



## CARTHAY SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER

It sure seems like a long time since we last cranked out a newsletter. Since you last heard from us, I have personally been to what seems like over 100 meetings. In trying to select what would be the most important issue to discuss with you for this column, the obvious choice was EDUCATION. There are so many things that are going on in the City of Los Angeles, but none more important (if you have young children) then our neighborhood school, Carthay Center LEARN (CCL).

CCL (located at the corner of Crescent Heights and Olympic) has recently celebrated its 70th anniversary. WAYNE SCOTT MOORE, the principal, is not only a sincere and genuine man, but one of the nicest people that you will ever meet. The teachers at CCL are top flight. It is currently undergoing remodeling thanks to Bond BB funds. Many of the teachers are local products and graduates of UCLA or USC. Over 80% of their enrollment is from the local area. And the list of all the positives could easily consume this entire column.

The reason why I have chosen to discuss this issue over all of the things that confront our association right now is that when I was the president of the PTA at CCL (1992-93), I could never figure out why the local neighborhood children not only did not attend CCL, but parents didn't feel comfortable sending their kids to school to CCL. As time went on, after I retired from the PTA presidency, several families moved out of our association because they simply did not want to send their kids to school at CCL. This troubled me very deeply (as both of my children went to CCL).

I continue to work voluntarily at the school and you can not imagine how great a feeling it is to see the neighbor-

hood associations finally giving their support to the local school (CCL). Obviously, going to private school is not financially within the reach of a lot of us and with Open Charter School moving to Westchester in the summer of 1999 (for most of us Open Charter School wouldn't have been accessible because it is a Magnet school), these two factors shocked us into looking at CCL.

I want to end this endorsement of CCL by thanking **CHARLIE COHEN, CAROLINE HARRISON AND SUSAN SANFORD** for taking up the torch that a few of us had carried for so many years (and continue to carry) regarding the fact that there is NO legitimate reason not to send your children to our local school.

I applaud their hard work, their keeping us notified of what is going on at CCL via fliers to our home mailboxes, their organizing meetings with the school staff and principal, and simply for their great insight to honestly state what a handful of us have known for a long time that Carthay Center LEARN is one of the best kept secrets in the City of Los Angeles. They have scheduled a new parents meeting at Carthay Center School for 7:30 on May 12th. If you are thinking about what to do with your children who are just now going to start kindergarten, look no further then Carthay Center LEARN.

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For all of those interested in Carthay Square Neighborhood Association becoming an HPOZ please attend the May 19th, 7:30 pm meeting at Carthay Center School. It will be on the agenda and we will try to have Fred Naiditch there (from South Carthay) to answer any questions.

Joe Connelly, President CSNA

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - DO YOU HAVE TO GO PRIVATE?

This fall a group of parents from the Westside Jewish Community Center, frustrated at the prospect of spending \$60,000 or more over the next six years on their kindergarten aged children's elementary school education, decided to take a look at their neighborhood school, the Carthay Center Elementary School. They had expected to find it wasn't a viable alternative and to move on to the standard choices: private school, open enrollment at schools that are far away, or moving from the neighborhood to somewhere with a better public school. But what they found at Carthay surprised them:

Experienced, enthusiastic and ambitious teachers led by an energetic, committed and innovative Principal.

Carthay is a L.E.A.R.N. School (L.A. Alliance for Restructuring Now) which allows a greater access to grant money. All monies donated to the school stay within the school. (In addition to other grants, several local realtors have recently agreed to donate a percentage of their commissions to the school.)

Carthay has a G.A.T.E. program for gifted and talented students.

Over 80% of the kids at Carthay are from this school district.

Carthay has two open classrooms (1st-3rd grades) as well as more traditional, single grade classrooms. The kindergarten teachers are trained to assess which kids will do best in which environment so that a child can follow his optimum developmental path.

All the classrooms are set up so that the children can achieve their highest potential. Thus if a 2nd grader is reading at 4th grade level, he can be paired with other, similarly gifted kids for reading. If, however, his math abilities are at his own grade level, he can be grouped with different kids for math.

Principal Moore and his staff study and dissect test scores to see which areas need help and which (like the open classrooms) are succeeding so well that they might be expanded.

Carthay has seen many recent improvements (new computers in every classroom, new paint job) and is scheduled for many more (air conditioning, playground equipment, etc.)

Carthay has a vibrant after-school program featuring many enrichment courses in writing, science, math, dance, computers, sports, etc.

Parents found the Carthay Center Elementary School to be an exciting, safe and stimulating place where kids are encouraged to go as far as their abilities will allow.

