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# University City . . . more than a neighborhood

Community Association Newsletter

## Come Out and Vote!

The UCCA Board and the Election Committee present the candidates for the 2012 offices. In alphabetical order:



**PRESIDENT:**  
Peter Burch  
Kay Dow Elbik

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**  
Barry Bernstein  
George Odero

**SECRETARY:**  
Hallie Burch  
Mary Carey

**TREASURER:**  
Ginny Charvat  
Lynn Shields

The election will take place on November 9th during the November general meeting at the First Baptist Church. **The polls will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** An announcement of the newly elected 2012 Board officers will be made during the general meeting. See the autobiographical sketches (unaltered) of the candidates for the UCCA elected offices on page . . . 3

**UCCA GENERAL MEETING-ELECTIONS**  
All U.C. Residents welcome  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
5050 Governor Dr.  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9,**  
6:00 P.M.

**TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:**  
proposed property tax increase for South U.C. residents, North City Trolley route/ impact on U.C., plus other subjects.  
\*See meeting agenda/ voting process and candidates bio's on page . . . 2 & 3

## Garden Club News

By Tanya Howe Aeri

December's backyard garden tour will be at Bob and Nancy's house. This backyard is home to over ten small box turtles, two raised garden beds, flowers and fruit trees, as well as a patch of artificial grass and purplish decomposed granite walkways. Date will be announced in the December newsletter.

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## North University

**Community Branch Library:**  
Save the date: **First Friends of the North UC Library White Elephant Sale Book Sale:** Saturday, November 12. To donate, call 858-539-3114. All proceeds will benefit the numerous library programs. See Page . . . 12

## November 2011 Calendar

### UC Library Friends BIG Booksale

UC Community Library  
Fri. Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sat. Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### Curie Elementary School PTA's 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 5th  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 6

### UCPG Meeting

Tuesday, November 8  
6:00 p.m. Forum Hall/UTC  
Public invited

### UCCA General Meeting

First Baptist Church  
Wed., Nov. 9, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

### Veterans Day

Friday, November 11

### North UC Library White Elephant and Book Sale

Saturday, November 12

### University City Garden Club

Tuesday, November 15  
6:00 p.m. UC Library  
Shellene Mueller will share her ideas about Garden Ornamentation and Landscape

**Friends of the North University Community Library** Monthly Meeting November 16, 6:30 pm

## Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving Day**  
November 24

Join us Saturday, November 5th for great shopping and family fun at **Curie Elementary School PTA's 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See page . . . 12

## Help Wanted:

**Web Page Helper / Social Media Assistant** for the UCCA. Please contact Tanya at 858-598-3171 if you are interested in becoming part of the volunteer UC community!

**YARN NEEDED**  
Carl and Rita Newell (residents of UC since 1965) belong to military travel group (S\*M\*A\*R\*T). The charity project of the group is providing yarn for the prisoners in the brig at MCAS (Miramar) to make afghan lap robes for the veterans at the VA Hospital in La Jolla. If you have any extra yarn that you would like to donate for this project, please leave it at the Postal Annex in Sprout's shopping center. Thanks.

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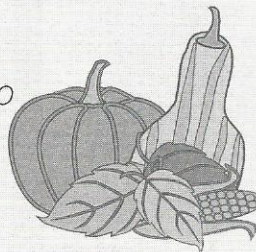
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- No editorials or opinions.



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**UCCA GENERAL MEETING-ELECTION INFORMATION**

**O**ur annual general meeting and election of officers will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of San Diego 5050 Governor Drive.

Our tentative agenda is highlighted below:

6:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

We have invited to be introduced the following local dignitaries: Sherri Lightner, our city council rep., Mr. John Evans, Board of Education, Col. Richie, commander of Marine Airbase at Miramar, Northern police division commander, Capt. Brian Ahern, Northern division battalion fire chief and Julie Lee, Scripps Health.

**6:30** Introduction of candidates \*Only UCCA members are eligible to vote. **Voting will end at 7:00.** Our current by-laws state only one vote per household. Membership applications will be available at the door for those wanting to vote in the election of officers. These new memberships will be honored through Dec. 2012. (13 months).

7:00-UTC Westfield Shopping Mall Expansion Plans-Mr. Ryan Perry, UTC Manager

7:15-North City Trolley Route/Impact on U.C.-Anne Steinberger, SANDAG

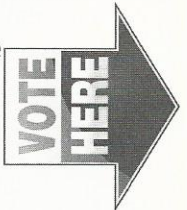
7:30-UCPG, (University City Planning Group) Our community "watchdog" on local growth patterns, UCSD expansion, transportation, government policy. Janay Kruger, Pres.

7:45- U.C. Beautification -Plans for landscape improvement on Governor Drive and the possible property tax increase for the Genesee/Regents Rd medians, (M.A.D.). Sandy Lippe, UCCA beautification chair, Mr. Andy Field, City Parks/Rec Assistant Director, and Barry Bernstein, UCCA Vice-president.

8:00- ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS-NEW UCCA OFFICERS FOR 2012

ADJOURNMENT

If you have any questions please contact me:  
Barry Bernstein, (858) 453-3713



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- ▶ Submit early. Deadline is the 15th of each month.
- ▶ The Editor acknowledges every submission.

**Unedited Autobiographies of the Candidates for the UCCA November Election:  
In Alphabetical Order:**

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**For President:**

**Peter Burch:** I have been on the UCCA Board for a year now as Treasurer and during this time I've been intimately involved in the workings of the Association. I have been extremely impressed with the dedication of the existing Board members to the UC community and their many accomplishments, and as President I would want to continue this. But, in addition, I think the Association needs even more community involvement, reaching out further into UC and supporting new activities and events. So if you like even more of what UCCA has been doing since 2003 please vote for me.

**Kay Dow Elbik:** My name is Kay Dow Elbik and I am running for president of UCCA. I have been a resident of UC since 1970. I have held many positions in Curie PTA, most importantly president. I have volunteered in Youth Baseball, Pop Warner Football, coached a soccer team, and sat on the board of Boy Scout Troop 11. I was president of the San Diego County Court Employees Association for 5 years representing over 1000 employees. I have been bylaws chair and parliamentarian this past year for UCCA. This association needs strong leadership and I believe I can be that leader.

