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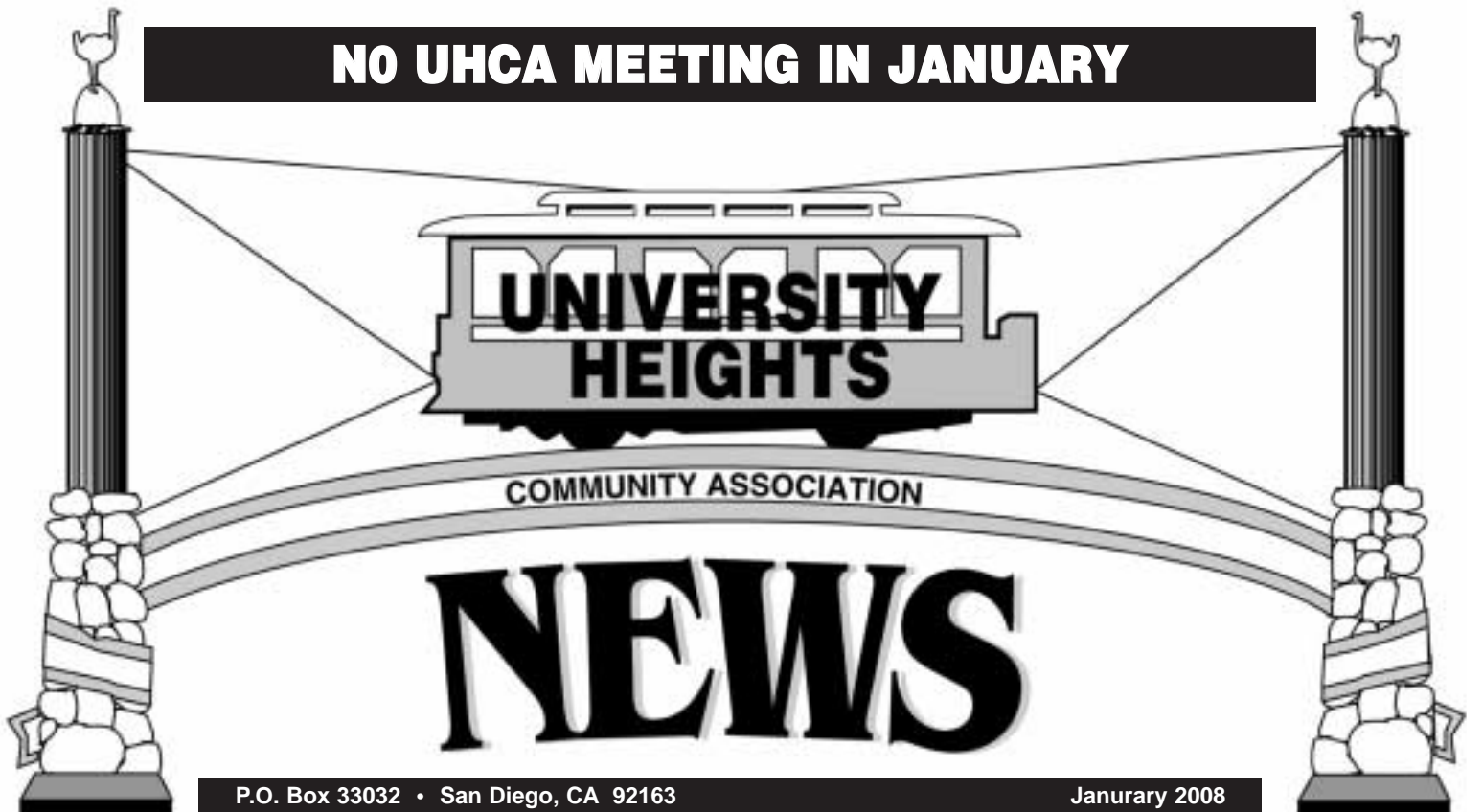
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HAPPY NEW YEAR UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS!

There will be no Crime Watch or UHCA meetings in January. UHCA is planning new programs to interest and inform the UH community. If you have a suggestion for an upcoming program, please send it to Greg Sorini at gsuha@att.net. We look forward to seeing you at the February 2008 meetings!

