# **The Community Association Newsletter**

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#### **Upcoming Events**

## **UCPG** Meeting Forum Hall in UTC March 11,2008 6 p.m.

#### **UCCA Board Meeting**

Public invited

U.C. Library March 12, 2008 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Public invited

#### Spring/Easter Egg Hunt

Standley Park March 22, 2008 Call 552-1652 for details

#### Standley Recreation Council

Standley Park March 27, 2008 7p.m. Public invited

#### **Swanson Pool Upgrade Committee**

Standley Park March 6, 2008 7 p.m. Public invited

#### **U.C.** Celebration **Planning Group**

Standley Park March 19th, 2008 @ 7 p.m. Volunteers needed

## U.C. Del Sol Softball Opening Day, March 9th

at Standley Park **Easter Egg Hunt** 

on Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of San Diego, 5055 Governor Drive.

# **District Funds Jump Start Fields Project**



Fred Rios of Kearny Mesa Ford presents check for \$1,420 from Cruise for Your School test drive fundraiser held Dec.15 and 16, 2007. From left, UCHS Principal Mike Price, Leslie Anderson and Fred Rios.

The Centurion Foundation of UCHS has announced that Principal Mike Price has obtained a commitment from the San Diego Unified School District to help solve the water problems on their upper fields. The District has agreed to provide \$130,000 of the \$150,000 needed to upgrade the irrigation system. They will pay for the installation of a new water line from the west end of the upper fields. The Foundation and the school will be responsible for raising the additional \$20,000 to cover the cost of seed, top dressing, and new sprinkler heads. The board of the Foundation has committed \$10,000 for the project.

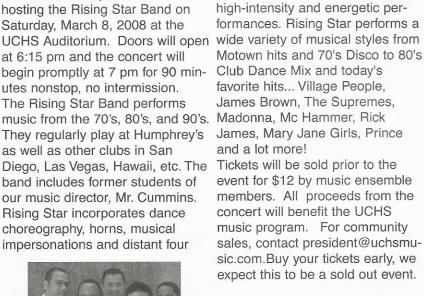
The work is scheduled to begin the latter part of May. Once this first portion of the work is complete they will be asking the community to help by honoring the request of the school administration to stay off the fields for the remainder of the school year and throughout the summer. The commitment of these funds from the SDUSD is a giant step forward in the process.

The board appreciates the efforts of the new principal in finally making this project a reality. Recently, several Foundation board members met with Mr. Price to discuss details. The Foundation also recently participated in Kearny Mesa Ford's "Cruise for Your School," a test driving fund-raiser. The Ford Motor company awarded the Foundation \$20.00 per test drive. While the ultimate goal was to get Robbins St. and for a pump to push water to 300 participants and earn a maximum award of \$6000, the event took place in mid December just before the holidays. With little time to get organized, the foundation still managed to earn \$1,420. The monies earned really helps to support all the athletic teams and clubs at University City High School. If you would like to make a contribution toward the fields renovation project, please send a check to:

The Centurion Foundation of UCHS 6949 Genesee Avenue San Diego, CA 92122 Tax ID 33-0073915

# Rising Star Band to Perform at University City **High School to Benefit Music Program**

UCHS Music Department will be hosting the Rising Star Band on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the at 6:15 pm and the concert will begin promptly at 7 pm for 90 minutes nonstop, no intermission. The Rising Star Band performs music from the 70's, 80's, and 90's. Madonna, Mc Hammer, Rick They regularly play at Humphrey's as well as other clubs in San Diego, Las Vegas, Hawaii, etc. The band includes former students of our music director, Mr. Cummins. Rising Star incorporates dance choreography, horns, musical impersonations and distant four



part harmonies... all in non-stop,



Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Time: 7PM Ticket price: \$12 Location:

University City High School 6949 Genesee Avenue San Diego, CA 92122

Use the form below to become a member of the University City Community Association. It is the easiest way of contributing to making UC more than just a neighborhood. The revenue generated goes to beautify the area, publish the newsletter, and sponsor community events.