**For Vice President:**

**Barry Bernstein:** I am seeking your support for the office of UCCA Vice-president. My wife and I have lived in University City for 44 years, and have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. I have been the Vice-president of UCCA for the past two years. There are many important challenges facing our community. Due to the lack of funding from the city, we need to work together to keep our schools, libraries, roads/medians, and Standley Park in conditions that reflect our pride and energies. I am willing to do the work ...and I hope you're willing to help.

**George Otero:** University City resident since 1985 (25 years). Volunteer chairman for 2012 University City July 4, Celebration committee. Aerospace/mechanical engineer by training. Energy efficiency and technology consulting engineer/ manager. Spent past twenty five years working with public utility programs to promote energy efficiency benefits to communities and businesses.

Founder and Principal; GOREAD International Corporation, a non-profit organization which provides energy engineering and technical consulting services to non-profit organizations and commercial entities. Former engineering manager at California Center for Sustainable Energy. Passionate believer in community welfare.

**For Secretary:**

**Hallie Burch:** I have been a UC resident for 35 years and during this time I have been a volunteer at UCHS and Spreckles and for a time on the UCCA Board. I have a deep commitment to this community where I have been lucky enough to raise 4 children and I've been impressed by the many accomplishments of UCCA over the years, making UC an even better place to live. I have extensive experience in administration and as Secretary I would maintain a complete and accurate record of the Association's activities. Vote for Hallie to continue UCCA's commitment to the community!

**Mary J. Carey:** Running for Secretary  
UC Resident since 1986  
Former PTA board member at Curie Elementary and Standley Middle Schools  
Classroom volunteer  
Original Administrative committee chair and former board member for EdUCate! (UC Foundation for Public Schools)  
Acting secretary for UCCA September and October meetings  
I strive for accuracy in record-keeping responsibilities and will provide minutes to the Board 7 to 10 days after the meetings.

**For Treasurer:**

**Ginny Charvat:** 49 years ago my family moved to University City and we raised three sons here, the youngest being a member of the first graduating class at UC High in 1983. For a number of years, I was active in UC Little League, Scouts, and PTA

I worked in the insurance industry for 32 years, where I held jobs in underwriting, administration, and accounting, retiring 7 years ago. I now enjoy my retirement partaking once again in community activities.

Currently I serve as Membership Chairperson of UCCA and enjoy working with the other members of the Board.

**Lynn Shields:** CPA and 19 year UC resident, married to Steve Shields, two children. Recently retired after working 34 years as Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service, in charge of a team that examined large corporations. EdUCate! Treasurer, 2003 – 2009. Grad Nite Chair for UC High, 2005. PTSA Treasurer for UC High and Mission Bay Montessori. Also held positions with Girl Scouts, UC Little League, UC Bobby Sox

## What would midyear state budget cuts mean for San Diego schools?

By John Lee Evans,  
Vice President, Board of  
Education

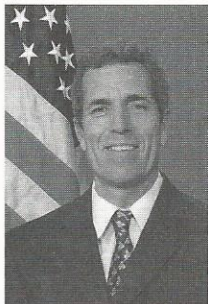
**W**e have started off this year with an enthusiastic and motivated group of teachers and students. We must continue the steady achievement gains in our San Diego schools, including our local UC schools.

However, balancing our budget each year has become increasingly difficult with the reduced funds from the state. This year we started our school year with 1,000 fewer employees and millions of dollars of program cutbacks. We had to budget so tightly that a few weeks into the school year we have had to move teachers and change class configurations to fit the exact number of students. This is hard on teachers and kids, but we do not have money for any teachers above the tightly budgeted amount.

Due to continued cuts by the state we will face even bigger challenges next year. We must consider closing several schools, selling properties for basic operating costs and asking our unions for major concessions. We will do what it takes to keep our schools operating in these difficult economic times.

While making these cuts each year is painstaking, making cuts in the middle of the year is impossible. Unfortunately, when the legislators passed the 2011-2012 budget, they made a very optimistic projection of an extra \$4 billion of revenue. If that extra revenue does not miraculously appear, there are automatic cuts to our schools in the middle of the year.

We cannot remove a first grade teacher from a classroom in the middle of the year or drop courses for



seniors in their last year. Even our custodians are already down to cleaning the classrooms only once every three days.

If the midyear education cuts are allowed by the Governor and legislature, we will be forced to use every emergency reserve dollar left to finish out the year. The Superintendent has

announced that this will push us to the brink of insolvency for the next year. Insolvency is when the state gives us less money than is needed to carry out the educational programs that we are required by the state and federal government to provide. All of the salary rollbacks, school closures, property sales, program cuts and layoffs will not be enough.

We as a state keep kicking the can down the road. Now we are near the end of the road. Are we as San Diegans and Californians willing to pay what it takes to keep our schools running? We've done our part in cutting. Now it's time to look at the revenue side. We need to decide through our elected legislature how much we value education for our kids.

### The University City Community Association Newsletter

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### Good news for University City residents -- the much-anticipated Coastal Rail Trail is on its way.

From Sherri Lightner's Office

**O**n Oct. 5, the Land Use & Housing Committee, which I chair, voted to accept more than \$500,000 in funds to begin the preliminary engineering phase on this important project.

The Coastal Rail Trail will be a 40-mile bike trail along our railways from Oceanside to San Diego and will help improve bike access throughout University City and Sorrento Valley.

That's important because right now those getting off the Coaster at the Sorrento Valley station have to ride their bikes on the shoulder of the I-5 to get to their jobs in University City, something that can be extremely dangerous.

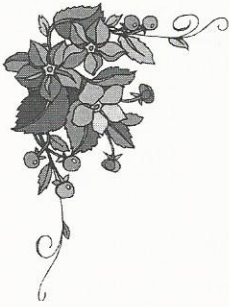
While establishing the Coastal Rail Trail through University City is important in increasing transportation options, there are a number of cost and environmental concerns that need to be addressed.

For instance, I find some potential routes completely unacceptable. They cost too much and have too great an impact on the environment. Anything that threatens Rose Canyon or Roselle Canyon will not have my support.