UPTOWN PLANNERS MOVES TO EXTEND PLANNING BOUNDARIES TO TEXAS STREET

by Beth Jaworski

Uptown Planners, the board of community members whose function it is to formally advise the city on local planning issues, passed a motion to extend the Uptown planning area to the alley east of Texas Street. Current-

ly, University Heights (UH) is split between Uptown Planners and the Greater North Park (GNP) Planning Group. The current boundary bisects the UH business district by running down the middle of Park Boulevard.

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SD CITY HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Please remember: Trolley Barn Park is NOT a Christmas recycling drop-off or dump site!

Recycling Christmas Trees extends the life of the Miramar Landfill and provides free mulch and compost for City residents' gardens & landscaping.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Dept. will host the 34th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program beginning December 26th and running through January 23, 2008. This year's program will offer 16 drop-off locations available to City residents only – as well as curbside pick-up for those customers with curbside yard waste collection. For UH residents, the nearest drop-off site is the Golden Hill Rec Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive. "Recycling Christmas trees is an important way for San Diegans to help the environment and extend the life of the Miramar Landfill," said Elmer L. Heap Jr., director of the Environmental Services Dept.



"Historically, yard clippings and other organic materials, such as Christmas trees have made up over 20% of the material buried in the landfill. By recycling Christmas trees, residents help reduce the amount of material in the landfill and give holiday

trees a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips."

Before December 26th, San Diegans can recycle Christmas trees seven days a week at the Miramar Greenery located at the Miramar Landfill.

Beginning December 26th and continuing through January 23rd, 2008, residents can drop off clean trees during daylight hours at any of the 16 drop-off locations listed on page 2 of the UH News.

Trees from commercial tree lots or fundraising projects will not be accepted at the drop-off locations. Instead, these trees can be dropped off free of charge at the Miramar Greenery. Trees should be dropped off during daylight hours. Before depositing trees, tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed. Please do not illegally dump other items at drop-off locations.

In addition to clean trees, flocked trees (fake snow) are also accepted. All trees will be recycled into high quality mulch and compost, which is available throughout the year to city residents for free if self-loaded at the Miramar Greenery.

Residents who currently receive curbside recycling *continued on page 4 / DROP-OFFS on page 2*

Lights in the Heights

CONTEST WINNER – 818 Madison Ave.

Brian Lexmond and Greg Holzschuher are the winners of the Lights in the Heights contest this year. Their home took the cake! Every year it gets better and better. Thank you Brian and Greg from the whole community and UHCA!

MONICA'S AT THE PARK

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Monica's at the Park joined the UH community in October '07. Since then, we have proudly served organic, socially responsible coffee. Our beans are carefully selected and brewed within 6 days of roasting to ensure the freshest cup.

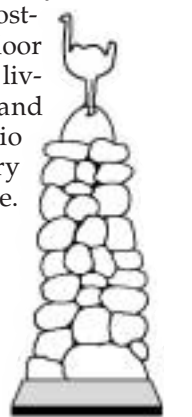
The same attention goes into selecting the pastries and foods served, using products that are free of hormones, fillers, and trans-fats. Currently, we are growing our vegetarian /vegan menu – one of our latest additions is our giant vegan cupcake (*you would never know!*).

Whether you prefer vegan or not, this is the place for after dinner desserts. Also, no ordinary sandwiches here, we offer Boer's Head meats & cheese, and a great assortment of paninis—sure to please.

We are excited about getting involved with local community events, as well as catering and hosting special events. Our indoor seating provides a warm, living room atmosphere, and the secluded back patio affords a quiet sanctuary removed from street noise. We hope to see you soon!

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS!

