

Upcoming Events

**Christmas Tree Lighting
Standley Park
December 7th, 2007
6:30 P.M.
(See page 6 for details)**

**Breakfast with Santa
December 15th, 2007
9:00- 11:00 A.M.
Kids \$5.00 - Adults \$7.00**

**July 4th
Celebration Committee
Call 858-552-1652
to volunteer**

**Winter - Youth
Basketball League
Jan 4th- Feb 29th, 2008
Call 858-587-4727**

**Standley Recreation Council
Standley Park
January 24th at 7 p.m.**

**UCPG Meeting
Forum Hall, UTC
January 8, 2008**

**UCCA Board Meeting
U.C. Library
January 9th, 2008**

**Merry Christmas
Happy Hanukkah**

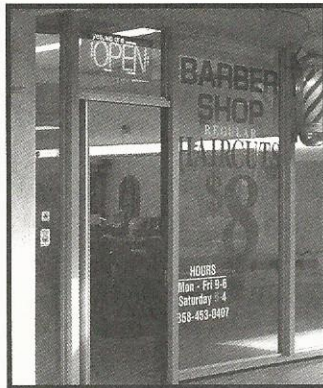


Happy New Year!

Next Issue will be February 2008

UC Legend..The UC Barbershop..Forty years and going strong.

Tucked away in a side walkway beside Vons in the Genesee/Governor Drive Shopping center is a UC legend. It is a business that has been part of UC for some 40 odd years. This is the UC Barber Shop Joe Marinesi started in



1964 in the shopping center on Governor Drive and Regents Rd. There was a pharmacy, a bank, the UC Library, the Post Office, a Jonathan's Supermarket and a host of other businesses. The neighborhood was new; the neighbors were new, and it was the start of a history which is going strong today, so many years later. Joe moved his Barber Shop to the shopping center at Governor and Genesee in 1969, and there it has stayed ever since. Joe ran it for many years before retiring and handing the business over to his son Russ, who ran

it until his passing four years ago. Then it was bought by Xavier Valle, who runs it now. It remains the quaint little place it always was, where you can get a very good haircut for \$8 and get a lot of stimulating conversation, hear a lot of community news and enjoy the camaraderie



of people who stop in for a chat. Make no mistake; if you're a Presidential Candidate with \$400 to drop on a hair cut, you do not belong in the UC Barber shop. However, you could always stop in get an \$8 hair cut and spend the rest of the four hundred bucks on tips for the wonderful people who work at this UC legend. Stop in at the UC Barber Shop the next time you need



a little sprucing up...you won't regret it!

Gratitude for our Firefighters.....

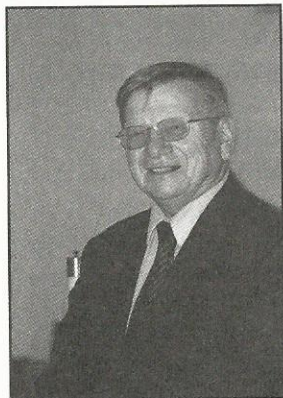


Terri Day and our local heroes at the fire station.

For all our firefighters do and for all they did for us during the horrendous Fire Storm of recent weeks, coffee, cookies and brownies on colorful plates doesn't quite seem enough; but these hard working heroes were very happy to receive the treats a group of Coldwell Banker agents from the UC office took to the four fire stations serving our area. Starbucks contributed coffee, and Rite Aid gave the agents four "thank you" cards which were signed by the 40+ agents. A small group proceeded to make the surprise delivery to our dauntless guys and gals in blue. The cookies and coffee were delivered on Thursday, November 8th. Fighting flames is hard work, which is always selflessly done, and it works up a healthy appetite for goodies. Our gratitude goes out to Terri Day and her colleagues for doing this for our community.