To make the best possible route choice, we need everyone to give their input. There will be an extensive outreach effort, and I hope everyone in the community gets involved so we can pick a route that is convenient, cost-effective and sensitive to the environment.

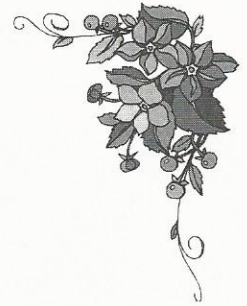
Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sherri S. Lightner, Councilmember,  
District 1, City of San Diego  
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**October 2011 Memberships**



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COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Groves  
Linda & Enrique Melgar  
Gary & Denise Sneag  
Eleanor Palmer

**University City Community Association  
2011 Membership Application**

General Member \$20  Community Supporter \$40  Community Angel \$60  
 Silver Membership \$50  Gold Membership \$100

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Questions? Ginny Charvat, Membership Chairman, [ginnycharvat@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnycharvat@yahoo.com)

**What UCCA Activities are you willing to help us with?**

- UC 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
- Newsletter Counting, Sorting, Delivery
- Christmas / Holiday Party
- Beautification / Landscaping
- Community Clean-up / Weedwhackers
- Garden Club

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San Diego, CA 92122

**The UCCA Treasurer's Report**

**M**y term as Treasurer comes to an end at the November election so I thought I'd give you a final report for my "time in office". Our funding is mainly the very generous donations from Members (\$15,200) thanks to Ginny Charvat's efforts, and the Newsletter turning a healthy profit of \$4,100. Thanks for the Newsletter are due to Kay Goodfellow (Editor), Terri Day (Advertising) and Mary Kay Hewitt (Distribution).



the newly formed Garden Club (\$550) which has proved very successful thanks to the efforts of Tanya Howe Aeria.

Over the year we have made donations to several worthwhile causes such as the Banana Split in the Park (\$2,000) putting up seasonal banners on the street lights (\$1,210), 4th of July Celebration (\$1,000), Summer Concerts (\$2,500), Holiday/Christmas Tree Lighting (\$200), \$700 for the Transformer Box art and \$300 for the design of the new plantings to improve the Governor Drive Medians (thanks to Sandy Lippe and Barbara Gellman) and

We supported our local schools with a \$200 donation to the Standley Marching Band, a \$500 donation to UC High School Grad Night, a \$1,000 donation to the UCHS Football Boosters so they can have the Homecoming football game at a lighted venue while the football field is being renovated, and recently a \$1,000 donation to support the UCHS Music Program. Our general expenses for the year are quite substantial but there are essential fees we must pay to run a not-for-profit organization such as our association. These expenses are mainly due to audit fees (\$1,000) and liability insurance (\$1,800).

I've enjoyed being your Treasurer and look forward to hopefully continuing to serve such a worthwhile organization as the UCCA.

Peter Burch, UCCA Treasurer

Incident	100 Block Address	Date	Time
Truancy	6900 Genesee Ave.	9/12/2011	12:00 PM
Auto Burglary	4100 Calgary Ave.	9/14-9/19/2011	8:00 AM -11:30 AM
Narcotics	5500 Genesee Ave.	9/20/2011	11:30 PM
Vandalism	5500 Genesee Ave.	9/20/2011	10:20 PM - 11:30 PM
Vandalism	5800 Genesee Ave.	9/21/2011	7:00 PM - 7:01 PM
Accident	Genesee Ave./Sr-52	9/21/2011	4:52 PM - 5:19 PM
Vandalism	4900 Governor Dr.	9/26/2011	8:15 AM
Auto Burglary	6700 Edmonton Ave.	9/26-9/27/2011	9:30 PM -7:30 AM
Assault	4300 Benhurst Ave.	9/29/2011	4:30 AM
Auto Burglary	5500 Stresemann St.	10/2-10/3/2011	8:00 PM - 9:00 AM
Vandalism	5500 Stresemann St.	10/4-10/5/2011	5:00 PM - 7:30 AM
Accidents	Genesee Ave./Governor Dr.	10/5/2011	7:26 AM - 7:43 AM
Residential Burglary	3900 Cam Calma	10/5/2011	9:00 PM
Accident	3900 Governor Dr.	10/9/2011	6:37 AM - 2:04 PM
Residential Burglary	6200 Via Regla	10/10/2011	4:06 AM
Accident	6100 Lakewood St.	10/10/2011	12:01 PM - 1:02 PM
Vehicle Break-in	4000 Zenako St.	10/10/2011	7:00 PM
Vandalism	3500 Governor Dr.	10/10/2011	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Accident	Eb 52/at Genesee Ave.	10/11/2011	8:57 AM - 9:57 AM
Accident	3300 Governor Dr.	10/11/2011	2:04 PM - 3:30 PM
Vehicle Break-in	3200 Wellesly Ave.	10/12/2011	9:00 PM
Vandalism	3100 Ducommun Ave.	10/13/2011	4:30 AM

*To some, Painting is a Form of Relaxation* by Tom Taurone



**W**e've lived across the street from a fire hydrant for 12 years. The curb was never painted red. Daily, drivers ignored the law and parked in front of the hydrant. Our townhouse complex has 100 units. A fire here would spread very quickly if the fire department was denied access to the fire hydrant.



Step 1. We contacted the fire department to inquire as to why the curb is not painted. We were instructed to call the traffic department. We were told the city no longer paints curbs red.

Step 2. The city's Engineering Department was contacted as was the Traffic Department. The responses were always the same except the Engineering Dept offered to paint it, no problem, but it would cost me \$280.00.

Step 3. Sherri Lightner's office. I asked her representative to have the city paint the curb red, sighting a grave safety concern. Sherri's office offered to look into it for me. Several months passed; still no red curb.

Step 4. Asked a contact from Sherri's office to please tell me where the city purchases their red paint so I can buy it and paint the curb, Janie gave me the name of the business in east county. A 5-gallon bucket of red paint would cost \$80.00. I phoned Janie to let her know I would be painting the curb. She told me that I could not **legally** paint the curb.

Step 5. What would most Americans do when witnessing a traffic violation/crime? Call the police. We started calling the police every time a vehicle was parked in front of the hydrant. We

supplied our name, phone number, the location of the hydrant, the vehicle's make and model, color, and license plate number. Occasionally, cars would be ticketed. The police were doing their job.