See article on page 7





University Heights Community Association

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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*

Well it's happened. I knew it would and I was warned about it by past presidents. This month I'm coming up blank for ideas for the monthly "President's Corner". As you probably have realized, the newsletter is put together about a month before it goes out. So it's now mid December but by the time you read this, the holidays will be over and we'll be well on our way into 2008. With all that goes on at this time of year (December, before Christmas) I've completely forgotten about the deadline for the President's Corner. So, after a gentle reminder from our editor, I stepped onto our front porch for some inspiration. It's a beautiful Saturday morning, blue sky, warm sunshine, gentle breeze and it hits me that I'm really fortunate. We live in a beautiful neighborhood, as Marcia heard on the BBC, "in the richest state ... in the richest country in the world". And the sun is shining in December. I know there are those in San Diego who aren't as fortunate as many of us, but at least we don't have to shovel snow to get out of the house. So I guess my message for this month is to look around you and see how fortunate you are. Sure there are ups and downs and some days feel like months, but good things surround us. Music, sunshine, good coffee, neighbors, pets, gardens, the ocean, community college; what does your list contain? Year ends and beginnings are times for reflection, maybe that's the reason I'm writing this. Or maybe it's just my coffee buzz. But every once in a while I realize that people pay lots of money to come to our city for vacation. They spend a week or two here enjoying the things we can do everyday and I'm sure more than a few leave thinking, "I wish I lived here". So as you make your way around this next month, try to notice the things you've been taking for granted; try to realize what makes you fortunate. Until next month, when hopefully inspiration will return on time!

Christmas Tree Recycling Program Drop-off Locations *Remember: Trolley Barn Park is NOT a Christmas recycling drop-off or dump site! Please do not leave trees or trash at the park.*

- **Carmel Valley** Carmel Valley Rec Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, lower parking lot
- **Encanto** Cielo Drive at Woodman Street
- **Golden Hill** Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive
- **La Jolla** Kate Sessions Memorial Park, Soledad Road and Loring Street
- **Logan Heights** Memorial Recreation Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue
- **Miramar** Miramar Landfill and Greenery, Convoy Street north of Highway 52
- **Mission Bay** Sea World Drive at Pacific Highway
- **Oak Park** Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria's Mesa parking lot
- **Ocean Beach** Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street
- **Otay Mesa/Nestor** Montgomery Waller Community Park (upper/lower w. parking)
- **Rancho Bernardo** Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive
- **Rancho Penasquitos** Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road
- **San Diego State University** Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road
- **Scripps Ranch** Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive
- **Tierrasanta** De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard
- **University City** Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive

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Thanks for renewing!

The UHCA appreciates your continued support. And a special thanks to those who made extra donations!

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- Mystic Mocha • Park Blvd. Deli Quality Market • Rocky's Antiques Shearz, the Salon • Summer's Market • Terra Restaurant Texas Market • Twiggs UHDC Office • UH Library Well Spring Tea Room

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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)*



**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY:
2008 HISTORIC SPEAKERS FORUM SCHEDULE**

The UH Historical Society is pleased to present a great line-up of speakers for our 2008 Historic Speakers Forum. All presentations will take place at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Grace Lutheran Church at 3993 Park Boulevard in University Heights. Coffee & refreshments served, starting at 6:30 pm.

So, mark your calendars and we hope you can join us for another year of information and education about the fascinating history of UH and the surrounding area!

2008 SCHEDULED FORUMS

- **March 13th:** David Marshall
Balboa Park in Historic Postcards
- **June 12th:** Ron May – *Benefits of Historic Designation: Prestige Cash Rewards & Elevated Property Values*
- **September 11th:** Kristin Harms
History of the Heights: 1887 to 1915
- **November 13th:** Alex Bevil
SDSU Begins in UH: History of the Teacher Training School Building

MIKE @ PARK BOULEVARD DELI *by Holly Sandy*

Mike says, "God Bless America!" I'm sure you've seen him. You know him as that happy, helpful, customer service man at the Park Boulevard Deli. That's Mike Leon. He's the eternally cheerful, all-purpose person that

can be seen stocking the store shelves. He's been at the Park Boulevard Deli for 2 years. But he's been in various parts of our business neighborhood for over 30 years! You could say he's part of the 'eyes and ears' of the University Heights neighborhood. And... believe me... if it's happening in UH, Mike's got the scuttlebutt! When asked why he likes the UH neighborhood so much, he replies, "It's so peaceful! God bless America!" Mike wishes everyone a great holiday season. And, he adds, "If you're feeling stressed, c'mon in, get a sandwich and relax!" I can say, absolutely, that at the Park Boulevard Deli you will be treated like royalty.



