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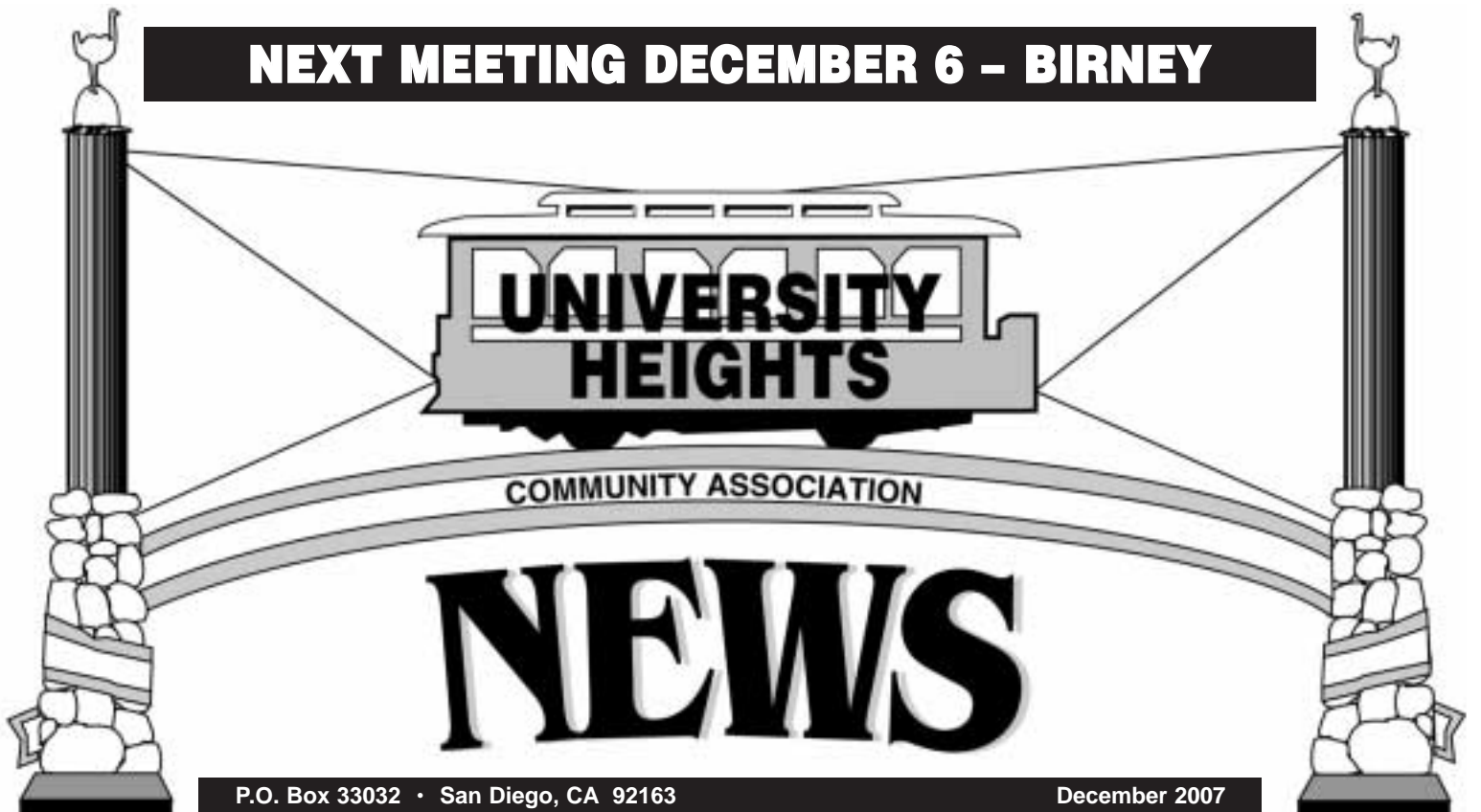
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December 2007

**UHCA MONTHLY MEETING - THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2007**

Break out your baking sheets and cake pans, dust off your candy molds and crank up the mixer, it's time for the University Heights Community Association's annual dessert potluck!

At our Thursday December 6th meeting it's all about the food. We'll have the Crime Watch meeting at 6:30 pm, then it's time to sample the goodies. Bring your favorite dessert to share and sample what your neighbors have cooked up.

If you picked a gift ornament from the tree at our November meeting, remember to bring your wrapped gift, with the ornament attached. We'll collect them and let Birney Academy distribute them to the designated families. We'll also be debuting our newly designed UH t-shirts so bring your checkbook; they are a great addition to your wardrobe and make excellent gifts.

