

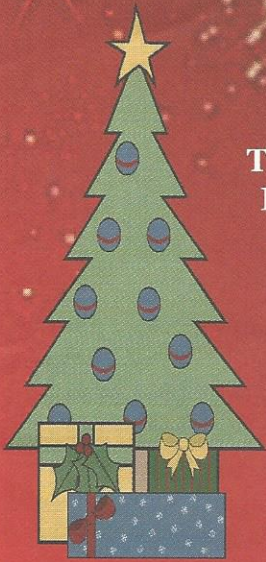
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Community Association Newsletter

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Tree Lighting

A Special Event for All Ages

Bring your children
and grandchildren,
friends and neighbors to
the annual Christmas Tree
Lighting Friday, December 11th
at 6pm in front of Standley Rec Center.

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

The talented Standley Middle School Band will play holiday music,
including a Hanukkah song as it is the first night of Hanukkah.
The Tuesday Night Alibi quartet and the Mission Bay Montessori
School Festival Choir will lift their voices in song, and talented
sketch artist JoAnne England will be on hand. To complete the
event, there will be a visit from the Fire Department, and Santa
himself will be there. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served
compliments of Westfield.

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
beautiful tree and to Westfield Shoppingtown for providing
refreshments and the lighting equipment. Their support
makes this event possible.

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UCCA
Turns
Over

Please join us for our annual
Breakfast with Santa at
Standley Park Recreation Center
Saturday, December, 19th 9:00-11:00am.

CALENDAR

December 2009

Standley Rec Council

December 3, 2009

January 28, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Standley Park

Public invited

UCCA Board Meeting

December 9, 2009

January 13, 2010

6:00-7:30 p.m.

U.C. Library

Public invited

Holiday Tree Lighting

December 11, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Standley Park

Public invited

Hanukkah begins at

Sundown

December 11, 2009

Breakfast with Santa

December 19, 2009

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Standley Park

Christmas Day,

December 25, 2009

January 2010

Happy New Year

January 1, 2010

UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6 p.m.

Forum Hall at UTC

Public invited

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,

January 18, 2010

4th of July, U.C. Celebration

Planning Meeting

January 20, 2010

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dear Editor-

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no UC Community Association. Papa says, "If you see it in The UC Newsletter, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a UC Community Association?

Yes, Virginia, there is a UC Community Association. It exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would University City be if there were no Andy Freeburn, Barbara Henshaw, Mike Lamp, Debbie Betzenderfer, Kay Goodfellow, Mary Kay Hewitt, Terri Day, Ginny Charvat, Darlene Ventimiglia, Carole Pietras, Sandy Lippe, Hugh Pates, and Barry Bernstein. It would be as dreary as if there were no Recreation Council or Celebration Committee. There would be no tree lighting, no summer concerts, no clean ups, and no newsletter!

No UC Community Association! Thank God! It lives due to those individuals who believe in making an impact in our community. A year from now, nay 10 years from now, the University City Community Association will continue to make glad the residents of our neighborhood.

Happy Holidays, Andy Freeburn ~ Outgoing UCCA President

With the close of the old year, University City Community Association is looking forward to the activities and challenges of the New Year, 2010. UCCA has made some wonderful things happen in 2008 and 2009 under the two-year presidency of Andy Freeburn. Looking back, among the activities and efforts put forth, we are proud of the role UCCA played in keeping our library and post office open, as well as the new look of the newsletters, our role in holding political forums, assisting in U.C. Celebration, the summer concerts, our street banner program, community cleanups.

At the November meeting, UCCA voted in the new officers for 2010:

President: Barbara Henshaw

Vice President: Barry Bernstein

Secretary: Hallie Burch

Treasurer: Debbie Betzenderfer

These officers are longtime residents of our beautiful community. If you total up the number of years these people have lived in U.C., it comes to 108 years. They have all served on many volunteer committees that provided activities for our local schools and greater community. Please circle December 11th at 6:00 p.m. and bring your family to Standley Park for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting. Santa has been contacted and promised to show up to see all the boys and girls. Join us for hot chocolate and cookies, musical entertainment and the official lighting of the tree.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Barbara Henshaw, UCCA President 2010

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No editorials or opinions please.

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Neighborhood News . . .

