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# University City

...more than a neighborhood

Community Association Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**UCPG Meeting**  
**September 8, 2009**  
**6 p.m.,**  
**Forum Hall at UTC**  
**Public invited**

**UCCA Board Meeting**  
**September 9, 2009**  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.,**  
**UC Library**  
**Public invited**

**Standley Rec. Council**  
**September 24, 2009**  
**7:00 p.m.,**  
**Standley Park**  
**Public invited**

**Labor Day**  
**September 7, 2009**

**Opening of Schools**  
**September 8, 2009**

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**[www.ucca-news.org](http://www.ucca-news.org)**

University City Community Association *Andy Freeburn, President*

### Don't fear your neighbor.

Whether you moved to University City for the schools, proximity to local amenities, or just thought it was the best place to live on earth, we all share the same desire to live peacefully while pursuing our life's objective. Sometimes our neighbor's definition of peaceful and life objectives differ from ours. While differences make for an exciting community, many homeowners desire the uniformity which is often the staple of suburban living.

Recently, your community association began a program to notify homeowners whose property is considered by their immediate neighbors to be in possible distress. The intent of this program is to keep our community up to minimum standards set by the City of San Diego's zoning and building codes along with County Health regulations. Most residents do suspect they are in violation but without any notification, they figure no one is concerned enough to mention the offense. So often, residents won't voice their concerns directly to their neighbor but instead want to bring in a third party to arbitrate on their behalf. I'm not sure if their reluctance to confront the situation is from a fear of retribution or a lack of communication skills. In the end, it just might be indolence. If a perceived problem doesn't warrant an individual's full attention, then it's probably not really a problem. Making it someone else's concern doesn't correct the matter. We are all human and we are all neighbors. We don't all think alike nor hold all matters to the same importance.

If you have a concern regarding a neighbor's residence, knock on their door and explain the matter. If you're the one who is approached, listen with an open mind. It's in working together and not depending on outsiders, which makes a community strong and desirable.

THE MARINE BAND OF SAN DIEGO, stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, will close out the summer concert series, GREEN CONCERTS UNDER BLUE SKIES, in University City's Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive, on Sunday, August 30th, at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Under the direction of Staff Sergeant Christian Arellano, Marine Band of San Diego promises an exciting, versatile program for all ages. For further information, phone Standley Recreation Center at 858-552-1652.



Twenty-Eighth Annual Banana Split with ice cream donated from the Heimburgers.



## Neighborhood News . . .

San Diego water usage is down 19% in June, according to Sherri Lightner's office...If you want to report water waste, go to [waterwaste@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterwaste@sandiego.gov) ...California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) has proposed University City as one of 3 high speed rail stops in San Diego County; Escondido and Lindbergh Field are the others. The UCPG will have representatives explain this huge project on September 8<sup>th</sup> at their 6 p.m. meeting at Forum Hall in UTC. A public scoping meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Forum Hall welcomes questions and input. Contact Jesse Mays at [jmays@sandiego.gov](mailto:jmays@sandiego.gov) with any questions...on a lighter note, the friendliness of South U.C. will be seen on September 13<sup>th</sup> when the Robbins Street Potluck is planned at Donna and Cecil's...Shelley Plumb has been instrumental in keeping our post office open. As you know, ten post offices in San Diego have been suggested for closure, including our Governor Drive p.o. Shelley started a petition that will be directed at



politicians and postal bureaucrats (see article; Post Office Petition)...Pharmaca in Costa Verde closed in mid-August and hopes to show up somewhere else in the area...The Marine Band of San Diego is promising to be a perfect closure to Green Concerts Under Blue Skies on August 30<sup>th</sup> at Standley Park at 5 p.m... UCCA's Mary Kay Hewitt and Darlene Ventimiglia provided a fantastic party honoring volunteers who help UCCA deliver our newsletters, as well as folks who work on beautification and other community endeavors. Thanks to Mark Ventimiglia, the food from Sky Box in Clairemont Square was delicious at the Standley Park event under the gazebo on August 16<sup>th</sup>...Vandalism is cruel and Marcy Park took a heavy hit on August 18<sup>th</sup> when a cement bench was destroyed by a truck or car that is now missing its grill and headlights. Marcy, like other parks, could use some lighting to deter these vandals who ruin our parks...With school opening on September 8<sup>th</sup>, be a vigilant driver in the neighborhood.

## Post Office Petition Opposing Closure

With the Governor Drive post office on the chopping block for possible closure, our little community is reminded of last November when we opposed the closure of our library also on Governor. We won that battle and hope to win this one. Shelley Plumb, a local U.C. activist, has led the effort to get folks writing letters, making phone calls, and signing petitions.