- 6:30 - 7:00 pm - Crime Watch Meeting
- 7:00 pm - UHCA Dessert Potluck

The UHCA will meet at the Birney Academy Auditorium located at 4345 Campus Avenue. Parking is available in the lot just south of the school. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Lights in the Heights*  
 The Lights in the Heights annual contest will be judged the evening of Sunday, December 16th. Light up, UH! Contest winners will be announced in the January issue of the UH News.

**HERE YE! HEAR YE! NEW T-SHIRTS FOR UHCA**

A reissue of one of our most popular t-shirts from a few years ago will be available at our Thursday, December 6th Dessert Pot Luck Holiday Meeting and UHCA's Caroling in the Heights on Thursday, December 13th. You are going to love the neon trolley design: \$15 for short sleeve & \$20 for long sleeve. Be sure to bring your checkbook for this one!

*Come and help the UHCA decorate the Vermont Street Bridge - 9 am, Saturday, Dec. 8th. See you there!*

*Caroling in the Heights!*

Caroling in the Heights featuring the music of *The Full Measure Carolers* on Thursday, December 13th:

**6 pm - Vermont Street Bridge**  
(south end/University Heights)

**6:30 pm - Mission Avenue Islands**  
(at Alabama Street /Mystic Mocha)

**7 pm - 'The Point'**  
(at Rhode Island & Golden Gate Sts.)



Treats and beverages will be available from Mystic Mocha and from Twiggs! Caroling is sponsored by the UHCA.

**PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY**

by Marcia Sorini and Marie Long

Marie Long, Vice President of UHCA, was invited to be "Principal for a Day" at Birney Academy. This is a district-wide activity, sponsored by Merrill Lynch, that allows community and business members the opportunity to "see just what is going on" in our SD Unified School District for a day. Afterwards, participants from more than 140 schools met for lunch to share their experiences.

Early in the day, Marie was met by Principal Amanda Hammond-Williams, and then introduced to members of the staff. They have been most appreciative of UHCA efforts to intervene when it was suggested that a Truancy Center be built near Birney School. Plans for the Truancy site has since been

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**UH LIVING LEGENDS TOM & POLLY SWIFT** by Sheila Moss

Tom Swift was born in Mercy Hospital in San Diego in 1921. He has lived most of his life in UH, and attended Jefferson Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High, and SD High Schools. Tom went to work for Convair after graduation, then worked at Ryan Aeronautical where he met Polly Mussman in 1944. Polly grew up in Hondo, Texas, the sixth child of ten. After graduation from high school, she and two girlfriends decided to come

to San Diego to find work in the aircraft industry. She is still a loyal Texan but has never had a desire to return to Texas.

Soon after they were married, Tom entered the Navy, and they moved to Patuxent River, Maryland, for 2 years. As soon as his duty was complete they

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*Season's Greetings*



University Heights Community Association  
NEWS

**THE OSTRICH STORY**

University Heights, one of the oldest districts in San Diego, is a historic community. Mission Cliff Gardens, San Diego's premiere park during the early part of the 20th century was situated at the intersection of Park Boulevard and Adams Avenue in University Heights. Its Trolley Barn was the destination of San Diego's first trolley line.

Adjacent to Mission Cliff Gardens was the Harvey Bentley Ostrich Farm. In the early 1900's the ostrich farm became prominent due to the immense demand for lady's ostrich-feather hats and garments. The farm was a popular attraction for park visitors who were allowed to ride on the backs of the great birds.

The ostrich is brought back, on these pages, as a reminder of the color and character of our community's proud heritage. The Trolley Barn Park is a beautiful achievement due to the University Heights Community Association. Capturing the style of the original Mission Cliff Gardens, the park was awarded the prestigious AIA Orchid award in 1992.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER** by Greg Sorini

It's Holiday Season! As everyone always remarks, it seems to come earlier and earlier every year. The jack-o-lantern candles are barely cool, and we haven't even started thinking about the Thanksgiving turkey before the Christmas commercials start revving up their engines for the mad dash to the end of the consumer year. But that's ok, it's a festive time of year and there's excitement in the air as people get ready for and enjoy their own holiday traditions. It's also a time of year when crimes increase. Be aware of what's going on in your neighborhood and don't be afraid to call the Police Non-Emergency number at (619) 531-2000 if you see something suspicious.

The other night we were walking our dogs and saw some suspicious characters park in a cul-de-sac and walk down into the canyon. We called the non-emergency number and within 5 minutes the Police helicopter and 2 squad cars were on the scene...it's worth calling!