## Longs Drugs Coming to UC?

Madeleine Baudoin, U.C. representative from Councilman Peters' office, attended the February UCCA board meeting and brought relevant news. Longs Drugstore would like to put a 24-hour store in the Marketplace/ Henry's Shopping Center. Picture a Longs fronting Governor Drive in place of the post office, Postal Annex, and jewelry store. Longs would like to have a drive-through pharmacy window. Citizen concerns involve enough parking spaces, the 24-hour schedule and lights impacting locals on Stadium north of Governor. On the other hand, some locals like the idea of having a drugstore available 24/7. The post office would be relocated to another empty space in the shopping center, as would Postal Annex, and the jewelry store. If you have questions about a project in its infancy, watch for news in next month's UCCA newsletter... Genesee, Regents, and Governor will be repayed sometime in 2008. We all have dodged potholes on these arteries in and out of U.C and welcome this job. ... Graffiti seems to be on the rise in and around U.C. If you find graffiti, please contact the graffiti hotline at (619) 525-8522. Remember to mark down May 10th, a Saturday, for the UCCA Community Cleanup All this wonderful rain has encouraged weeds to grow. UCCA will clean, cut, and sweep. Madeleine brought some good news. There will be a Children's Book Festival on Sunday, May 4th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the new library in North University City: 8820 Judicial Drive at Nobel Drive. Visit www.sandiegobookfestival.org for details.

UCCA Membership Application	Website: www.uccanews.com
Please make your check payable to UCCA, and mail it with this form to:	
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One membership for your entire household for January - December 2007	
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New memberRenewal	
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January - December 2007	
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# **Concerts In The Park**

Sunday summer concerts have become a tradition in University City. In order to continue this tradition, our volunteer committee needs some help from U.C. residents. We have three critical needs: sponsors to help pay for the musicians, a stage crew to set up and break down the stage for seven Sundays in July and August beginning on July 13th and ending on August 24th. and volunteers to help out on Sundays.

Last summer we had four young men from Serra High who were paid to put up the stages at 1 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. to take them down. For their 2 hours of split-shift work, they were fairly compensated. These young men signed a contract and never missed a Sunday. While we encouraged both young men and young women from University City High School to come onboard, we didn't get any takers. This year we appeal to our local students to sign on for setting up the stage. Otherwise we may have to cancel the concert season. What a loss that would be to the families who enjoy the tunes. It would be nice to get local volunteers who can commit to the seven Sundays, but we will be willing to pay for this service.

Interested applicants can call Standley Park at 552-1652 to set up an interview.

Financial backers are needed also. If you would like to underwrite a concert or you work for a business who would like to help and receive publicity, please contact the editor at editor@uccanews.com.

## Learn About HDTV.....

After February 17, 2009 analog TV transmission will end and most television broadcasting will be digital. What does that mean to those individuals who do not own a digital TV? Do they have to buy a new television set? Do they have to place an emergency call to the Geek Squad? To provide the answer to these and other questions the North University Community Branch of the San Diego Public Library is sponsoring a "DTV Awareness" program on Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the San Diego office of the Federal Communications Commission will explain the transition to digital TV and how it affects consumers. Information packets will be provided to all who attend.

The recently opened North University Community Branch Library (September 2007) is located at 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122. Directions: Take the Nobel Drive exit from the 805 North; Turn left onto Nobel Drive; Turn right onto Judicial Drive; At the first signal light, turn left onto Research Place, which is an access road that leads up to the library.

The Library's hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday 12:30 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org

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# **Computer Classes at Library**

As part of its ongoing program in adult computer education, the North UC Branch Library is offering the following free classes on Saturdays in March at 10:00 a.m.:

March 1: Using Flickr.com to manage your photo collection.

March 8: Basic Digital Photography (Bring your camera, manual, and connecting cable).

March 15: Learn to create and modify your own browser Homepage.

March 22: Computer Security-information you need to protect your online privacy.

March 29: Technology Q & A--Solutions for those pesky computer problems.

All classes are taught under the direction of Mr. Ray Lee, a professional computer consultant who brings a lifetime of varied and in-depth technological experience to each session. Classes are fun and informal as well as instructional. The North University Community Branch Library offers free computer-related classes every Saturday. Call Mid-March for April's offerings.

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# Activities, Snacks, and Lunch for Seniors...All Are Welcome.....

The University City Senior Center is a program of the Jewish Family Service. It is located at 9001 Town Centre Drive at Congregation Beth Israel. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Coffee and tea are offered in the morning, followed by gentle exercise. A delicious, kosher lunch is served daily between 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. Round-trip transportation is available upon request. All are welcome to enjoy this wonderful service. For more information please call the center at 858-550-5998.

