EMS, fire prevention, urban search and rescue, and emergency management assignments. He holds a master's degree in public administration, a bachelor's degree in vocational education, and an associate's degree in fire technology. He has also been awarded the designation of Chief Fire Officer (CFO) by the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

## How is the fire department holding up under the COVID-19 emergency?

As you know, the Fire department responds to medical emergency calls from citizens who may or may not have COVID-19. Every single call has the potential to expose our firefighters and paramedics to the disease. In spite of this, all of our personnel are committed to facing that risk every single day. It's a testimony to their commitment to the city.



Pasadena's Interim Fire Chief Bryan Frieders

In response to the virus, we have instituted some changes in the way we respond to emergency calls. Instead of initially sending six multi-disciplinary personnel into a home, as we typically have in the past, now we only send one to evaluate a patient. Of course, the other five personnel are waiting outside just in case special treatment, such as a cardiac event or another acute illness, is necessary. We have also partnered with the Pasadena Public Health Department and skilled nursing facilities to ensure they have an adequate amount of protective personal equipment and are observing all the required safety protocols.

Another one of our key responsibilities is to manage the city's Emergency Operations Center, including assisting all city employees who have or may have been exposed to COVID-19. We have developed guidelines for employees who may catch the virus, but we also accommodate those employees who may need to be housed for quarantine. Fortunately, fire department personnel

have not been significantly impacted by COVID-19, and there has not been a decline in service to our community.

## Most of west Pasadena is in what the state defines as an "Extreme Fire Hazard Zone." How worried should we be about that?

This term means that much of our city has topography, access challenges and vegetative growth that are riskier than in other areas. This role requires us to make sure we're managing the vegetation in those high-risk areas and that the water systems are working correctly. During the summer months, I drive all of our high-risk areas at least once a week on my way to work. It gives me a perspective on the potential fire hazards that exist so that the fire department can develop an aggressive, but logical response plan. Since these areas have the highest potential for catastrophic fires, they are high on our priority list. You can be assured that if a fire does break out in these areas, we've got a plan in place to deal with it.

## Could we be subject to the same kind of wildfire conflagrations we've seen elsewhere?

It's true that over the last few years we've seen a lot of damage, destruction and death from fires in a number of places in California. What those places have in common are that their fires are primarily wind-driven. Luckily for us in Pasadena, our topography doesn't support the kind of winds we've seen in areas such as Ventura, West Hills, Porter Ranch or Paradise. However, in 2011 we had a major wind event, so we can't entirely discount that possibility. Last year, out of an abundance of caution, we invited fire personnel from LA city and county fire departments and the Angeles National Forest Service Fire Department on a drive to view first-hand all of Pasadena's high-risk areas. We drove access roads and reviewed conditions — all with the intention of improving our detailed and effective plans to mitigate that risk and to make our mutual aid partners familiar with our risk. It was a tremendous success. Not only did it make them aware



The fabulous Frieders family: Chief Frieders and Jamie, and their three kids, Mackenzie, Luke and Presley.

of Pasadena's risk, but it resulted in improvements to our own response and mitigation plans.

**Californians have been trained for many years how to react to earthquakes. Is the recommended reaction to fires similar?**

Just as in an earthquake, preparation for major fires should include a go-bag. Each go-bag should have three days of provisions for food, water and clothing. Also, we recommend that citizens store valuables truly worth saving within easy reach on the way out of the home. Many of the areas with the highest fire risks don't have a lot of ways in or out, so it's important to consider alternative exit plans if you live in an area where access may be inhibited by a mass exodus of residents. The city will broadcast evacuation guidance using our PLEAS emergency notification system. If you receive an order to evacuate, please know that it's time to go! We are not telling residents to leave their homes simply because we are worried that something *might* happen, but because we're pretty confident something's *going* to happen. Homes can be replaced, people cannot! You can sign up for emergency notifications on our website at: [cityofpasadena.net/fire/pleas/](http://cityofpasadena.net/fire/pleas/)

**What's the city doing to reduce fire hazards in and around the Arroyo Seco?**

Over the last couple of years we've walked the arroyo at least once a month to identify and request removal of dead and downed limbs that pose an imminent threat to the homeowners and the areas in and surrounding the arroyo. We can't eliminate fire risk, of course, but we can certainly reduce the threat by identifying elements that clearly can become a problem. Next month (July), I am going up into the sky with LA County Fire Department to conduct an aerial survey of our danger areas as well as those of our neighbors in adjacent jurisdictions



Chief Frieders taps elbows with Pasadena Police Chief John Perez

that may also pose a risk to Pasadena. This will enable us to look for opportunities to improve existing fire breaks or build new ones to interrupt fire paths. Also, Pasadena has many mutual aid agreements with surrounding fire departments, so if something happens in Pasadena, we can have two or more helicopters, 20 fire engines and as many as 200 firefighters on the ground, literally within 10 to 15 minutes- and that's just the initial response.

**How should residents go about reducing fire hazards on their properties?**

It's vital that Pasadena residents and property do their best to rid their property of dry and poorly maintained vegetation. We suggest that citizens join in a partnership with neighbors and the city to ensure compliance with the city's Hazardous Vegetation ordinance. In March, letters outlining the ordinance were mailed to over 4,000 properties in the "Very High Hazard Severity Zones." We ask that you maintain at least 100 feet of clearance from any structure. We also ask that you remove combustibles (lawn furniture, storage sheds, etc) away from the home.