Here are some tips to help avoid being a crime victim at this time of year:

**When Holiday shopping:**

- Don't park in unlit areas at night.
- Put your shopping bags in your trunk. Don't try to cover items on your seats with a blanket.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash with you, or else, keep it in your front pocket not in your purse or wallet.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

**At home:**

- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Leave a light on when you leave your home at night or put lights (including Christmas lights) on a timer.
- Make sure your holiday gifts are not visible through the windows and doors of your home.
- Never say you are away from home on the outgoing message on your answering machine or voice mail.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa or whichever holiday you celebrate this month.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT** by Lisa Jordan, Secretary  
**MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2007, UHCA MEETING**

**Crime Watch – 6:30 pm - 7 pm** Nan McGraw opened the crime watch meeting.

Nan indicated that the bar noise around Park Boulevard and Adams Avenue has subsided somewhat. There were two incidences of kids on bicycles throwing bottles into the street around midnight. If there are any problems in this area, please contact April Chesboro of Toni Atkins' office at (619) 236-6633. Almost the entire southwest block of Pascoe Street has homes in foreclosure. Please keep an eye out for homeless people trying to gain entry. Homeless loitering in the UH Library has become somewhat of a problem. They are now beginning to agitate patrons. There may be a potential drug house on Proctor Place and the 1900 block of Mission. The Welcome Inn may have eliminated their full time security guard and put in a part time one. April Chesboro of Toni Atkins' office is looking into this matter.

**UHCA Meeting – 7 pm - 8:15 pm** Greg Sorini, President, opened the meeting.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

- **Bridge View Apartments** No one is sure when the apartments will be ready to rent, but they have begun showing the units.

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Visit University Heights on the web at [www.uhsd.org](http://www.uhsd.org) or [www.neighborhoodlink.org](http://www.neighborhoodlink.org)!

**MEMBERSHIP/TEAM SIGN-UP**

Support your UH Community Association! Clip and return to: **UHCA P.O. Box 33032, San Diego, CA 92163**

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**Become Part of The Team!** The success of the UH Community Association has been largely dependent upon the volunteer efforts of area residents. If you would like to volunteer your time as a team member of any of the following special interest areas, please sign up below:

- Blockwalker Team** (*Help to prepare & deliver this newspaper to homes on your block*)
- Neighborhood/Zone Watch Team** (*Join neighbors to help keep our community safe*)
- Historic Team** (*Help to research and preserve UH's history*)
- UH Park & Rec Council** (*Participate in overseeing UH's recreational facilities*)



## OLIVER LAKE ORGAN QUARTET TO PERFORM AT ATHENAEUM'S STUDIO

The Athenaeum is proud to present the San Diego debut of renowned alto saxophonist Oliver Lake's Organ Quartet, featuring Jared Gold on organ, Duane Eubanks on trumpet, and Johnathan Blake on drums.

Best known as one of the founding members of the critically-acclaimed World Saxophone Quartet and for his work with Andrew Cyrille and Reggie Workman in Trio 3, Oliver Lake has been called "one of the most compelling alto saxophonists on the scene today ... He wields his voltage-spiking vernacular with more authority than ever ... Lake burns with the combination of skill, swagger, and sensitivity that characterizes his generation of top-rank jazz musicians" (*JazzTimes*). Of the organ quartet, Lake's latest project, the *New Jersey Star-Ledger* wrote, "Lake stood and delivered hearty, hard-cooking stuff, the kind that makes your feet tap and your fingers snap ... Lake worked with a searing, direct sound - going from bluesy, rhythmically punched ideas and longer, colorful strands to streams of smeared notes and high, split-tone screeches... Lake's in-the-rhythmic-pocket cries, his powerful held tones, and his plain down-home thoughts showed he was a first-rate funkmeister."



Oliver Lake

WHERE: Athenaeum Music & Arts Library School of the Arts Studio  
4441 Park Blvd., San Diego (University Heights area)

WHEN: Saturday, December 8, 2007 8:00pm

ADMISSION: \$24 (\$19 for members) TICKETS: (858) 454-5872

The Athenaeum Music & Arts Library School of the Arts studio is the site of a variety of studio art classes, & jazz concerts presented here 3 times a year.

## HARVEY FIERSTEIN'S 'TORCH SONG TRILOGY' AT DIVERSIONARY THEATRE

Diversionary Theatre presents Harvey Fierstein's Torch Song Trilogy as the third show of its 2007-2008 season. The play runs through December 16th. Torch Song Trilogy premiered on Broadway in June 1982, and went on to

win the Tony Award for best play for that season, and a Tony Award for Best Actor for Mr. Fierstein. The play is hailed as a classic comedy and a reflection of the importance of family and love.

Diversionary's production is directed by Tim Irving. It features Matthew Weeden as Arnold Beckoff, along with Jill Drexler, Sidney Franklin, Barron Henzel, Amanda Sitton and Tom Zohar.

Call the Box Office at (619) 220-0097 for dates, times and ticket information.

Diversionary Theatre is located at 4545 Park Boulevard.



Matthew Weeden preparing for his role as Virginia Hamm.