Politicians and post office bureaucrats are not looking at individual communities. They don't know that people walk to the post office on Governor. Driving to Costa Verde, the other 92122, clogs up Genesee; besides, parking is a true nightmare in Costa Verde, but has the postmaster walked around either post office? Ask him We all know snail mail has declined. The Governor post office was set to downsize and move into the former Curves space in the back of Marketplace Shopping Center, where Henry's is the anchor store. Send three short letters to the following:

Congressman Brian Bilbray, 462  
Stevens Ave., #107, Solana  
Beach 92075 - (858) 350-1150

Postmaster Tim Padden, 11251  
Rancho Carmel Dr., San Diego  
92199-9998

District Manager Dallas Keck, 11251  
Rancho Carmel Dr., San Diego 92199  
Call Shelley Plumb to volunteer  
getting signatures on a petition  
directed at the post office closure:  
(858) 453-5967

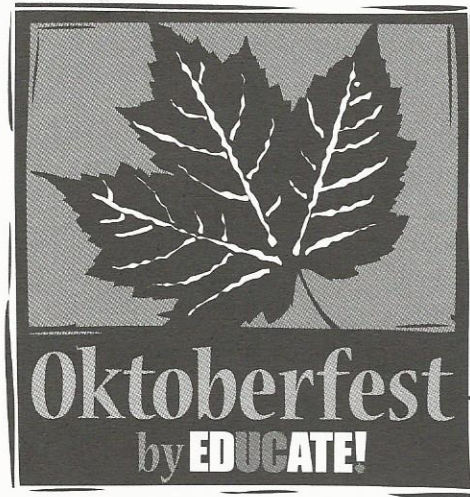
a day, seven days a week. You can access a directory of nearly 400 recorded messages on City services and services provided by other agencies including city's parks and libraries, programs ranging from recycling to fire and crime prevention, activities and meetings...

## Did You Know? . . .

If you are interested in local, regional and/or statewide transportation projects, visit the SANDAG (San Diego Assn. of Governments) website [www.sandag.org](http://www.sandag.org). The **Mid Coast Corridor Transit Project** is the proposed extension of the transit service from the Old Town Transit Center to University City. The first meeting of the recently formed Public Working Group is scheduled for September 3rd from 4 to 6pm at SANDAG. For more information, contact Anne Steinberger SANDAG Marketing Mgr. at [ast@sandag.org](mailto:ast@sandag.org) or 619-699-1937...

...The **City Information Center** located in the lobby of the City

Administration Center, 202 C Street, answers over 100,000 calls per year. The phone number is **(619) 236-5555**. You can also access information at the city's web site [www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org), click on **Information** at the top of the page then click on **City Information Center** then City Information Resource to access a searchable directory of phone numbers and addresses of City agencies departments and programs. **JUST CALL (619) 615-6111** is an automated information system designed to provide you with recorded answers to the most frequently asked questions about City services and programs 24 hours



# Celebrate Fall!

October 3rd from 2 - 6 P.M., Standley Park on Governor Drive

Sample beers from local micro-breweries:

La Jolla Brew House, Firehouse Brewing Company, Stone Brewing Co.,  
Ballast Point and Fat Tire/New Belgium Brewery

5 pours for \$20. Price includes a commemorative glass.

Keg root beer for the kids and non-drinkers, with commemorative stein.

Bratwurst from Saag's Specialty Meats and Newport Meats

Live Music, Games and Contests...

Including a Pumpkin Growing Contest

Grow your pumpkin now! Prizes will be given for roundest, ugliest and largest home grown pumpkins! Take a picture of yourself and your entry in your home garden prior to harvesting, then bring the pumpkin and its "baby picture" to the event.

Be the life of the party! Visit our EdUCate booth to meet Board members and learn how our organization helps you support UC Public Schools. We can help you contribute to Dollar A Day (DAD), or fulfill a Teachers Wish List request online at the booth! DAD donors pledging one dollar per school day (\$180) will receive an AWESOME Oktoberfest Tyrolean felt hat or headscarf with braids.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Brook Feerick at 858-337-5578 or FEEBR@aol.com

**Thank You To Those Who Have  
Joined UCCA in August 2009  
You Make UC More Than  
“Just a Neighborhood!”**

**Gold Business Membership**

Tama & Marshall Varano  
Angela & Jeffrey Miner

**Community Angel**

Glenn Henderson

**Community Supporter**

Mile & Sue Boles  
Merle & Patricia Marrow  
Jane & Paul Tracy  
Kathy Niess

**General Member**

Mary J Carey  
James J Feuhrer  
James Lee  
R Shapiro  
Laura Stinson  
Patricia Callan  
Greta Erwin  
George & Jin Odera  
Kevin & Dusty Reisch  
Jim & Barbara Magdlen

**Back-to-School Notes**

The UC Foundation for Public Schools is gearing up to support Curie, Doyle, Spreckels, Standley and UC High as students return to classrooms on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Look for EdUCate! at your school’s registration and Open House events.

EdUCate! will focus on two programs this fall: Teacher Wish List and Dollar A Day. You can help get teachers needed start-up materials through our Teacher Wish List program; supply budgets have been cut by 25% district-wide. See what your child’s classroom teacher needs at <http://www.uc-educate.org/teacherWishList.asp>. Dollar A Day asks every family to contribute whatever amount is plausible – a dime or a dollar - per school day to foster a strong, integrated cluster of public schools in UC. Sign up for easy monthly installments at [http://www.uc-educate.org/dollar\\_a\\_day.asp](http://www.uc-educate.org/dollar_a_day.asp) or look for our envelope in your child’s back-to-school packet.