**How do you maintain the natural condition of the arroyo when it comes to**

**brush clearance, and tree trimming and removal?**

We recognize that it's a delicate balance. Our goal is to maintain trees and vegetation that beautify and benefit a property, but remove vegetation that provides a volatile fuel bed for wildfire. Our city arborist and forestry experts also help us determine what we should and shouldn't take out. And we rely on the city's Forestry and Parks and Recreation departments for tree pruning guidance.

**How does the Fire department communicate with residents about fire hazards, abatement and emergency notifications?**

We have a couple of ways. First, we have our Citizen Service Center, which can be found on the city's website. The website and smart phone app enable anyone to quickly report a fire risk. Believe it or not, we receive numerous reports like that year-round. Also, our city vegetation management program, which starts in April and goes into the summer months prior to fire season, calls for firefighters to inspect about 4,500, different private properties in the city. Fortunately, our citizens are very compliant which helps reduce the risk to the community. I think the devastation we've seen in California over the past several years makes it clear why we're so serious about fire prevention.



Chief Frieders in action as an incident commander during a 2015 structure fire



# Associations close ranks for greater city transparency, timeliness

*Pasadena has always prided itself for transparency and informed community input for major policies, processes and projects. This standard, however, also demands the release of all relevant information in a timely manner. With few exceptions, our City Hall has successfully met this high standard over the years. But then COVID-19 era arrived unannounced to force some drastic adjustments to meeting and public participation process.*

*While we appreciate the city's efforts and the burden that this has placed on city staff, the WPRA, Linda Vista-Annandale Association and Madison Heights Neighborhood Association have joined hands to remind City Council, staff, commissions and committees of this essential obligation, and to seek necessary information, and a broader opportunity to be heard regarding important issues. Special thanks to Nina Chomsky for drafting the letter.*

May 24, 2020

David Reyes, Director of Planning & Community Development  
 Members of the Planning Commission  
 Re: Planning commission meeting, 5/27/2020; Agenda Items 3. and 6.C.

Director Reyes and Planning commissioners:  
 The Linda Vista-Annandale Association, the Madison Heights Neighborhood Association, and the West Pasadena Residents' Association have joined together to express shared concern with recent permit activity, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), mansionization and neighborhood protection.

1. **Recent permit Activity.** Our associations have expressed our joint desire, as members of and representatives of the public, to receive up to date and timely information on development and permit activity in the city. Too often lately, items on various commission agendas or other agendas such as the Hearing Officer have been surprises with inadequate or no notice. We thank staff for updating and providing copies to us toward the end of April 2020 of the March 2020, Activity Report, but now we are looking for the April 2020, Activity Report. Can these Activity Reports be provided to the public (including posting on the Department's website) in a timelier manner? Is it possible for the reporting "lag" to be less than a month? Could the reporting include permit and entitlement extensions? Would it be possible for the director to provide an oral development and permit update at each Planning Commission meeting?
2. **Mansionization.** What is the status of this important policy matter? Our associations are very concerned about this issue, and it appears to us that despite certain infamous single-family mansionization projects, nothing is being done to correct the situation. We do not want all the good previous staff work to be ignored. Despite the efforts of the state legislature to undermine single-family zoning and single-family neighborhoods (discussed below), we continue to be very concerned about new home construction and home additions that are out of scale and out of character.
3. **Accessory dwelling units update.** Our associations are very concerned about the implementation of the state-adopted ADU law mandating permission for up to "three on a lot." Exactly how is this state mandate supposed to work? How are the "three" determined and counted? How are the "three" configured and placed on a lot? What lot and house sizes are mandated? How many detached ADUs are permitted? What is the role of "junior" ADUs and garage conversions? How about pool house conversions? And what is the role of previous non-habitability covenants? Can Pasadena require that the owner live on the property in one way or another? Some of these issues may have been clarified previously, but in our experience, there is confusion as to the current legal status of ADUs in single-family neighborhoods. What is the status of public safety issues in the hillsides? What is the status of landmark districts and other historic status issues such as eligibility?
4. **The future of single-family neighborhoods.** We are very concerned that the "three on a lot" ADU legislation undermines single-family zoning and single-family neighborhoods. It seems clear that speculative development in our single-family neighborhoods will create multi-family and "boarding house" projects. Even more concerning is the current "four on a lot" proposed state legislation (the successor to SB 50) that will only exacerbate this situation. What is the status of the "four on a lot" proposed legislation? How would this proposed legislation interact with "three on a lot"? Are these two approaches contradictory? What is the status of Pasadena's efforts to protect and maintain single-family neighborhoods, including unique and historic ones?

Thank you for your consideration of and attention to our concerns.  
 Respectfully,

*Nina Chomsky*

Nina Chomsky, President  
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 West Pasadena Residents' Association

## Our energy, insight will carry us

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needs. Within 60 days, the Pasadena Community Foundation donated over \$1 million to non-profits providing such support. Its COVID-19 related grants and gifts this year will exceed \$2 million.

Pasadena can be especially proud of the Huntington Hospital's response in suspending all elective surgery to focus on COVID-19 patients and preparing for an expected surge of infection, which never came, but could have overwhelmed the hospital's capacity. The near absence of knowledge about the novel coronavirus vastly complicated the challenge and the cost.

By the end of May, when the California economy started to "re-open," the world had changed forever.

Future use of existing buildings — offices, retail stores and residences — will be impacted by the needs of the COVID-19 crisis. These include "Safer at Home" orders, social distancing, face coverings and limits on the size of crowds. Such changes affect the entire local economy: office buildings, retail stores, homes, restaurants, churches, skilled nursing facilities, concerts and sporting events, live theatre and museums, hiking and the use of parks.