PHOTO: Diversionary Theatre

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moved back to San Diego. They had two daughters, Anna Marie and Sharon Lou, and became very active in youth activities. Polly was president of the PTA at Alice Birney Elementary School, and Tom helped with the lighting for the annual carnival. Polly was a Girl Scout leader and parent advisor when their daughter Sharon was Honored Queen in Job's Daughters.

In 1940 Tom became interested in midget car racing. He had two cars that were pulled on a double decked trailer to races in San Diego, Sacramento, Phoenix and Tucson. He sold the cars in 1956. Tom and Polly have been active in the Southwestern Yacht Club since 1964. Their boat is called the Ana-pol-lou 5. He currently serves on the history committee at the club. They also belong to the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron, which is an organization that teaches boating skills. Tom still gets together with members of the graduating class of 1940 from San Diego High School.

In 1962, Tom was burned over 60 percent of his body and was in the hospital for nine months. Their daughter Anna decided to become a candy stripper at Bay View Hospital. This experience encouraged her to become an RN.MSN.WOCN. She and Polly are quilters and have been making quilts for premature babies born at Kaiser Hospital.

Tom and Polly have lived on Harvey Road since 1948. They moved into one of five homes built by the same contractor with similar floor plans. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson all enjoy living in San Diego and being active in their communities.

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Before heading down to the valley to shop for the holidays, take some time to look around our own neighborhood for gift and service sources. This is just a sampling of what's here in University Heights:

For gifts, try **Rocky's Antiques** right by the University Heights street sign, **Eye of Buddha** on the corner of Park and El Cajon Blvds., **Journey East** at Park & Howard, **Mueller's**, and the **UH Library Book Sale** on December 15th. The **Frank the Train Man** shop on Park Boulevard is practically a UH institution, and what child wouldn't be

thrilled to see a new train set circling the tree on Christmas morning!

There are two vintage clothing shops – **The Neighbourhood** on Monroe in back of **Cream**, and **Frock You** on Park near **Henry's**.

If you're hosting a holiday party, check with your favorite UH restaurant, café or deli to see if there are catering services available. They may also have gift certificates. Of course there's **Twiggs** for desserts, and they and **Mystic Mocha** sell special coffees by the bag. And there's **Man Friday** – Keith at your service for special events. Don't forget fresh flowers from **Florabella**.

For your new holiday hairdo, **Walter Todd, Shearz**, the **Barber of Seville** & the many other local salons have talented hair and nail stylists. Some of the salons have jewelry and other goodies too.

Our community groups offer special items that make good gifts – the UHCA will have the new UH Street Sign T-shirts available at the December 6th meeting, and the **UH Historical Society** has the *UH Walking Tour Guide* at the UHCDC office located at 4452 Park Boulevard. The UHCDC also has the new library design t-shirts & tote bags for sale at the UHCDC office.

Enjoy a holiday meal or snack at one of our terrific

restaurants. Buy tickets for a friend at **Diversionary Theatre** for one of their excellent shows.

These are just a few ideas! Just walk around the neighborhood and you'll find many, many more.

Support your local community – shop University Heights for the holidays!

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION: REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE & E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Residents who live in San Diego County, which includes all 18 cities and the unincorporated areas of the County, are encouraged to register their cell phones and e-mail addresses for emergency notifications by visiting <http://www.alert-sandiego.org>.

Once e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers are registered, it will take up to 24 hours for that information to be updated into Alert-SanDiego, the County of San Diego mass notification system that is commonly referred to as Reverse 911.

AlertSanDiego will provide emergency alerts to your cell phone and e-mail address including evacuation notices. This is in addition to the land line calls received by those who have land line phones.

Residents are able to register

multiple cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses by reopening the Web page. Residents without computers may access this Web site from one of the County libraries. There is no charge to use the computers at County libraries.

If a City resident has registered a cell phone number with the City of San Diego Reverse 911 system that information is automatically shared with the County cell phone registry. To register an e-mail address computer users must register with the County system.

Please note that while the County Mass Notification System is considered effective and efficient, you should not wait for or rely exclusively on a call for evacuation directives. If you think you are in danger, you should evacuate immediately. If you are directed to evacuate by emergency personnel, you should follow their direction.



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focused on a site in Mission Valley. Birney Academy has the distinction of being an International Baccalaureate School (IB), along with Roosevelt Middle School and San Diego High School, all which run along Park Blvd. The International Baccalaureate program has often been referred to as a private school education in a public school setting. Birney is also part of a small group of magnet schools which were recently awarded a large grant to enhance their programs. Marie was able to see that the school is a well organized academic and social environment. The students were working on various projects. She toured the Spanish Language class, which all students participate in as part of the IB learning. She also saw the students learning modern dance steps in the dance class.

