

# NEWSLETTER • SPRING 1995

## THE HOLLYHILLS DRAIN PROJECT WILL IMPACT ON ALL OF US!

By Rhonda Milrad

In January 1995, those residents of Carthay Square who wrote letters to the County of Los Angeles outlining their concerns regarding the Hollyhills Drain Project, received a packet from the County. This extensive document attempted to answer the concerns voiced by our community regarding the closure of Crescent Heights for 7 to 8 months. However, many of the specifics regarding mitigation are in the process of being developed. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 1995. An open forum discussion with the County of Los Angeles and neighboring communities was held on March 1st. Residents had the opportunity to have his or her concerns addressed.



### ON THE BEAT

By Joe Connolly and Alan Ross

The Patrol is going strong and we've changed our name to Carthay Neighborhood Patrol. Well over 70% of the Patrols in '94 rolled as scheduled.

1995 is well underway and already we have several milestones to be proud of. We're walking twice a month with the LAPD. On January 28th SLO Tony Jett, Officer Fred Alexander, Joe Connolly, Sara Jane Rose, Sol Jamerson and Alan Ross walked Fairfax from Pico to Olympic, meeting people, and passing along crime tips. Tony and Fred heard compliments and comments from several residents.

Soon Jett will tour all apartments with an inspector from Building and Safety to document what needs to be done by landlords to make the apartments safer and more livable.

Our second Walking Patrol on February 3rd saw about 50 women and children from the

Fairfax apartments turn out to join us. We made quite a sight handing out emergency numbers flyers and crime prevention pamphlets.

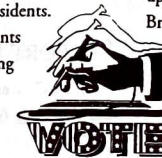
The Patrol needs to raise money to fund itself in '95. We're open to any suggestions. Call Alan at 939-8253 or Joe at 934-4767.

### APRIL 11TH ELECTION

The Fifth Council District Elections are coming up on April 11. The candidates presently are Jeff Brain, Lea Purwin D'Agostino, Michael Feuer,

Roberta Weintraub, and Barbara Yaroslavsky. The original 8 candidates were present at a debate held in the Carthay School auditorium on February 9th. Issues discussed included privatization of city services, increased police presence

in the community, campaign fundraising, as well as personal qualifications to serve.



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## PLANTING PISTACHES

Over 100 volunteers signed in at the Fairfax Tree Planting on Saturday, February 4th as a result of 2 years of planning by CSNA's Richard Harrison. Volunteers from the LA Conservation Corp, Tree People, AVIS Employee Volunteers, local businesses and neighbors all joined in an "earthy" day. Four hundred balloons decorated Fairfax. Complimentary breakfast was provided by Chris Michaels Desserts. Children with wagons filled with iced drinks, provided by the Fairfax Merchants



served the volunteers working hard digging and preparing the soil for the Chinese Pistaches.

After an orientation by Mehmet McMillan of the Tree People and a planting demonstration by Pete Lassen of the LA Conservation Corp, each volunteer team had to dig a hole, prepare the soil, install a root barrier and plant the tree at the proper depth. Lunch was generously provided by the Vintage Collection in paper bags decorated by Carthay School. Hansen's donated a cake big enough to serve everyone.

Fairfax Avenue now proudly hosts 15 Chinese Pistache trees, eagerly awaiting spring greening and fall colors when the

leaves will turn brilliant red and orange. Stay tuned for planting of more Pistaches: "Fairfax Village Trees Phase 2."

## WALKING FAIRFAX

by Debra Grobman

A great addition to our neighborhood is a marvelous new antique store. The Vintage Collection is unique to the street. Meg and Denny Brand have created a special place on Fairfax Avenue. Their beautifully appointed shop is filled with antiques, collectibles, fine furniture, beautiful mementos and a



## FAIRFAX TENANT GOALS

On February 1st Joe Connolly and Alan Ross, along with Senior Lead Officer Tony Jett and Officer Ernie Aduato of LAPD, held a Fairfax tenants meeting. Nearly 20 people showed up to hear what can be done to make the Fairfax apartment corridor clean, safe, and secure. We handed out crime prevention pamphlets and we heard comments and concerns from the tenants. Officer Aduato translated in Spanish, and as a result we made new allies and friends. Many in attendance indicated they wanted to do more, and said they would share what was discussed with other tenants.

## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Carthay Center School is having a 1920's Casino Night May 20th from 8:00 pm to 12 midnight at the Peterson Automotive Museum. The entrance fee of \$50.00 per person includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres and gambling chips.

## EARTHQUAKE RUBBLE

For those still recovering from the earthquake the Rubble Pickup Service will continue until May 31, 1995. Call 800-498-2489 for your pickup.

## 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..."



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## 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 Milrud



## 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, and 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 Patroltees 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.



3. Cans, bottles and plastic saved in the yellow baskets would normally go to pay for city sponsored beautification and maintenance projects. If set in the street too early they get emptied by private parties who are acting illegally. A third alternative is to call Robbie and Pearl Greenberg at 935-2647. The Greenbergs recycle for the City of Hope and money raised goes to fight cancer. Call them and they will come by and get your stuff.

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

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

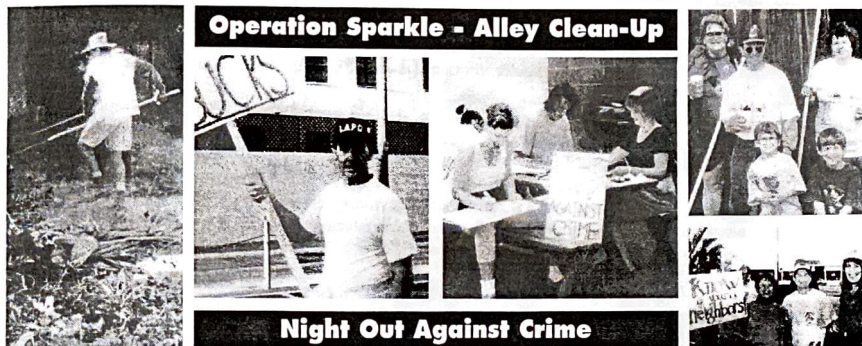
# The People of Carthay Square



**The Neighborhood Patrol**



## Operation Sparkle - Alley Clean-Up



**Night Out Against Crime**





### During An Earthquake...

- If you are indoors, remain indoors. Take cover under a desk or table. Stay clear of glass and other falling debris. Stay away from bookcases, file cabinets, mirrors, and fireplaces. Turn off the stove at the first sign of shaking and take cover under a table or desk.
- If you are in a tall building stay clear of windows. Remain on the same floor. Do not use the elevators. Seek protection from debris under desks and sturdy tables.
- If you are outside, get into an open area away from buildings, trees, and power lines.
- If you are in a crowded place do not rush for the exit.
- If an earthquake happens while you are in your car - stop and pull over to the side of the road away from power lines, overpasses, and bridges.

### After An Earthquake...

- Check for injuries. If anyone has stopped breathing, give mouth to mouth resuscitation. Provide emergency first aid as needed. If a person is seriously injured, do not move unless in immediate danger.
- With heavy-soled shoes, check for fire, fire hazards, or other household hazards (spilled chemicals, medicines, flammable liquids, etc...) Check for gas, electrical, and water damage.
- If gas or water line damage is detected, turn off main lines. Open windows when search is completed. Remember, never search for gas leaks with a lighted match. Also, do not use electricity if a gas leak is evident.
- If water is off, use the water stored in water heater, toilet tank, melted ice cubes, or emergency water supply.
- Turn on battery-operated radio.
- Turn off electric breaker box. Be familiar with shut off procedure prior to an earthquake.

### Purifying The Water...

- Use a handkerchief or clean cloth first to catch any sediments, glass or debris in the water.
- Water may be disinfected with 5.25% sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach).

### To Disinfect Clear Water...

- 1 quart-2 drops
- 1 gallon-8 drops
- 5 gallons-1/2 teaspoon

For cloudy water: double the dose per quantity indicated above. (i.e., one quart-4 drops). Let water sit for 30 minutes. If after 30 minutes a chlorine smell does not exist then repeat dosage and let sit for another 15 minutes. You can also boil the water to disinfect. It must boil for 5 minutes.