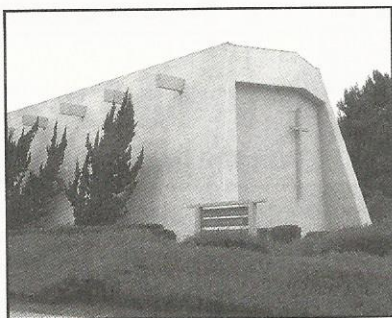
University City Church of Christ Pastor.....Kurt Fuller

If you drive down to the west end of Governor Drive, you come upon an adobe colored structure which has a neo-gothic look to it. Welcome to the University City United Church of Christ. If you find people around and do a quick, informal poll, you will



find that everybody loves the current pastor. So who is this man with the winning smile and the friendly handshake for every-

one he meets? Meet Pastor Kurt Fuller. He has been pastor at UCUC since September 1, 1999. Pastor Fuller makes it his mission to see Christ in everyone he meets- this explains his smile. He grew up in Massachusetts in a little town called Agawam and went to Plainville High School. He completed his education at Texas Christian University and graduated from Defiance College. He got his Masters of Divinity at Andover and was ordained in Boston. Kurt is definitely a people person and has expanded the youth programs at the church since coming here. There are two youth choirs, a hand bell choir and



a youth band called, "To Be Delivered!"- a little bit of Christian double entendre. His ministry is completed by his lovely wife Louise, whom he met in North New Hampshire. The Fullers have two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. Kurt, God Bless you in your work. Keep that winning smile coming.....

UCUC Christmas Festival

University City United Church invites the community to join in a Christmas Family Festival featuring games, crafts, carols and a special holiday visitor. There will be plenty of fun for children, including an opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies, participate in a California-style "snowball" fight and create some special Christmas crafts. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. There will be a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. University City United Church is located at 2877 Governor Drive. For more information, call (858) 453-3444.

UCHS VP Fire Victim...

UC High School Vice Principal Brian Mihalka was one of those unfortunates who lost their homes to the wild fires. As a good neighbor, he helped friends evacuate from the Witch Creek fire but discovered that he himself was in the same position when he got home. Brian built the home he lost and lived in a trailer on the property while it was under construction. Demolition has begun, and once again he finds himself living in a trailer.

ADVERTISING INFORMATION

Reservations for ad space will be accepted on a **first come-first served basis beginning the 1st of the month preceding publication.** A backup list will be maintained.

To reserve space, please contact **Terri Day**, UCCA Advertising Manager at **uccaADS@hotmail.com**.

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UCCA Membership, 3368 Governor Drive #121, San Diego, CA 92122

Website: www.uccanews.com

One membership for your entire household for January - December 2008

General member \$20 Community Supporter \$40
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 New member Renewal

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If you are a Business Entity and would rather join as a business, please choose the level of membership you prefer:

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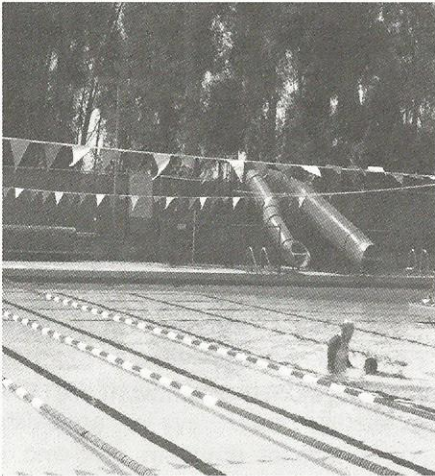
Silver member \$50 Gold Member \$100

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Swanson Pool Enhancement Update.....

After voting unanimously to support an expansion of Swanson Pool at their September board meeting, the University City Community Association scheduled Swanson as the sole topic for their October general meeting. There was a great turnout on Wednesday evening, October 10th at the University City High School Media Center for a session on the improvement of Swanson. Almost 50 interested members of the community showed up to listen and then talk about what they want in a new pool. A representative sampling of the UCHS boys' water polo team was in attendance.

Longtime UC activist Sandy Lippe introduced the chairwoman of the Committee to Improve Swanson Pool, Julia Cooper, who gave a short presentation. It highlighted the current uses and



Swanson pool today....

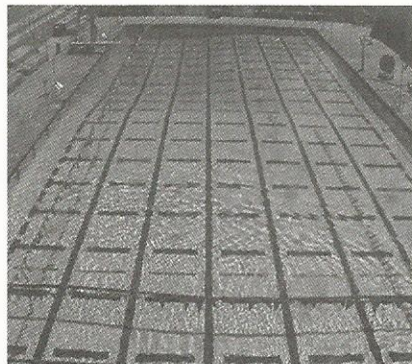
users of Swanson. It also noted the drawbacks of the pool's current size which limit its use as a competition pool by the high school aquatics teams as well as its revenue-generating potential.