#### Tuesday March 4.

10:00 Exercise and dance Israeli Folk Dances with Bobbie Silverman.

11:00 Historian Jaya Saad - Was Christopher Columbus a Jew?

1:00 Matt and Jasmine perform.

#### Wednesday March 5

10:00 Silver Age Yoga

11:00 The Secret. Watch the movie and share your life experiences.

1:00 John Quinones will entertain us with his violin.

#### Thursday March 6

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina

11:00 David Strom. Book Review.

1:00 Show and tell with Aviva. Featuring Daniel Danielpour's poetry.

#### **Tuesday March 11**

10:00 Movement with Brenda

11:00 Did you know? Test your knowledge on world history, famous people, geography....

1:00 Sing-along with Andrea Ladmer.

#### Wednesday March 12

10:00 Silver Age Yoga.

11:00 Travel to Argentina & Brazil with Barry & Corinne.

1:00 Come and learn Yiddish songs and sing along.

#### **Thursday March 13**

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina

11:00 BINGO

1:00 Zina Aminova on keyboard.

#### **Tuesday March 18**

10:00 Movement with Brenda

11:00 Marti Urwin -

1:00 Steve Zuill on Piano

#### Wednesday March 19

10:00 Silver Age Yoga

11:00 PURIM PARTY

1:00 Pianist-Ron Loscalzo

#### Thursday March 20

10:00 Fun & Fitness with Kristina

11:00 Rabbi Leider: THE PURIM STORY and HOLIDAY

1:00 Great Jewish Women

#### **Tuesday March 25**

10:00 Movement with Brenda.

11:00 Peter Small will impersonate: Harry Truman.

1:00 Rabbi Aliza Berk from the Jewish Healing Center- "Spiritual Guide for the Living"

#### Wednesday March 26

10:00 Silver Age Yoga

11:00 Rabbi Glenn Ettman of Congregation Beth

Israel: "Jewish Theatre"

1:00 Museum of Photographic Arts current exhibition "The Photographic Eye, Picturing the Process".

#### **Thursday March 27**

10:00 Fun and Fitness with Kristina

11:00 BINGO

1:00 Al Jacobs on Accordion

# Fourth Annual Thalia Murray Scholarship via EdUCate!

Bruce and Kevin Murray, the sons of the late Thalia Murray, are offering the Fourth Annual \$2,000 scholarship in her memory to an eligible University City High School senior. They do this via EdUCate!, the University City Foundation for Public Schools. EdUCate! sponsors events to benefit public education in the UC community such as the Taste of the Triangle, Dollar a Day, and the Friendraiser each Spring. EdUCate! also recognizes outstanding teachers through its annual Grants Awards and Honor-A-Teacher (HAT) program. Mrs. Murray taught in the San Diego Unified School District for 20 years, including 17 years at Marcy Elementary in University City. After graduating from high school, Thalia Murray received a scholarship which enabled her to start attending a high-quality, four-year college from which she graduated. She made new friends and went onto earn her teacher's credential. This experience, which started with an anonymous scholarship, dramatically influenced her life. She started teaching back East, then continued teaching in San Diego. where she raised a family. Her family's goal is for this scholarship to help provide a similar opportunity for a graduating UC High senior each year.

A committee comprised of key EdUCate! members and her sons will award the \$2,000 scholarship for 2008. Applications are due by Friday, May 2, 2008. Interested seniors should contact Ms. Nanci White, Counselor at UC High School, at 858-457-3040, X222, for eligibility details, scholarship criteria, and applications. Applications can also be downloaded from the EdUCate! website at www.uc-educate.org. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the UC High School Senior Awards Program at UC High on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 7PM.

#### **Honor A Teacher**

As this semester concludes and the new semester begins, if you haven't met an educator or staff member at UCHS who has done something to help your child to be successful? If so please consider recognizing them through EdUCate's Honor A Teacher Program. You can say "thank you" by honoring him or her with a tax deductible contribution in his/her name and help fund important school projects at the same time. Download the attached Honor A Teacher form or donate on line at the EdUCate! website, www.uc-educate.org/

#### 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.

# **Recycling Enforcement**

The City plans to start enforcing the rules about recycling. The focus of the Recycling Ordinance is on achieving compliance through education and technical assistance as the first approach. Recycling Specialists are available to help develop a recycling program and answer questions. Fines will be assessed in cases where education and assistance have been offered and the violator continues to fail to meet the requirements of the ordinance. In addition, there will be a 90-day grace period on enforcement after the ordinance takes effect. Guidelines will be reviewed and modified as necessary. Procedure: Code Enforcement Officers will conduct periodic inspections of refuse containers. First, Second, and Third violation: Tag container with notice advising of recycling requirements and offering assistance.