PHOTO: Holly Sandy

Mike

DADDY MACHINE AT DIVERSIONARY THEATRE

Diversionsary Theatre, at 4545 Park Boulevard, presents a world premiere of the new family-friendly musical *The Daddy Machine*, which opens Friday, January 18th and runs through Sunday, January 27th.



www.diversionary.org

Two moms, two kids, one singing dog and 62 dads! It's the first day of summer vacation – time for the special pancake breakfast at Stonewall's house. But Mama lost a filling, Mom's taking her to the dentist and the kids are home alone. Sue is happy to be left in charge, but when Harry accidentally invents a daddy-making machine, no one can contain the chaos! Audience participation, and fun for ages 4 and older.

'Stonewall', the pancake-loving dog

The Daddy Machine was commissioned by the Diversionsary Theatre. Book is by Patricia Loughrey based on the children's book by Johnny Valentine; music and lyrics by Rayme Sciaroni. The production is co-directed by Siobhan Sullivan and Rayme Sciaroni.

Tickets are now on sale at the Diversionsary Box Office. Please call (619) 220-0097 for information about performance dates and times.

Caroling in the Heights!



The Full Measure Carolers entertained at UHCA's Caroling in the Heights in December. Many thanks to Twiggs and Mystic Mocha for the delicious treats & beverages!

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EL CAJON BOULEVARD DESIGNATED A STATE HISTORIC ROUTE

Highway 80 was once referred to as the Broadway of America, a grand transcontinental highway stretching coast to coast, from Tybee Island in Georgia to San Diego, CA. No other highway even comes close to being an integral part of so many of the early auto trails. The highway was enjoyed by both travelers and locals alike. Drag races, malt shops, drive-in movie theaters, classic car dealerships, sock hops and other neighborhood amenities shaped the character along El Cajon Boulevard and Highway 80 where car culture was born. However, as the need for ever faster transportation and expansive urban sprawl became apparent, Highway 80 found itself being bypassed as the new interstates took an increasingly larger share of the traffic and business. The completion of I-8 in 1957 was nearly the death of US 80 in California. By 1974, the last official signs were being removed and US 80 technically ceased to exist. Fortunately, in 2006, the State of California designated US 80 a state historic route. With help from County Supervisor Ron Roberts, the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association has begun to promote cultural tourism along this historic route by



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Route 80 sign on El Cajon Boulevard

installing Historic Highway 80 road signs and banners to encourage drivers to 'Cruise Historic Highway 80.' With 30,000 drivers on the road daily, the Boulevard remains one of the most traveled thoroughfares in San Diego. The El Cajon Boulevard BIA will continue to promote this historic character in our newsletter, utility box murals and through future development of the Boulevard Arts District.

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CELEBRATE THE MISSION HILLS CENTENNIAL!

Mission Hills Heritage is pleased to host a series of events on Saturday, January 19, 2008, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the

founding of Mission Hills. The events are a roundtable discussion about historic districts and two lectures, followed by birthday cake to celebrate the Centennial of Mission Hills. The events will kick-off at 12:00 Noon and go until 5 pm at Francis Parker Lower School in Mission Hills. Specifics include:

“Historic Districts” A Round Table Discussion, from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm. (Free to the public) This panel discussion will provide “nuts & bolts” information about historical districts and answer questions from the audience. The panel will include Barry Hager (MHH president and co-applicant for a recently-approved district in Mission Hills), Bruce Coons (Executive Director of Save Our Heritage Organisation), David Marshall (preservation architect), Cathy Winterrowd (senior planner, San Diego Historical Resources Board), Lucy Abernathy & Celeste Dunn (local real estate agents).

Lectures & Slideshows (Tickets for both lectures: \$20 / MH Heritage Members, \$30 / non-members):

- “The Historic Homes of Mission Hills” from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm. Ron May, archaeologist and local historic preservation consultant, will present a lecture about the founding and development of Mission Hills and the historic homes of this neighborhood. Ron has extensively researched Mission Hills history and landmarked numerous homes in the neighborhood.
- “The California Bungalow – Humble and Enduring” from 3 pm to 4 pm. Jane Powell, national bungalow expert, designer, and noted speaker from Oakland, California, will present a lecture and slideshow on one of the most important architectural forms in American history – the humble bungalow. Jane has appeared on HGTV, the Food Channel and is the author of seven books on bungalows.
- 100th Anniversary Cake and Refreshments from 4 pm to 5 pm. (Sponsored by Chism Bros. Custom Painting). To finish off the afternoon, please join us for a special birthday cake and refreshments to

celebrate the 100th anniversary of the original Mission Hills subdivision map, which was recorded on January 20, 1908.