A larger pool would maintain University City as a community attractive to young families, not to mention its enhancement to property values. Committee members are very aware that the City has little or no money for a new Swanson pool. If we want a new pool, we will have to raise the money ourselves. An original owner of property in UC noted how proud she was that her family had participated in the property assessment to fund the construction of Standley Park and Swanson Pool in the early 1970's. There was no pool here; it was all canyon.

At the end of the formal presentation, the meeting broke up into small groups for discussion. Each group then presented its ideas to the entire audience. Parking, of course, is a concern and various solutions were offered. Different sizes and pool configurations were presented. One group suggested that community fund-raising might be easier if improvement of Standley Park as a whole were included, as well as beautification of the medians along Governor Drive (a long-stalled project).

There is an issue with the integrity of the soil at Swanson, and we will need an analysis by a soils engineer to determine the suitability of the site for expansion. If it is not suitable, we will look at alternatives at the Nobel Athletic Fields and at Doyle Park.

All community input is welcome and encouraged. If there is anyone in the community with professional expertise in the areas of fund-raising or soils engineering, the committee would greatly appreciate their input. For information or input or if you wish to serve on the pool committee, please contact Julia Cooper at new-pooluc@earthlink.net. Please note that money for Swanson Pool is NOT to be sent to UCCA.



Swanson pool could look like this...

E-Mail the Newsletter at:
editor@uccanews.com for
news items, announcements and other related items.

Call:
858-736-4128
with comments or suggestions

Join in the Fun as Standley Park Sparkles with Light

The kids, grandkids and folks of all ages are sure to enjoy the festivities at the annual Christmas Tree lighting at Standley Park at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 7th. There will be music provided by the Standley Middle School



band, OMC Choir and Tuesday Night Alibi barbershop quartet, cookies and hot chocolate and a visit from

Santa.

Thanks to committee chairs, Mary Ann Guerra and Darlene Ventimiglia

for organizing the event and to local artist Judy Bethel for designing and supervising the decorating of the tree, rec center



and pool entrances by Santa's wonderful helpers in U.C.

We are grateful to Miramar Nursery for donating the tree and to Westfield Shoppingtown for providing refreshments and the balloon artist as well as sound and lighting equipment. Their support makes this event possible.

Circle the date on your calendar, and come enjoy fun and fellowship with your neighbors.

July 4th Holiday Parade Survey



UNIVERSITY CITY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS...WE NEED YOUR INPUT AS TO WHAT LEVEL OF LOCAL SUPPORT THERE WOULD BE FOR A 2008 4TH OF JULY PARADE ON GOVERNOR DRIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANNUAL STANDLEY PARK HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES.

Preliminary discussion/planning has begun. However, before proceeding, we need input reflecting your thoughts and ideas. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below, and return this survey either through U.S. mail or bring to the designated "drop-offs" as indicated below. Thank you in advance for taking time to help us with our planning. UCCA Board and Barry Bernstein(Parade Committee Chair)



1. Do you think having a 4TH of July parade on Governor Drive is a tradition you would like to see started?

Yes

No (circle one)

Comments: _____



2. If you have a business in our community and like the idea of a parade, how do you feel your business could best be represented?

Comments: _____



3. Civic Organizations/ Schools/ Public Safety,(police/fire), Churches/Synagogues, Scouts, etc....what are your ideas of support/involvement?

Comments: _____



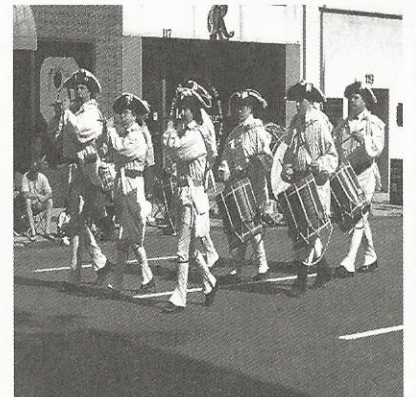
4. If you would be interested in assisting with the parade's development in any capacity, please contact Barry Bernstein, (858) 453-3713, or print your name and telephone number below and I will call you.

The first scheduled planning meeting is Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Name (please print) _____

Telephone # _____

Drop off this survey Saturday mornings, December 8th or 15th between 10:00-12:00 at the **Starbucks** across from Henry's Market OR at the **Von's Market** at Governor/Genesee. If you prefer to mail your survey, please address it to: **Barry Bernstein**, 6482 Edmonton Ave. San Diego, CA 92122 Thank you.



