

## Kickoff Meeting for "Fairfax United"

On October 15, a well attended kick off meeting for a Fairfax Avenue "Block Club" was held at the Korean Church on Fairfax. This group was formed of residents on the 1100 and 1200 blocks who are committed to improving their living conditions. Twenty-five neighbors were joined by representatives from the Los Angeles City Council and LAPD and CSNA President, RICHARD HARRISON.

"These Fairfax residents have the same concerns about crime, drugs and trash in the community as we do," said Richard. "CSNA will do everything possible to work with Fairfax United. Their success will benefit us all."

The group will be spearheaded by the following citizens:

RUSS CHADWELL 213/525-0432

TONY VINCENT 213/961-7769

VITA EVANS 213/937-7769

## DEDICATED PATROL CAR

In our continuous efforts to stop crime and theft in our community, CSNA has been working to bring together current and potential subscribers of private patrol services. If enough residents subscribed to a single company, the customer base would be sufficient for a security company to assign a patrol car specifically to our community. Westec was originally selected as the "Preferred Provider", but after almost 24 months, we have not been assigned a patrol car.

In October, the CSNA Executive Committee decided to conduct a final survey of the neighborhood, to determine whether Westec or Security Service Systems should provide the protection. These are the survey results:

Surveys received.....112

Westec.....16

SSS.....85

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## Hometown Hero Awards

On September 6, 1996 at Dodger Stadium, the Los Angeles Dodgers, AT & T, and the Los Angeles Times honored our own JOE CONNOLLY as their "Hometown Hero". Over 40,000



*Hometown Hero Joe Connolly*

Dodger fans were in attendance as JOE rubbed elbows with SENATOR TOM HAYDEN, Councilman JOHN FERRARO, and U.S. Olympian LISA FERNANDEZ (women's softball). Only 36 "Hometown Heroes" are selected annually. What a much deserved honor! Congratulations JOE!

## NAVIDAD MEMORIAL

The shooting death of Officer Mario Navidad and of a gangbanger who lived in the apartments in the 1200 block of Fairfax on December 22nd, has angered many of the nearby residents. "We need to make Southland Corporation and Seven/11 accountable for this tragedy," said DEBRA GROBMAN, a resident in the adjacent 1200 block of Hayworth. "This is a call to action. We have already formed a committee to halt the decay on

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## Walking Along Fairfax and Pico

*This column will underline some of Carthay Square's businesses; helping them to survive will help our community. Ed*

My walk begins on Pico Blvd. corner of Stearns Drive with a business that has been at its present location for 5 1/2 years. PETITE SARA serves home made pastries and low-fat salads and will cater almost any size meal whether for 2 or for 600 people. Owner MARILYN TORRES works with son, BRANDON and daughter, SHAWNA. They've been residents of the neighborhood for 23 years. Marilyn would like everyone to know how good her food is. Everything is homemade except the bread, which is from La Brea Bakery.

Moving on, I'm at SHEESH MAHAL India's Tandoori, 5947 W. Pico, where I always buy fresh containers of raita to go with any dish of Indian food. The house specialties are spiced and roasted rack of lamb, tandoori baked game hen, or the inexpensive luncheon menu of curry, tandoori, or vegetables made with fresh tomatoes and browned onions. This is delicious cooking from northern India.

CAMPOS TACOS Y MARISCOS, corner of Point View and Pico, serves tongue tacos, sweet corn tamales, oysters, cocktail shrimp, ceviche tostadas, ranch style shrimp (called charolas) and deep fried fish (mojarra frita,) in addition to the usual Mexican fare. For a chain this little restaurant seems particularly clean and well run. The music and menus are all in Spanish, making this an authentic exotic type experience for people tired of eating burgers and fries (available at MacDonald's

across the street.) That tongue taco, by the way, costs all of 89¢.

If you are strictly vegetarian, try NEW INDIA SWEETS AND SPICES on Fairfax near the corner of Pico. Here you can buy homemade Indian sweets, as well as choose from about five vegetarian dishes. One of these dishes is always garbanzo beans prepared in a spicy sauce because this goes well with almost everything. They are open from 11am to 8:30pm everyday including Sunday. Their phone is 213/936-6736.