U.C. extends its deepest sympathy to the family of sixty-three year old Walter Nichols Freeman, a victim of a tragic accident at Governor and Genesee in the early morning of November 9th. Mr. Freeman was riding his bike when he and a police car collided at the intersection. Mr. Freeman died at the scene. The police officer, on the job eighteen months, was not injured...Tama Becker-Varano has voiced concern with Councilwoman Lightner and Board of Education member, John Lee Evans, over the children crossing the Governor/Genesee intersection on their way to Curie, Standley, and U.C. High.

She writes: " With three different schools within a ¼ mile of that intersection, I am often concerned that the children are at great risk. It takes just one car running a red light or one student not paying attention... All traffic lights are inherently dangerous, but this one in particular is a thoroughfare for commuters, with four gas stations to boot...we could justify a city safety officer during the morning and afternoon hours to monitor safe crossings. I would hate us to sit back and do nothing. It seems another accident is inevitable under current conditions. I would like our community to learn from this tragic accident on November 9th and discuss various options to keep students, other pedestrians, and cyclists safe..." Fire season may be gone, but Faye Duggan has listed some critical questions from "Home Safety Checklist of SD Fire-Rescue-Dept." for U.C. residents : Do you keep rubbish cleaned out of attics, garages, and yards? Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers? Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans and kept away from heat and children? Are oily rags kept in a tightly sealed container? Have all dried grass clippings, tree

trimmings and weeds been removed from your property? A "no" answer shows where your family's safety precautions fall short... Cigarette butts are the nation's most common litter item, according to Surfrider. U.C. volunteers knows that because we pick them up: those cigarettes tossed alongside medians, all over the parking lot of Park and Ride, and even at smoke free Standley Park...If you are bothered by weekly garage sales in your neighborhood, the City of San Diego ordinance on garage sales allows 3 a year on private property. Go to the City website dealing with Code Compliance issues to learn more:

www.sandiego.gov/nccd/about/enforcement... Dominic Mangiapane, Swanson pool manager, reports that Swanson is being upgraded to meet American Disability Act standards. He thinks the cost is \$220,000 and he knows it comes from a state grant ...San Diego's military needs holiday help. USO San Diego is seeking donations to support its Santa Store on Dec. 8th and 10th. Go to www.usosandiego.org; Operation Homefront needs toys and cash donations; www.operationhomefront.net/socal. San Diego Armed Services YMCA's holiday event is on Dec. 17. It's looking for toys and cash contributions. Go to www.militaryymca.org. UCCA is looking forward to keeping us connected through our newsletter in the new year. Please remember to renew your UCCA membership or join for the first time...Have a wonderful, safe holiday.



STANDLEY PARK & RECREATION CENTER
3585 GOVERNOR DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 (858) 552-1652

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 19th

9:00am—11:00am

ENJOY A HEARTY BREAKFAST,
 ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS & CRAFTS,
 AND A CHANCE TO TALK WITH
 SANTA HIMSELF!!

Children: \$6.00
Adults (12yrs & over): \$8.00
 Limited high chairs and booster seats
 will be available.

TICKETS GO ON SALE:
 NOVEMBER 30th
 SPACE IS LIMITED, AND WE DO SELL OUT!!
 *FOR SAFETY PURPOSES, STROLLERS ARE
NOT PERMITTED IN THE GYM!!



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Miramar Training & Possible Noise Alert

The CP&L Office wishes to alert you that MCAS Miramar will be conducting the following day/night time training operations next week:

1. From December 1-4, there will be standard rotary-wing operations using the Landing Helicopter Deck (LHD) from the late morning/early afternoon to mid-evening/late night (concluding before 11 PM).
2. On November 30, December 2 and 4, there will be standard fixed-wing operations using the Field Carrier

Landing Practice (FCLP) pattern from noon until late night (concluding before midnight except on Friday - concluding before 6 PM). Weather conditions could propagate aircraft noise and you may experience varying degrees of noise and vibration within adjacent communities.

Thank you all for your understanding and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. Juan Lias, MCAS Miramar CP&L Office (858) 577-6603

UCHS Grad Nite Appreciates Your Support

In order to continue UC Grad Nite's 19-year old tradition of keeping our celebrating grads off the roadways and safe at our all-night, fun, food and event-filled party, we're asking for the continued generosity and support of UC parents and community.