Marie enjoyed the friendliness and professionalism of all staff members. The small neighborhood feel of the school was welcoming and she felt that she belonged there. She had a chance to do yard duty with the principal during lunch and she noticed that all of the children were very polite. She observed Amanda speaking with a student who was having some "peer issues" and saw how she helped the child resolve the problem.

Amanda Hammond-Williams and her staff have taken Birney from a low performing, under achieving school to one that is highly improved academically. The IB approach is one that will help transform our local students into global citizens. Neighborhood parents are always welcome

to visit the school. Birney School has a partial day preschool for three to five year olds. This preschool features a credentialed teacher and aides and the children have a classroom and play area separate from the rest of the school. There is also a 6 to 6 program that provides parents with a safe place for their children to be supervised before and after school. With so many new young families in the neighborhood this will surely become the hub for an outstanding education.

The school is looking forward to the completion of the mixed use playing field in the Fall of 2008. Many long time residents in the neighborhood have spoken fondly of either going to Birney as a child or playing baseball on the field. Many thanks to the UH Park and Rec Council for their persistent efforts in making sure the joint-use field proposal becomes a reality.

The UH Art Association recently used the playground space for the 2nd Annual Art Show. Many students and faculty were on hand for the festivities. Birney graciously allows UHCA to use the multi-purpose room for monthly meetings.

Marie would like to thank Amanda for the opportunity to spend the day at Birney Academy. She is very appreciative of the tremendous job Amanda and her staff have done and the huge responsibility they have assumed in making Birney the best it can be. (Pun intended, as they are the Birney Bees!) Birney Academy and UHCA look forward to a continuing partnership as our community grows and changes.

**UH PET OF THE MONTH**

To have your animal companion be Pet of the Month, send a brief description and photo to the *University Heights News Pet of the Month*, P.O. Box 33032, San Diego, 92163. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you'd like to have your photo returned.



**METROPOLITAN OSTEOPOROSIS SUPPORT GROUP** for men & women, meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am -11:30 am at the Joyce Beers Community Center in the Uptown / Ralph's Shopping Center.

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**THOMAS NELSON**

*In the November News, neighbor Thomas Nelson described the saga of the abandoned house and torn-up sidewalk on University Heights' Panorama Drive. Tom took on the sidewalk issue, becoming the local "Horatio Nelson" doing the battle not of Waterloo but Sidewalkloo – challenging the City (our Napoleon) to pave the dirt walkway with cement, and winning. We salute Tom for his perseverance and determination in the face of obstacles, traits University Heightsers admire. Tom's a hero that deserves a "cannon" of plumes in recognition of doing his best for the community in that lovely historic enclave known as Villa View Terrace where Panorama Drive is located.*



*Pictured: Panorama Drive sidewalk – before & after*

PHOTO: Thomas Nelson

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DECEMBER 8 Mass – 8 am

*Day of Recollection and Communal Penance*

DECEMBER 15

Mass – 8 am followed by talks and conferences at the Parish Hall

Communal Penance Service – 12 noon at St John's Church—lunch will be served afterwards.

*Anointing Mass*

DECEMBER 22 – 8 am

*Christmas Vigil Mass*

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Vigil Mass – 9 pm • Traditional Latin Mass – Midnight

*Christmas Day Masses*

DECEMBER 25 – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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this project in December along with removing trash from the canyon hillsides. You never know what you are going to find. Two months ago, I found and with the city park ranger's approval, took home a very nice canvas beach chair which I picked up amongst the laurel sumac shrubs down the canyon slope. Please take an hour with us on December 1st to enjoy helping keep our neighborhood open space clean.

Please call or email Terry Weiner at (619) 543-0757 or terryweiner@sbcglobal.net. *Happy Holidays.*

**TREASURES TO BE HAD AT MONTHLY BOOK SALE**

While gift shopping this holiday season, consider stopping in at the monthly book sale at the UH Library on Saturday, December 15th. This is a favorite hangout for local readers who regularly find treasures at the sales. Recent best sellers are on the shelves, along with many classics. Mysteries, biographies, cookbooks, and books on travel are part of the large selection. There are also many children's books at very reasonable prices. Record albums (yes, vinyl), CDs, and videos are there too. And paperbacks are great for filling Christmas stockings.

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much of the holiday season, as follows: Tuesday, December 25, 2007 – January 1, 2008. On Wednesday, January 2, 2008 the regular schedule resumes.

The Mission Valley branch (2123 Fenton Parkway, next to Ikea) will be open from December 26th to December 31st. Call (858) 573-5007 for hours and directions.

Book drops will be open at all branches during the holiday season.