Step 6. After months of this process, the world continued to turn and we continued to report vehicles to the police. Not to be treacle but we knew in our hearts someone would listen and take action.

Step 7. As I turned onto Executive Drive last week, what do you think I saw? **THE CURB WAS PAINTED RED.** Was it a miracle? Was it perseverance? Was it common sense? Was it the city? Was it a crazed UC resident? Not one car has parked in front of that hydrant since the curb was painted red. Thank you to the responsible party(s).

## Classics 4 Kids Kicks off "Wild Notes"

By Wild Note, Katie Dunahoo

**U**.C. resident, Mimi Lee spearheaded a gathering of women interested in promoting arts in public schools. Collectively, they will call themselves the "Wild Notes" and be involved with FUN-raising activities supporting Classics 4 Kids. A non-profit organization dedicated to bringing music and performing arts to children, Classics 4 Kids invites schools to attend concerts at a subsidized ticket rate and can provide appropriate curriculum and docents to augment the learning experience. This November, all five second grade classes at Spreckels Elementary will attend a concert and experience the transformation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite into a jazz masterpiece by legendary composer and bandleader Duke Ellington and arranger Billy Strayhorn, with guests from Malashock Dance, infusing the famous tale with a whole lot of jazz. You won't want to miss this either. There is a family concert on November 13th at 2 PM at the Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. If you are interested in being part of the Wild Notes or attending this or any fund-raising concert, contact Classics 4 Kids. Mimi Lee stated "We would love to see more children benefit from this magnificent program. It is thrilling to see the excitement on the kids' faces when they see a symphony. Maybe you know of a school that would like to learn more about our program. Get involved, get excited, get on the phone and call us!" Mimi Lee (858) 455-6600 or Executive Director Marion Scire (619) 231-2311



## Excerpted from an article by Sports Editor, Greg Wille, published Sept 28, 2011

I t's traditional for fathers to introduce their sons to sports. But, after my parents divorced and we moved from Austin to San Diego in 1981, it was my mom, Ann, who was responsible for getting me



into sports. A lot of memories of our life and times together came back after she died unexpectedly on Sept. 12 in Austin at the age of 62.

In the fall of 1983 she signed me up for Mesa Soccer and became coach of the Windjammers. Though her coaching career was short-lived, she served on the league's board of directors for many years. The next spring she signed me up for UC Little League and I played T-ball for the first-place Clippers. That was only the beginning. Mom spent many more happy years at the sidelines cheering me on.

We attended dozens of Padres games, saw Tiger Woods win the Mercedes Championship at La Costa and took a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y to see the Baseball Hall of Fame and witness our hero, Tony Gwynn, and iron man Cal Ripken Jr. give their induction speeches. We even saw a Red Sox game at iconic Fenway Park.

Mom always encouraged my journalism career. Frequently, I would mail her my game stories, features and columns. I'll miss making those trips to the post office. But more than that I'll miss my mom, who did her best to love and raise her son and, in the process, helped to instill in him a love of sports that lives on. Thanks, Mom

Ann Wille had a very successful real estate career and retired in 2009 and later moved to Texas to be near family. She was a founding member of EdUCate! Foundation for Public Schools in University City and involved in Rotary Club. Her kindheartedness, passion and vibrant personality touched and inspired so many of us. There will be a memorial gathering for Ann on November 13 from 2-4:30 PM. For more information please contact Judy Bausch, [jbausch@san.rr.com](mailto:jbausch@san.rr.com)

Katie Dunahoo 858-775-1239

## International City Bank Closes Its Doors In December

by Sandy Lippe

**J**ane Netherton, CRO and President of International City Bank, informed her faithful clients in a letter on September 28th that ICB would be closed permanently, effective at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2011. She said it was a difficult decision since ICB has been in the Vons Shopping Center on Governor Drive for over twenty years.

More than losing a bank, UCCA and the community are losing a good friend in Jane Netherton. She supported our street banner program in 2001 and donated \$10,000 to jump start the program. She continued to support our street banners by donating another \$5,000 because "it was the right thing to do," according to Ms. Netherton. While UCCA sought help from other national banks, it was ICB that came on board for this beautification project. International City Bank will maintain banks in Irvine and Long Beach, where their corporate offices are.

### **St. Mark's School 4th Annual Kid's Resale Event**

Saturday -- November 5, 2011 -- 8:00 am -- 1:00 pm

**D**on't miss this once-a-year opportunity for amazing deals on baby & young children's clothing, toys, wheel toys, books, maternity clothes, stuffed animals, baby furniture, strollers, bikes, play structures, infant swings, and gear.

Everyone is welcome! Entrance is free.

St. Mark's Nursery School -- 3502 Clairemont Dr

(Across from South Clairemont Rec. Center & Pool)

858-273-1489 <http://www.stmarksnurseryschool.com/>

### **University City High School -- Hall of Fame**

by Ernie Smith

**U**niversity City High School opened in the fall of 1981 and had its first graduation in June 1983. Since that time many very bright and capable graduates have passed through its hallowed halls.

In fact a few of these grads are living highly accomplished lives and have had a laudable impact on the nation and the world. Some of these successful young people have become a part of the University City oral history. Their stories are being shared by neighbors, friends, parents and school staff members. Not everyone is aware of all of the names and/or all the successes.

A group of Centurion faithful has come together to create a University City High School Hall of Fame (HOF). At UC High we will formally honor these very special UC graduates and recognize their successes. HOF inductees might be honored in the following categories: academics, athletics, business, education, fine arts, military, science or philanthropy. Generally a UC High grad, who through deed or accomplishment has demonstrated extraordinary excellence in their field at a national or international level, will be considered for induction into the HOF.

Our plan is to ..

**HONOR OUR OWN:** Honor Centurions who through deed or accomplishment have impacted the nation or the world.

**PRESERVE OUR LEGACY:** Highlight and preserve the UC High, Legacy of Excellence

**INSPIRE THE YOUNG** Inform and inspire current and future Centurions

To participate, to share or to contact us .....

