

News in Brief

RETURN OF TONY JETT:

Welcome back Tony Jett!!! CSNA has been without the services of our Senior Lead Officer Tony Jett for a long period of time. It is with a great deal of pride that we as a community welcome him back to his official duties. At the same time, we extend a heartfelt thanks to all the SLO's who substituted for Tony to assist our community. Specific thanks to Arnie Aduato and Jim Rossum.

WOMEN'S CENTER CLEAN- UP:

It was a big job, but thanks to Joe Connolly & Alan Ross and a handful of Carthay Square neighbors the Women's Resource Center is once again clean and trimmed, now fully chained off, and clearly marked "No Trespassing" at key parking lot entrances. The July 28-30 project, culminating the effort begun last year by Alan and Joe, was supported and underwritten by property owners Hardee's Food Systems, Inc. The clean-up crew included Dan Kuffel and his son, Pearl and Robbie Greenberg, Doris Lewis, John McHugh, Paul Nisenbaum, and Sol Jamerson. Special thanks to the manager of the West LA Anawalt Lumber for giving us a generous discount on supplies for the event.

MAYORS BREAKFAST:

Debra Grobman, President of CSNA and Richard Harrison, Vice President, addressed Mayor Riordan at a breakfast sponsored by his office. Debra reviewed for the Mayor our Neighborhood Association and what we have accomplished such as the Community Patrol, Joe Connolly's Graffiti Abatement Program, & trees on Fairfax. They addressed their concerns for the renewal of South Fairfax Avenue as a thriving shopping community supported by all residents.

OLEANDERS PLANTED:

Thank you to Clean and Green for planting oleanders at the corner of Pico and Fairfax, in front of the Laundermat. Thanks are also due

to Rick Frystak for caring for them up until the time of planting. A special Thanks to Ezra Beckhor, the owner of the Laundermat, for hiring a fulltime gardner to care for the new garden.

PATROL:

Carthay Neighborhood Patrol has heard that many new people are interested in joining. Many have volunteered to do it but do not have the necessary training. Now is the time to get your names in for a training session. We want to do a single training session for both South Carthay and Carthay Square. Call ASAP (213) 934-4767 to reserve a spot.

CAPTAIN JOHN P. MUTZ:

Commanding Officer of Wilshire Area of LAPD, recently called for meetings with Block Captains and Officers of Neighborhood Associations. The purpose of the meetings was to acquaint the community with Wilshire Area's efforts at increasing community input into the Community-Police Partnership. Captain Mutz indicated LAPD is a superior force over the force present during the civil disturbances in 1992. He stated this in connection with his discussion of plans and preparations made to handle the aftermath of the O.J. Simpson trial. He added: "Wilshire Community Police were prepared to handle all eventualities".

Joe Connolly and Sol Jamerson attended the September 14th noon meeting, as representatives of Carthay Square Neighborhood Association.

JUST PUBLISHED:

Judith Meuli, who lives on Hi Point, was seen at the Feminist Majority's Walk for Choice on July 29, 1995, distributing free copies of Feminist Chronicles which she co-authored. "Instead of what the media and many scholars think women have been doing, find out what women have really been doing for the past four decades..."

**CARTHAY
SQUARE
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

**NEWSLETTER
FALL 1995**



HOLLYHILLS DRAIN PROJECT ARRIVES:

By Rhonda Milrad

During the past year, CSNA has been working closely with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and surrounding neighborhood associations to minimize the impact of the Hollyhills Drain Project on our neighborhood. There have been many meetings with the architects of the project and we have tackled such issues as traffic and parking mitigation and noise and pollution control. It appears that all the effort has paid off!



CSNA won many important concessions from the County of Los Angeles. In order to provide parking relief for those who park on Crescent Heights, the NS alley on the 1000 and 1200 blocks of Stearns Drive and the EW alley just north of Pico between Stearns and Crescent Heights were paved. Also, additional lighting was placed in these alleys. These permanent fixtures impact the entire neighborhood, as they beautify the alleys and make them safer.