**FRIENDS OF UH LIBRARY**

The Friends of the University Heights Library will meet on Saturday, December 1st, 10 am, in the downstairs room of the UH branch, at the corner of Park Boulevard and Howard Street.

The University Heights Friends' ongoing agenda includes improving the landscaping at the front and side of the building. Plans and

ideas for new and different plants are discussed at the monthly meetings. Another discussion item is upgrading the book sale area.

UH Librarian Vy Tu is currently on medical leave after successful surgery in November. The Friends send Vy get well wishes and are looking forward to seeing her back at the branch in January.

The UH Friends continue to advocate for our local branch library. They also are working with the UH Library Task Force in its quest for a larger facility.

The holiday season is a great time to give yourself and our library a gift – become a UH Friend!

**UH BOOK CLUB & SALON**

The members of the UH Book Club & Salon will not be meeting in December. They'll be celebrating the season, and sitting by the fire sipping hot cocoa, with marshmallows, and reading a new book.

UH Book Club meetings will resume in January 2008. Check the *News*, or the UH Library, for the date and the title of the first reading selection of the new year.

**UH LIBRARY TASK FORCE**

The UH Library Task Force did not meet in November in-as-much as there appears to be an impasse

with the SD Unified School Board and their plans for the future of the California Normal School/ University Heights Library building. Until a new Superintendent is chosen for the School district, there appears to be little that can be accomplished other than the gathering of petition signatures for presentation to that new School District Leader. Please keep gathering signatures and watching for a new Superintendent's selection. It is likely that there will be no meeting in December either. *Happy Holidays to all. –Ron Johnston, UH Library Task Force Chair*

**IN CASE continued from page 2**

• **Membership Drive** UHCA has decided to put membership cards into the newsletter to try and get more membership.

• **Christmas Tree** Members chose an ornament from the Christmas Tree. The ornament had a child's age and an item that that child is in need of. That member will purchase what the child needs and bring the item wrapped to the December 2007 meeting. All of the children attend Birney.

• **Dessert Potluck** will be the agenda for the December 2007 meeting.

**POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES**

• **April Chesboro from Toni Atkins' office** circulated a crosswalk memo which indicated all of the streets in University Heights that need crosswalks



in order to improve safety in the community. April indicated that this year's Winter Homeless Shelter will be the park in Petco Park.

• **Todd Gloria from Susan Davis' office** indicated that Susan has sponsored a bill which would allow reservists and members of the National Guard that have student loans a 13- month deferment rather than the current 6-month deferment.

**THE MEETING'S PROGRAM**

**Mary Wright – City of San Diego Planning Department** The City of San Diego will be rewriting the current community plans for all of San Diego's neighborhoods. The funding has been approved. Mary discussed the process of how a community plan is written and how to get involved in making your voice heard prior to them writing the plan. UHCA will keep all of the community informed of any forums or meetings that the City will host in regard to this matter. Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p>Mail calendar happenings to <a href="mailto:uhnewsed@yahoo.com">uhnewsed@yahoo.com</a> or:</p> <p><b>UH News</b><br/>P.O. Box 33032<br/>San Diego, CA 92163</p> <p>All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.</p> |  |  |   |  | <p><b>PLEASE NOTE</b><br/><i>Curbside Recycling Dates this Month:</i><br/>Thursday, December 13th,<br/>Thursday, December 28th</p> | <p><b>1</b><br/>Friends of the UH Library<br/>10 am</p>         |
| <p><b>2</b><br/></p>  | <p><b>3</b></p>                        | <p><b>4</b><br/>Uptown Planners<br/>6 pm<br/>Joyce Beers in Uptown</p> | <p><b>5</b><br/>UHDC Meeting<br/>6:30 pm<br/>4452 Park Boulevard<br/>Suite 104<br/><b>HANUKKAH BEGINS</b></p> | <p><b>6</b><br/>UH Park &amp; Rec Council Mtg. 5:30 pm<br/>Crime Watch 6:30 pm<br/><i>Dessert Pot Luck</i><br/>7 pm (see agenda on page 1)</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/><br/>December Nights<br/>Pearl Harbor Day</p>  | <p><b>8</b><br/><br/>December Nights<br/>Decorate VSB! 9 am</p> |
| <p><b>9</b></p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/>UH News DEADLINE!</p> | <p><b>11</b><br/>Street Sweeping</p>                                   | <p><b>12</b><br/>NO UH Library Task Force Meeting<br/><br/><b>HANUKKAH ENDS</b></p>                           | <p><b>13</b><br/><i>Caroling in the Heights!</i><br/>(see article on page 1)<br/>Curbside Recycling</p>  | <p><b>14</b></p>   | <p><b>15</b><br/>UH Library Book Sale<br/>8 am - 3 pm</p>       |
| <p><b>16</b><br/><i>Lights in the Heights</i><br/>Judging takes place<br/>(see article on page 1)</p>   | <p><b>17</b></p>                       | <p><b>18</b><br/>NO North Park Planning Committee</p>                  | <p><b>19</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b></p>   | <p><b>21</b></p>   | <p><b>22</b><br/>First Day of Winter</p>                        |
| <p><b>23</b></p>  | <p><b>24</b></p>                       | <p><b>25</b><br/><br/><b>CHRISTMAS</b></p>                             | <p><b>26</b><br/>NO UH Book Club &amp; Salon<br/><br/><b>KWANZAA BEGINS</b><br/>Street Sweeping</p>           | <p><b>27</b></p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>Curbside Recycling</p>  | <p><b>29</b></p>  |
| <p><b>30</b></p>  | <p><b>31</b><br/>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>    |  |   |  |  |   |