Tickets for the lectures may be ordered in advance by mailing a check to Mission Hills Heritage, 4020 Falcon Street #221, San Diego, CA 92103, by no later than January 15, 2008. Tickets will also be sold on the day of the event starting at 11:30 am at Francis Parker Lower School, 4201 Randolph S.t. in Mission Hills.

For more information on these special events and about Mission Hills Heritage, call (619) 497-1193 or visit our website at www.MissionHillsHeritage.org or send an email to info@missionhillsheritage.org.

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side yard waste recycling collection can also recycle trees through the curb-side collection program by placing trees at the curb with the regular yard waste recycling. Residents who wish to recycle trees through the curbside recycling program are required to remove all non-recyclable materials such as tinsel, ornaments and lights before placing trees at the curb next to yard waste collection containers.

The Miramar Greenery is located inside the Miramar Landfill, located at 5180 Convoy Street, just north of the 52 Highway. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 am to 4:30 pm, and Saturdays, Sundays and most holidays from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Landfill will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Additional information about the residential drop-off site locations is available by calling Environmental Services Dept. Customer Service at (858) 694-7000. For info on mulch and compost produced at the Miramar Greenery, call the Miramar Landfill at (858) 492-6100.

The SD Environmental Services Dept. is charged with refuse collection & disposal, recycling and environmentally-sound landfill management to meet the City’s long-term disposal needs. Info on recycling & Environmental Services: www.sandiego.gov/environmental/services/

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THE BUZZ FROM BIRNEY - UNICEF *by Alexa, Room 29*

The fifth graders were working on *Time for Kids* (the classroom magazine) like any other day in a typical fifth grade class. Then we came across UNICEF.

UNICEF is a program that helps families in remote countries to have a better and healthier life.

So then we wanted to get more involved, by reading, writing and doing more to help UNICEF.

First, we read articles about different ways kids lived in poverty. For example, in some countries, kids don't have clean water and they aren't immunized properly. Also, in some other countries kids aren't able to get any education which is sad because they don't have the opportunities that we have. We also created reports on what we read.

Then came the time of year of Halloween. We discovered UNICEF came up with a magnificent idea to 'Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF'. That's when you go around asking for loose change and money for UNICEF instead of candy. So the fifth graders pitched in and made over \$110.00. In Room 29 alone, we made over \$90.00.

Last, but not least, we got a chart that listed how much things cost to help kids through UNICEF. For example, you can get 20 measles vaccines for \$20.00 and 40 polio vaccines for \$20.00, too. So, we made charts of what we would spend the money on to help the kids. Mrs. Monetti (our teacher) sent our money and our ideas to UNICEF.



FROM THE PTA

The response to our fall fundraiser was very positive. We exceeded last year's profit, so we are confident that each grade level will be able to fund an assembly from the PTA (such as the first grade's 'historical trunk show'), as well as one field trip bus per class. Your generosity will enable the PTA to "appreciate" the teachers during the holidays as well.

Join us for our next monthly meeting at 6 pm on January 23, 2008, or if you can't make it, express your thoughts and suggestions to the Birney PTA online at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ptabirney/>

- Your Birney PTA

PET SAFETY DURING A DISASTER / EVACUATION

Mid City Cert is hosting a seminar by professional pet safety expert, D.J. Gove. You are invited to attend this informational presentation: Monday, January 14th, 6 pm until 7:30 pm, North Park Rec Center located at 4044 Idaho Street.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS PET OF THE MONTH

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



BLOCKWALKERS NEEDED

Blockwalkers are needed for the 4300-4499 blocks of Georgia Street. Please call Nan McGraw at 619-260-0668 if you would like to volunteer.