Most of the traffic and parking mitigation is currently in effect. CSNA negotiated with the County to make sure that the

NS streets in our community did not become mini-freeways. It also secured ample parking for Crescent Heights residents who were going to be most inconvenienced by this construction project. Furthermore, CSNA made certain that favorable construction hours, the placement of noise barriers and regular watering of the site are included in the County's plans.

CSNA also demanded that an on-site liaison be designated for this project in order for residents to have a contact person in the County. Mr. Eric Gonzalez is our liaison and all concerns regarding this project can be directed to him at (213) 938-8299.

Up until now, the construction has involved paving the alleys and rerouting public utility lines. The actual construction for the drain project began in September 1995 and will be far more extensive. Currently, the County estimates that the construction will last approximately 5 months.

Thanks to C.S. Rhonda Milrad and Fred & Shirley Pearson for helping to obtain this improvement as a trade off for the disruption to our parking and normal traffic flow.

Captain Mutz and Alan Ross at Crime Night
Photo by Gino Mifsud



CSNA PARTICIPATES IN A NATIONAL NIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Night Out Against Crime '95 may have had a smaller turn out than last year, but we made up for it in spirit and in fun. Residents from Carthay Square, joined by neighbors from South Carthay, sounded sirens, police whistles, noise-makers, and a plastic trumpet as we marched, carrying signs from the Women's Center through the neighborhood and down Fairfax in a lively procession. When the marchers reached Fairfax the latino population cheered us on and obviously understood the purpose of the rally. By the time the demonstrators had returned to the Women's Center, creative juices were flowing in the form of slogans invented spontaneously en route, some of them contributed by two senior lead officers speaking over a loudspeaker from the black-and-white behind the line of march. Speakers at the rally included Councilman Mike Feuer and Captain John Mutz.

Councilman Feuer asked for volunteers to staff some of the new police drop-in centers that he is actively organizing throughout the district. The rally, which was organized by Sol Jamerson, was a chance to vocalize our concerns about crime and to urge neighbors and friends to join together in activities that will protect and enhance the community.

"graffiti guerrilla"

Editor's Note: The message machine clicks and a very tired voice apologizes for not being able to attend an association meeting tonight. Please do not call me for a while, it adds. I need to take a vacation from the "community."

The voice belongs to JOE CONNOLLY who has just had a miserable day in court.

"Among many who live here there is a feeling that our community stands at a crossroads, that the craziness out there will somehow get in. Not, however, if people like Joe can help it."

LA Times Magazine.

But Joe is tired and you can tell it in his voice. The question is: If Joe is tired and if he truly stands between the community and the people who many consider to be "urban terrorists," then if Joe goes down where does this put the community?

The following article was written by Alan Ross, one of the more active leaders of the patrol and a friend of Joe Connolly for a good number of years.

I met Joe three years ago at a neighborhood block meeting at our house. There was Joe "clueing us in" on what was up in the neighborhood, committing himself to "taking back our 'hood", and he's done just that. Joe is an enthusiastic, committed, giving doer!

Most days this self-proclaimed "Graffiti Guerrilla" is out in his "Battlewagon" van painting out graffiti. Days, nights, weekends, whenever; if there's graffiti Joe's there. "Taggers" know it and they hardly bother our neighborhood anymore. Our neighborhood, and for several miles around, is graffiti free.

Joe has learned as much as he can about TAG teams so he can beat them at their own game. Joe has been largely responsible for getting rid of a number of gang members in our neighborhood. Joe's mission is to wipe out Graffiti nationwide, as he's founded a non-profit organization called "GAG TAGgers" to do just that.

Joe signs up more members for our Association than anyone else. He's raised hundreds of dollars for our Patrol. He acts as Patrol Base Station, with an able assist from his wife Jeri. He assists in Patrol Training, schedules over 80 volunteer Patrollers a month. Also, Joe is available at any hour of the day if "trouble" breaks out in the neighborhood.