## 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 "BARRIERS 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

## 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.

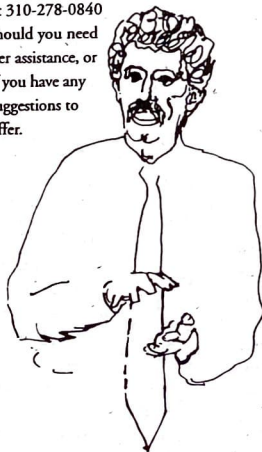
A police drop-in-center opened in August in Sherman Oaks. One is slated for the West side with several more planned for "spots" throughout the city. These substations will make police work easier and faster as well as high-light the presence of peace officers.

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.

*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



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.

## Greening the Hood

A while ago, my neighbors and I embarked on a Sunday morning bicycle ride through Hancock Park. Riding through the streets in the vicinity of Sycamore and 3rd Street I noticed how similar the architecture was to Carthay Square. The neighborhoods are remarkably similar with the exception of lots of mature trees. I invite all of you to try this. The next time you are in the vicinity of La Brea and 3rd take a few minutes and drive or stroll through one of the streets just east of La Brea. The full impact of tree lined streets must be experienced first hand to be fully appreciated. *(one needn't go so far afield: Point View is a beautiful tree lined street. The Ed)*

Motivated by this experience, I organized my first tree planting. In February, one hundred volunteers planted 15 young trees on the 1000 block of Fairfax Ave. I learned a lot from the experience. Trees are not a panacea. They enhance the community when intelligently selected and planted. Tree species, longevity, size, water usage, root growth and spacing are critical considerations. Improper selections can result in sick and dead trees and sidewalk damage. I did my homework, and Fairfax is now the proud host of 15 young Chinese Pistache trees.

We are not finished. I am soliciting support from everyone to continue "The Greening Project". The next phase is to fill in all the parkway locations within the Carthay Square borders that do not have trees. We are focusing on Whitworth Dr. and Packard Avenue, and plan to plant in early December. Stay tuned for details.

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:

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

##### HI-POINT STREET:

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

##### POINT VIEW STREET:

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

##### STEARNS STREET:

|            |               |          |
|------------|---------------|----------|
| 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:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pico Blvd. Tree Planting  | <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification Projects    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                | <input type="checkbox"/> Carthay Community Patrol   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Business Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming New Neighbors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Event Planning      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Zone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carthay School Support    | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Improvement Group     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                     |   |

Optional:

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

## PRIVATE SECURITY

In an effort to make our communities safer, Carthay Square and Carthay Circle Neighborhood Associations co-sponsored a Home and Community Security Meeting. On January 25th private security companies Westec, SSS, Belair, API, and Protection-One were invited to answer questions on their services. Some of the issues were: Would they dedicate a car exclusively to the neighborhood; how much training do they give patrolmen; will they work with the special needs of the neighborhood, and are they willing to respond to other company's alarms. Carthay Square and Carthay Circle Neighborhood Associations Executive Committees will review the answers and endorse one security firm for 8 hours of community wide patrol. But it is up to individuals to subscribe.

## CLEANING UP

Remember to join us in our community clean-ups, which are always on the third Saturday of the month.

The next clean-up will be on April 15th and on May 20th. Volunteers meet at the south end of Hayworth Alley at 9:00 AM. Bring your own work gloves.

### SABBATH

For those who observe the Sabbath and cannot join our Saturday cleanups and wish to be a part of the Carthay Square Community Pride Campaign, please contact Debra Grobman at the Carthay Square Hotline to form a Sunday cleanup schedule.

## RECYCLING

Yes, those yellow recycling bins you've been waiting for complete with instructions on how to use them, (a. open lid; b. put bottles in bin) are coming to Carthay in mid April. Also the following month we expect to be part of an automatic trash collection system similar to the system in Beverly Hills. Our trusty trash barrels may soon become obsolete.



## CLEANING UP

## BUILDING BULLDOZED

A contractor has razed the two story building at Pico and Hayworth after the owner was notified that the building was to be demolished by the city. Community activist, Joe Connolly, and others from CSNA are to be thanked for their campaign to see this relic of the '92 riot removed. It had become a nuisance to residents and neighboring businesses who complained that it attracted drug dealers and transients.