Did You Know?

...Those whose homes were destroyed or damaged by the fires will need help in the days and months ahead. **Volunteer San Diego** is coordinating with the County, 2-1-1 and community organizations to provide volunteers where needed. For information, go to

www.volunteersandiego.org/HomePage/index.php/home.html

...Some recently implemented programs in the San Diego region proved to be very valuable resources during the October Wildfires. According to **SANDAG** (San Diego Association of Governments), a **record number of area residents used the free 511 call system** (accessible from any phone) **and website**. The **511 phone system received more than 87,500 calls between Monday, October 22nd and Thursday, October 25th**. The previous weekly average was 11,000 calls. More than **38,000 visitors**, almost 10 times the previous weekly average, visited the **511 website www.511sd.com** for updates and information about the fires. **SANDAG** is evaluating the system's performance to see how the system could be more effectively used in future emergencies. Remember, you can utilize the call system and website as a one-stop resource for traffic and transportation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week...

...The **City's and County's Reverse 9-1-1** calling systems played major roles in the systematic evacuation of specific areas. If you haven't already registered your **cell phone number or VOIP (voice over internet) number** with both systems, you're encouraged to **do so now**. Visit www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html **AlertSanDiego** to register your **cell phone, VoIP phone, and email address only**. Listed and unlisted land line phones are already included in both the City's and the County's databases and do not need to be registered.

...Register your **cell phone or VOIP phone** in the **City's system** at www.sandiego.gov/ohs/reverse911/index.shtml...

Did you know....contd

...If you haven't put together a family disaster plan, go to **Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide** at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes...

Will You Be My Neighbor??

Starting with our next issue in February 2008, we will be adding a new feature to the UCCA Newsletter. This is how it will work. If you notice a neighbor doing something wonderful for you or for another neighbor, please let us know. With their permission, we would like to publicize this neighborliness. This can be anything from rescuing the family pet, to stopping the family car from rolling down the hill to picking up the laundry before the store closes or bringing the trash can back into the back yard. Anything that could have been a disaster or very inconvenient which was stopped by the good effort of a friendly and caring neighbor needs to be reported. We do not acknowledge our neighbors and frequently let acts of kindness go unnoticed. This column will attempt to correct that. Here's an example of what we are trying to do. A quick thinking local **UC Little League Coach, Josh Craig**, saved a house from burning to the ground. When Josh saw smoke coming from the inside of the house, he went to the door to help an older woman out; then he ran next door and grabbed a fire extinguisher and began putting out the flames as the firemen arrived. Josh gets the **Good Neighbor Title for December. Well done, Josh. Thank you!**

**E-Mail the Newsletter at:
editor@uccanews.com for
news items, announcements
and other related items.**

NOTICE

**Flyers or handouts about
businesses or non-UCCA events,
activities, issues or organizations are
neither inserted nor distributed with
the UCCA newsletter.**

UC Senior Center Programs...

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 40's Swing with Dean Ratzman
1:00 Movie: "The Holiday" with Queen Latifah

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
12:00 Pre-School Hanukkah Program at CBI
1:00 Parasol Strutters

Thursday, December 6, 2007

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Bonsai Lecture with Marty Mann
"History & Art Form of Bonsai"
1:00 Matt & Jasmine perform on Strings

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 Education Director Dave Massey from
San Diego Natural History Museum
1:00 Rachele Danto on keyboard

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Lux Art Institute Presents "American Road Show"
1:00 David Amos-Ladino-Sephardic Music

Thursday, December 13, 2007

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Docent Kenneth Lowe presents "The Art of Everett G. Jackson"
1:00 Zina Aminova entertains on the piano.

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

10:00 Movement with Brenda
11:00 Dr. Samer Assaf from Sharp Rees Stealey talks about the "Senior Check Up Check List"

1:00 Steve Zuill on keyboard.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

10:00 Silver Age Yoga
11:00 Artist Orna McCann presents
"Illustrations in Art"

1:00 Violinist John Quinones

Thursday, December 20, 2007

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Pianist Ron Loscalzo
1:00 Linda Hill on Mandolin & Harp

Tuesday, December 25, 2007 closed for Christmas

Wednesday, December 26, 2007

10:00 No Yoga today
11:00 Professor Zev Bar-Lev
1:00 Pianist Andrea Ladmer

Thursday, December 27, 2007

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina
11:00 Music Station will dazzle and entertain

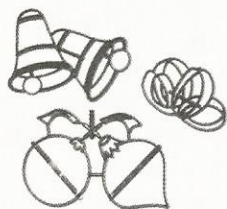
1:00 Music Maker's perform music of the 30's and 40's

**For Information: 9001 Town Centre Drive
at Congregation Beth Israel. 858-550-5998**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING STANDLEY REC. CENTER

DECEMBER 7, 2007

6:30 P.M.