**TWO SHOWS AT AcousticMusicSanDiego.com BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS**

by Michael A. Johnston

This month before the holiday break, AcousticMusicSanDiego.com will present a pair of concerts that will help put into a good mood for the end of the year.

Hailing from Chicago, but living in New York, singer-songwriter **Lucy Kaplansky** was absorbed into the New York folk scene that included such luminaries as Suzanne Vega, John Gorksy, and frequent singing partner Shawn Colvin. Just as it looked as if Kaplansky was going to be signed, she walked away to get her psychology degree. But with increased pressure from her folkie friends, she has reentered the music industry and is now getting the recognition that was always deserved. Her concert on December 1st truly starts the month off right with Kaplansky's AMSD debut. Her mixture of alt-country, folk and jazz is truly a unique sound. Tickets are \$15-\$20, with a \$45 dinner package also available.

On December 15th, the final show of the season truly will prove to be one of the best. Returning favorite **Geoff Muldaur** will be reuniting with his old boss and partner, the legendary **Jim Kweskin**. This is the

first time these two have shared a stage in many, many years. Geoff and his wife Maria, along with Richard Greene were in The Jim Kweskin Jug Band in the mid-60's and were contemporaries of The Lovin' Spoonful, among others. While Muldaur went on to cult fame, and Maria became a star, Jim Kweskin kind of vanished. Now see a truly once-in-a-lifetime reunion that hopefully will not be the last. Tickets are \$20 for regular tickets and \$45 for the dinner package.

Both concerts will be at 7:30 pm at 4650 Mansfield. To purchase tickets, visit their website at [www.acousticmusicsandiego.com](http://www.acousticmusicsandiego.com), or call (619) 303-8176.

**EVENTS AT THE SD MUSEUM OF ART**

The Jazz In The Park concert series concludes for the year with a performance by local favorite jazz musicians pianist Bill Cunliffe, guitarist Larry Koonse, bassist Tom Warrington, trumpeter Clay Jenkins and drummer Joe LaBarbera in "Snowfall: The Music Of December".

Come hear winter inspired and Christmas music done in a jazz style. Tickets are \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. The performance will be December 5th at 5:30 pm at the James S. Copley Auditorium.

Saturday, December 1st will present a performance by Paper Theater with "Saturday Stories: Cinderella and More: Paper Theater". Families are invited to join in this 200 year old art form of storytelling by acting in plays and helping with sound effects. The performance is free with museum admission, and begins at 10:30 am in the Hibben Gallery.

**44th NORTH PARK TOYLAND PARADE - DECEMBER 8th**

The 44th Annual North Park Toyland Parade will be held December 8th starting at 11 am. See floats, bands, and a grand marshal walk & ride down University Avenue to 32nd Street. This is one of San Diego's, if not the west coast's biggest parades.

**'JINGLE ALL THE WAY' CHRISTMAS SHOW**

*Seasons Greetings!* The San Diego Chorus invites you to our Christmas Show! Enjoy the performance with a delicious buffet of fruits and cakes, coffee and tea in a cabaret setting. No host bar included. Join us for a perfect evening of Holiday entertainment which will set the mood for the entire season. Partial proceeds benefit the San Diego Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.

*Jingle All the Way* will be presented on Tuesday December 11th at 7:30 pm at the Scottish Rite Temple located at

1895 Camino del Rio S. in Mission Valley. Tickets are \$25. Please call (619) 622-8522 for tickets and info.

**'GAMERS' - A NEW PLAY IN SAN DIEGO**

Tech-support operator Steve Jaros is overqualified, underpaid, and dealing with vacuous customers, annoying co-workers, and his Medusa-like boss. Little do they know Steve is destined to save an entire kingdom from an army of bloodthirsty elves in an online role-playing game!

This is the plot of *Gamers*, a play co-written in by San Diego by Brian Brielawski and Walter G. Meyer. The San Diego performance of *Gamers* can be seen at Lestat's West, located at 3341 Adams Ave., in Normal Hts.