Construction projects underway are moving forward, but slowly, and many new projects — residential, office and retail stores — will be delayed or dropped. And those that proceed will be different in many ways. Working at home will be common, as will the use of technology for daily living, such as getting a doctor's advice. Unemployment and business failures will continue to be a challenge.

The future is highly uncertain, as the world awaits success in the frantic efforts to discover a treatment for COVID-19 and a vaccine to prevent it. But we can be optimistic based on Pasadena's energy and insight, which have been proved once again during this pandemic.

# Pasadena Heritage schedules a *virtual* bridge celebration

BY SUE MOSSMAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**S**adly, we can't gather for our traditional and much anticipated Colorado Street Bridge Party this summer, but Pasadena Heritage is planning a wonderful week-long celebration of this famous icon August 9-15.

We hope everyone will join us for a different online event every day throughout the week.

Plans include a vintage car parade across the bridge, a walking tour brochure that includes S. Grand Avenue and the bridge, an author's chat with Chip Jacobs on the building of the bridge and stories from his recent book "Arroyo," a presentation on the proposed new fencing and alternatives for its design, a beer tasting with bridge trivia, and much more.

WPRA and its members have always been big supporters of our party, and we hope you will join us to "party on" in this new way. Sponsorship solicitation is underway now, and tickets will be available in July. Visit our website for more information at [pasadenaheritage.org](http://pasadenaheritage.org).

### Development projects continue, but information is hard to get

With city commissions just getting up and running on a virtual basis, project reviews and approvals have been slowed but are picking up speed again.

Pasadena Heritage has been monitoring projects and submitting comments as best we can. The fate of the former YWCA and potential new construction in the Civic Center hit the latest speed bump when it was determined the RFP process had to be re-opened to targeted affordable housing developers. It is our understanding that a handful of new proposals were received and are under review by city staff.



A new housing project proposed for N. Raymond Avenue includes two existing old houses which, following our request, will be made available to be moved if a taker can be found, or at the very least carefully salvaged for re-usable hardware, doors, windows and other historic fabric before demolition. This project with very small units is designed to be 100% affordable.

### Langham Huntington Picture Bridge rehabilitation almost complete

Throughout the hotel's period of forced closure, work has continued on the historic Picture Bridge. Pasadena Heritage was pleased to be asked to participate in planning the rehabilitation and several of our suggestions were taken to heart. The top of the bridge has been retained, with new support elements carefully added. The later addition of tile to the walkway is being removed and the surface returned to its original concrete.

We are particularly pleased that when we asked that good old Douglas fir pieces that had to be removed be made available for recycling, the team responded, set aside, and gave the wood to two local woodworkers to turn into something new.

The namesake pictures from the bridge were removed some years ago and are in archival storage, many in very deteriorated condition after decades of sun and exposure.

As a temporary measure, we understand that photo representations of the pictures will be installed, and we hope the long-term plan of replicating the originals will be achieved in the future. We look forward to the reopening of the Picture Bridge soon and the chance to visit it in person when it's safe and sane to do so.



# Tree stewards know when to just say no *and* yes

BY REBECCA LATTA  
OWNER, REBECCA LATTA CONSULTING

**A**s a career arborist, I've seen lots of unfortunate things happen to trees — often after the damage has been done.

Heat, drought, diseases and pests do take their toll, shortening the life of trees. But let's talk about preventable damage. As stewards of our trees, we need to "just say no" to things that endanger and shorten their lives.



Rebecca Latta

## When to say "no"

Walking just one block from my home, I can see disturbing examples of native, historic, legally protected trees endangered and killed by avoidable practices. We should educate ourselves, then "just say no" to actions that harm trees:

- Sprinklers soaking tree bases and trunks, causing root rot, resulting in tree decline or death
- Ivy choking tree bases or climbing trunks
- Rocks stacked at the base of trees, which can promote disease
- Tree disfigurement from topping/stubbing off branches
- Over-trimming of trees resulting in sunburn, undesirable regrowth spurts and early demise
- Artificial turf or plastic sheeting placed around trees causing scorched roots and shortened lifespan
- Unwise site improvements such as construction over tree roots, bulldozed grade changes, too-small planters built around existing trees
- Protected trees removed because they are inconveniently located for owner-desired site improvements, lack of enforcement of rules protecting native/historic trees and too many exceptions to those rules, failure of city and county regulations to make a difference in protecting our endangered trees

## When to say "yes"

Among homeowners' many jobs is to care not only for our native trees, but also the native plants, animals and insects that thrive along with them. Recognize that we live in an ecosystem, and take care to protect it. Avoid choosing invasive grasses, nursery plants that require excessive water, and plant species that



Sprinkler overspray and lawn planted too close to the tree base contributed to the death of this 100-year-old protected Deodar. It was cut down and removed last week



Improper removal of side branches of this cedar exacerbated effects of drought and climate change, compromising this tree's health



Ivy choking trees affects their health and longevity



Only dead fronds should be trimmed off palms. This scalped palm needs the protection of a full, circular canopy in summer heat, like the healthy palm on the right

our native birds, animals and insects are not adapted to live in, feed on nor pollinate. Say "yes" to:

- Planting native shrub and tree species that thrive in our climate
- Pruning infrequently and leaving on more foliage to help feed and sustain trees
- Respecting a tree's natural shape
- Allowing plenty of unobstructed space around the base of trees
- Mulching to promote the soil food web, retain water and discourage weeds
- Checking regulations before making site improvements, and building outside tree

driplines, giving roots abundant surface area to absorb water

Trees provide plenty of benefits for our homes: gorgeous green views, wind protection, cool shady retreat space in the summer. Good tree stewards know when to just say yes to the best practices that help trees thrive.