He has worked closely with apartment house owners on the 1100 and 1200 block of South Fairfax fighting for extra alley lights, fences and security gates, as well as no dumping, loitering,



trespassing, and drinking signs.

At the Women's Resource Center on Pico Joe personally took it upon himself to trim trees, bushes, and plants, to board up sheds and other homeless hangouts, to haul off trash and junk that had built up for months, to chain off the driveway entrances, and to install (with a weak assist from others) no trespassing signs on the property.

Joe worked tirelessly to get the burnt out building on the corner of Pico and Fairfax torn down.

Along with all this Joe finds time for his wife and two kids, raises thousands of dollars for Carthay School and the Jewish Community Center, and trains for and runs in the LA Marathon. Joe's wife Jeri and his kids Jessica and Adam deserve recognition too, they're "there" for Joe and the community in ways that can't be described.

Joe can be bit of a "loose cannon". He sometimes goes "off the deep end". He is sometimes misunderstood by folks who don't buy into his "Long Range Community Goals". He sometimes drives us all crazy. But, he has a vision and he doggedly pursues it. I'll tell you what.....we could all use more Joe Connollys. Thank you Joe, you are an inspiration and I'm proud to know you.

GRAFFITI VIDEO:

"Off the Wall", a video tape produced by Gag-Taggers, Inc., is an anti graffiti message from Joe Connolly that features an anti graffiti rap song and videos of Joe in action. The cost is \$14.95 and is well worth it because it works. To order it call 1-800-451-9955.

CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
THURSDAY DECEMBER 11
THURSDAY JANUARY 18
Locations vary: Please call
CSNA hotline 683-3632 for location

Meetings start promptly @ 7:30pm
ALL CARTHAY SQUARE
RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

BIENVENIDO! BIENVENUE! WELCOME!

Did you know that Carthay Square Neighborhood Association has a Welcoming Committee. Members of the Committee visit with new neighbors to tell them about our community, including different programs such as Neighborhood Patrol and the Association and to just help them to become oriented to their new neighborhood. Please call the CSNA hotline (213) 683-3632 to keep us informed of any new neighbors

TRASH & RECYCLING

The new Sanitation Department Trash Pick Up/Recycling system has finally come to our neighborhood. However, there are some aspects that need clarification to guarantee that the system works.

1. Trash trucks *will not* pick up trash in the *old containers or trash* that is left out in *plastic trash bags* or any other containers *except* for the *new ones*.

2. Please put containers out for pickup before sundown on Wednesday night and bring them in before sundown on Thursday. This is actually a city ordinance.



4. The City does not Automatically pick up large items such as couches, desks, TV sets, mattresses, etc. Call Oliver Taylor at Special Pickup and request a truck to stop by on Thursday. Oliver's phone number is (310) 575-8392 or he can be faxed at (310) 575-8378. The best time to call is before 7:30am or just after 3:30pm on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Follow the "Curbside Recycling User's Guide" that came with the new trash cans. Take pride in yourself and in your Community. *The new trash pickup and recycling program is a real blessing for the neighborhood and if we all pull together we can make it work.*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association offers you a variety of activities. There's a project of interest that each of us can contribute to or you can offer suggestions for additional projects. This past year, for example, CSNA planted trees on Fairfax, held a City Council Candidates Forum, had its first annual Spring Yard Sale and continues to insure neighborhood safety with the Carthay Neighborhood Patrol.

The purpose of the Association is to maintain a safe, secure and pleasant community. It's all of us doing a little something that makes our neighborhood special. This year we are planning to publish a Carthay Square Yellow Pages Directory listing services available to neighbors by neighbors. Wouldn't it be great to use a local house painter, gardener, car mechanic, baby sitter, computer specialist, tutor, dentist, lawyer, or architect. Please join us with a \$20 annual membership contribution. We need you and your support.

CSNA 1995 OFFICERS

DEBRA GROBMAN President
RICHARD HARRISON Vice President
TIM JOHNSON Treasurer
SANDY KATZ Secretary

Let there be light!