Standley Middle School Band

Barber-Shop Quartet

Our Mother of Confidence Church Choir

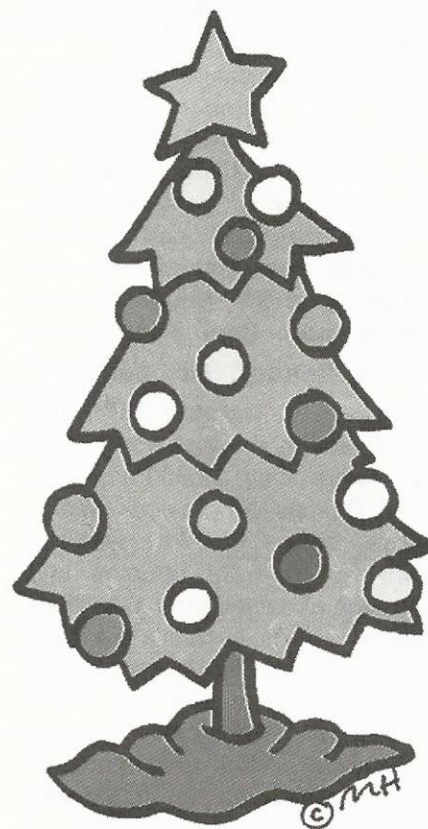
*Hot Chocolate & Cookies
(Compliments of Westfield)*

Fire Truck

Holiday Inspired Balloon Artist

Helium Balloons

The Arrival of SANTA CLAUS



*Our warmest thanks
and
gratitude to
Westfield shoppingtown
for their generous contributions and to
Miramar Nursery
for our Christmas tree.*

President's Perspective

December means we have come to the end of the year 2007! This December also means that I have come to the end of my four years as President of the University City Community Association, so this is my last Perspective for our newsletter.

Being President has been a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. One of the better decisions I have made in my life was the decision to move into a home in University City. Having the privilege of being President of our Association has just added to the joy I have experienced as a resident of this community.

As president I am pleased that the Association has been able to participate in the renewal of our 4th of July Celebration, expand our May cleanup day, initiate the weed wackers of the community, sponsor a bicycle rodeo, light up the neighborhood at Christmas time, bring fresh, new banners to decorate our streets, plant lovely trees along Governor Dr., make our medians more presentable, sponsor forums for political candidates including congresspersons, school board candidates and candidates for our local city council seat.

We also helped bring the community together to learn about the future of Miramar Airport, public safety in our neighborhood, ways to prevent fires from flaming up in our community, developed a Citizens Emergency Response Team, exchanged thoughts about how to better manage traffic at our intersections and began to marshal energy towards redeveloping Swanson Pool.

We also have seen a major decrease in graffiti, established a web site and expanded our newsletter. I leave the office being uplifted and inspired by the consistent commitment and dedication of the members of the board past and present, who came to our monthly meetings and participated fully and freely in order to enrich and enhance our community. I encourage you to join or renew your membership in UCCA by filling out the registration form in this issue of the newsletter. The community will contd...right...

Art Program for Kids....

Art is everywhere and can be created in everything around us. This program will inspire our young artists to see their world with fresh eyes. Our artists are sure to grow in their knowledge of art, art materials, mediums, famous artists and build self-confidence in a



hands on, "can-do" environment. The inspiration comes from a variety of sources such as children's books, fantasy, nature,

famous artists such as Picasso, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Matisse and US artists such as O'Keefe, Kandinsky and Klee. There is an emphasis on color, using various mediums and techniques. The program focuses on the greatest resource available, the individual artist's creative imagination. The program is available to kids in grades 2 through 5. The time is 2:15 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. on Thursdays at Curie School in Room #2...The Art Zone. The cost of the program is \$209.00 per child.. For more information call Marla Jean at 858-525-3744.