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Fourth violation: Issue \$100 Administrative Citation.

Fifth and any Subsequent violations: Issue next level Administrative Citation (either \$250, \$500, \$750 or \$1,000 depending on magnitude of violation). If no compliance after issuance of a \$1,000 Administrative Citation, refer case to City Attorney's Office. \* After the first violation, a code enforcement officer will reinspect the container. After the third violation, an \$88 fee will be charged for each re-inspection to cover costs. So, if you do not want to get a citation or pay a fine, be sure that all recycleable items go in the Blue trash containers, and not in the black ones. While this seems intrusive, it will go far in keeping the volume of trash down by putting materials such as paper, plastic and glass back into the system. For more info visit -http://www.sandiego.gov/environmentalservices/recycling/ro/enforcement.shtml

# **ADVERTISING PRICES**

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.

Ad copy in jpeg or tiff format must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication (i.e., Feb 10th for the March edition). Hard copy of ad plus check for the proper amount made payable to UCCA should be mailed by the 10th of the month preceding publication to: UCCA Ads, 3368 Governor Drive, #121,

Business card 3.5"x2.0" \$60 Double business card 3.5"x4" \$110 Quarter page ads 3.5"x4.5" \$150

San Diego, CA 92122.

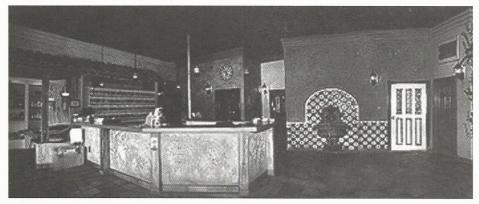
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# Help Our Troops....Donate your old Cell Phone....

If you have an old cell phone which is sitting unused at home, please consider donating it to help pay for talk time for our troops serving overseas. The donated phones are sold to a company that recycles them. The money received is used to purchase calling cards that are sent to our troops in need. If you add you own postage, you will add to the money which is used to pay for the calling cards. Cut along the dotted line and fix label to the package. Drop off in any mailbox.

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# UC Legend....Caring for UC Pets since 1977..... Governor Animal Clinic.



This is not a Tuscan Restuarnt dining hall...it is the reception area of the Governor Animal Clinic...a UC Legend

It was a small place back then. A Veterinary Doctor who seemed to love your pet more than you did. He was always smiling and always ready to spend time with you and your fur ball. He is Dr. Ronald Schecter. It was 1977. Now it is larger with six doctors ready, willing and able to care for your best friend. It is also fancier. The new look came in 1999. Perhaps being in a humanitarian profession, they are blessed with a continuing stream of caring people, who are where they are because they choose to be. The care is always what it should be. A testament to the clinic's level of service is it longevity in the neighborhood. Many residents have had the benefit of GAC's service for family pets.



The clinic has ultra sound equipment being used on a patinet here.

Dr. Kirk Feinberg joined the clinic in 1987, Dr. Julie Sorenson in 1998, and Dr. Heather Oman in 2003. Dr. Kathy Kaleka joined the practice in 2001, providing her services as an independent veterinary contractor when she is able to, given a busy schedule. As of August 6th, 2007,

they have introduced two more doctors - Dr. Elyse Bixby and Dr. Maria Benitez. Supporting these doctors is an excellent support staff and wonderful reception people.



A state of the art Surgical suite is part of the facility on Governor Drive





Dr. Schecter and wife Lyn...and Drs.Kaleka, Oman and Sorensen

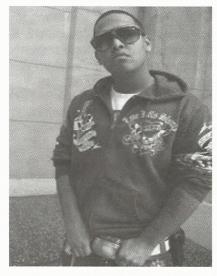
The services include a Radiologist and diagnostic equipment which is state of the art. The clinic is managed by Jan Russel who has been with GAC since 1985.



Dr. Feinberg

Visit www.governoranimalclinic.com

# Local Kid..... On His Way To Making It Big!!!



Josh Franks..UC celeb to be....