By the way, for your next birthday or get-well gift stop in at RENNY'S BALLOONS & FLOWERS PARTY SUPPLIES. He just moved in to 6110 W. Pico.

Now I start from Fairfax and Olympic.

Two upholstery shops have opened on Fairfax. One is RUBIO'S ART, 1030 S. Fairfax. Owner, Arturo, will build fine custom furniture from your sketches. Also he will refinish and re-upholster your own pieces with fabric that you supply. He has someone who will do hand carving. Arturo used to do all the work for Domestic Furniture Co. at his former location on La Brea Blvd.

At 1032 Fairfax I met Beth, the proud proprietress of PUPA'S BOUTIQUE. You can buy the same lines of dressy evening wear and day wear that Macy's and Nordstroms sell, but for almost 50% less. With names such as Black Tie, Nightline, and Tadishie. Her prices are lower because she does not have the overhead of the larger stores. As soon as she has her baby she intends to leave for New York to buy spring clothes.

Next door is MABERRY ANTIQUES, 1034 S. Fairfax. Owner, EILEEN MABERRY, specializes in walnut and mahogany hardwood furniture from the

1920's, 1930's and 1940's. She buys entire estates so the pieces may vary in period and style. Eileen is particularly fond of chandeliers, mirrors and lamps. She organized the store-owners on Fairfax and has helped to promote a cleaner and safer business district to attract more of the local residents. Much of this information about the local businesses on Fairfax comes from Eileen. Ask her to find that piece of furniture you've always wanted

Across the street at 1015 S. Fairfax is FAIRFAX WESTSIDE PHARMACY RX AND MEDICAL SUPPLY. It is a full pharmacy right in the neighborhood in a newly renovated building. Your doctor can call in your prescriptions Sunday through Friday at 213/ 939-8909. They also sell wheel chairs, pillows, mattresses, knee supports, shoulder supports and the like.

On the same side of Fairfax Rachel, owner of ETHIOPIAN MESSOB RESTAURANT, claims that she was the first to serve Ethiopian cuisine in LA. She's been written up in the LA Weekly, and the LA Times for her chicken and vegetarian dishes. Prices are not expensive. CHRIS MAHER, from across the street, tells us that he enjoys her cooking, (in case you were wondering where chefs dine.) CHRIS MICHAELS has just signed a 10 year lease for a restaurant/catering business which recently reopened after a fire, great news for those who contributed \$100 to his building fund and will receive two free cakes per year. A grand re-opening was celebrated on the 16th of November. Come by for breakfast between 7:30-11:00 am or 11:30-3pm for lunch. For now, dinner is served only on Friday and Saturday evenings. Chris does not compromise the quality of his food. For example, his beef comes from the same supplier that sells to Morton's.

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Grand Opening of CHRIS MICHAELS CAFE AND CATERING, November 16, 1996  
Left to right: Deron Williams, Chief Field Deputy from Mayor Riordan's office; Kelly, Chris and Caleb Maher (the owners with their son) and Chelsea Cochrane, Area Deputy from Mayor Riordan's office.



LA Councilman Nate Holden with Chris Michaels at the Opening.

At LAUNDRY BY JULIA in the middle of the block on the East side of Fairfax, you can have a fine table cloth laundered by hand. Julia does linens, fluff and fold, dry cleaning and shirts. Her shop has the neatness and order of a serious enterprise.

Next we have HANSEN'S CAKES, same location for 60 years according to PATRICK HANSEN who is a seventh generation owner! Many years ago the bakery was part of a farmers market at Fairfax and San Vicente, Patrick tells me. They make the finest wedding cakes, birthday cakes, picture cakes, party and sculpture cakes. HANSEN'S is a comforting fixture in our neighborhood.

The other upholstery shop on Fairfax is BEL AIRE UPHOLSTERING, 1054 S. Fairfax. Frank Rios has been in business since 1951. He does custom designed furniture, slip-covers, antique restoration, drapes, refinishing, and wall upholstery. The number is 310/ 451-4008. FAIRFAX LOCK AND KEY, 213/ 653-7137, according to Eileen, my informant, does great work. They know everything about locks and safety; TONY'S TAILOR SHOP will make a new woman's or man's suit for you or customize your own suit. They also do alterations. Eileen tells me that they are "reliable and on time." Good to know!