Advertising in the newsletter

If you run a business in UC, consider buying advertising space in this newsletter. Advertising revenue is making the Newsletter a self-supporting enterprise which will allow the association to devote membership funds to other good causes here in UC. While the association does not endorse any of our advertisers, we would like to remind our residents to patronize the advertisers in our newsletter.

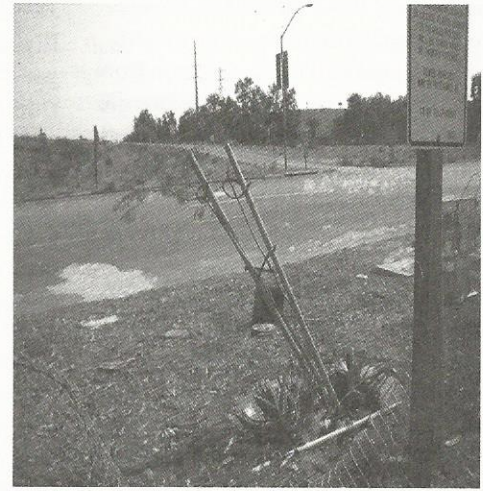
Perspective contd...

continue to become more safe, clean and beautiful because of your generous gift. I hope that this season brings and abundance of love, laughter and happiness into your lives!

Gratefully,

Hugh Pates
President

Jacaranda Wounded....



Jacaranda wounded in Auto Mishap

U.C.C.A. Jacaranda trees at the Park and Ride near 805/Governor suffered a blow from an out-of-control car that broke the fence and knocked down an electric box. One of our trees was the victim of this car also. However, while it was knocked down, we have propped it up again and hope for a complete recovery. CalTrans has yet to give details of the accident. Three community members, SueDeVol, Susan Foster, and Paul Croft have joined our small team to keep watering the Jacaranda trees in 2008. Please consider signing up for this simple task of watering twice a week for a month.

Call Sandy at 453-2387.

Christmas Eve Music



The **Traditional Choir** of Our Mother of Confidence Church will be performing excerpts from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" and an assortment of other standard, traditional carols before the 10:00 P.M. service on Christmas Eve,

December 24th, 2007. The singing will begin at 9:15 P.M. in the church, as a prelude to the service. The choir has been featured at the UC Christmas Tree lighting for several years and will be a part of the program this year as well. The Britten piece was written by the composer to fill the time he spent in a transatlantic crossing in the early 40s. It is a setting of Old English poems celebrating the Birth of Christ. The church is located at the corner of Governor Drive and Regents Road.

Admission is free. All are welcome!

Hanukkah is.....

The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication." The roots of this name, and the Hanukkah holiday, come from the second century B.C.E. (Before the Common Era). Chafing under foreign domination, a band of Jews led by Mattathias took to the hills of Judea in open revolt against the Seleucid regime of Antiochus IV.

Mattathias' son Judah took charge of the rebellion after his father's death. He was given the nickname "the Maccabee" ("the hammer"). Antiochus sent thousands of well-trained and well-armed troops to the land of Israel to crush the rebellion. The Maccabees responded with a brilliant campaign of guerrilla warfare, and succeeded in driving the foreigners from their land. Jewish fighters entered Jerusalem in December, 164 B.C.E. They found the sacred Temple in shambles, defiled and desecrated by foreign soldiers. They cleansed the Temple and re-dedicated it on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. They observed a feast of dedication for eight days in honor of their historic victory.

The contemporary observance of Hanukkah features the lighting of a hanukkiyah, a special Hanukkah menorah with eight branches and a ninth holder for the shamash, or helper candle. Popular legend connects this ritual with the tale of the cruse of pure oil that miraculously burned for eight days rather than one.

On the first night of Hanukkah, two candles are placed in the menorah. One serves as the shamash to be used for lighting the other candle. On each successive night, another candle is added to the menorah. By the time we reach the last night of Hanukkah, eight candles are glowing brightly in celebration of this beautiful festival.

In the broad sweep of Jewish tradition, Hanukkah is considered a minor holiday. It is not a yom tov, a holy day, akin to Rosh Hashanah or Passover. Hanukkah, like Purim, is a post-Biblical holiday, a happy, fun-filled celebration for the young and the young-at-heart.

The traditional greeting Jews extend to one another during this holiday is "hag orim same'ah." Happy Feast of Lights! Happy Hanukkah!