Our very own home grown, Joshua Franks, an up-and-coming R&B virtuoso will release his debut album, "Like This", early summer 2008. Young Josh Franks solo album debut faces an intense level of anticipation. He is set to burst into the music scene and is full of promise to fuel the movement of quality music nationwide. He has been developing his smooth blend of R&B and hip-hop over the last 7 years. This young man has logged over ten thousand hours in the studio and his music speaks for itself. Talented, edgy and blessed with good looks he creates music that young girls/women love and men appreciate. Still in the studio putting the final touches on his album his focus is to stay focused. "We still haven't determined the album's final line-up. I want my project to be good enough to put into your CD player and hit play, never touching the skip button. That's a strong statement, but that's my goal". Looking serious, Josh continues to say, "seven years is a long time especially when you are as young as me!" He laughs, "I want to make the best out of this opportunity. I'm glad I get the chance for my music to be heard. That's a blessing that I'm truly grateful to receive". Here's wishing Josh all the best! To listen to samples of Josh's music visit his my space page at www.myspace.com/heatrock.

# Easter Egg Hunt...

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of San Diego, 5055 Governor Drive. There will be two hunts, one for toddlers - First grade and one for 2nd through 5th grade. The kid's will turn in their eggs



for candy and prizes. In edition to the Easter Egg Hunt there will be Easter crafts for the kids, an Easter tattoo booth and the Easter story will be presented. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance. You can get your picture taken for free with the Easter Bunny. Bags will be provided for collecting the eggs. Lots of good family fun! Any questions contact Laura Morris at 858-272-5846 or email at rmorris@san.rr.com. You can also call the church office at 858-457-2064.

# Happy St. Paddy's Day ....

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated worldwide by Irish people and increasingly by non-Irish people, as well (usually in Australia, North America, and Ireland). Hence the phrase, "Everyone wants to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day." Celebrations are generally themed around the color green and all things Irish; both Christians and non-Christians celebrate the secular version of the holiday by wearing green or orange, eating Irish food and/or green foods, imbibing Irish drink (usually Guinness), and attending parades.

The St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland is part of a five-day festival; over 500,000 people attend the 2006 parade. The largest St. Patrick's Day parade is held in New York City and it is watched by over 2 million spectators. The St. Patrick's Day parade was first held in Boston in 1737, organized by the Charitable Irish Society.

# Scott Free.....Almost!

A couple of years ago, the city made some very controversial decisions about the City of San Diego Pension plan. It appears that this decision had much to do with a memorandum which involved Scott Peters, the Council President. The memo discussed a special retirement benefit some officials wanted to give to firefighter union president Ron Saathoff. The whole business later raised the suspicions of the U.S. attorney, who filed charges against Saathoff and several other officials involved. A trial on the counts has been delayed. Investigators hired by the city to look into the matter asked Peters if he knew what city staff was talking about when they sent the memo to him. What did he think at the time? His answer was that "he tended to give memoranda prepared for closed session meetings (such as this one) less attention than others because he received them on Fridays at which time he was usually out of the office seeing constituents or playing golf." It would appear that there couldn't be enough constituents to fill all of his Fridays. Thank goodness....his swing could suffer!

# Easter Eggs....?

Of all the symbols associated with Easter the egg, the symbol of fertility and new life, is the most identifiable. The customs and traditions of using eggs have been associated with Easter for centuries. Originally Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After they were colored and etched with various designs the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers, much the same as valentines. In medieval time eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants. In Germany eggs were given to children along with other Easter gifts Different cultures have developed their own ways of decorating Easter eggs. Crimson eggs, to honor the blood of Christ, are exchanged in Greece. In parts of Germany and Austria green eggs are used on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), the Thursday before Easter Sunday. Slavic peoples decorate their eggs in special patterns of gold and silver.

# **Prevent Water Damage**

Moisture control is the key to preventing fungal contamination, mold and water damage around your home. Check your rain gutters and make sure they are clear and properly sloped towards the downspouts. Standing water in the gutters can lead to their premature failure. Downspouts should ideally be positioned to keep the water discharge from puddling or ponding near the foundation. This may require the addition of an extension of the lower part of the downspout, or re-grading the soil around the home to encourage surface water to drain away from the foundation. Water ponding adjacent to the foundation can soak into the concrete slab and cause issues for the flooring and wall inside the house. Engineers typically suggest that this slope be 1/4" per foot for a minimum of 5 feet.