## CSNA FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1994

Peter Merlin,  
Treasurer

Under the income category in 1994, CSNA collected \$1420 and \$1050 from two membership drives in May and July, plus a contribution of \$620 from neighboring South Carthay towards the patrol. Total membership funds collected for 1994 came to \$3,318. Miscellaneous inflows, including sales of Neighborhood watch signs brought CSNA income to a total of \$4,569.77

Our activities included cleanups of alleyways, neighborhood watch programs, the Crime Night march in July, and the November 15th Crime Night slide show, the publication of our first

Newsletter, and of course the ongoing neighborhood patrol.

Major expenses included the cellular phone used in the patrol (monthly plus start-up: \$922), Nov. 15 Crime Night slides, gifts, and Xeroxed handouts (\$300.00), printing the first Newsletter (\$421.23), purchase of equipment for the patrol (\$589.00), ordering of neighborhood watch signs (\$192.17), postage (\$179.79), and miscellaneous expenses for a total outflow of \$3,060.79.

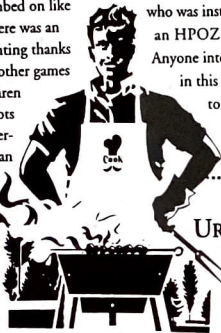
Total income less expenses equals \$1,508.98 which when added to the previous balance from 1993 in the CSNA checking account of \$1,452.89 brings the grand total in the account to \$2,961.87 as of December 31, 1994



## POINT VIEW BLOCK PARTY

By Leni Gerber-Merlin

Point View celebrated on Oct. 30th what may turn out to be its first annual Halloween block party! South Robertson Fire Department came with two fire trucks that the kids climbed on like a huge jungle gym. There was an astrojump and face painting thanks to Robin Jameson and other games for kids provided by Karen Vice. The adults had lots of good food and conversation. Howard Gussman barbecued everyone's ribs, kabobs, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. on his custom made Louisiana barbecue. Salads and desserts were pot luck and everyone outdid themselves. Kimberly Kyle sent out several great announcements to keep everyone informed as plans were made. Jeff Stromberg picked up the street barriers. What a super group of neighbors that pulled it all together.



## GREEN STICKERS

Some car owners in the Association have not yet attached the green identification stickers to their cars rear bumper, driver's side. If you do not have a sticker they are still available by calling the CSNA Hot-Line.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ZONE

The HPOZ Committee met in early April to explore the possibility of conversion of our neighborhood to an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone. The committee met with Fred Naiditch who was instrumental in obtaining an HPOZ for South Carthay. Anyone interested in participating in this committee is welcome to join by calling Peter Merlin at 931-0171.

## URBAN RENEWAL

To all citizens planners, architects, designers, sign makers, artists. To all those who see the great potential and bright future of Fairfax Avenue, CSNA is sponsoring the South Fairfax Coalition. We are having a meeting to plan and discuss the direction we will take. If you are interested in being a part of this meeting, please call 213-683-3632 and leave a message.

## LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER

Carthay Square  
Neighborhood Association  
HOT-LINE 683-3632



## MULLINGS FROM MOLLY

Congratulations to all Carthay Square residents that came out for Operation Sparkle. A great success!

Congratulations to all residents that live along Pico, Hayworth and Stearns alleys. Keep up the great work in keeping the alleys clean and well lit.

We will miss our long time Hi-Point resident Tillie Kluchman. Tillie passed away in the Fall of 1994. She helped the association in signing-in folks at our General meetings.

Congratulations to Gino and Irene Mifsud of Hayworth on the November birth of their son Nicholas. Also to Susan Sherman on the recent birth of her son.

Congratulations to Judith Meuli, she is our new block captain for the 1100 block of Hi-Point. We are still in search of block Captains for the 1200 block of Stearns (thanks to Rhonda Milrad and the Schatz's for handing our flyers) and 1200 block of Point View (thanks to the Gershman's for handing out flyers).

Congratulations to my husband, Louis. I am so proud of him! He is making a terrific recovery from open heart surgery.

With a little of your time and unique talents we can make this a model neighborhood.