How DID Your Street Get it's Name?

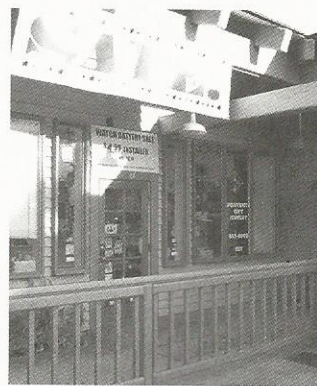
If you have wondered where your street got it's name, you are not alone.

University City has many streets named after Nobel Laureates as well as colleges and universities. We had an article in August 2003 detailing the names of the people after whom our streets got their names. A gentleman by the name of Scott Baldwin, a past president of EdUCate, did the research for us. UC Residents have expressed an interest in re-publishing the article for it's general knowledge value to those of us who might be interested.

See if you can find your street in the list of famous people. The list gives the year and the category for which they were recognized in Stockholm. Among those streets named after Nobel Prize winners are...Sir Norman **Angell**, 1933 Peace; Klas Pontus **Arnoldson**, 1908 Peace; Charles Glover **Barkla**, 1917 Physics; Fredrik **Bajer**, 1908 Peace; Felix **Bloch**, 1952 Physics; Walther **Bothe**, 1954 Physics; Sir William Henry **Bragg**, and Sir William Lawrence **Bragg**, 1915 Physics (they were father and son); Daniel **Bovet**, 1957 Medicine; Aristide **Briand**, co-recipient (with **Stresemann**) 1926 Peace; Ferdinand **Buisson**, 1950 Peace; Ralph **Bunche**, 1950 Peace; Marie **Curie**, 1911 Chemistry and 1903 Physics; Nils Gustaf **Dalen**, 1912 Physics; Paul Adrien Maurice **Dirac**, 1933 Physics; Elie **Ducommun**, 1902 Peace; Jean Henri **Dunant**, 1901 Peace; John Franklin **Enders**, 1954 Medicine; Joseph **Erlanger**, 1944 Medicine; Niels Ryberg **Finsen**, 1903 Medicine; Lord Howard Walter **Florey**, 1945 Medicine; Charles Albert **Gobat**, 1902 Peace; Allvar **Gullstrand**, 1911 Medicine; Fritz **Haber**, 1918 Chemistry; Sir Walter Norman **Haworth**, 1937 Chemistry; Charles Benton **Huggins**, 1966 Medicine; Carlos Saavedra **Lamas** 1936 Peace; Christian Lous **Lange**, 1921 Peace; Fritz Albert **Lipmann**, 1953 Medicine; Lord Edgar Algernon Robert Gascoyne **Cecil**, 1937 Peace; William Parry **Murphy**, 1934 Medicine; Fridtjof **Nansen**, 1922 Peace. We will have more next month... stay tuned...

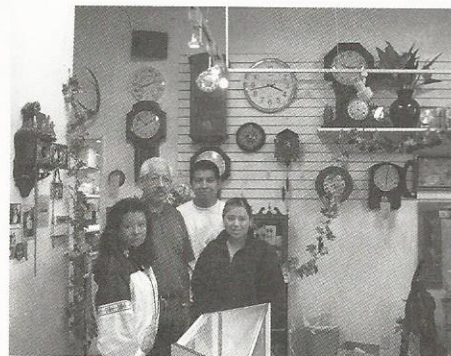
UC Jewelry Store Burglarized!

The Ochoa Family has been running their family business here in UC for eighteen years. Their's is the little Jeweler's Shop



tucked into the corner, beside Henry's by the Postal Annex. Manning the store are Dad – Enrique, Mom – Consuelo, Son –

Nicolas, and Daughter – Maribel. Not only can you buy very nice jewelry at this store which has come to be such an integral part of UC, you can get watches repaired, or have the battery changed, or shop for some other little gift item. The shop also does a fine job of repairing jewelry. In many ways, the Hallmarkesque look to some of their merchandise has come to



Mom- Consuelo, Dad- Enrique, Son- Nic and Daughter - Maribel. The whole crew at the UC Jewelry Store, in the Henry's Shopping Center

make many people routinely visit them for many last minute gifts. Unfortunately, the store has been burglarized twice in the last three months. The Ochoas lost a great deal of inventory. What the criminals did not get the first time, they got last week. The job was done by someone who knew the layout of the store. A neat hole was cut in the roof, and a garden hose, knotted in intervals, was used as a ladder to enter after disabling the phone lines to invalidate the alarm system on the East side of the shopping center. We are sorry for their loss and resent this intrusion into our peaceful little village. We wish the Ochoas the best in the future. Stop in and check out the store the next time you are in the area.