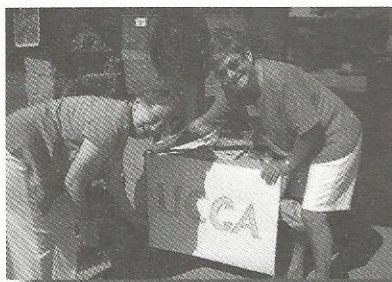
2009-10 represents Year 4 of EdUCate’s five-year commitment to provide classroom technology - digital projectors, document cameras, and laptops - to all of our five public

schools. EdUCate! President Roj Fay and board members will work closely with all of the school principals to ensure that EdUCate’s efforts are well-coordinated with the district’s projected rollout of interactive white boards and student laptops for maximum benefit of our students and their teachers.

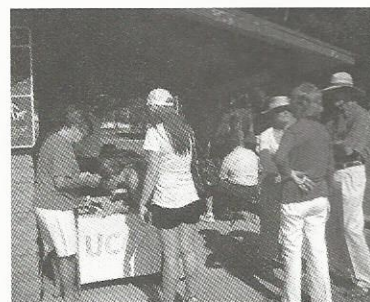
On the fun side, EdUCate! is hosting a fabulous Oktoberfest event at Standley Park on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Taste of the Triangle chairs Brook and Tom Feerick were staying in Oceanside last October (in a “stay-cation” package they bought at the “Taste” auction!) and happened upon a huge Oktoberfest celebration in the park near their condo. Brook, ever-energetic, knew she HAD to bring that kind of fun to UC and is spearheading the effort. Let’s bring the entire community out to support our schools. Come for live music, beer and brats, activities, and competitions ranging from pie and jam making to pumpkin growing. Meet your EdUCate board and find out how you can get involved. Details on Oktoberfest, EdUCate’s fund drives, and school-enrichment programs can be found at <http://www.uc-educate.org>.

**Q** I look forward to receiving my newsletter each month. When can I expect it?

**A** Each month the newsletter is ready to be hand delivered by volunteers, to your home, at the beginning of each month. The newsletter is printed 10 times a year so don’t expect one in January or August.



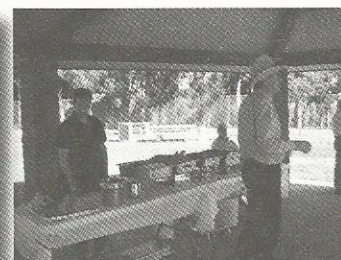
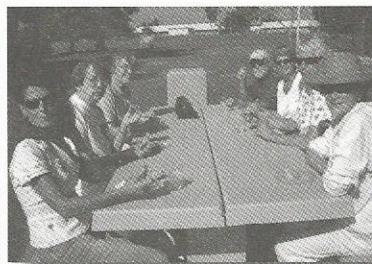
The UCCA hosted an “Honor the Volunteer” Get Together at Standley Park



Gazebo on Sunday, August 16 with food and refreshments. The Upstream Band played at 5 pm

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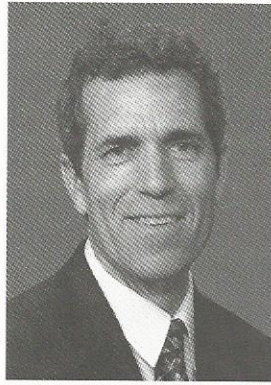


## Perspective of new San Diego Unified Trustee John Lee Evans

Just after I was elected in November represent University City on the San Diego School Board, the Governor began to announce major budget shortfalls. I became convinced that we could no longer afford a massive bureaucracy. Some charter schools operate successfully without multiple layers of supervision. We would have to find a way to do it, too. Taking on an entrenched bureaucracy was no small challenge. Because we wanted to minimize cuts in the classroom, we approved a budget for school sites that protected the essentials, including teachers, support staff and supplies.

We made over \$30 million in cuts in central administration. We took a look at central administration. We eliminated departments and management positions. We have also saved millions by eliminating expensive outside contracts and consultants. The board lowered personnel costs through early retirement incentives, a much better strategy than layoffs. These savings allowed our most expensive teachers to retire and our young, enthusiastic teachers to stay with us.

School finance is a complicated maze, and many school boards leave that up to the administrators. We can no longer afford to do that. The Board questioned every expense and this paid off in savings. We have balanced the budget without massive teacher layoffs and without eliminating music, art or athletics. For a successful district we need to return control to our local communities. With a centrally controlled district and students riding buses in every direction, we can lose the connection between neighborhood and school. Mira Mesa, Barrio Logan and University City should each have more control over what happens



in their own neighborhood schools. Our large district can empower each school cluster to have decision-making power and

accountability for results.

The logical educational community is a cluster of schools: a neighborhood high school and the middle and elementary schools that feed into it. The larger district can provide economy of scale: advantageous purchasing power for materials and streamlined administrative practices.