We'd like to give EVERY senior who attends Grad Nite the opportunity to win a prize. To do this, we'd love to accept your prize donations!!! Gift certificates to restaurants, movie theaters and sporting events are especially nice (iTune cards, Starbucks, movie tickets are among the most popular). A more extensive list of gift ideas will be posted on the UCHS school website soon. If you are short on ideas or time, we'd be happy to do your shopping for you.

We're also working hard to ensure that every senior that *wants* to attend Grad Nite *will be able* to join their classmates, and we welcome your cash donations to help us sponsor seniors with a financial need. All donations, for either Prizes or for Sponsorship, are tax-deductible.

Gift cards or checks made out to "UCHS Grad Nite" can be mailed to UCHS, 6949 Genesee Avenue, San Diego, CA 92122, or can be dropped off at the Grad Nite Box in the school's front office. Please indicate in your check's memo space if your donation is for Prizes or for Sponsorship. Please be sure to include your name and e-mail address (or mailing address if an e-mail is not available) so a Donation Receipt can be sent to you.

Questions? Please contact Grad Nite Prize Chair Ellen Schmeding at 858-450-5040 or Eschmeding@aol.com or Grad Nite Co-Chair Diane Hazard at 760-942-2651 or dianehazard@sbcglobal.net. Together we will make sure our seniors have a graduation night celebration they will always remember!!!

Open letter to the University City Community

As I read Andy Freeburn's report in the last UCCA Newsletter I started to reflect on my 34 years in University City, the many advantages our family have been afforded during that time, and how many of those were due to the efforts of volunteers. When I arrived here in 1975 I had five, eight and ten year olds who were looking forward to walking up the hill and around the corner to Marcy School (now Mission Bay Montessori). Here are just a few of many things that volunteers have helped accomplish in UC:

Standley Park had just opened when we arrived due to the volunteer efforts of a group of determined citizens who had somehow managed to get each UC household assessed \$192 to make the park a reality. We continue to reap the benefits today.

Standley Junior High was in its infancy and University City High School was an empty lot. It was through the efforts of another group of determined volunteers pushing our school board representatives that UCHS opened in September of 1981.

In the early 1990's, when Doyle Park was in the planning stages, the Recreation Council held several meetings and spent many volunteer hours working to convince planners that a family oriented park was needed, over the opposition of citizens who wanted a "passive park."

Marcy Park was upgraded with new playground equipment through the efforts of 4 young mothers who wanted their children and others to have a safe place to play. It was dedicated in 1993.

These are only a few examples of the things that have happened because there was a need and volunteers stepped forward. Many readers can add more items to this list, and the work continues still through PTA's, Governing Councils, Educate, Friends of the Library, UCPG and UCCA, to name just a few.

University City is what it is today because a community of caring people dedicate themselves to making things better. I understand that there are many of you who are saying to yourselves, "I don't have time to volunteer." The truth is that we can all make time for the things that are important to us. If nothing else, why don't you pledge to become a member of the UCCA today and support the work that is essential to the betterment of University City? The community belongs to all of us.

With appreciation and thanks to all those who volunteer in my community,

Mary Croft

Christmas Fun for the Whole Family!

Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and more!

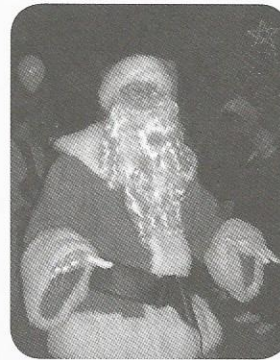
University City United Church would like to invite everyone to: **UCUC FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

Date: December 6th

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Address: 2877 Governor Drive Phone: 858-453-3444

www.ucuc.org



**PLEASE JOIN US AND
BRING A FRIEND!
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
UNIVERSITY CITY
UNITED CHURCH**

Two Services:

6:00pm and 8:00pm

Address: 2877

Governor Drive

858-453-3444 or

www.ucuc.org



JOIN UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL'S WALK FOR DIABETES EVENT

Saturday, December 5

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (on the football field)

University City High School is partnering with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to host a School Walk for Diabetes fundraising event. All proceeds help ADA fund researchers, educate the community and advocate on behalf of those with diabetes.

There are 23.6 million children and adults in the United States with diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin.

Please walk with the CENTURIONS and Step Out to Fight Diabetes in honor of your loved-ones, friends and co-workers affected by diabetes, while enjoying music, healthy snacks, Jamba Juice and prizes.