University City High School Fields Project Update

Leslie Anderson

The Centurion Foundation of University City High School has been working hard to get the athletic fields at UCHS renovated. Three years ago, the thought of a complete renovation of the athletic fields at UCHS was just a vision; but over the past few years, significant progress has been made toward making this project a reality. In September, a formal presentation was made before the University City Planning Group, and the UCPG, Executive Board voted to recommend to the City Council that this project be added to the North University City Public Facilities Financing Plan and Facilities Benefit Assessment (FBA) for the Fiscal Year 2008. They also agreed to help fund this approximately 8.5 million dollar project up to 35% with an absolute cap of 3 million dollars. Following the recommendation of the UCPG this motion went to city council and passed as well. This is all contingent upon The Centurion Foundation of UCHS being able to raise the additional monies needed and the execution of a Joint Use Agreement between the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District.

University City is considered park deficient because of the size and population of our community. As such, a project like this is viable and supports the needs of the community and the schools. With the redevelopment of the athletic fields at UCHS, the facilities would be shared with the community after school hours. Before a Joint Use Agreement is worked out, the school site and the City would have to work out a specific schedule. The City wants to know that they will have access to the facilities about 50% of the time.

The new administration at UCHS, under the direction of the new Principal Mike Price, is on board with this project and will be working on this and other related issues over the next several months. John Hutsel, a staff member and Track and Field coach at UCHS has been working with Petco Park and the Padres to get University City High School in line to receive a donation of turf. Apparently, the turf at Petco Park is replaced every year. We are hoping to get the first donation of turf February 2008. This turf would be used to refurbish the upper fields at UCHS. Before receiving the turf, the upper fields will have to be prepared and the irrigation reconfigured. This alone is about a \$150,000 renovation just to prep the fields and fix the irrigation. As you can see, there is a lot to be done. If we all work together, we can make this a reality; and the facilities would be a tremendous asset to our community.

The Centurion Foundation of University City High School is looking for the community's help in the following areas. We are looking for new board members. Our existing board has many members who will be done after this year. We are looking for interested community members to shadow some of these positions for the remainder of this school year and then take over the positions next year. We are also looking for individuals with a strong marketing background to help assist in grant writing and putting together detailed brochures for solicitation of corporate sponsors. We also need someone who can help us develop a website so that we can keep the community better informed about the Centurion Foundation of UCHS and the UCHS Fields Project.

I would like to thank the following people: Scott Peters, Madeleine Baudoin, Linda Colley and the UCPG Board of Directors, former Principal Ernie Smith and Principal Mike Price, Greg Zinser, Jim Winter, John Anderson, Sandy Lippe and the Centurion Foundation Board for all your efforts to date. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Centurion Foundation or the UCHS Fields Project can contact me, Leslie Anderson, at janders4@san.rr.com.



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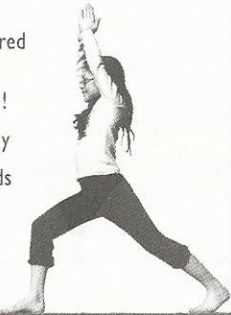
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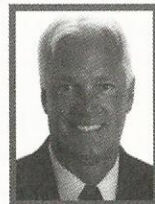
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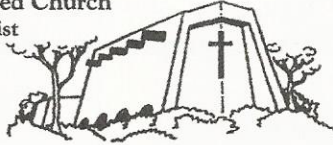
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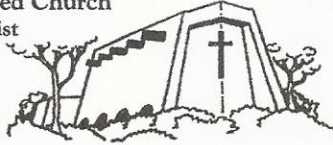
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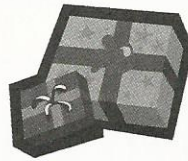
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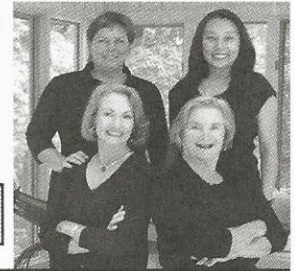


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