The Plume Award

The University Heights Community Association

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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS: LEI LOUNGE, TWIGGS & MYSTIC MOCHA

Many, many plumes are extended to the people who participated in making University Heights sparkle during the holidays. Thank you to those who brought treats to eat at the UHCA meeting December 6th. The goodies from Lei Lounge were outstanding, thank you. Special thanks go to those who contributed to the Birney School families. To the Vermont Street Bridge decorators: Brent, Ron, Mike, Genene, Edie and Nancy, thank you. To the Caroling committee: Lisa, Carol, Beth, Steve, Marcia, Ron, Brent, Mike, Susy, Dave, Sheila, Maureen, Peter, Tamara and all, thank you. Thanks to Steve Satz for our spiffy new t-shirts. Most of all, thanks to the residents and friends of UH for your membership to UHCA and participation in our community. UHCA deeply appreciates the donations of hot chocolate, coffee & delicious cookies from Twiggs and Mystic Mocha at our caroling events.

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UH PARK & REC

The UH Park & Rec Council wishes you a happy and joyful new year. This year when you stroll through Trolley Barn Park say hello to our City Grounds Maintenance Worker, Rodney Major. He is a one man crew who does a fabulous job at making daily rounds to the park to empty trash cans, refill the doggie bags, remove graffiti, rake sand in the tot lots, and more. You can also help our neighborhood parks by getting involved. Join the Park and Rec Council at our next meeting: February 7th, 5:30 pm in the Birney Academy library.

For more information contact Chair Marcia Boruta at (619) 255-6111, e-mail to sdecc@igc.org or Park & Rec Area Manager Debra Jones, (619) 235-1161, or e-mail to djones@sandiego.gov.

And, as a friendly reminder: Trolley Barn park is not a Christmas tree recycling site, the nearest site is Golden Hill Rec Center at 2600 Golf Course Drive.
 -Susie Villareal

FRIENDS OF BUCHANAN CANYON

We will be having a workday in our great canyon on Saturday, January 19th. Join us in continuing to accentuate the natural flora and fauna, and making the journey a safer one. Most of us need a good

workout after all those fantastic cookies, eggnog, & celebrations. Meet at 9 am, Johnson side of the canyon, between Lincoln & Hayes. Bring gloves please, and your bottle of drinking water. *Happy 2008!*

- Jeanne Hine

A SEASONAL AFFAIR

The first Saturday in December was also the first rainy day in a long time at University Heights Point, and our intrepid crew of Friends - Terry Weiner, Ranger Jason Allen, Carrie Kale, Marcia Boruta, Debbie Chadd, and newly-anointed President Jim Ricker met for a blustery session of trash pick-up and stickery tumbleweed-pulling. Accompanied by the occasional light, leftover sprinkling from the storm of the day before, we watched rainbows play in the sky over Mission Valley, and realized that we stood upon a natural pot of neighborhood gold here at The Point. Since the mid-1990's, when Terry started paying attention to it, to now, the Point has gone from a haphazardly-maintained vacant lot that the City felt useful only for water project parking to a gem of a public space where natural habitat thrives and neighborhood events, such as the Fourth of July Fireworks Watch and December's Caroling in the Heights, can take place, increasing the charm of our community. The plants we

started back in 2005, after the Great Hollywood Sand Debacle and Landslide, are finally establishing themselves and the Friends of UH Point has established itself, too - thanks to the dynamic leadership of Terry - as a small, vibrant group of dedicated neighbors and friends who have managed to take advantage of nature's and man's unexpected challenges to create a casual, neighborly, natural, spot for meditation, walking the dog (*please pick up!*), flower- and bird- watching, and just plain walking. With a little bit of attention from us - and you, too, if you care to join us on Saturday, January 5th at 1 pm at the corner of New York Ave. & Golden Gate Drive - we can continue to recreate this wonderful space for all of us. Bring work gloves, sturdy shoes, and some leftover good cheer from the holidays, and we'll pull weeds, look at the view, pick up some trash, and marvel at the emergence of new growth in the moist winter soil. Call Jim Ricker (619) 847-3069 or email jtdesert@pacbell.net for more info. -Jim Ricker