There is no fee to participate in the Walk for Diabetes but Donations are greatly appreciated. If you can't participate in the School Walk for Diabetes, and want to make a donation, please visit University City High School's website: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/uchs>

Any questions contact: Andrea De Lucia (American Diabetes Association Staff, 619-234-9897 x 7442)
Terri Reeves (UCHS School Walk Coordinator)
858.457.3040 x 169.

4th of July UC Celebration

The Planning Committee for the 2010 UC Celebration is committed to providing our community with another great day on July 4, 2010!

THANK YOU to the 2009 Planning Committee members who are returning for 2010!

Sarah Anderson
Alison Anthony
Barry Bernstein
Mary Cruz
James Floyd
Andy Freeburn
Barbara Henshaw
Priscilla Hughes
Meredith Kennedy
Kathy Lathom
Pia Mantovani-Sud
Betty Pardue
Hugh Pates
Mark Sawyer
John Schindel
Bob Ullmann
Bob Vilven
John Walsh
Susan Worsham

WELCOME ABOARD
to two new committee members!

Donna Aizuss
Randy Wolman

There's still room on the committee for YOU! Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month (except December). Please consider getting involved. Many hands make light work! Come to our next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, at the Standley Recreation Center to check it out. High school students are welcome! It's a fun way to get volunteer hours and leadership experience!

Advertising opportunities are available! Give your business exposure all around UC on our event flyer and banners... at the top of the rock wall...and/or up and down Governor Drive on the trolley! Contact Cathy Romanas at cathyromanas@hotmail.com

Want to set up a booth at our Celebration? Applications will be available in January!

To get involved in any way, show up at the meeting on January 20, or contact Cathy Romanas at cathyromanas@hotmail.com

High Speed Rail Roaring Through Rose Canyon?

Remember the November 2008 election when you voted for or against High Speed Rail in California? A 9-billion dollar bond issue was passed to jumpstart the HSR. In turn, stimulus money from Washington has added to the funding. Rose Canyon has been considered as a route also. According to the website of High Speed Rail, 134 trains a day will roar or snore through. A 12-foot chain link fence, poles, and overhead wires will cover the two new tracks which will be built and squeezed into the canyon. Go to www.highspeedrailca.gov.

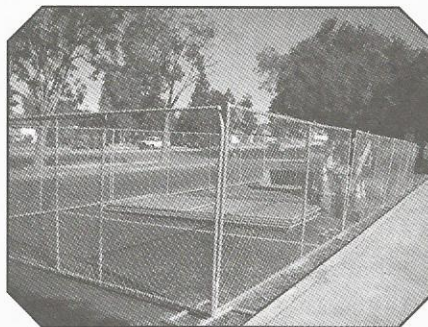
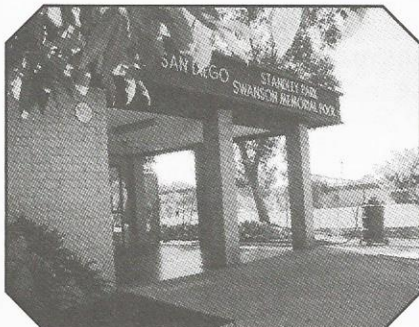
Needless to say, at a recent U.C. Planning Group meeting, a lot of residents questioned the route traversing the curves through Rose Canyon. Longtime residents questioned the sanity of having a high speed rail on such curving tracks and making it "low" speed rail.

The majority of the speakers at UCPG asked the High Speed Rail team to study an environmental impact report on having the route go from Escondido on a straighter line to Qualcomm Stadium rather than impact Rose Canyon. City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner held a press conference the day of this meeting with other city leaders like Council President Ben Hueso, Councilwoman Donna Frye, and Sen. Christine Kehoe. Lightner encouraged High Speed Rail to study the alternative route from Escondido to Qualcomm and end at Rodriguez Airport at the border.

Stay tuned to this topic that will directly impact University City.

Submission deadline for the February 2010 newsletter is January 20, 2010

Swanson pool closed October 5th, 2009. According to the manager, the pool and surrounding area must be brought up to American Disability Act standards.



A state mandated grant will fund the project with a price tag of around \$220,000. The pool should open on January 10th, 2010.



Girls softball is alive and well in the communities of UC and Clairemont. In 2006 two independent leagues, University City Girls Softball, located behind Standley Middle School, and Mesa Del Sol Girls Softball, located at Hickman Youth Complex, merged to create UC Del Sol Girls Fastpitch Softball (UCDS).