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## Changes ahead for Brookside GC?

BY BILL CHRISTIAN  
DIRECTOR, WPRA

If you think that the Brookside facilities need sprucing up, the Rose Bowl Operating Committee (RBOC) has a plan. At the May RBOC meeting, the board waived competitive bids on a \$158,000 contract to environmental consultant ESA to study what sort of environmental documentation might be needed to justify proposed changes to the Brookside facilities.

New amenities would include a 36-hole miniature golf course, a tripling of the driving range slots and an “arcade/family entertainment center (including) a reward redemption center, arcade games, such as a virtual reality game, claw games, sports game, strategy games, and golf games...”

The projected cost of these alterations to Brookside was not included in the RBOC materials; however, the staff report did claim the changes would increase annual net revenues to the Brookside facilities by \$1.5 million. In the past few years, concern that revenues from the two Brookside golf courses were declining pressed for alterations in course fees to attract more play. While interest in golf seems generally to have declined in the recent past, a temporary upsurge in play occasioned by reopening the golf courses led the RBOC to propose an increase in golf fees.

Pasadena clearly needs income to support the Covid-inactive Rose Bowl, and especially to help pay off the large debt incurred with the stadium remodel: indeed, the RBOC very recently requested the city to pay both \$11 million in annual debt service plus several million in additional operating and other expenses for the Rose Bowl. Whether alterations to the Brookside facilities or modifications of the fee structures will help to increase Pasadena’s net income — or might instead add to the debt burden for which the city is responsible — is up in the air.

Meanwhile, the West Pasadena Residents’ Association remains concerned about further commercialization of the Arroyo Seco, especially outside the Rose Bowl area. The WPRA has recently engaged in exchanges with the One Arroyo Foundation about that group’s plans to spend a proposed \$7 million to install and maintain two pilot trail segments in rustic areas of the arroyo.



The wheels on the Big Dig trucks go round and round and round...

## Big Dig suit settlement imminent

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The longstanding lawsuit brought by the Arroyo Seco Foundation and Pasadena Audubon against aspects of the LA County Flood Control District’s Devil’s Gate dam sediment removal plan is — at this writing — in the final stages of resolution. The last step in the settlement is final approval by the LA County Board of Supervisors, which is likely by July 1.

Among other provisions, the county has agreed to:

- a further significant reduction in the size of the disturbed area,
- provide additional habitat,
- retain water in the dam reservoir each year until July to help recharge Pasadena’s groundwater supply and protect birds and wildlife,
- use locally sourced native plants to restore natural areas, and
- take additional steps to reduce truck emissions and dust, including added incentives to use clean air trucks.

The lawsuit over the county’s Devils Gate dam sediment removal plan was filed in 2014. Following two favorable rulings for the petitioners from Superior Court Judge James Chalfant, negotiations have been ongoing over the size and timing of the sediment removal process, habitat mitigation and restoration, truck emissions, and other issues. The Pasadena Sediment

Task Force plan, approved by the Pasadena City Council in 2014, recommended a smaller and slower removal project, which the county unaccountably rejected.

While the county did largely refuse to yield on the scale and timing of the project and the number of daily truck trips (400+), the settlement would achieve many of the goals of the lawsuit petitioners.

Tim Brick, managing director of the Arroyo Seco Foundation, and Laura Solomon, president of Pasadena Audubon, noted that they were pleased with the changes that would be implemented by the settlement and credited the county with coming to the table with flexibility and increasingly responsive proposals.

“Our goal has been to minimize the most negative aspects of the project and to ensure that it will better protect the precious wildlife and habitat of Hahamongna Watershed Park now and in the future. We want to develop a positive working relationship with the County Flood Control District for the future of Pasadena’s greatest natural treasure.”

Finally, a real note of joy. A nesting pair of least Bell’s vireos, a federal endangered bird, has been found in the remaining habitat behind Devils Gate dam — confirming the true importance of citizen action in protecting vibrant natural areas in Pasadena that still support our native species.

# WPRAs first president helps city set Arroyo Seco natural policy through ‘visionary proposal’

## Known as the Jenck’s resolution

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In October 1964, Pasadena City Director Richard W. Jencks made a visionary proposal to his fellow city directors: Treat the Arroyo Seco as a natural park. Jencks proposed not an expensive program, but a broad policy statement from the board of city directors (city council) to protect the natural canyon. It wasn’t a new idea. Jencks knew that.

At the board meeting, Jencks admitted that he was a “Johnny-come-lately” to Pasadena, but his fellow directors responded favorably to his plan right away. Director C. Lewis Edwards, a long-time Pasadena resident, praised Jencks for bringing the proposal to the board.

“Sometimes it takes a so-called Johnny-come-lately to view this natural beauty with a fresh eye and do something about it,” Edwards said. Floyd Gwinn stated “In this fast-moving age, we seem to have neglected the arroyo.”

Director C. Bernard Cooper, reminisced nostalgically about his boyhood experiences picnicking and swimming in the arroyo, as he enthusiastically endorsed Jencks’ proposal.