One other restaurant serving inexpensive Ethiopian food is MERKATO. Owner, Dawite, offers a vegetarian combination for \$4.99 or chicken stewed in red pepper sauce for \$6.99. This and ETHIOPIAN MESSOB get our recommendations if Ethiopian food is your desire. LION OF JUDAH TRAVEL AGENCY at 1040 Fairfax. They have low prices whether you

plan to travel to Ethiopia, or Niagara. They get a positive recommendation from a neighbor who found them convenient to use and "The tickets were there!"

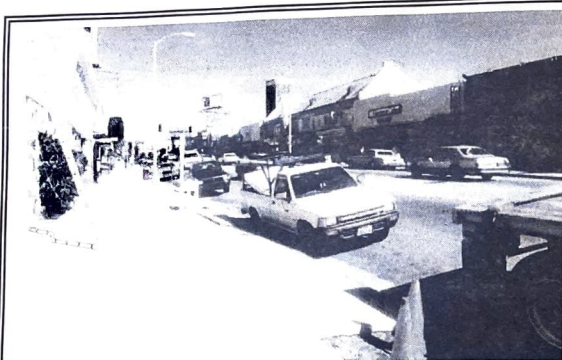
We have tried to introduce you to some of the businesses alive and well on Fairfax. The sad news, because they have been such a positive addition to our neighborhood, is that DENNY AND MEG BRAND have closed their shop called the VINTAGE COLLECTION on Thanksgiving day. We will miss their activism. Denny is involved in our neighborhood association and collected over \$1200 from other store owners for our second tree planting last Spring.

The other sad news is that Mike, owner of the NYALA RESTAURANT, after his return from a trip home to Ethiopia to get married, has died.

We apologize, if inadvertently we have left any of our neighborhood business unmentioned. We will try to list them in our next newsletter. Also, if anyone has special experiences with the above businesses please let us know. Come see how clean this business district is now and how pretty are the trees we planted only a year ago. Is it any wonder that we have renamed our district "Fairfax Village, Gateway to the Museums?"

*Ed Note: Some of our neighbors, Julie and Domingo, are in the process of preparing a pamphlet on "Gateway to Museum Row" (South Fairfax) that will list all businesses and include a map showing their locations. They are trying to obtain information about the history of Carthay for this pamphlet. If you have any information please call them at 213/930-2972.*





Fairfax Avenue Before the Tree Planting

### Fairfax Merchants Clean Up Their Act!

Fairfax Avenue is indeed becoming an inviting street to shop and dine. Merchants have joined together and hired a maintenance man to clean the block weekly; emptying trash cans, removing trash from the sidewalk and street gutters, washing down the sidewalk, and watering the trees.

"The merchants started this project last August, in response to a letter that I wrote," said RICHARD

HARRISON. "I felt that the efforts by individual store owners were ineffective. The first five months have been a big success."

So, come see for yourself! Take in a lunch or dinner at one of the many restaurants along the block. We want to make you, the local residents, feel safe and welcomed while enjoying Fairfax Avenue. So that we don't forget how far we have come, look below. A picture is worth a thousands words.



Fairfax Avenue After Our Tree Planting

### Neighborhood News

Congratulations to GINO AND IRENE MIFSUD upon the birth of their baby daughter, OLIVIA.

In January, ex-patrol member, TED WALCH passed away after an extensive hospital stay. On Sunday, November 17, ELSIE WALCH, Ted's surviving spouse, passed away after battling cancer for more than a year. The Walches were residents of Carthay Square for over 25 years. They were admired and respected by their neighbors.

### Pink Dot Liquor License

Pink Dot has reinstated its liquor license despite objections from neighbors in South Carthay and Carthay Square. There are several restrictions that apparently were not so well known by many of us at the beginning of this controversy: Wines are supposedly not of the less expensive screw-top variety; No walk-in traffic is permitted at this store as opposed to the Pink Dot on Sunset Boulevard.