The joining of these two leagues has created a strong ASA affiliated Girls Softball league servicing young female athletes from the ages of five to fourteen.

UCDS 12 and under team competed in the Jr. Olympic State Competition this past spring/summer and the 14u team competed in the Jr. Olympic Regional Competition. Currently UCDS fall ball teams are doing well, winning tournaments and enjoying the game of softball.

UC Del Sol (UCDS) is a volunteer run non-profit organization. The mission of UCDS is to provide a positive and safe environment and to participate in friendly competition, develop athletic skills and build self-esteem while learning to play the game of fastpitch softball.

UCDS is dedicated to the principles of teamwork, sportsmanship, friendship, leadership, and citizenship. Managers, coaches, players and parents will strive to live by these principles both on and off the field.



This non-profit organization enables the children to gain invaluable experience and form lasting friendships, a worthwhile opportunity for our community's children. If you would like more information, log onto the website at <http://ucdelsol.clubspaces.com>. Spring is just around the corner and signups have begun.

EdUCate!

By: Marge Lorang

The University City Foundation for Public Schools would like to thank everyone who made the first few months of instruction worthwhile for UC's 5000+ public school students. Thank you to teachers, administrators and support staff at our five schools, but also thank you to every parent or guardian who got those kids to school on time, went to an Open House, or kept track of homework assignments. Smart kids are the brightest hope for our collective future!

As the end of 2009 approaches, we ask you to remember an educator who made a difference in your life. Don't you wish you could send him or her a Thank You, now that you know how hard his or her job was, and how impactful their confidence in you was in the long run?

Friends and family of one such educator, Maxine Kantor of UC High, recently established a memorial scholarship in her name through EdUCate's planned giving program.

You may not find your old teacher to thank him or her, but you CAN take the time to thank a CURRENT teacher who is making a difference in your child's life right now! Is there one teacher or coach whose name comes up at the dinner table? Maybe you were thankful for information you received from your school's principal? Take the time to honor their efforts via an **HONOR A TEACHER** or **TEACHER WISH LIST** donation through EdUCate! HAT earned over \$12,000 dollars last year, with a low 6% overhead cost. TWL has brought in over \$2,000 in the first few months of this school year alone!

Also, as your mailbox fills with end-of-year donation requests, please consider a fully tax-deductible gift to EdUCate's **DOLLAR A DAY** program. DAD has raised \$17,400 this fiscal year (which runs July - June), about half of last FY's total. (DAD has a low 5% overhead). A one-time donation before year's end, or an ongoing gift via monthly installments would help immensely as the schools try to cover projected budget shortfalls for this and next school year.

Again, thank you for your support of public education in University City, and **Happy Holidays**.

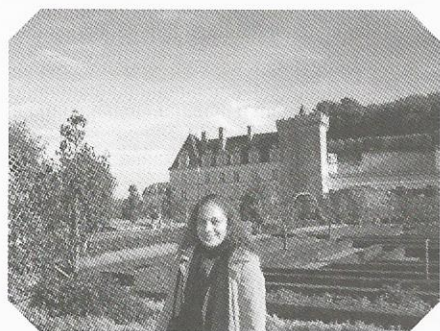
Please visit our website at www.uc-educate.org or call us at 858-677-0989 (message) or 858-546-7834 (President Roj Fay).

Happy Holidays

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School Year Abroad in Rennes, France By Amanda deBerardinis



Château de Villandry- Loire Valley

As a student of SYA during the 2009-2010 school year in Rennes, France, I have found this experience extremely rewarding and would not trade it for anything. While living with a cordial and understanding host family, I have opened my eyes to a different culture and perspective, learning to adopt the French customs and lifestyle.

Speaking French throughout the day and becoming accustomed to living in a completely different environment than San Diego was a challenge at first, but now becoming second nature. I enjoy coming home to a long day and chatting with my host family: sharing conversations at the dinner table over an epicurean meal. I am also involved with Breton folk dancing, a unique and culturally stimulating activity that has allowed me to try something new that I never would have been introduced to at Bishop's.