Another area of concern is the soil level around the home. The soil or plant materials should not only be sloped away from the foundation, but care should be taken to ensure that the soil level is below the slab level. Most homes have a metal moulding that runs around the base of the exterior called a "weep screed". This serves as a break between the foundation and the siding. The weep screed helps to keep the moisture in the soil from wicking up into the siding. It is important that this be kept up above the soil level. Damp soil in contact with the siding can lead to mold growth and fungal contamination within the wall cavity, on the drywall or behind the baseboard. Lastly take care that sprinklers are not hitting the stucco or wooden siding. Constant or frequent moisture exposure can lead to mold growth and water damage inside the wall. These tips for homeowners weresubmitted by Richard Betzenderfer who is specialist in the field. Further info..check out: www.spectrumrenovations.com

Visit our Website at: www.uccanews.com

#### **UCHS Fields Renovation Project**

The time has come to ask the public for donations for the UCHS Fields Renovation Project. We are fortunate enough to have a principal, Mr. Price, who has put a ton of effort into this project. We are also fortunate enough to have a committee of dedicated volunteers who have secured funding to move this project forward. As it stands now:

Principal Mike Price has succeeded in his quest to have the district fund a portion of the UCHS Fields Renovation Project. They have allocated \$130,000 for installation of a new water line from the West end of Robbins St. and a pump to push water to the upper fields. This is a significant dent in the total cost of the \$150,000 project. The Centurion Foundation of UCHS will pledge \$10,000 from its General Fund, including \$1.420 from the recent Ford test drive fund-raiser and a \$250 donation from North Island Credit Union.

The UCHS community must raise the remaining funds from public sources. Can you help? If you think this is a worthwhile project, please donate to the Centurion Foundation. Our children will benefit from this in many ways. It is expected that the district will commence work by June. The fields will be ready for fall semester, 2008. If you want to join the committee, or have any questions please contact Leslie Anderson at janders4@san.rr.com or Julia Cooper at sdrosea@earthlink.net

Make Checks Payable to: Centurion Foundation of UCHS 6949 Genesee Ave. San Diego, CA 92122 The tax ID is 33-0073915.



# **Story Time for Free.....**

The University Community Branch Library now offers free, fun, weekly story times in three formats to help foster reading skills, creativity, communication skills and coordination control in toddlers and young children. Parents are invited to share some high quality time with their preschoolers at the library.

The traditional preschool story time for children ages three to six years old is on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am. It features guitar playing Youth Services Librarian Mark Harryman who uses his background in music to present a story time filled with song, singing, reading, movement activities and crafts. Besides sharing traditional children's songs, Mr. Harryman also writes his own fun songs and movement activities based on educational development for children.

For those patrons that cannot make the Tuesday morning story time, the library has added a Monday evening Pajama Signing Story Time for toddlers. Ms. Jennifer Duncan presents this program using hand signing skills as she reads, sings and leads movement activities in a half-hour performance. Using hand signing has been shown to improve communication skills in the very young. Ms. Duncan will be back at UC on Monday, February 25 at 6:30 pm. Please call the library at (858) 552-1655 for additional dates of story times with Ms. Duncan.

In addition, the library offers a third story time opportunity which is a Spanish language story time on every Saturday at noon. This program also includes readings, songs, movement activities and crafts. The library invites everyone to come and join Ms. Bonnie and Ms. Nancy as they celebrate books and learning in a fun and creative story time spoken in Spanish! The University Community Branch Library is located at 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. The Library's hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday 12:30 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

Story time contd......

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#### eWatch Free Subscription....

The Neighborhood eWatch subscription is a service which is a FREE service provided to residents by the City of San Diego and the San Diego Police Department. The subscription service process runs on a daily basis. However, you will only receive E-mails when an incident occurs that fits the parameters of your subscription, which you enter when you go to the website. For the December through January period of 2007, UC had 4 rapes, 15 armed robberies,90 residential burglaries and 276 auto break-in resulting in property loss. The Neighborhood eWatch subscription service is available for addresses within the City of San Diego. To subscribe go to:

http://apps.sandiego.gov/ewatch/map/webpub/eWatchMap.asp?mapid=20080211113023

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