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### **UCCA Supports the UCHS Music Department!**

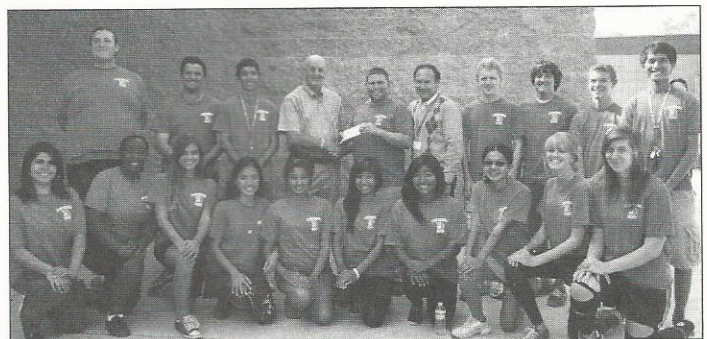
Submitted by Marie Byrd

**T**he UCHS Music Boosters would like to thank the University City Community Association (UCCA) for their generous donation to the UCHS Music Department. The UCCA Board members recently voted in favor of donating \$1,000 to the Music Department! Thank you, UCCA!

The UCHS Music Department receives very little funding from the school district to support its program. In order to offer a high quality, comprehensive music program for the students, the Music Boosters work hard to raise funds for the program during the school year. We rely on help from parents, sponsors, and community supporters. 100% of the funds raised goes directly to the program. These funds pay for items such as: coaching fees, band/colorguard field show competition fees, transportation to various competitions and events, uniform repairs and cleaning, instrument purchases and repairs, and leadership camps. Learn more about UCHS' music program at <http://uchsmusic.com>.

The UCHS Music Boosters are very pleased that the UCCA supports music education in our public schools and recognizes the value of providing quality music and arts programs for our students!

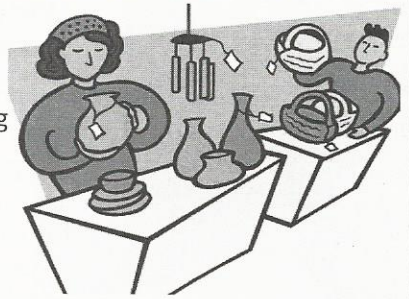
The UCCA is a non-profit organization that supports the entire UC community. They sponsor events such as the July 4th celebration, an annual Easter egg hunt, and the holiday tree lighting event. In addition, they provide the lovely banners you see on Governor Drive, organize beautification projects in the community, and publish the UC Newsletter. For more information about the UCCA, go to: <http://www.universitycitynews.org/>.



UCCA Board member Peter Burch, pictured here with UCHS Band Director Cameron Brown, UCHS Principal Jeff Olivero, and several of the UCHS Band and Colorguard.



**C**urie Elementary School PTA's 33rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. Saturday, November 5th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoppers from all over San Diego County will come to browse through over 100 booths selling their quality handmade ceramics, jewelry, clothing, folk art, and holiday items. There will be plenty of exciting events for the whole family: carnival games, silent auction baskets, opportunity drawing, bake sale, food booth and cake walk. Proceeds benefit the PTA-sponsored programs and educational support systems such as art, music, PE and science. Marie Curie Elementary School is located at 4080 Governor Drive, San Diego, CA 92122. Please call (858)643-9720 for more information.



**Let's All Help To  
 Beautify University City:  
 Free Tree Program from  
 The Urban Corps** by Merle Berman

**W**e have an exciting opportunity to add beauty and shade to our great community. The Urban Corps will provide the trees, dig the holes, and plant the trees in the public dirt areas between the sidewalk and the curb to anyone who applies for them. All you will have to do is water and lightly maintain them.

This is an improvement over the previous program which would only provide the tree and no other help. You can have as many free trees as you are willing to maintain and there is no limit to how many trees our neighborhood can have. The trees are in 15 gallon containers and range from 5-7 feet tall. There are eight trees to choose from; however, we are encouraging the homes and other buildings on Governor Drive to plant the Gold Medallion trees to stay consistent with the beautiful ones that we already have on the west end of that street.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the Urban Corps at 619-235-5425 for an application or log on to their website [www.cityofsandiego.gov/trees](http://www.cityofsandiego.gov/trees). Once they receive your application, they will send someone out to review your home site. Merle Berman, 619-772-1125



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO RESIDENTS ONLY PLEASE  
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**TREE WATERING AGREEMENT:**

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the **FREE TREE PROGRAM** through Urban Corps of San Diego County's Urban Forestry Division. Your free tree is made possible by funding from The City of San Diego, CALFIRE, and other groups committed to the vision of Urban Forestry!

Urban Corps of San Diego will plant your free tree(s) in a public right of way, or at the curb in front of your home approximately 8 to 16 weeks after your application is received. Before your tree is planted, Urban Corps will perform a site analysis of your property. Then we will check for underground utilities and apply for a permit with the City. When the permit is received your tree will be planted.

**Due to water restrictions and the regional drought, we encourage you to find alternative ways to water your newly planted tree.** For example, ideas like capturing cold water from your shower as it heats up, collecting rainwater from your roof and rain gutters with a water capturing tank, or installing new self-watering technology called 'gel packs' (available at your local nursery) are all good water conserving methods. Shade trees provided through this program are recognized by the City of San Diego's Water Department as providing many benefits to the community including carbon reduction, air filtration, and a reduction of the "heat island effect" which helps cool down our city.