On the educational level it can provide support to schools rather than dictate programs. The real work occurs in the classroom of the neighborhood school. We must give each community the autonomy to find creative solutions to meet its educational goals. To this end I am forming an advisory committee in UC. The purpose of this advisory committees is a) to work towards the improvement of our neighborhood schools and b) to have a line of communication with the Board of Education. This would be similar to the manner in which the UC Planning Group advises the City Council on community issues. We need to think as a community of schools rather than five separate schools. We already have great collaboration between the schools with our UC Educate foundation. If you would like to participate in this advisory group please contact me at [johnleeevans@sandi.net](mailto:johnleeevans@sandi.net). Our schools are the heart of our community. We will only achieve that if we take ownership of our schools as parents, teachers and community members. We all have a stake in what happens in our schools.

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Dignified transportation for seniors

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Learn more by attending "Discover ITNSanDiego" on the second Tuesday of any month at 5:30 p.m. Call for more information (619) 282-0073 or visit our website [www.itnsandiego.org](http://www.itnsandiego.org).

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**David Washington**  
**UCHS Class of 2009**

David was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 15th round of the Major

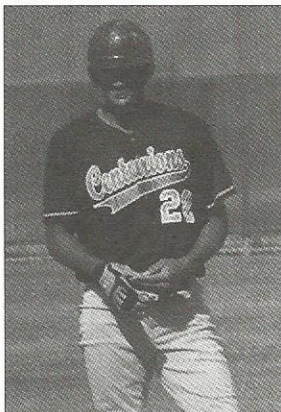
League Baseball First-Year Player Draft on Wednesday June 10th. It was a very exciting week for David as he was drafted on Wed around noon, went on the Disneyland All-Night trip that evening, graduated at 2 pm on Fri, signed a contract with the Cardinals Fri evening, and then attended Grad Night until 5 am on Sat.

David is a 1B/OF who bats and throws left handed. David helped the Centurions achieve a 16-14 overall record and finish in 3rd place in the Division III playoffs where they lost only to the eventual champions from Cathedral. UC finished 3rd in the always tough Western League with a 7-5 League record. David was named the team's MVP and was also named to the 1st Team All Western League.

David led the team with 37 Hits, 30 RBI, 9 Home Runs, and a .402 Batting Average. He also tied for the team lead with 25

Runs and 2 Triples. He finished with 9 Doubles which was 2nd among the Centurions. David's 9 home runs, which included a couple of tape

measure shots, led the Western League and tied for 2nd in the entire San Diego Section. (Statistics and Photo courtesy of UCHS Baseball Webmaster Bill Waltermire).

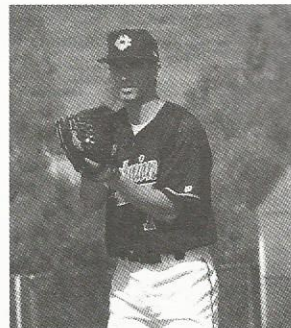


**27th Annual University City High School Senior Awards**

<p>More Scholarships</p> <p>San Diego County Salute to Education Liora Jaffe</p> <p>Rewarding College Dreams Anthony Esquivel Rafaella Roque Vieira</p> <p>California Retired Teachers Association Liora Jaffe Olga Slobodyanyuk</p> <p>Paula B. &amp; Oliver W. Jones Family Foundation Anne Fikes</p> <p>San Diego Future Educators of America Ronel Dalisay Pollard-Bailey Natasha Williams</p> <p>Global Leadership Connection Ambassador Andrew Imthurn</p> <p>Holiday Bowl Scholarship Finalist Andrew Imgthurn Americorps Education Rachel Adame</p> <p>San Diego Pathways to College Debborah Castillo'</p>	<p>San Diego Alumni Panhellenic 2009 Merit Hannah Slater Angel Lopez College Casey Alcantar</p> <p>Mike Cagalj Memorial Legacy Jennifer Winter</p> <p>Japanese American Citizens League Michael Skinner</p> <p>BAE Systems Employee Association Collin Forgey</p> <p>Dr. Glen A. Livesay Science Michael Skinner</p> <p>Dr. Kay L. Livesay Science Hannah Slater</p> <p>Family &amp; Child Development Tyler Francavilla Karina Reizman Senior Council Skyler Dougherty Jonathan Fort Ellen Luong</p> <p>UCHS Staff Guadalupe Gonzalez Jay Harvey Sarah Ouadah</p>
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**UC Resident, Ryan Waltermire**

Ryan recently graduated from UCHS and completed his fourth year on the varsity baseball team, earning his fourth varsity letter. As a freshman, Waltermire participated on the first UCHS team to ever win a Western league championship and during his sophomore year, he was a member of the squad that won the first CIF baseball championship



in school history. During his junior year, Waltermire was voted the team most valuable player in addition to being named all Western League second team. In his recently concluded senior year, Waltermire was named team captain as his hitting and pitching helped lead the Centurions into his fourth consecutive year of CIF playoff participation. Waltermire will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the Fall.