Small class sizes and flexible teaching strategies support each child's unique learning style and personal development. The teachers are motivated, upbeat, and enthusiastic about their jobs. The Principal is innovative and open and, as Carthay is a small school, has the freedom to try things that Principals of larger schools can not. And the kids are wonderful. Why then wasn't more of the neighborhood considering it? A little history: Until the early 80s, Carthay Center was consid-

ered a model school, with an enrollment reflecting the rich multi-cultural and ethnic make-up of the area in which we live. There was a long list of parents waiting to get their children in. But then, with a rapid succession of Principals and changes in direction, the school lost much of its neighborhood support. Now, with Principal Moore at the helm for the last eight years, the school is again a thriving learning center. All it lacks is the full support of its community.

Everything is in place at Carthay to make it the model school it once was. All it needs is neighborhood attendance. Parents of kindergarten aged children should want their kids to have the best, safest and most challenging educational experience possible. With community support, they could find this experience at Carthay.

With this in mind a group of parents organized an April open house with the school's Principal, Wayne Moore, distributing leaflets to as much of the neighborhood as they could. They were amazed and excited to find over thirty interested parents and neighbors attending, many of whom have children who will be of kindergarten age in September. Clearly they had struck a nerve!

Come meet the teachers of Carthay Center Elementary School Tuesday May 12, 7:30-9pm. Limited child care on premises: call Carolyn at 213/936-8376.



## NEW SENIOR LEAD OFFICER APPOINTED

Los Angeles Police Officer Scott Hallock, a 17 year veteran of Law Enforcement, was recently selected over a large group of applicants and was appointed to the position of Senior Lead Officer at the Wilshire Community Police Station. Officer Hallock was immediately assigned to the Basic Car Area 7A33, which includes the Carthay Square and South Carthay Neighborhood Associations Areas.

With this assignment, the Area left without Sr. Lead Officer representation for a seemingly unduly long period of time, has received a full time LAPD contact person with whom residents can relay their concerns. Ironically, Officer Hallock's assignment comes at a time when Police Chief Bernard Parks is planning on eliminating the Senior Lead Officer Position, as it is presently functioning.

Officer Hallock is currently replacing Officer Chuck Newman, who was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to the 77th Street Division.

Having begun his law enforcement career in Salt Lake City, Utah, Officer Hallock has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1989 and has served in a variety of assignments throughout his law enforcement career which makes him uniquely qualified to respond to the crime concerns of our residents.

When contacted to learn how he proposes to serve the needs of our

residents, Officer Hallock stated: I am dedicated to serving the



OFFICER HALLOCK

community and I will do my best to be the deliverer of quality Police service which is aimed at reducing the incidents and fear of crime in an effort to improve the quality of life of those whom I serve.

Officer Hallock and his wife, Mercedes, aside from being the proud parents of two robust and active pre-teen youngsters, Brian 12 and Blake 10, have another common pursuit: They are both Police Officers assigned to LAPD.

LET'S ALL JOIN IN TO WELCOME OUR NEW SENIOR LEAD OFFICER, SCOTT HALLOCK!!! Come to meet him Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 at Carthay Center School.

SOL JAMERSON Crime Watch Correspondent

## IN MEMORIAM

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, for LAPD Sergeant CHARLES P. NEWMAN. For several years,

CHUCK NEWMAN served with the Wilshire Division and just prior to his promotion to sergeant, had served as the Senior Lead Officer in our Neighborhood Association area. Chuck was known to many in the community for his steadfast ability to assist those in need.

Born in April of 1961, Chuck was eagerly anticipating the celebration of his 37th Birthday, when he was struck down with failure of his heart.

There is sadness in the Association, both because of his early demise and because Chuck had such a short period of time in which to savor his long-awaited and well-deserved promotion to Sergeant. Those in the Carthay Square Neighborhood Association who knew Chuck, will surely miss him. R.I.P.

## CRIME REPORT

Please be aware that our association is constantly being used by a band of older (over 25-30 years of age), caucasian, long haired (look like strung out rockers) for small time burglaries (cars and garages). The police are aware of them, but be on the lookout for any white males on bikes, especially with backpacks, as they come in and out of our association.

One of the biggest improvements since our association got active are the apartment complexes at 1229 and 1231 S. Fairfax Avenue. The Owner, GARY WILSON, has done an extraordinarily great job remodeling, landscaping, and lighting these units. In 1993 the police were at these properties weekly (and sometimes daily); the police probably haven't been there for 18 months! Great job Gary and thanks.



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## FEMINIST LEADER TONI CARABILLO DIES

Toni Carabillo, feminist leader and historian who chronicled the feminist movement and helped found the national Feminist Majority and the California chapters of the National Organization for Women, died Tuesday. She was 71.