Jencks, a CBS television executive, had entered the Pasadena political scene several years earlier when he led the campaign against a Pasadena Planning Commission proposal to foster a dense high-rise development on the west side of Pasadena. Three 15-story apartment buildings were slated for comfortable neighborhoods that planners described as blighted. Most probably the planners’ real concern was the two-headed albatross on its way to Pasadena, the two freeways coming soon, the Long Beach Freeway coming up from the south and the cross-town Colorado

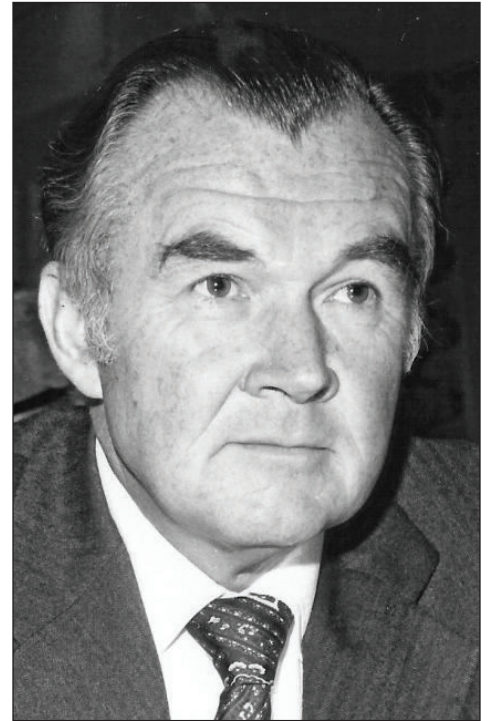
Freeway (now known as the 210 Freeway). Caltrans bulldozers would soon destroy 4,000 homes and businesses and threaten the financial stability of the city.

The high-rise controversy was a hard-fought battle that went to the voters in late 1961. Jencks and some determined neighborhood advocates organized a strong, grassroots campaign with massive turnout on the west side to win decisively. That campaign in 1961 was the genesis of the West Pasadena Residents Association (WPRAs) and the opening crusade of the historical preservation movement that rose to prominence in subsequent years to save Old Pasadena and help shape the Pasadena of today. The following year Jencks became the first president of the newly-incorporated WPRAs.

When the municipal election rolled around again in April 1963, Jencks and his grassroots army took on incumbent Grant Changstrom for the District 6 seat on the board of city directors. Directors in those days had to reside in their district, but the vote was city-wide. In what the editor of the *Star-News* described as “the hardest fought municipal election in history,” Jenck eked out a narrow victory over Changstrom, a realtor. Changstrom carried 55 precincts to Jencks’ 37, but, thanks to Jencks’ troops, the turnout on the westside was over 50% compared to 29.5% citywide.

In his initial plea for the arroyo on October 4, Jencks reminded the directors that the early settlers had viewed the arroyo as a natural park. He painted a picture of the early arroyo aglow with brilliant California poppies and other wildflowers and expressed his regret that the chemicals used to kill weeds had also destroyed the wildflowers that once graced the arroyo and the nearby foothills.

The articulate attorney compared the potential of the Arroyo Seco to Rock Creek Park in Washington DC and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco but lamented that in recent decades the arroyo had been developed piece-meal, including as a “final indignity” the flood control channel that had been constructed in the post-WWII era. He expressed the hope that check dams then



Richard Jencks, who passed away at age 93 in 2014

being considered by the Flood Control District might allow the sterile concrete channel that now bisected west Pasadena to be replaced by an underground conduit and the restoration of more traditional habitat where weeds now thrived.

Jencks read his resolution, which would prohibit activities that would destroy the natural beauty of the arroyo, but did not formally make a motion to allow his fellow directors the opportunity to consider the matter and what should be done.

One month later Jencks returned to the city board with a fleshed-out resolution in which the board “resolved that it shall be the policy of the city to preserve and maintain the Arroyo Seco area lands owned by it as a natural park,” although existing recreational facilities, such as the archery and fly casting areas, were allowed to continue. The resolution proclaimed that “the Arroyo Seco and its banks, between Oak Grove Park to the south city limits provide an expanse of open space unequaled within the city limits of any Southern California city.”

The resolution outlined a seven-point



program to protect and preserve the arroyo:

1. Permit no dumping or earth moving operation which disturbs the natural contours or natural vegetation of the arroyo banks.
2. Plant trees and shrubs wherever feasible with native plants and shrubs, and in particular, along the arroyo bottom plant sycamores, alders, laurels and cottonwoods.
3. Study ways of eliminating or modifying flood control channels after additional check dams in the upper arroyo have removed or reduced their necessity. In the meantime, planting will be started to reduce the “unsightliness” of the flood control facilities.
4. Encourage public use of the lower arroyo to increase user traffic and discourage criminal or delinquent activities, making it safe, particularly for children. Also, consider establishment of riding stables such as exist in Eaton Canyon and Oak Grove Park.

5. Seed an area of the lower arroyo with California wild flowers, particularly the California poppy, and establish an annual spring wild flower festival.
6. Encourage a program of gradual rebuilding of trails and walks leading into the lower arroyo, with nature study identification markers.
7. Reaffirm its support of a recreational lake area behind Devil’s Gate Dam.

Jenks again reminded the directors and the audience that protecting the arroyo was not new. He said early settlers had always intended that the area would be preserved as a natural park. Early photographs, he noted, show the arroyo bottom between the Colorado bridge and the south city limits as a “surpassingly beautiful wooded stream bed.” Jencks promised that there would be no immediate expense to the city except about \$100 to purchase and plant California poppy seeds.