**U.C. CATS ARE VICTIMS OF COYOTES**

THE POLICE HAVE REPORTED MANY CATS HAVE BECOME VICTIMS OF COYOTES IN UNIVERSITY CITY. AFTER THE FIRES, COYOTES HAVE BEEN MORE AGGRESSIVE. THEY HAVE PREYED UPON CATS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND THEY USUALLY HUNT IN PACKS. KEEP YOUR CATS INDOORS AT NIGHT IN A SAFE LOCATION. PLEASE GO TO: [HTTP://UCCATWATCH.WORDPRESS.COM](http://uccatwatch.wordpress.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## UCCA Beautification/Maintenance Committee Update

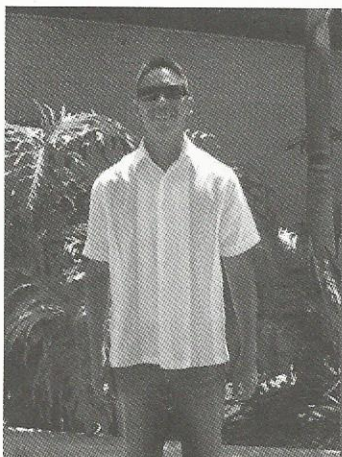
The Beautification/Maintenance Committee met a few times over the summer to work out issues that disturbed some residents who were concerned about overgrowth of weeds and unkempt properties in University City. UCCA decided to implement a step-by-step process that would encourage a neighbor-to-neighbor solution to code violations by homeowners who occupy and homeowners who rent to others.

First, a neighbor should approach his or her neighbor about the issue involved: weeds, trash bins kept out, boats, R.V's, noise, mini-dorms, etc. The person can either send an anonymous note or make a personal call. If nothing happens to improve the situation, the concerned neighbor can contact UCCA and show proof of having worked through step 1. Members of the subcommittee will do a walk by the property and decide if it is truly in violation of Code Compliance. UCCA will direct a letter to the homeowner and give a fair amount of time to have the issue remedied. If that doesn't work, the UCCA will contact Code Compliance.

In most cases, people have responded by fixing the problem.

We all love our little community. The Beautification/Maintenance volunteers are not vigilantes. They want what everyone wants: a well maintained community. If you want to serve on this committee, contact us by email at [beautification@ucca-news.org](mailto:beautification@ucca-news.org). If you have concerns, use that email address also. In the meantime, with the fire season here, contact brush management at 619-685-1350 for information on City owned open space land. If you want to find out who owns a particular house, contact County Recorder for the title, deed, permits, and easements at 619-237-0502.

Water-saving tips can be found by calling 858-522-6512. According to the San Diego County Water Authority, a broken sprinkler can waste 10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a 10-minute cycle. Please water only before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. to reduce water loss from evaporation and wind. San Diego's June water use was down 19<sup>th</sup> percent this year.



Staff Sergeant Christian Arellano, the Marine Band of San Diego Conductor, recently visited Standley Park, the site where he and 45 Marines will be performing at the final concert on Sunday, August 30th, from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

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## Standley Park & Rec Center Upcoming Events & Activities

### Wacky Wednesday After School Program

Session I: September 9 – 23 (3 weeks) \$75.00  
Session II: September 30 – October 28 (5 weeks) \$125.00  
Session III: November 4 – December 16 (5 weeks) \$125.00  
All registration must be done in advance at Standley Recreation Center.

### Fall Classes

See Fall Program for details:  
Yoga, Aikido, Hula Dance, Guitar, Bollywood Dance, Henna Art, Tai Chi, Stressbusters Fitness, Gymnastics, Hip Hop Dance, Junior Sports, Volleyball & Basketball Skills, and Tap, Jazz, & Creative Movement Dance Classes

Session Dates: October 5 – December 12

Registration Begins: September 14, 2009

Registration Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00-7:00pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-6:30pm  
Saturday 10/12 & 10/19 only 9-11:30am

### Flag Football League

Registration Begins August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
Divisions

10 – under (8 – 10 yrs)  
12 – under (11 – 12 yrs)  
14 – under (13 – 14 yrs)

LOCATION, Standley Rec Center

DATES, Season October 1st – December 12th, 2009

REGISTER Birth certificates, photo, and liability forms need to be completed and turned in at the time of registration. Age cutoff date 12/12/09 No Exceptions!!

PRICE \$55.00 (\$10.00 Late Registration fee after Sept. 11th)



**4<sup>th</sup> of July 2009: Good We**

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**2009 UC  
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Committee:**

- Sarah Anderson
- Alison Anthony
- Barry Bernstein
- Mary Cruz
- James Floyd
- Andy Freeburn
- Bruce Goodwin
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- Priscilla Hughes
- Meredith Kennedy
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- Kathy Lathom
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- Cathy Romanas
- Jemma Samala
- Mark Sawyer
- John Schindel
- Kerrie Shank
- Kathleen Sliter
- Bob Ullmann
- Bob Vilven
- John Walsh
- Susan Worsham



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**ather, Good Friends, Good Times!**

ating Independence Day at Standley Park! A big thank  
ble...the 2009 UC Celebration Planning Committee,  
anning for the Celebration even before I joined the  
ew event chairperson manageable and enjoyable.  
ANNING COMMITTEE!