Dates and times for *Gamers* are Tuesday, December 4th at 7 pm, Saturday and Sunday December 8th and 9th at 5 pm, and Tuesday December 11th at 7 pm.



'Gamers' co-author Brian Brielawski

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**'DECK THE PALMS' - SANTA'S ARRIVAL AT SEAPORT VILLAGE - SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd, 11 am**

Celebrate the holidays San Diego style at the 2nd annual *Deck the Palms*. Visit Seaport Village for a warm-weather wonderland featuring the Fruitcake Chuck-n-Hurl, photos with Santa on his surfboard and creatively decorated palms. Get there by noon to see Santa arrive with a splash.

**DECEMBER NIGHTS RETURNS DEC. 7th & 8th**

December Nights, (the former Christmas On The Prado), will be held in Balboa Park on the nights of Friday 7th & 8th from 5 pm - 10 pm on the 7th and from noon - 10 pm on the 8th. This year's sponsor is Barona Casino. As with years past, all of the museums will be open for free in Balboa Park. Also, will be the Lucia Festival sponsored by the Museum of Man, with lots of crafts and good food from many nations.



**BALBOA PARK TO LAUNCH NEW E-NEWSLETTER**

The House of Hospitality Association in Balboa Park will be launching a new quarterly e-newsletter in January 2008, thanks to a grant from the SD Foundation. The organization continues to promote Balboa Park through its popular Balboa Park Visitors Center (attracting over 500,000 visitors last year - second in visitor attendance to the San Diego Zoo); its 200-page *Discover Balboa Park: A Complete Guide to America's Greatest Urban Parks* information guide; and rack advertising in communities outside of SD County.

The Association also hosts the [www.balboapark.org](http://www.balboapark.org) website, which provides information about park cultural institutions, special events and historical information.

If you are interested in subscribing to the new Balboa Park e-newsletter, click onto [www.balboapark.org](http://www.balboapark.org) and input your e-mail address at the bottom of the homepage.

-The Toni Times, November 2007

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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

You are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, December 6th, 6 pm to 8 pm to be held at Garfield Elementary School, 4487 Oregon Street (North Park) in the Teacher's Lounge.

Movers and shakers living between Texas and 805 are mobilizing to improve their neighborhood. Topics to be discussed are: crime, graffiti, neighborhood identity, City resources for crime reporting and prevention, City services for the community, developing action plans to address concerns, events to im-

prove the community and instill community pride. For more information contact Robert: (619) 806-9536 or lucy.robert@sbcglobal.net.

**SAN DIEGO CHORUS KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS SEASON 2007**

Women singers interested in singing the songs of the season are invited to visit The San Diego Chorus as we prepare for three gala performances: **December Nights** December 7th & 8th - Balboa Park Organ Pavilion, and **Jingle All the Way Christmas Show** Tuesday December 11th, 7 pm - Scottish Rite Temple.

The San Diego Chorus is a women's a cappella chorus singing 4-part harmony (barbershop style) and dedicated to local entertainment and international competition. With a highly trained and talented membership of 100 women, the chorus has a 53-year history in San Diego and has been marked by more awards, medals and prizes than any local sports team. The San Diego Chorus can accommodate your special needs with our full chorus, mini-chorus, double quartet or quartet offering an exciting repertoire of songs complete with costumes, stage makeup and choreography.

The San Diego Chorus always

welcomes guests to visit us during our rehearsals. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Our rehearsals are held at the Casa Del Prado, Room 207, in beautiful Balboa Park located in downtown San Diego. We look forward to seeing you!



The San Diego Chorus

**CITY BALLET'S NUTCRACKER RETURNS FOR TWO WEEKENDS**

City Ballet of San Diego's award-winning production of the classic holiday ballet "The Nutcracker" returns this year for two weekends of performances, December 7th-9th and December 14th-16th, at the beautifully refurbished Spreckels Theatre, 121 Broadway.

Directors Steven and Elizabeth Wistrich have created a lavish production with their company of professional dancers. Fashioned after the original Russian version, the ballet is dazzling, with virtuoso dancing complemented by opulent sets and costumes.

Children's roles are performed by talented young dancers from the

City Ballet School. The City Ballet Orchestra, under the baton of John Nettles, performs Tchaikovsky's brilliant score.

Performances are Friday, December 7th at 7:30 pm; Saturday, December 8th at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, December 9th at 2 pm; Friday, December 14th at 7:30 pm; Saturday, December 15th at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, December 16th at 2 pm.

Come early to hear a holiday chorus sing carols in the theater lobby. The Bristol Hotel is hosting Lunch with Sugar Plum Fairy and her Friends prior to both Saturday matinees.

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