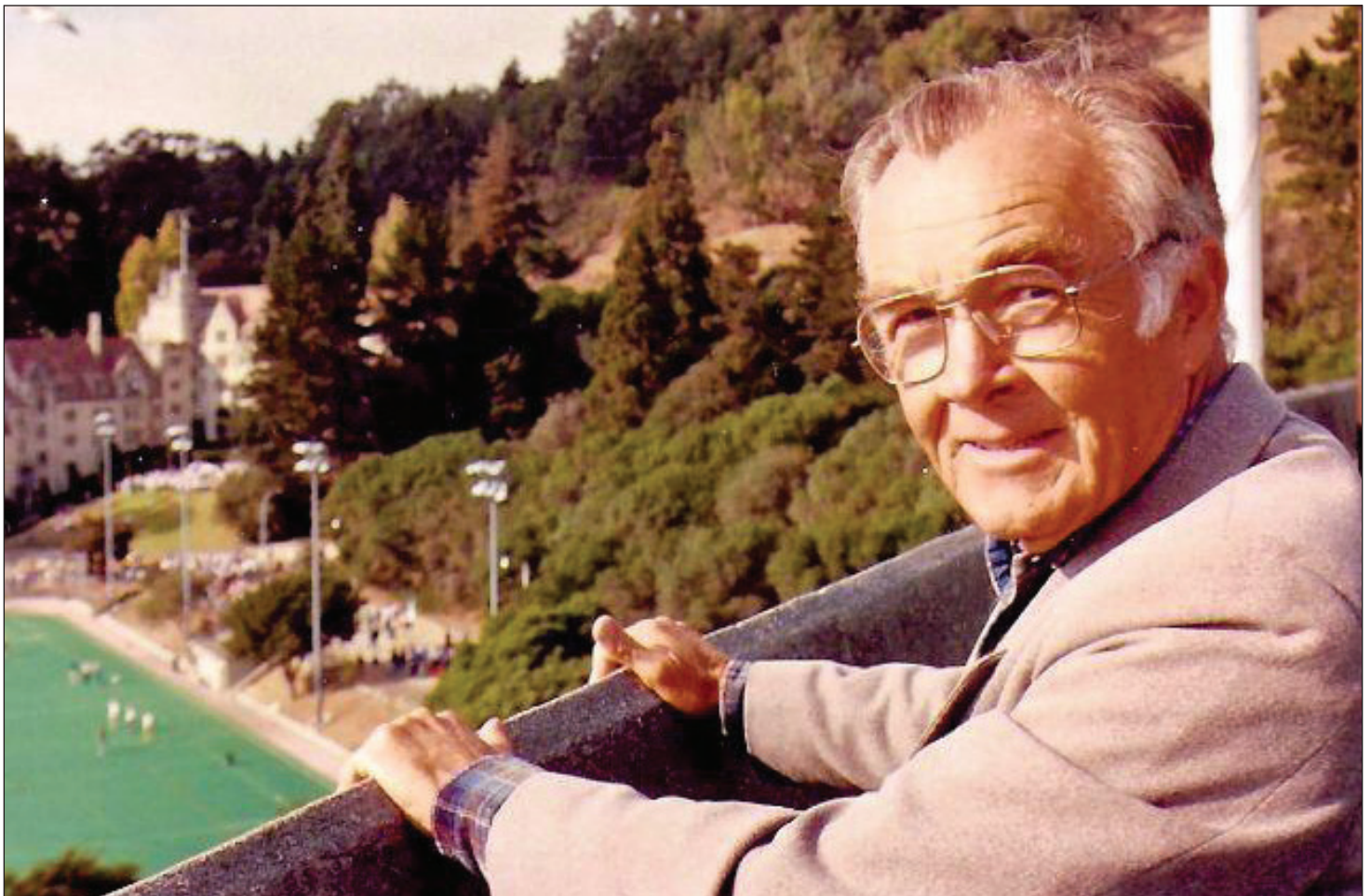
The motion passed unanimously, and several of the city directors urged that a similar

planning process should be established for Eaton Canyon on the east side of town.

Jencks didn’t stay on the Board of City Directors for long, moving back east in 1965 to become the president of the Alliance of Television and Film Producers, but he made a big impact in his short tenure.

The Jencks resolution was something of a wake-up call to Pasadena and to the broader arroyo community. It came after a period of neglect and provided clear policy guidance for the future. It responded directly to the construction of the flood control channel that had been built after WWII and demonstrated the deep, widespread concern about the destruction of the nature of the arroyo.

It also foreshadowed the development of the political clout of the WPRA and the historical preservation movement led by Pasadena Heritage. As a policy framework, its goals have shaped the discourse over the arroyo and particularly Pasadena’s lower arroyo over the past 50 years, although many elements remain unfilled to this day.



Richard Jenks enjoying sport from a bird’s-eye view in Berkeley

## Bridge suicide mitigation mockups near completion

BY DAVE BISE  
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Although delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the city has made some progress with the design mockups of the suicide deterrent barrier for the Colorado Street Bridge. The mesh material, which was shipped from Germany, is now being fabricated in Los Angeles and is close to completion.

Once the fabrication is completed, the various design mockups will be placed on both sides of the bridge for viewing. The temporary fencing will be removed to accommodate sections of the mockup designs so that everyone can get an idea of what they will look like.

Pasadena city engineer Kris Markarian, P.E., says that the designs would be up for a period of at least two weeks so that all stakeholders will have a chance to view them. The city is also planning to share the various design options on a website to encourage public comments.