ation Center Director, Sarah Anderson, and her  
the job of volunteers so much more doable!  
have such an amazing director and staff.  
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**THANKS TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
UC CELEBRATION SPONSORS!**

**Monetary contributions:**

\$1000 donation from Garden  
Communities  
Portrait Artist sponsored by Hein  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Beer Garden contributions:**

Skybox Sports Bar and Family  
Dining (Clairemont Square)  
Firehouse Brew, the home of Home  
Brew by Fire Fighters whose profits  
go to 9/11 charities

**5K Run/Walk contribution:**

Henry's

**Pancake Breakfast contributions:**

Starbucks  
Henry's  
Carl's Jr

**Raffle Prize donations:**

Governor Animal Clinic  
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club  
Lawrence Family JCC  
Costa Verde Car Wash  
Embassy Suites  
Midway Museum  
French Gourmet  
Boomers  
Bombay Coast  
Harrah's Rincon Casino  
UC Postal Annex  
La Jolla Playhouse  
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**T**he proposed **California High-Speed Rail Project**, which was the subject of the Proposition 1A ballot initiative that voters passed last fall. **The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) has proposed University City be one of three high-speed rail stops in San Diego County**, the other two being Escondido and Lindbergh Field.

The CHSRA will be holding a **public scoping meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at the University Town Center Forum Hall (4315 La Jolla Village Drive, in the northwest parking lot, above the Wells Fargo Bank).

**The purpose of the meeting will be for the CHSRA to inform the public about proposed routes for the high-speed rail line through the area, and allow the public to express concerns about the proposed routes through the area.** One proposed route enters a tunnel in Carroll Canyon near I-805, travels underground to an underground station at UTC, and exits the tunnel into Rose Canyon near Regents Road. The second proposed route would enter a tunnel at Miramar Road near

I-805 and otherwise follow the same route.

The comments collected at the meeting, as well as the CHSRA's response to each comment, will be published around January 2010 as a Scoping Report. **Around January or February of 2010, the CHSRA board will select a preferred alternative route for the high-speed rail line.**

The format of the meeting will be a workshop or fair, with displays, staff on hand to answer questions, and handouts, but no scheduled presentations. From 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. the meeting will be tailored to public agencies, and from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. the meeting will be tailored to members of the public, although anyone can come and go at any time.

CHSRA representatives are expected to present at the September meeting of the University Community Planning Group, which will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the University Town Center Forum Hall.

**Jesse Mays**, Council Representative  
Councilmember Sherri S. Lightner  
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**Another Successful Photo Race  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**T**he 2009 UC Photo Race at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July University City Celebration had a great turnout as 22 teams looked up and down Governor Drive for the locations to take a team photo that fit the descriptions in the race clues. Hannah and Jay of Team Sexy repeated last year's first place victory with their new teammate Elizabeth. They ran around the neighborhood getting all ten clues right, finishing in 41 minutes, 21 seconds. Joseph of Team Nepotism came in second place in just under 50 minutes, and there was a tie for third place, finishing at 52 minutes: American Spirit (Kyle, Justin, Daniel & Cody) and the Wandering Woodworths (Heidi,



Mark & Amanda).

The most challenging clue was the "two-parter". The clue sheet said, "Read the back of one of the Cushman & Wakefield signs at the Marketplace in UC to learn how to find Checkpoint 8". When teams found the right sign, there was a note that had a word scramble for the name of a vendor in the shopping center, which turned out to be the Glacier Water machines

next to Henry's!

Seventeen teams out of 22 total finished within the two-hour time limit. Congratulations to all who completed the race! The top seven teams each finished in an hour or less! The first incorrect answer earned a team a 20-minute penalty, while any additional incorrect answers earned a team an extra 10-minute penalty each.

Thanks to the UC Celebration Committee for providing participation prizes to all teams, and special prizes to the top four teams! The UC Photo Race was put together by James and Dan of San Diego Rocket Race. For all the clues and photos from the 2009 UC Photo Race, visit the Rocket Race website at [www.sdrocketrace.com](http://www.sdrocketrace.com)

## UC Resident Realizes Her Dream

*The book lay heavy in Ai Ling's lap, so massive it covered her thighs. She pressed her knees together, for fear the tome would crash to the ground otherwise. Bound in a brocaded cover or rich crimson, characters embroidered in gold read **The Book of Making**. She didn't want to open it.*

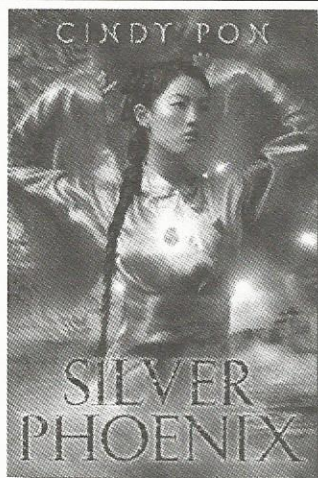


I wrote the majority of my debut novel, *Silver Phoenix: Beyond the Kingdom of Xia*, at the Starbucks in University City. I

had my bubs back to back (aged 5 and 4 now) and was staying home full time--I really wanted to have something to call my own again. Although I wrote as a teen, I stopped in my twenties, too busy with college, graduate school, marriage, and jobs. After taking a few creative writing classes at UCSD Extensions, I decided to tackle a dream of mine long forgotten--to write a novel.