Editor: Sol Jamerson is a 15 year resident on Hi-Point Street and a long time resident of Los Angeles. He is a retired military officer who spends some time each week as a volunteer in the Wilshire Community Police Station.

By Sol Jamerson

The value of light has been known since the beginning of time; that is why my mind boggles when I drive or walk through our neighborhood. There are too many very dark house exteriors within our area. We take for granted the lighting within our homes for personal safety and comfort; but we ignore the value of exterior lighting as a strong deterrent to criminal activity.

Crime prevention experts and the police agree that criminal activity is positively reduced in direct proportion to the degree of illumination present.

In a recent edition of Los Angeles Crime Prevention, a prisoner, after consulting with fellow inmates, said, "The easiest mark for a street robber is someone walking alone, and the ideal setting is a dark and deserted place". From the prison we were offered the following safeguards to avoid becoming victims of street robbery:

- Never go out alone at night.
- Even in daytime, a companion is advisable.
- Stick to well-lit streets, preferably where people are present.
- Walk in the middle of the sidewalk, or in the street, if possible. (A mugger can hide in doorways, alleys, or between closely parked cars.)
- Anticipate activity one full block ahead of where you are walking.
- If you notice strangers lurking ahead... cross to the other side of the street.

- If you approach a parked vehicle which is occupied and the motor is running...cross to the other side of the street.

- If a stranger tries to engage you in conversation, keep moving.

- If you fear someone is following you, go to a well-lit house and call out the name of a friend. If the suspect thinks you are known at the house, he'll move on along. Be sure to notice which way he goes so you can go in the opposite direction.



Sol Jamerson

- Again, if you are afraid someone is coming after you, pull on the door handles of cars that you are passing. This should set off car alarms and even if no one comes to investigate, the suspect doesn't want to stick around to find out.
- If you have a toy cellular phone, or if you are carrying a real one, if you fear a potential robbery situation, talk continuously into that phone.

All the foregoing safeguards are connected with potential robbery situations. The consensus of opinion of experts, even those behind bars, is that despite all of your precautions, you may find yourself involved in a mugging. Your task at that point is to comply quickly and fully with the demands of your assailant, using a minimum amount of verbiage. When you are confronted by an armed robber

(or one who pretends to be armed), you are in a NO-WIN SITUATION. The best you can hope for is to "cut your losses".

BACK TO THE LIGHTS

If we all keep our outside lights burning during the hours of darkness, would-be robbers will do their "prospecting" for victims in other neighborhoods.

During the fiscal year July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995 we had a total of 21 robberies committed in our small neighborhood association area, bounded by Crescent Heights, Olympic, Fairfax and Pico. Some of these robberies occurred during daytime but AWARENESS and ALERTNESS can not be controlled by the clock. Also, there were 32 burglaries, 32 vehicles stolen, and 47 incidences of thefts from vehicles.

AWARENESS and ALERTNESS are your two major defenses against all criminal activities. There are "BARBARIANS AT THE GATE" of our neighborhood and they will come swarming in as soon as they see an opportune moment. They won't attack in one massive onslaught because they each have selfish motives and are not organized as a single unit. They realize too, that we are not organized in our defensive efforts and they simply probe until they catch us with our guard down.

It is unfortunate that most of us don't consider to what extent we leave ourselves exposed UNTIL WE BECOME A VICTIM. There is too much apathy as far as crime prevention is concerned. The Police Department has a Crime Prevention Specialist who will make a free inspection of your premises and advise you of prevention measures.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SERVICE. Call (213) 847-2008 and

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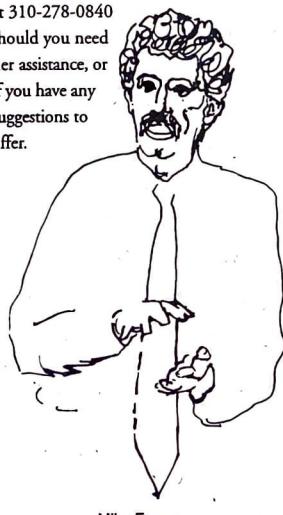
WE'RE GETTING ACTION

Mike Feuer has been in office only a few months and is already a member of two very important, very special new committees: Public Safety and County Health.