## Atlas Capital buys former BofA building

Woodridge Capital Partners has sold the former Bank of America building at 101 S. Marengo Ave. in Pasadena, a 346,000-square-foot office building that a year ago the Los Angeles-based real estate investment and development company sought to transform into a modern landmark. The buyer is Atlas Capital Group, which paid \$72 million for the complex. The six-story building, unusually attractive for its windowless appearance, sits on about three acres of land in downtown Pasadena. It has been referred to as the Bank of America building, since it was the bank's processing center for its BankAmericard credit card from the time it was built in the 1970s. In 2018, the bank decided not to renew its lease on the property after more than four decades. — *Source: Pasadena Now*



## City to host virtual open houses for all eight specific plans

To help slow the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to engage the community, the city's Planning & Community Development Department will hold virtual open houses for its program, "Our Pasadena — Putting the plan in motion," starting in July.

Our Pasadena was launched in 2018 as a step toward implementation of the city's General Plan, which guides future growth and development for Pasadena. Since the launch of the program, a growing number of community members have participated in workshops, stakeholder interviews, walking tours, pop-up events and youth activities, signing up for email updates, and following @OurPasadena on social media.

Through this process, all eight of Pasadena's specific plans will be updated, resulting in new development standards and guidelines that will help shape Pasadena's major commercial and mixed-use areas for generations to come.

The final phase of community meetings, round 3, will take place between July and December of this year and will be held online. During the virtual open houses, community members will have an opportunity to explore interactive stations with information on potential development standards

for new commercial and residential projects located along Pasadena's major commercial and mixed-use corridors, including Colorado Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard, Lincoln Avenue, Fair Oaks Avenue, and Lake Avenue.

A total of eight virtual open houses will be held, one for each of Pasadena's specific plan areas, providing an opportunity for the community to review the draft standards and submit comments online.

The planning department is currently exploring additional options to engage the community during these trying times, including setting up weekly telephone or virtual office hours where community members may have the opportunity to speak with a planner about a particular specific plan. Community feedback will help shape the proposed specific plans that will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and consideration starting early next year.

Sign up at [OurPasadena.org](http://OurPasadena.org) for updates and information on upcoming virtual open houses for the specific plan Update program. Browse the program website to find out more information on each of the specific plan areas and past planning efforts. Got questions? Email [info@ourpasadena.net](mailto:info@ourpasadena.net).



# A letter from Huntington Hospital

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I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. It has certainly been a challenging year for our community and across the world, and our nation is collectively grieving from injustice and a global pandemic. As we consider our path forward, I wanted to share how Huntington Hospital's nurses, physicians, employees and greater community have responded heroically to the COVID-19 crisis.

## COVID-19 preparedness

Our hospital remains well prepared to serve our community safely. Our caregivers continue to provide excellent care, thanks in large part to the donations of supplies and critical funding from our generous community.

We have been reminded that Pasadena is resilient, compassionate, and most of all, strongest when we work together. Our facility remains safe for our employees and patients, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Kim Shriner, M.D., and our incredible team of infection prevention professionals. We are truly lucky to have such resources supporting the well-being of our community in these unprecedented times.

## Our patients benefit from the highest level of care

As an expanded access hospital, our COVID-19 patients benefit from enhanced treatments to help them fight the worst symptoms of this virus. From participating in remdesivir trials to offering convalescent plasma donations, we have seen many patients experience good outcomes. As of June 11, we've tested 5,175 patients for the virus, with 566 testing positive.

What's most important is that you don't delay care. Our Emergency Department remains open and ready to serve those experiencing health emergencies. Access to vital care, delivered with compassion and dignity, is at the heart of all we do.

Elective surgeries and procedures have resumed at our hospital and outpatient surgery center, which have instituted enhanced safety protocols (like pre-surgical screenings and testing) and guidelines from the American College of Surgeons. Elective procedures for cardiovascular, cancer and orthopedic needs



Huntington Hospital Medicine Oncology Unit and Neuroscience Stroke Center department manager Ashleigh Reid's kids show spirit and appreciation for caregivers during Nurses and Hospital Week.

are critical to the health of our community, and we are pleased to again be doing this vital work.

As for primary and specialty care needs for adults and children, we offer telehealth as well as office visits with your health and safety as our primary concern. Your well-being is our greatest priority.

## Letter of intent with Cedars-Sinai Health System

In March, which probably seems long ago to many of us, we announced a major milestone — the signing of a letter of intent for Huntington to affiliate with Cedars-Sinai Health System. Cedars-Sinai Health System is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top hospitals and is known for ensuring access to the best care, locally.

A compelling reason for the affiliation is that it would allow our hospital to continue offering compassionate community care and maintain our strong connection to those we serve. The atmosphere and culture of our hospital would be honored and enhanced, and our patients would remain able to get care at the Huntington they

know and trust. I look forward to sharing more when a final agreement is reached, we hope later this year. For now, we are intently focused on keeping our community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## We deeply appreciate your ongoing support

In appreciation for our caregivers who have displayed tremendous courage and commitment in the face of this health crisis, we recently celebrated Nurses and Hospital Week. Former patients, friends and families have continuously showed their support by submitting "Thank You" photos. We appreciate the heartfelt messages of gratitude we have received.

For the most up to date COVID-19 information, please visit our website. It's a valuable resource for you and your family. Please stay safe and stay healthy and know that we are here for you, today and always.



# The 'City of Masks' in 1919

## 10 calamitous days in Pasadena during the last pandemic

By KIRK MYERS  
ASSISTANT ARCHIVIST

In January 1919 the third wave of the influenza pandemic that began in the spring of 1918 hit California.

Like San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland to the north, Pasadena required the wearing of gauze masks covering the nose and mouth.

Los Angeles did not. Newspaper reports in Southern California sometimes noted the difference.