The task was probably one of the most challenging I had ever set out to do. Writing can be a lonely endeavor. It takes diligence and belief in yourself as well as your story. When I finished the novel, I spent another year revising it six times, with the help of critique friends I had met in my writing classes and at local conferences.

After the near two year process, I knew I wanted to try and publish *Silver Phoenix*. I queried one hundred and twenty-one agents and was fortunate enough to catch the attention of Bill Contardi of Brandt and Hochman. He submitted my manuscript to eight top publishing houses (all of whom are closed to non-agented writers). My novel went to auction and sold to HarperCollins, along with a sequel and a children's



picture book featuring my Chinese brush art.

I was absolutely stunned, elated, and terrified. It's been an incredible loop-de-loop journey. I just had a wonderful local signing at Yellow Book Road in La Mesa and another in San Francisco. I am living my dream!

*Silver Phoenix: Beyond the Kingdom of Xia* is a young adult fantasy set in an ancient China-like kingdom, appropriate for teens fourteen and up. Check out [http://booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show\\_product&pid=3516193](http://booklistonline.com/default.aspx?page=show_product&pid=3516193)

It's available at Bookstar and from online. Visit <http://cindypon.com> to learn more. Last month, the debut was named one of the top ten 2009 sci fi/fantasy reads for youth by American library association's booklist. This is a HUGE honor.

**Newsorthy Items?  
Contact the Editor  
Kay Goodfellow  
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**Submission deadline  
for the October  
newsletter is  
September 20, 2009**



## Alliance Francaise de San Diego

is pleased to inform you that we will be moving into our first location by the end of the month right on time to welcome our participants mid-September. Fall Session starts on September 21st for adults and on October 5th for children and teens. Morning, afternoon and evening classes. A min. of 4 participants and a max. of 10 per class. Classes take place at Alliance Francaise de San Diego, 6640 Lusk Blvd, Suite 104, San Diego, CA 92121. Our schedule includes:

- French classes for adults: fundamentals, professional French, Focus on French skills and workshops.
- French as foreign language for children and teens (non bilingual children)
- English as foreign language for adults
- Private & semi-private lessons and tutoring for all.

Register today on-line: [Session calendar/Registration](#). Registration at Alliance Francaise will be starting on August 31st.

Temporary office hours: Monday and Wednesday from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to noon.

Deadline for registering is: Monday, August 31st at noon. No exceptions. Anne-Laure Le Reverend  
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# CITY REMINDS PARENTS AND KIDS TO THINK GREEN FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

## *TIPS TO REDUCE BACK TO SCHOOL WASTE*

Within the next few weeks, children and parents will begin winding down from summer and gearing up for back-to-school. Whenever it comes to purchasing new items, whether it is clothes or school supplies, green practices can always be implemented. Many decisions made now regarding waste reduction and conservation will also have significant impact on the future of young people by conserving the planet's resources, reducing the impact of global climate change and conserving landfill space.

Healthy, environmental practices begin at the store. When purchasing supplies, consider those with less packaging and less waste to reduce the amount of trash that will be thrown away once you are home and opening the product.

Not only will these tips teach children the importance of an environmental conscience, but it will also help parents save throughout the school year. San Diegans can prepare for back-to-school by considering the following ideas that will help reduce, reuse and recycle supplies.

### **REDUCE THE AMOUNT YOU BUY AND REUSE LAST YEAR'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES:**

- Spiral-bound notebooks may still have unused paper.
- Three-ring binders may have some life; add stickers or decorative tape to mend damage.
- Use leftover dividers by creating new labels.
- Test pens, pencils, markers and highlighters before throwing them away or buying new ones to make sure they still work.
- Bring a reusable lunch bag, including reusable forks and spoons.
- Durable plastic sandwich and snack bags as well as glass and metal food containers can be reused and are dishwasher-safe.
- Pack cloth napkins instead of paper.
- Buy products with less packaging that way less waste will be generated.

### **RECYCLE AND BUY RECYCLED**

- Donate or give your friends unwanted supplies. This can range from clothes to backpacks, to lunch boxes.
- Due to the "Green" movement, many suppliers are tapping into the market by manufacturing products made from recycled materials. **REMEMBER YOUR PURCHASING POWER!** Every time you as the consumer buy a product made from recycled material, it encourages the manufacturer to make more recycled goods. Everything from paper, to binders, to pens and pencils, rulers, book bags and clothing can be purchased with recycled content or post-consumer waste.

### **ADDITIONAL RECYCLING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE**

For more information on waste reduction ideas, recycling, composting and other related topics, contact the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department at 858-694-7000, or visit the ESD recycling website at: [www.sdrecyclingworks.com](http://www.sdrecyclingworks.com).