### New President For Carthay Square And South Carthay Associations

Congratulations to Rich Harrison who was elected the new president of Carthay Square and to Kim Neilson who is Vice President. Tim Tobin has resigned as President of South Carthay. The new President is George Parks.

### FALL 96 CSNA CRIME WATCH

by Sol Jamerson

If you have been affected by a criminal act in the last three months, you probably won't agree with this statement: According to police statistics, reported crimes in our area have dropped to a point lower than has been the case in more than a year. Based upon statistics for the quarter ending September 30, 1996, there were 55 crimes committed in the area bounded by La Cienega, Olympic, Fairfax and Pico.

Last year around this time, our statistics showed residents in the area experienced, on the average, one criminal act per day (93 for the 90-day period). During the recent quarter, there was one crime reported per two days (actually the 55 crimes boil down to .6 per day).

Still topping the list of most frequently occurring crimes in our area is



Sol Jamerson

the theft of automobiles (known to the police as Grand Theft Auto—GTA). These, along with auto break-ins and thefts from vehicles are the crimes most likely to be reported to the police because of insurance company requirements.

During this past quarter, thirteen vehicles were stolen (approximately one per week). Nine of those were recovered but this may be only a small consolation to the owners since the condition of vehicles at time of recovery, was not available.

### CARTHAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 12, 1997

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Executive Committee - Carthay Center School

February 16, 1997

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Valentine's Dinner at Chris Michaels  
213 - 930 - 2972

March 1, 1997

Tree Maintenance Workshop

213-939-8680

March 12, 1997

7:00- 8:30 pm

General Meeting - Carthay Center School

Vehicles were stolen predominately during the hours of darkness. Ten of the thirteen were reportedly taken from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Three of the vehicles were taken from Hayworth (1000 and 1100 blocks), two from Fairfax (1200 block), and the other nine were taken from various streets within the area. In an attempt to discover a fixed pattern for these thefts, I found that there were three each on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There was none on a Friday. The single theft on a Saturday occurred surprisingly at HIGH NOON on Hayworth.

Another big surprise: Burglaries were reported at only two per month! My first inclination was to believe that increased night lighting was having a good result. My second inclination was to say maybe night lighting had no effect since there was only one of the six reported burglaries which occurred during the hours of darkness. A residence

on Alvira Street was burglarized at 2 a.m. Two of the six burglaries occurred at the same address. A residence in the 1200 block of Crescent Heights was burglarized less than two weeks apart (once at 5:30 a.m. and once at 4 p.m. on different days of the week).

As far as day-of-the-week is concerned, Monday seemed to have been the most popular day. Half of the reported burglaries occurred at various hours on Mondays. DOUBLE CHECK ALL POTENTIAL POINTS OF ENTRY before leaving home and at night, TURN ON ALL OUTSIDE LIGHTS!



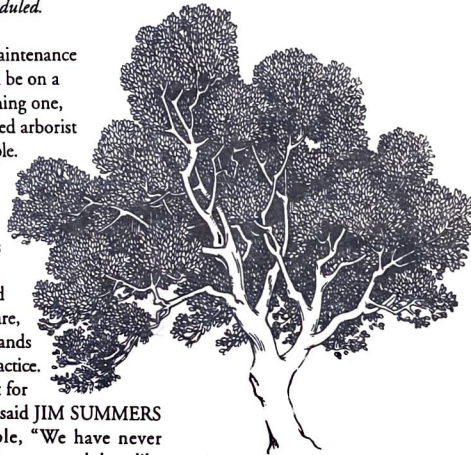
## Carthay "Greening Project"

The "Greening Project", to plant and care for trees in the immediate community, will continue for the next six months. We have three projects scheduled for 1997:

1. Tree Maintenance Workshop - March 1st, 1997
2. Pico Blvd. Planting #1.  
To be Scheduled.
3. Fairfax Tree Replacement  
To be scheduled.

The Tree Maintenance Workshop will be on a Saturday morning one, led by a certified arborist from Tree People.