**IN EXCHANGE FOR RECEIVING A FREE TREE(S),  
 I AGREE TO WATER THE TREE(S) TO ENSURE IT'S SURVIVAL:**  
 (Please fill out the application and watering agreement below to the best of your knowledge)

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Please review the tree list on the back side of this form and pick a tree suitable to your parkway size :

Number of trees requested: (1) (2) (3) OR (as many as possible)

1st Choice Tree selection \_\_\_\_\_ Second choice \_\_\_\_\_ Third choice \_\_\_\_\_

If you agree to water the tree and want a tree planted in front of your property, please fill out the above agreement and return to Urban Corps. You can either fax it to (619) 235-5425 or mail your form to:

Urban Corps of San Diego County  
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**If you have questions or concerns please contact 619-235-6884.** Please note: The number of trees that can be planted is limited by required distances from driveways, street corners, fire hydrants, underground utilities, and other factors. The species that can be planted may be limited depending on overhead utilities and other factors. **Please see back of form for available trees.**



## Wine in the Garden for October's Garden Tour

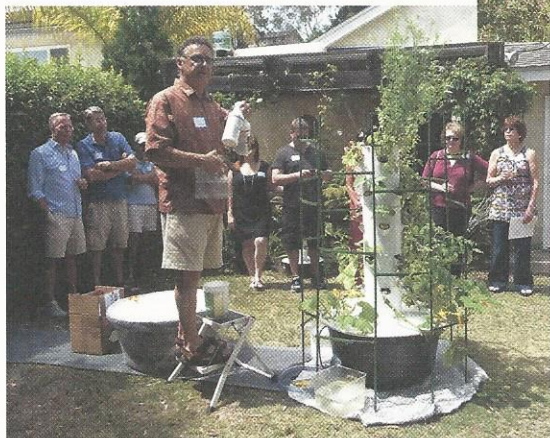
By Tanya Howe Aeria

If you didn't attend the October 16th Wine in the Garden at Jim Wright's house, you missed out. Set in an unassuming Bay Park neighborhood, Jim's yard has evolved from your typical tract house backyard into a lush tropical forest complete with two greenhouses, a host of scattered mosaic work done by Jim's late wife, and dozens of blooming orchids. Jim's hospitality and welcoming nature made this event a real success. If you have not taken the time to enjoy one of our monthly backyard visits, take some time to join us in December.

<http://www..ucgardenclub.org>



UC garden friends, Sky and Deris Jeannette, shared their backyard and demonstrated how they grow food with their tower gardens using only water and nutrients.



## The UCCA Garden Club Report

By Tanya Howe Aeri

Our guest speaker, John Noble owner of Coastal Sage Gardening gave a delightful talk on landscaping at our Tuesday evening, October 18th, meeting. John has over 25 years of experience in San Diego gardens. His team designs, installs and maintains organic landscapes. He was a cofounder of In Harmony Herbs & Spices, an herb shop that is still going strong in Ocean Beach. Presently John, together with his wife Serena, run an educational program for children called Botany for Kids. John is also a garden writer for California Garden. He is a past President of the San Diego Floral Association.

**UC Garden Club News:**  
**WE ARE ONE YEAR OLD!**

By Tanya Howe Aeria

Come and Celebrate with us at the UC Library November 15th, 6pm with Cookies, and tasty treats.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped our little UC Garden Club Grow into a great and successful group that we have become. So if you have not come to a meeting in a while, or ever attended, this would be a great way to meet some great UC neighbors and learn a little about garden design too!

**Garden Club Happenings, Past, Present and Future:**

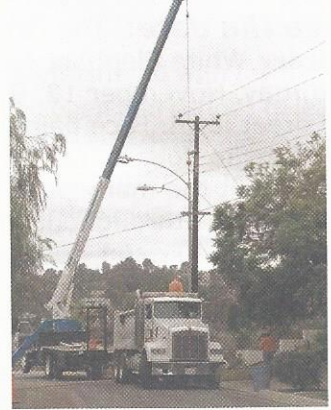
Our September Garden Club Meeting had a fantastic garden guest speaker (Georges from <http://www.verticalgardensolutions.com/> who presented a huge array of vertical garden ideas for our blank walls, both indoors and out.

October's Guest Speaker was John Noble from Coastal Sage <http://www.coastalsage.s5.com/> John brought in a heap of native herbal plants and gave us all some valuable information on each of these fragrant herbs. John also teaches kids about plants in his Botany for Kids program. Check it out: <http://botanyforkids.com/>

November 15th is our last meeting of the year, and not to be missed! Shellene Mueller will share her ideas about Garden Ornamentation and Landscape Designing. <http://designsbyshellene.com/>

No December general meeting. But we will have an evening Garden event at Bob and Nancy's in December. We will meet again January 17th with another year of gardening fun.

Going underground . . .



Angell on the west end...power lines getting removed after going underground with utilities.



**Third Annual Oktoberfest a great success!**

By Marge Lorang

EDUCate! hosted our **third annual Oktoberfest celebration** in Standley Park on Saturday, October 1st. Guests, from babies to senior citizens, filled the park on a beautiful day to enjoy a variety of games, contests, music, food, and beverages. The Blue Angels were nice enough to perform, as were the Standley Middle School and UC High marching bands and all five of our school principals.



We would like to thank everyone who attended, sponsored or volunteered. The event was a huge success, building community spirit and raising funds for our wonderful schools! We netted more than \$6000 from food, beverage and game ticket sales, and received more than \$4000 in Dollar A Day donations.

In particular, we want to thank Nancy Beck, Century 21 Award; Feerick & Associates Law Firm; and Coldwell Banker UC Agents for their financial support. EdUCate! would also like to acknowledge The French Gourmet, Forbidden Yogurt and Newport Meats for their generous contributions. Special thanks to the UC Community, UCHS Key Club, CSF, and football team for all their volunteer help.



**Save the date:** The First **Friends of the North UC Library** White Elephant Flea Market and Book Sale: Saturday, November 12. 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. out on the great lawn. Face painting, clown & games for the children. To donate, call 858-539-3114. All proceeds will benefit the many programs and services the library offers throughout the year. You can be a Friend, too! Ask at the Library.

**Classical Concert Series November  
2: Harpist Leah Panos  
December 7: NU Holiday Chorus**

**November 2011 Events at your North University  
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**YOUTH Please call ahead to verify each program.**

Arabic Preschool Class: Every Friday at 11:15 a.m.

Baby Sign Language Class: Second Tuesday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m. Age 0-3.

Chinese Preschool Class: Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Craft Class: Every Saturday at 12:00 noon. Children under the age of eight must have parental participation. Age 6-11.

English Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

French Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m. Age 0-5.

Hebrew Preschool Class: Fourth Tuesday, November 22 at 4:00

Korean Preschool Class: Every Friday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.

Musical Preschool Class: Every Saturday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.

Portuguese Preschool Class: Third Saturday, Nov. 19 at 11:15

Russian Preschool Class: Second Sat., Nov. 12 at noon.