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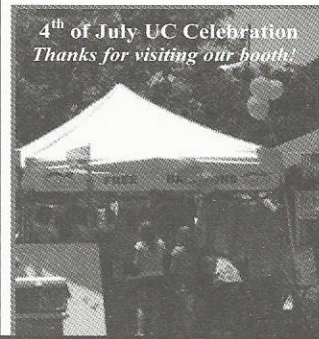
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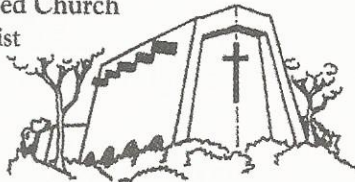


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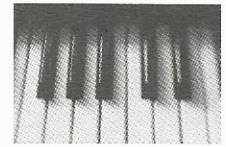
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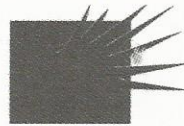
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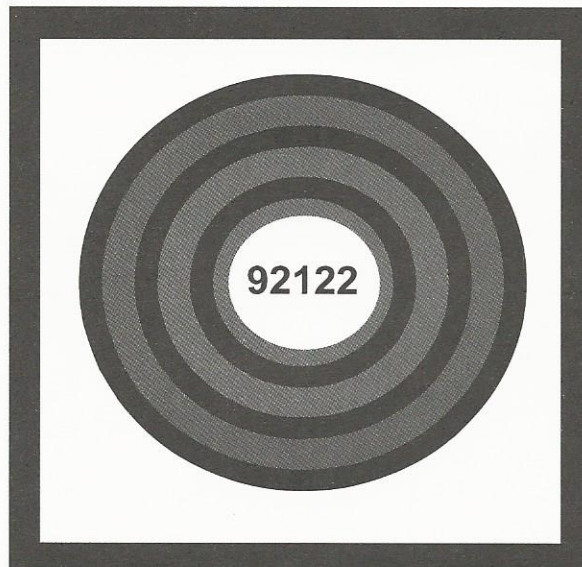
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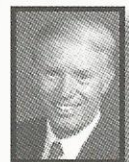
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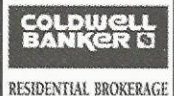


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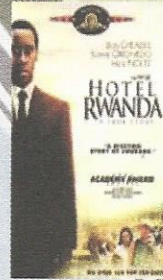
### The Full Monty

SEP 9 7:30 PM R (1997)  
Six unemployed steel workers, inspired by the Chippendale's dancers, form a male striptease act. The women cheer them on to go for "the full monty" 95 MIN



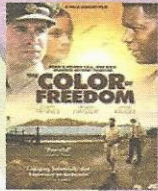
### Hotel Rwanda

MAR 10 7:30 PM PG-13 (2004)  
Amid the holocaust of tribal fighting in Rwanda that sees the butchering of thousands of men, women and children, one ordinary man musters the courage to save these helpless refugees by sheltering them in the hotel he manages. 122 MIN



### The Color of Freedom

OCT 14 7:30 PM R (2008)  
White prison guard James Gregory's life is profoundly altered when he meets the prisoner Nelson Mandela, whom he ends up guarding for more than twenty years. 115 MIN



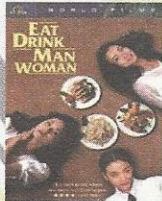
### Monsoon Wedding

APRIL 14 7:30 PM R (2001)  
As the monsoon rains loom Lalit Ver and his extended family reunite for the last-minute arranged marriage of his daughter Aidiiti in New Delhi. But long-guarded secrets threaten to tear the family apart. 114 MIN



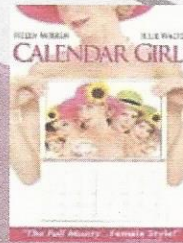
### Eat Drink Man Woman

NOV 18 7:30 PM NR (1999)  
Distracted by their complicated love lives and secret ambitions, three adult sisters reluctantly humor their widower father by enduring the elaborate, traditional Taiwanese dinners he insists on having every Sunday. 124 MIN



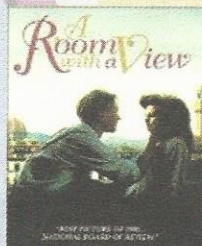
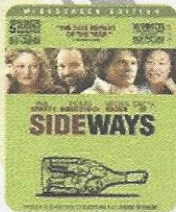
### Calendar Girls

MAY 12 7:30 PM PG-13 (2003)  
The Rylstone Women's Institute of North Yorkshire members are resilient, resourceful and refined. They're also about to shock the residents of this little English town when the group decides to put out their yearly calendar to raise money for the local cancer center. 108 MIN



### Sideways

JAN 13 7:30 PM R (2004)  
Two men go on an excursion and end up inducing midlife crises in this comedy-drama. Miles convinces friend Jack to enjoy his last days of bachelorhood with a wine country road trip. 124 MIN



### A Room With A View

FEB 10 7:30 PM NR (1985)  
While on a grand holiday, a young woman experiences self-discovery, independence and love. 86 MIN