It will be free of charge, and will include a class on pruning, fertilizing, and general tree care, followed by hands on pruning practice. "This is a first for Tree People", said JIM SUMMERS of Tree People, "We have never done a maintenance workshop like this before." Thank you, Tree People, for selecting our community to pilot this new program. Pico Blvd. Tree Planting is an ambitious project (80 trees) that includes planting trees on Pico, between Fairfax and La Cienega. It will be done in three phases, beginning in 1997. Volunteers are needed. Please come forward.



## GOOD NEWS

South Carthay Studios, which retired from business on the NW corner of Pico and Hayworth, has been replaced by another studio production company. It's Paul Boynton Productions, an Interactive CD Rom Studio. "When one thinks what could have been located there this is good news," said Debra Grobman, past President of CSNA.

Fairfax Tree Replacement - In spite of our best efforts three trees on Fairfax have died and need to be replaced. After seeing these trees, one property owner has had a change of heart, and has signed the paperwork giving us permission to plant two in front of his property. This brings the project total to 5 trees, a small but worthwhile endeavor.

For more information on the Greening Project, call RICHARD HARRISON at 213-939-8680.

## CARTHAY CENTER FILM WORKSHOP

by Leni Merlin

A very interesting group of about 20 young professionals meet every Wednesday evening at Carthay School to write, direct, and produce their own 28 1/2 minute 3/4" videos. They work as an ensemble, according to our public liaison, actress PAMELA MALOF, to exercise their skills, and to showcase their work. They welcome new members who are interested in this video work.

In the 2 1/2 years since RIDGE TOLBERT started the group they have completed three projects funded by themselves for about \$500 per video. The first one, a science fiction script called "Reminiscing", was directed by DUTCH HALLAND and was shown on Public Access Cable. It starred LISA CASSANDRA and TIM DEHAAS. The second project, written by RIDGE TOLBERT, is called "Lois and Clark". It will serve as a show case and will be offered to Warner Bros.

The latest project, "The Messiah Complex", was written and directed by RICH MONTGOMERY. Peter and I were privileged to sit in on a reading of a new script, a parody of the X files. It really seems as if a part of the old Carthay Theater lives on in the new Carthay Center Film Workshop. It's a good feeling for the neighborhood! For more information call Ridge Tolbert at 213/938-3692

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Current Subscribers.....37

Switch:

Yes.....18

Maybe.....11

New Subscribers.....112

Sign Up:

Yes .....38

Maybe.....22

No.....15

The direction is clear. Westec does not have a large enough subscriber base, current or potential. But Security Service Systems has the larger established subscriber base and is currently able to provide the much sought after and long awaited sixteen hour dedicated patrol car. The survey results show that there are enough potential subscribers to pay for a 16 hour dedicated patrol car.

The CSNA policy regarding the dedicated patrol is as follows:

1. Security Services has earned the role of "Preferred Provider." This is a "soft" endorsement. CSNA is not and will not be an agent for any security service company.
2. Subscription to private patrol services is optional. It is not a requirement for association members.
3. Subscription to patrol and or alarm services is a private choice. Each resident should make and be responsible for their own decision when selecting a company.

Pleased be advised that February 1, 1997 is our mutual Sign Up Date. Residents who are interested in signing up with SSS should contact Mr. George Acevas, General Manager of Security Service

ultimate goal is a twenty-four hour dedicated car! Refer to future newsletters for progress towards this goal. Other questions should be directed to:

CSNA Security Forum  
PO BOX 99999  
Los Angeles, Ca 90035

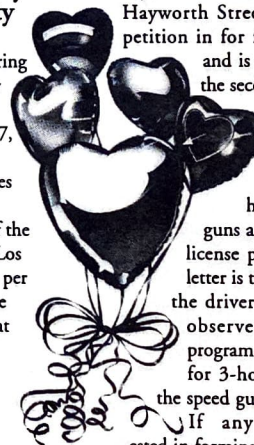
I would like to thank all the volunteers for their work in bringing this successful survey together.