Songbirds Music Class: (Usually 4th Friday), Nov. 18 at 1:45

Spanish Preschool Class: Every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. Age 0-5.

**ADULTS: Please call ahead to verify each program.**

Book Club: Second Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

November selection is Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.

Cardmaking Class: Third Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00

Classical Concert Series: First Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. Leah Panos, Harpist.

Chorus Rehearsal: November 1, 29, and 30 from 6:00-8:00

p.m. Contact Keith Sipos at 858-622-0970 or

keithsipos@hotmail.com.

Job Search Assistance: Every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00 p.m., Instructor Dr. Adolpho Sanchez assists with resumes and job searching. Call to sign up.

Job Search Workshop: Second Wed. Nov. 9 from 5:00-7:00

Knitters Circle: Second Wednesday November 9 at 1:00 p.m.

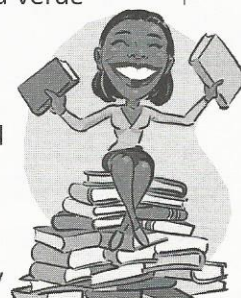
Writing Skills Class when English is your Second Language:

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to the Friends of the North University Community Library for sponsoring these free community events.

Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> Branch.

**Book Fair to Benefit UC Library**

Bookstar Bookstore in the Costa Verde Shopping Center will be sponsoring a Book Fair November 4-10 to benefit the UC Library. Special Vouchers may be obtained from the library to purchase items at all Barnes and Noble Bookstores and online at bn.com, a percentage of which will directly benefit the University Community Branch. A special story time will be held at Bookstar on Saturday, November 5.



**UC CENTURIONS SPEARED BY SERRA CONQUISTADORS**

By Rob Stone, [www.sandiegoprepsports.blogspot.com](http://www.sandiegoprepsports.blogspot.com)  
5303 Kesling Street, SD, CA 92117, (619) 871-7024

The University City (UC) Centurions suffered a tough 27-13 loss to the Serra Conquistadors in a non-league football game at Serra on Friday, Sept. 23. UC jumped out to an early 7-0 lead when senior running back Jordan Green gathered in a six-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Jack Minnick with 6:06 left in the first quarter.

With the score all tied up at 7-7, Green got into the end zone once again, this time on a touchdown run from three yards out to give the Centurions a cushion of 13-7 with 4:35 remaining in the second quarter.

Unfortunately for UC, that was as close as they would get as the Conquistadors would pull away and clinch the victory in the second half. Meanwhile, senior running back Kenneth Martey matriculated the ball 55 yards on eight carries, but it wasn't quite enough as the La Jolla Vikings were shutout 34-0 by the St. Augustine Saints at Mesa College.

Other University City (UC) football scores and results: UC 42, Hilltop 34; Grossmont 21, UC 14; UC 28, Southwest 7; Coronado 35, UC 21; Clairemont 48, UC 16

Other La Jolla football scores and results: Mt. Carmel 27, La Jolla 7; La Jolla 23, West Hills 21; Valley Center 53, La Jolla 14; Santa Fe Christian 38, La Jolla 23; Madison 28, La Jolla 14

La Jolla Country Day (LJCD) football scores and results: LJCD 23, Tri-City Christian 12; LJCD 56, Calipatria 6; LJCD 56, Vincent Memorial 0; LJCD 56, Army-Navy 7; LJCD 42, Escondido Charter 3; LJCD 13, Horizon 7

The Bishop's School football scores and results: Bishop's 35, View Park 20; Bishop's 50, Monte Vista 14; Bishop's 49, Village Christian 20; Bishop's 57, Sage Hill 7; Bishop 47, Bishop's 6; Santa Fe Christian 56, Bishop's 13

### **Upcoming Events at University City United Church**

November 2011

November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary Thanksgiving Vesper Service and Hymn Sing.

This is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many blessings we've received from God, family and friends. The Bell and Chancel Choirs along with accomplished instrumentalists will present an evening of music that reflects gratitude. This service also provides the opportunity to bring special gifts for mental health patients of San Diego. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream will be served afterwards.

Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 5:11 p.m. Koehler Hall  
5:11 Contemporary Worship Gathering -An alternative worship experience!

Theme: "What Would You Do?" - Making tough choices in difficult situations. Nurture your spirit while enjoying fellowship and live inspirational music. Child care is available and refreshments will be served afterwards.

For more information about the above events:  
Call 858-453-3444 or visit us online at [ucuc.org](http://ucuc.org).  
University City United Church  
2877 Governor Drive San Diego, CA 92122

### **MINDFUL EATING**

Are you tired and frustrated with the dieting cycles? Are you open and curious to learn about an alternative approach to help you manage your relationship with food? If so, you might find this discussion of interest. Dr. Denise Zimmerman will discuss a mindful approach to eating.

Presented by: Denise Zimmerman, Ph.D.  
Date December 3, 2011  
Location University City Library  
4155 Governor Drive  
Time 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Denise Zimmerman, Ph.D. has been licensed as a clinical psychologist for 21 years. She has specialized in treating eating disorders with an emphasis on binge eating. Since 2002 she has incorporated mindfulness skills in her personal life and clinical work. Her office is located in University City.

### **UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

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SPECIAL EVENTS: The UC Library welcomes classical violinist Sang on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm. Sang is a newcomer to San Diego, but not to violin as she has been playing since age 4 and was accepted to the prestigious Shanghai Conservatory of Music at age 9. Sang has since played professionally for over 20 years all around the world, including with such notables as Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, and Joshua Bell.

Our OASIS "Third Thursdays" series continues with "Mark Twain." Presenter Charles Harrington Elster will deliver a lecture on Twain's life, enduring humor, and extraordinary gift for language. Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. UC Book Club meets the last Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.

WILD WONDERS Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 pm. Featuring animals in "Our Big Backyard".

Preschool story times are every Thursday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. Teen gaming every Friday at 3:00 p.m. For a complete list of events, please visit the library's website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov). Facebook users, please find us under SDPL University Community Library.