A police drop-in-center opened in August in Sherman Oaks. One is slated for the West side with several more planned for "spots" throughout the city. These substations will make police work easier and faster as well as high-light the presence of peace officers.

Greatly increasing intelligent citizen voter participation is another of Mike's goals. The Westwood, Fairfax, Melrose districts are part of a very welcome, much needed revitalization program. Mike reports that the district wide town hall meeting in the Valley was quite successful. There were "lots" of people and city-service booths offering all kinds of important information. He is planning a Westside townhall meeting for the near future. Call CSNA Hotline for updates and look for flyers.

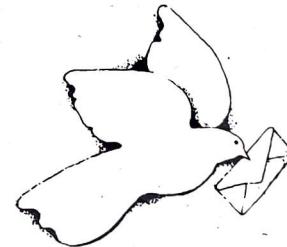
Rochelle Ventura is Mike's Westside Chief Field Deputy. She can be reached at 310-278-0840 should you need her assistance, or if you have any suggestions to offer.



Mike Feuer

MULLINGS FROM MOLLY

In Memorium: Carthay Square Resident and 1000 Stearns Block Captain DAVID KOENIG, RIP... BATYA and DAVID ORDIN have adopted a baby girl; her name is REBECCA ORDIN... Congratulations to DEREK and CYNTHIA BESSEMEYER who just had a baby girl.



WESTEC SECURITY PATROL

In addition to the Carthay Neighborhood Patrol manned by volunteers, Westec can provide us with professionally trained 24-hour emergency response service, random patrol service, escort service to & from your house, and vacation watch service. Once we have enough subscribers, Westec will place a dedicated patrol car *exclusively* in Carthay Square and Carthay Circle neighborhoods 8 hours a day, 7 days a week from 10 pm to 6 am. The dedicated car, in addition to the above duties, will handle calls, patrol streets and alleys, and interact with the subscribers in our patrol zone. If you have any questions or want to subscribe, call Dan Bacani, Patrol Security Consultant, or his assistant, Efrain Martinez, at (213) 460-6869.

Editor: Total subscriber base is now 90 and we need 90 more to go to achieve our dedicated car goal.

AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF MY COMMUNITY

Aram Goldberg is an 18 year old freshman at UCLA who has lived in Carthay Square for the last ten years. He wrote this essay as part of his entrance requirements to college.

I live in a multicultural, ethnically diverse middle class urban area of Los Angeles. As in so many other urban areas across America, the gap between rich and poor continually widens. Being a member of the middle class, I see the results of the widening of this gap and often worry about the stability of the middle class within our country. In my neighborhood (Carthay Square) I have always found myself surrounded by individuals who have had to work hard for what they have earned in life. Many of my neighbors (my family included) could not afford to buy homes today in my area because property values have become so inflated. Growing up, I have always had to work to help support myself which has enabled me to appreciate how hard it is to make a living in this world. Another pressing example of the economic problems of LA are the numbers of homeless people who are forced to beg for money in the streets. No matter where you go in LA, there are people, sometimes even families, begging for money. Seeing the appreciation in homeless people's faces when I give them money or food has shown me the importance of charity and good will, yet I realize that no matter how much I give, it will not solve the massive problems of poverty in America. I have become determined to make my career in politics, a career that will be devoted to alleviating these problems in my lifetime.

Greening the Hood

Richard Harrison has been a resident on Hayworth for 5 years. A software systems analyst, last year he completed the Citizen Forester training with The Tree People.

By Rich Harrison

One would think that a short article regarding the greening of Carthay Square would roll off my fingertips. Yet, as I sit here, prepared to write, the writers block I was so sure I had left behind in my school years has arisen



Rich Harrison

like the ghost from Christmas past to haunt me. Ghosts be damned, here we go! No apologies are offered for deficiencies in organization and style. What you see is what you get!