We are also receiving a more in-depth education of the humanities all taught in French: French language, literature, history, art history, and elocution, with the exceptions of math and English. While coping with

the rigorous French grading system, maintaining a healthy relationship with a host family, and honoring commitments to extracurricular activities, I realized that going outside the box was by no means easy, but so worth the risk. Also, the school trips allow us to see different regions in France; for example, we partake on adventures to the Gulf of Morbihan, the Loire Valley Châteaux, the Mont Saint-Michel, Provence, and Paris. I love Rennes: the quaint shops and cobblestone streets, the delectable desserts and exotic cheeses, the Breton style houses. Overall, SYA is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I will cherish forever, as I continue to be enriched by the French experience, hoping to return to the city that has become my second home.

Screams were heard loud and clear on Scripps St. after the Swift Family turned their home into a haunted pirate cove on Halloween, resulting in a big hit among the community.

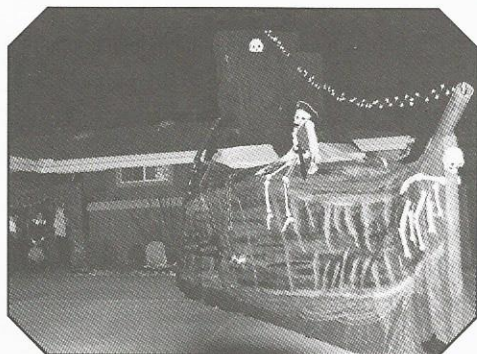
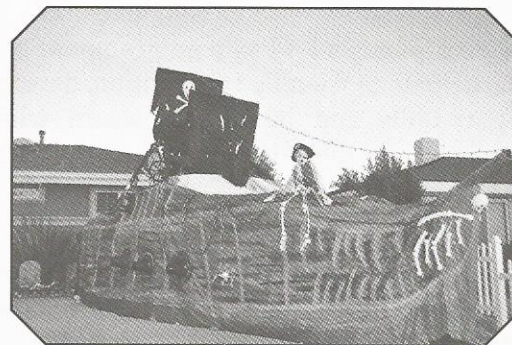
The fun started last year when a few decorations and a spontaneous urge to scare expanded into this year's spooky pirate ship crewed by the dead and a dark cave leading to everyone's favorite Halloween treasure, candy. What many did not discover until it was too late was the quest for the treasure would come at a price. Not knowing what was real or who could be popping out of dark corners left many

quivering at the foot of the

driveway but those who couldn't resist a handful of candy got a Halloween scare to remember.

Christina Swift, the mastermind, put a lot of hard work and Creativity into this year's production. Over a month of planning and building left family, friends and neighbors wondering what crazy thing she was up to but in the end it was a masterpiece to enjoy by all in the community. "We wanted to attract more people on Halloween and bring more kids into our neighborhood on Scripps St. All of the drilling, stapling, duct taping and creating was all women. Myself and 2 other friends! No man power", Christina commented.

The Swifts hope this will be a Halloween tradition and are looking forward to finding new ways to change it up so the scares and screams can continue for years to come.



*Newsworthy Items?
Contact the Editor
Kay Goodfellow
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Only 11 months ago ITNSanDiego™ started providing rides to people over 60 and adults with visual impairments. We have given over 1,300 rides since then.

Our members ride, not only to medical appointments, but also to the hair salon, bridge games, shopping, to dance lessons and even out on dates! Our vibrant and independent members continue to enjoy a quality of life that many thought would not be possible once they gave up their car keys

It is now time for our Annual Appeal Fundraising Campaign. Unlike publicly funded transportation services, ITNSanDiego's five-year goal is to rely entirely upon the affordable fares paid by the people who use our service and voluntary support from families and the community. Fares alone cover approximately half the cost of our rides. It's up to people like you to help cover the rest.

Your donation will improve the lives of countless people.

Adult children can stay at work, assured that a parent has a ride to the doctor.

Roads are safer when a dignified alternative to driving is available. Members and volunteers alike make new friends and share stories.

Older adults and people with visual impairments stay connected to friends and family.

Local businesses retain valuable customers.

No gift is too small. Your donation demonstrates that the San Diego community has made a commitment to dignity and independence for our parents and grandparents who built this community and who now need our support.

Warm regards, Chuck Overbey
Executive Director

December Events at the North University Community Branch Library



Tuesday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.,
Children's Story Time and Craft
Thursday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.,
French Story Time

Friday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.,
Songbirds, lapsit program for toddlers

Saturday, December 5, 9:45 a.m.,
Musical Story Time with Mr. Molly and Craft

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.,
Children's Story Time and Craft

Tuesday, December 8, 3:30 p.m. Baby Sign Language.
Parents: teaching sign language to infants and toddlers facilitates communication between parent and child!