**Wanted:** Singers and Interested Soloists: Sign up at the Branch for the North UC Holiday Chorus. For more information, call or email Keith Sipos at [keithsipos@hotmail.com](mailto:keithsipos@hotmail.com)



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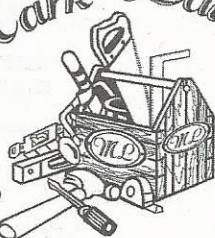
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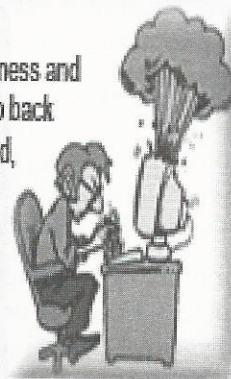
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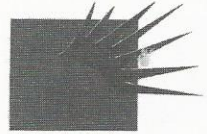
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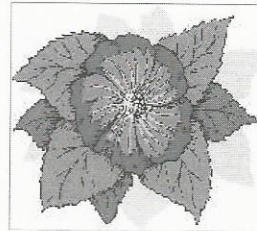
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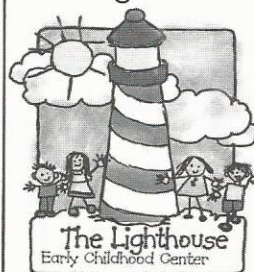
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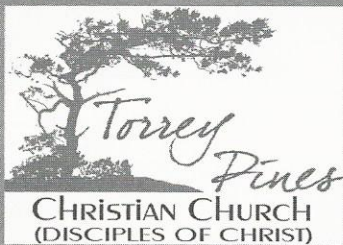




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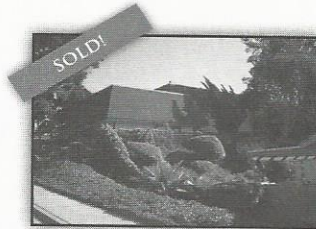
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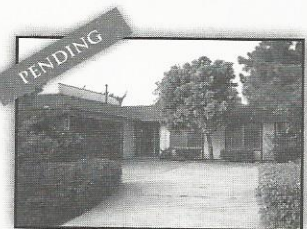
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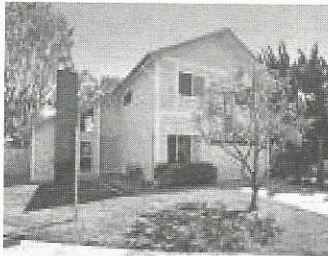


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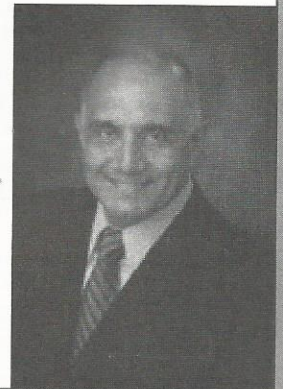
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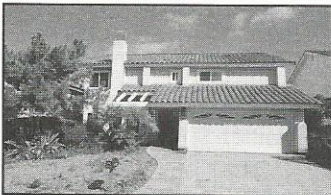
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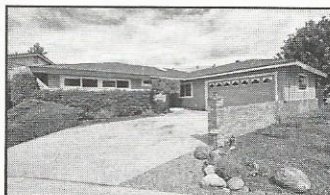
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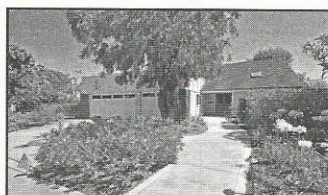
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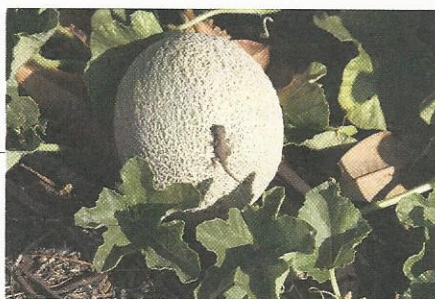
**U.C. Artist Stella Ting Paints Electrical Box at Governor and Genesee** by Sandy Lippe

**S**tella Ting lives in U.C. and has a day job as a nurse, but she also is an accomplished artist who painted an electrical box on the north side of Governor near 805. It's worth getting out of the car to see up close because it is all about hummingbirds. She recently painted a floral theme on a new electrical box SDG& E put in place at Mobil Gas Station on the corner of Governor and Genesee.



**Garden Creatures**

**H**ere are a few photos of creatures living/visiting my UC garden. The parrots travel around the coastal area, especially Point Loma. This is the second year they came to eat my sunflowers. My son, Grady Watkins, took the photo of the baby lizard resting on the cantaloupe in our veggie garden.



Margie Watkins



Photo by Kevin Horst

**YELLOW MARIPOSA** by Lexi Hubbard

**O**ne day after class at LaJolla Country Day School, two sisters, Paloma age 9 and Golden age 6, were exploring one of the many grassy knolls on campus. As they tinkered among the flowers and plants, Golden spotted a neon yellow and blue striped caterpillar lying precariously in a busy walkway. Concerned, she alerted big sis Paloma and the two decidedly snapped up the wayward caterpillar and took it home for safe keeping. That evening, they scoured their yard and neighborhood for something to feed the hungry caterpillar. Discouraged by the lack of milkweed, they ran to their neighbor Kay for advice on what to feed the beautiful creature. Still unsure, and after searching UTC



and surrounding communities the persistent two finally sought out food from a local pet store; surely there would be food there! No luck! The girls did what they could. They found a tall pink waste basket, soaked a cotton ball in water, plucked a variety of leaves

and flower petals from surrounding foliage and placed all, along with the little caterpillar, in the waste basket, then covered the top with tulle from an old tutu. Two days later the little caterpillar turned not into chrysalis, but what resembled the yolk from a tiny bird's egg. Paloma and Golden were sad thinking they could not save it.

Everyone ignored the pink wastebasket that sat at the top of the stairs. No one had the heart to throw away the wilted flowers, rotting leaves and the little yellow blob.

A week from the day that they discovered the caterpillar, something at the top of the stairs caught Dad's eye. "Hey girls", he said with a grin, "Come upstairs, I've got something to show you". Fluttering wildly inside the pink wastebasket was a stunning lemon yellow butterfly. Excited and relieved, they bolted over to Kay's house to share their Joy. "Let it fly", Kay suggested, and the girls happily set their wayward little friend free.