Let me first impress on you the value and importance of building and maintaining an "urban forest" within our community. To say that trees add value because they are good for cities begs the question. It reminds me of the valley girl who felt that "Being popular is really important because if you weren't then nobody would like you". Trees add oxygen to the air, remove smog causing pollutants, and reduce air temperatures. Trees soften the hard outlines of urban architecture and can even raise property values.

I am considering organizing a "Tree Pruning and Maintenance" Workshop. A certified arborist will teach proper pruning techniques, disease treatment, sort of a general "Care and feeding of..." workshop. If you are interested please leave your name and phone number at the CSNA hotline (213) 683-2326. The Greening Project continues: Hope you will join us for the December planting.

OTIS-PARSONS:

The announcement that Otis-Parsons will be moving into the old May Company building on the corner of Fairfax and Wilshire is good news to those who are interested in the development of the Fairfax business district, as well as those who are lovers of art.

SHIPS CLOSES:

Ships on La Cienega, which some consider to have been an historic example of 50's style Coffee Shop Architecture, and to others was simply a good place to eat deep-dish boysenberry pie closed its doors forever at the end of August 1995.

TALK RADIO:

If you listen to KFI 640 AM 3-6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays than you will hear Tammy Bruce who is a resident of our neighborhood.

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Gene Costin will schedule an appointment for you.

All crime incidents are traumatic to the parties involved! From personal experience I can tell you that the trauma lasts long after the criminal violation has taken place. If you have not experienced the trauma of a victim do you utmost as outlined in this article to AVOID IT COMPLETELY. Contact your Block Captain for any crime prevention information.

BLOCK CAPTAINS FOR CSNA 1995

HAYWORTH AVENUE:

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|------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1200 Block | Charlotte Williams | 934-5728 |
| 1100 Block | Joe Connolly | 934-4767 |
| 1000 Block | Michael Sims | 857-0025 |

HI-POINT STREET:

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| 1200 Block | Rick Frystak | 935-7731 |
| 1100 Block | Judith Meuli | 938-0560 |
| 1000 Block | John McHugh | 931-4621 |

POINT VIEW STREET:

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| 1200 Block | Norma & Gerson Glickman | 931-5363 |
| 1100 Block | Pearl & Robbie Greenberg | 935-2647 |
| 1000 Block | Robin Jameson | 931-2774 |

STEARNS STREET:

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| 1200 Block | Dan Kuffel | 938-9234 |
| 1100 Block | Rhonda Milrad | 931-6496 |
| 1000 Block | Sandy Katz | 933-8418 |

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:

CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD TOWN HALL MEETING - Includes election of CSNA officers, at Carthay Elementary School auditorium from 7:30-9:00pm. Come and voice your concerns.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12:

WILSHIRE COMMUNITY POLICE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. For more information please call 213/734-3987

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14:

OPERATION SPARKLE 9:00 am to 1:00 pm City-wide volunteer clean-up. Come join in a community cleanup. Meet at the Seven/Eleven on the corner of Fairfax and Whitworth. To volunteer call CSNA Hotline 213/683-3632 or Senior Lead Officer Tony Jett at 213/485-7992

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please return with \$20.00 to:

CSNA, c/o Tim Johnson, Treasurer
1122 Stearns Drive

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____
(optional)

One year membership per household.

Questions? Call and leave a message on the
CSNA Hotline 213-683-3632

I/We are interested in:

- Pico Blvd. Tree Planting
- Beautification Projects
- Newsletter
- Carthay Community Patrol
- Area Business Development
- Disaster Preparedness
- Welcoming New Neighbors
- Social Event Planning
- Membership
- Historic Preservation Zone
- Carthay School Support
- Home Improvement Group
- Other _____

Optional:

- I/We wish to be included in a CSNA Referral or Yellow Pages and my/our profession or service is: _____