On Monday, January 20, 1919 Pasadena police received orders to rigidly enforce the new mask ordinance that had just been enacted. Two arrests were made before noon, and many more were expected by evening.

According to the *Los Angeles Herald* "As a result of the strictness with which the ordinance is being enforced men are unable to smoke while on the streets of Pasadena. The health officials placed the ban on the cutting

of "smoke" holes in the masks or the lifting of them sufficiently to insert a pipe, cigar or cigarette in the mouth. If they must smoke they now must do it in their homes or private offices."

On Tuesday, the *Riverside Daily Press* reported "Fifty Pasadenans, many prominent, were under arrest here today charged with appearing in public without "flu" masks. The police started enforcement of the "flu" mask ordinance yesterday."

Thirteen of those arrested were taken into court in Pasadena that day.

"One of the first to be arrested was E. Piercy, 75, and for 67 years a resident of California. Mr. Piercy was endeavoring to camouflage a mask with the "turtle neck" collar of his sweater, which he had turned up round his chin and mouth. He was smoking at the time of his arrest.

"Being taken before Judge Frank G. Dunham, the aged man proceeded to explain to the court that he was well within his rights, as smoke is an antiseptic, and he was smoking all the time. He vehemently declared that smoke would kill any germ in the world.

"When the court tried to impose a sentence, Mr. Piercy blandly continued to talk, as he was deaf and did not hear the court. He took from his pockets a box of moth balls and began scattering them right and left in the courtroom.

"These are antiseptic, too," he told the court. Judge Dunham gave him a suspended sentence and instructed him to wear a mask instead of the sweater collar." (*Los Angeles Herald*, January 21, 1919)

The next day Pasadena's flu mask ordinance created a dilemma for a court in Los Angeles. The *Los Angeles Herald* was happy to cover the story as first page news.

On Wednesday January 23 Judge Lewis R. Works ordered a special "smelling commission" to proceed to Pasadena the following Monday "to make personal observations as to how much the incinerator of Simon J. Murphy, an Oak Knoll millionaire, "smells up" the atmosphere on the near-by estate of Henry C. House,



A court session was conducted outdoors in San Francisco's Portsmouth Square in October, 1918. (California State Library)



An information table in San Francisco during the flu pandemic of 1918. (California State Library)



another Oak Knoll millionaire.” (*Los Angeles Herald*, January 22, 1919).

“Calamity and confusion! ... And Judge Lewis R. Works of Los Angeles is responsible for it! For Judge Works has ordered a special commission to go to Pasadena, smell the incinerator for itself, and report to him.

“But, listen — If the “smellers” go into Pasadena, the City of Masks, without wearing “flu” masks, they will get pinched! And if they wear masks, they can’t successfully smell the alleged smells. Only yesterday two men were arrested in Pasadena for having their “flu” masks sufficiently askew for smoking. And if the official court “smellers” were to raise their masks for even a little sniff at the incinerator, the Pasadena police would undoubtedly get them!

“It’s a calamitous situation. Judge Works himself, when consulted about it, admitted it. First he suggested that perhaps, as the case has been postponed for several days, the special commission might have time enough to sneak around [the] millionaire colony and get surreptitious smells, as it were, without the police seeing them.”

But then, “recalling his Judicial responsibility, he officially found a way out.”

“If the official “sniffers” are captured by the anti-“flu” squads of Pasadena, he will appear as special counsel for each and all of them. As a matter of fact, he said today, he would do even more than that and require from them only a report on whether cinders and sparks fell on the palatial residence of Mr. House from the Murphy incinerator, and not a report on how the thing smells. Because, the court ruled, a smell distilled through a “flu” mask might not be a typical, honest-to-goodness smell at all.”

The next day the *Los Angeles Herald* reported that the Pasadena and Standard Murphy baseball clubs would comply with the Pasadena ordinance and wear flu masks for the upcoming game on Sunday at the Carmelita playground.

“What effect the wearing of “flu” masks will have on the players is not known, for it will be the first athletic contest of the kind under the conditions. Ote Crandall depends upon his spit ball to win his games, but he will have to carry a bucket of water with him to moisten the ball if he wears a mask. Strong language also will be barred to keep the



Pasadena, approximately 1919: Patients rest in hospital beds while nurses wearing breathing masks tend to them in the isolation ward at Wilson High School. (Harold A. Parker/Huntington Digital Library)



A group in Mill Valley in November 1918. (Raymond Coyne/Mill Valley Public Library)

masks from burning up.”

On Saturday, January 25, the *Highland Park Herald* reported on an incident that occurred on the first day of the flu mask ordinance:

“The Influenza epidemic is a serious matter, but there are some features connected with it, especially the masking order in Pasadena, that causes one to smile. For instance, on Monday a little girl was walking along the street and she was being led by a little dog. The girl wore a “flu mask” and so did the dog.”

The paper also noted that people riding the Short Line cars “remove their masks as soon as the cars pass the Raymond hotel. Likewise, those going to Pasadena don their masks just before reaching the city limits.”

Four women were arrested during this period for not wearing masks. “Fortunately for them

they had a *Los Angeles Times* with them that said those not living there and only passing through would not be arrested. After reading this to the judge they were excused.” (*Eagle Rock Sentinel*, February 13, 1919).

On Thursday, January 30 the *Riverside Daily Press* reported that “Pasadena took off its flu masks today after being masked for the last 10 days.”

The epidemic had decreased from “serious proportions” earlier in the month to only six new cases in the last 24 hours. But the third wave would continue throughout the Spring of 1919, with the death toll in the United States eventually estimated at 675,000 out of a population of 105 million.

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