Thursday, December 10, 11:00 a.m., French Story Time

Saturday, December 12, 9:45 a.m.,
Musical Story Time with Mr. Molly and Craft

Monday, December 14, 6:30-7:30, Teen/Tween Book Group, *The Magician's Elephant*, by Kate DiCamillo (copies available at the circulation desk). When a

fortuneteller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer (an elephant! An elephant will lead him there!) sets off a chain of events so remarkable, so impossible, that you will hardly dare to believe it!

Tuesday, December 15, 10:00 a.m., Children's Story Time and Craft

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m., Join us for Winter Night! As we celebrate the holiday season with a special music program by Tasha Smith, Harpist, playing Hannukah and Christmas music. We are also offering a craft suitable for any age: Origami holiday ornaments from foil.

Thursday, December 17, 11:00 a.m., French Story Time

Saturday, December 19, 9:45 a.m.,
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District One Budget Town Hall Meeting on Dec. 2nd

You're invited to make your voice heard at a district-wide town hall meeting regarding the budget. Councilmember Lightner will be there to gather your input on how San Diego can reduce the budget gap.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Cathedral Catholic High School - Assisi Hall
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San Diego Speaks Town Hall Meeting

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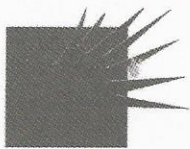
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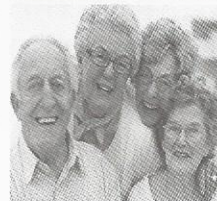
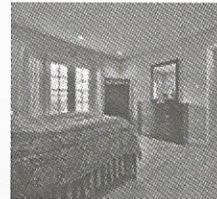
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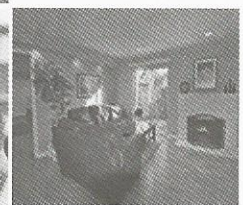
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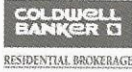
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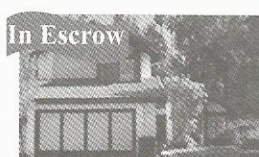
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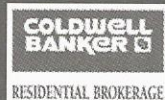


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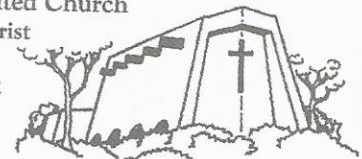
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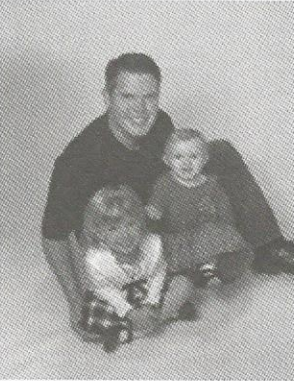
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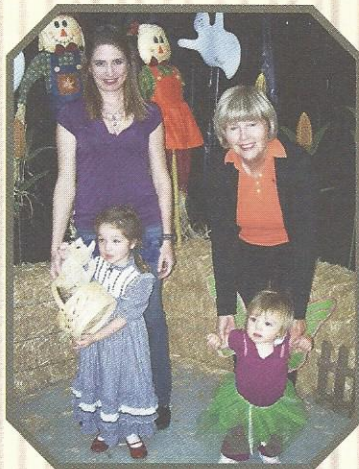
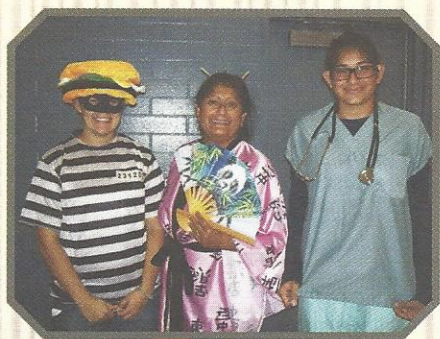
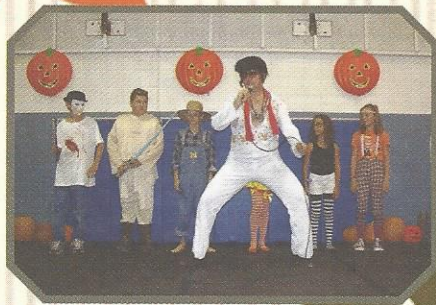
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