RICH HARRISON  
President, CSNA

*Ed Note: Due to the lateness of this newsletter those who expressed interest may have already received a contact letter from SSS. The above article will help to explain some of the thinking that led up to the present*

## Valentine's Day Dinner Party

CSNA will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Dinner at Chris Michaels cafe, Sunday, February 16, 1997, at 6 p.m. This will be a private party, and includes a multi-course sit down dinner featuring some of the best nouvelle cuisine in Los Angeles. Tickets are \$30 per person, advance purchase is required. Call JULIE at 213-930-2972 for more information.



## Brain for Breakfast

On Saturday, Jan 11, 1997, JEFF BRAIN had breakfast with several CSNA officers and representatives of the South Fairfax business owners at Chris Michaels Restaurant. Jeff is known for his work in revitalizing Ventura Boulevard, and may have some good pointers to offer our community.

## SPEED BUMPS

Some neighbors on Hayworth Street have complained about speeding cars tearing through our neighborhood to avoid the traffic congestion on Fairfax Avenue. Two solutions are currently being discussed: Petitions for traffic control, including speed bumps and/or stop signs. Speed bumps have already been used throughout the city for example on Alfred Street where it adjoins the business district and Hayworth Street already has its petition in for free speed bumps and is awaiting approval; the second idea is a Community Speed Watch Program in which individual residents use hand held speed guns and record speeders' license plates. A follow-up letter is then sent to inform the driver that he has been observed speeding. This program involves volunteers for 3-hour periods to use the speed guns to record traffic. If any one is interested in forming a coalition of concerned neighbors about controlling traffic, please call Paul Nisenbaum in the 1100 block of Point View Street at 213/ 934-3663.

Fairfax. We are focusing on the Seven/11 and on several of the apartment owners. The Seven/11 should be prevented from selling alcohol altogether. But they are often guilty of not restricting their sales during the early morning hours as required by law. In addition, their phones are a service mostly to the traders in drugs and should be removed. If they had had the proper security, the boy never would have walked out with two six packs of beer."

"The apartment owners are accountable for evicting anyone who is known to be dealing drugs. Pressure needs to be put upon them." To be a part of the Committee to Halt the Decay of Fairfax call DEBRA GROBMAN or ALAN ROSS at 213/ 939-8253.

*Editors note: The following is a letter that I received from JOE CONNOLLY who also is a Hayworth resident:*

It was 4:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 22nd, 1996 and we were putting the finishing touches on a jigsaw puzzle before going out to finish our Christmas shopping. The shots that came from the alley immediately got my attention and I instinctively knew that they "sounded" serious. I got into the alley in less than 90 seconds, but it was already too late for both of these unwilling victims to this gun violence. So many good things have happened in this neighborhood, but yet this event will radically effect me and temporarily make me forget all of the things that we have accomplished.

## NEW P.O. BOX

Please address all correspondence with the Association or with the Newsletter to:

Carthay Square Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 35295-90035  
Los Angeles, California 90035

Instead, it will focus on this senseless, tragic event which represents the failure by me to try to have worked harder to help this gang member not only out of his gang, but out of our neighborhood. I sense a responsibility for this event and I feel that if I could have stopped it, I would have, but alas this is no longer the choice. Just like the "civil unrest" of April, 1992 that effected our neighborhood, I guess we will pick up the pieces and try to make this a better place to live and try to use this tragic event as a learning experience for all of us to grow and make our neighborhood better with each passing day.

*To contribute to a memorial fund for the slain officer's family, send a check payable to CSNA, P.O. Box 35295-90035 and mark it clearly "for the Navidad Fund." Each of the Carthay Neighborhoods is contributing something to this fund.*

## LIGHT REACHED AT END OF TUNNEL

On a happy note we must all be glad that Crescent Heights between San Vicente and Pico is at last open to traffic. Some of us are so glad to regain use of this street after the end of the present phase of the Holly Hills Drain Project, that we felt the need to write about it. Remember, if there are any remaining concerns about the Holly Hills Drain, to call the our liaison, Mr. Eric Gonzales, at 213/ 938-8299.

## Welcoming Committee

Our Welcoming Committee visits with new residents to tell them about our Neighborhood Association & Patrol and to generally help them to "settle in". Please call LENI at 213/ 931-0171 to tell her when a new neighbor moves in.

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