Carabillo died in her sleep in her Los Angeles home on Hi-Point of lung cancer. With her was her collaborator and life partner of 30 years, Judith Meuli.

The two women, along with June Csida, wrote *Feminist Chronicles, 1953-1993*, a textbook for college level women's studies courses. Carabillo had been working recently on a new book, *The Feminist Chronicles of the 20th Century*.

A writer and graphic designer by profession, Carabillo also co-authored a 1988 book with Meuli entitled *The Feminization of Power*. The two women had owned a graphic arts company in Los Angeles since 1970. In 1987, Carabillo, Meuli, Eleanor Smeal, Peg Yorkin and Katherine Spillar created the Feminist Majority, an organization designed to encourage women's empowerment. Carabillo served as national vice president.

She became involved in feminist causes 30 years ago when she joined NOW and then helped create chapters around

California. She served as president of the Los Angeles chapter and national vice president and board member. She also was co-editor of NOW's national newsletter and newspaper. Carabillo was a major fund-raiser and organizer for the Equal Rights Amendment ratification campaign in the early 1980s. Born in Jackson Heights, N.Y., Carabillo was educated at Middlebury College and Columbia University.

She worked in corporate communications for System Development Corp. for 11 years. That job ended because of her participation in a survey of women employees showing sex discrimination in salaries and advancement.

In 1969 Carabillo co-founded the Women's Heritage Corporation which published the Women's Heritage Calendar and Almanac and a series of paperbacks on such women as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucy Stone.

By MYRNA OLIVER  
Times Staff Writer

octogenarian, often stood in her front yard and observed the traffic passing by. She made sure her garbage cans were placed out for the weekly pick-up. Having outlived all her children, and living alone, she obviously knew her exit from this world would be a solitary event. On August 28, 1997, Frances, at the age of 88, did pass away quietly in her HiPoint home.

by SOL JAMERSON,  
CSNA Correspondent

## ROBERTSON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Robertson Branch Library at 1719 S. Robertson Blvd. are looking for new members to join us in helping plan new programs and implement on-going ones. We meet at the library the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please come to the next meeting.....tour the new building and give us the input of your ideas to make this community treasure as good as it can be.

For further information call Harriet Sacks (213) 939-3482.

HEATHCLIFF By George Gately



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## GREEN TAGS

Those new to our area may have noticed that many cars have a green fluorescent tag attached to the lower left corner of the rear bumper. The purpose of the tags was originally to identify cars quickly to the patrol as coming from the neighborhood. As a secondary purpose they were to serve as a sign of membership in our community Association. These tags are now once again available. The cost is simply a membership renewal in CSNA (see coupon below) good for two cars, and a dollar for each additional car. Non dues-paying residents may obtain the stickers for \$1 each by calling Peter Merlin at 213/931-0171. All profits go to CSNA.

## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Petite Sara, 6007 Pico, is owned and operated by MARYLIN TORRES and her two kids (who are also residents of Carthay Square). You can walk, bike or skate there, between Stearns and Crescent Heights, for breakfast or lunch. She serves low calorie salads, sandwiches, pastries and cappuccino. And is also well known for her catering business. Petite Sara received an A rating from the LA County Department of Health. Stop by to meet your neighbors.

## HOUSEPAINTER WANTED

Looking for an excellent and reasonably priced Housepainter. Contact Dorien at 936-6483.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PATROL MEETING:** May 12, Carthay Center School, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**PARENT TEACHER MEETING:** May 12, Carthay Center School, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**BLOCK CAPTAINS, EXEC.BOARD, OFFICERS, BLOCK PARTY, FUNDRAISING & CALENDAR MTG:** May 14th

**CSNA GENERAL MEETING:** May 19, Carthay Center School, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

**BLOCK PARTY 98:** Is set for September 13th. Call Joe at 934-4767 if you wish to help with this event.

## WOMENS CENTER

There is a new owner for the vacant Womens Center on Pico Blvd. and they have leased the space to a pediatric AIDS Facility/business. So, hold your breath and maybe soon we will have one less vacant property

within our Associations boundaries. (Our association continues to physically maintain this property).

## CSNA TREASURER

Welcome and thanks to KELLY GUGLIUZZA, as the interim Treasurer, replacing DOMINIC YURIAR, until the next elections.

## GREEN GODDESS INVESTMENT CLUB

CSNA women who are interested in financial investments have formed a club. If you are interested in more information, contact DEBRA GROBMAN at 939-8253.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Is a forum open to all residents to comment on anything within the Association.

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