BOUNDARIES continued from page 1

The proposal to extend the boundaries is an effort to remedy shortcomings of the existing planning zone. Planning for the UH business district along Park Boulevard is compromised because each

side of the street is the jurisdiction of different planning boards, making it difficult to promote coordinated land use decisions. The decision to select an alley as the boundary was intended to avoid the problems associated with two independent planning boards making recommendations for the same street. Furthermore, having two planning groups advising for University Heights make it difficult to form a unified community association. Some residents east of Park Boulevard feel that dual planning groups foster a sense that they do not belong fully to either community. Where new growth occurs, developers or property owners typically pay development impact fees (DIF). DIF fees are intended to be pooled and reinvested in the area in which they are generated to mitigate the effects of growth and to improve public facilities such as streets, parks, etc. The new boundary, east Texas Street would keep more DIF fees within UH thereby increasing the revenue stream for local improvements. The city is just starting the process of updating each community's land-use plan. Uptown and Greater North Park will be among the first neighborhoods to undergo the process making it an ideal time to address community needs and unite UH under one planning district.

Seasons Greetings...



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University Heights will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2008 and the University Heights Historical Society is looking for an enthusiastic group of volunteers to help us plan, promote and implement a fun event for the entire community!

The anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th from 2 to 5 pm at Trolley Barn Park. If you have some fun, creative ideas and energy to contribute to the event, please bring them with you to our first planning meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, 3993 Park Blvd. in University Heights, at the southeast corner of Park Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue. Parking is available in the lot behind the church. Enter the church from the back alley – go through the gate and then the metal door. Proceed up the stairs to your right. The Fellowship Hall will be on your left at the top of the stairs.

We hope to see you on February 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Ernie Bonn at (619) 297- 3166 or send e-mail to: uhcdc@netzero.net

**FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S
DESK** *by Pat Benefiel*

The UH branch library is open again for the new year. We hope you stop by and participate in our program. We offer a pre-school Storytime and crafts every Thursday morning at 10:30 am. Adult computer classes are held every third Wednesday at 6:30 pm. The book club meets the last Wednesday of every month. Stop by the library and pick up the reading list. We also have a supply of each month's book.

In the new year we'll be offering many new programs for your pleasure and education. Drop by the library and see what we're up to!



Happy New Year from the UH Library Staff

FRIENDS OF UH LIBRARY

Friends of the UH Library will not meet in January, but will be back in February, fighting for improvements to our small branch library!

The group hopes that Librarian Vy Tu will be returning from medical leave in January.

Meeting agendas for the upcoming monthly meetings will continue to focus on ongoing projects – new landscaping for the local branch, and a bigger and better book sale area.

If you have an interest in our branch library, now's the time to act! Membership forms are available at the front desk. Support your local library! Become a Friend!

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
BOOK CLUB & SALON**

Members of the University Heights Book Club & Salon will resume their reading and discussing schedule this month with their get-together on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm. As usual, the meeting is in the downstairs room of the UH Branch Library at the corner of Park Boulevard and Howard Avenue.

At press time the title and author of the first reading selection of the new year was unknown, but the book will be available at the front counter of the University Heights Library. Pick up a copy and come join in the discussion on the 30th. New readers and discussers are always welcome!









**UH LIBRARY
TASK FORCE UPDATE**

The Library Task Force wishes you a HAPPY NEWYEAR!

In-as-much as we can do little, (read: Nothing), until a new Superintendent of the Unified School District comes in, we have had no meetings in November and December. But here's the good news: We will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 9th, at the OLD University Heights Library, to see the great Library bookmarks that CDC made up, and, hopefully, will be able to talk about a new Superintendent, and getting him / her to an upcoming meeting. The January 9th meeting will be at 6:30 pm, downstairs. I'll bring coffee, you bring fixings. See you there!

–Ron Johnston
UH Library Task Force Chair

JANUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mail calendar happenings to uhnewsd@yahoo.com or: UH News P.O. Box 33032 San Diego, CA 92163 All meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.		1 NO Uptown Planners Meeting NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 NO UH CDC Meeting 	3 NO UH Park & Rec Meeting NO Crime Watch NO UHCA Meeting	4	5 NO Friends of the UH Library Meeting UH Point Clean-up 1 pm
6 	7	8 Street Sweeping	9 UH Library Force Task Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Curbside Recycling UH News DEADLINE!	11	12
13	14	15 North Park Planning Committee Meeting 6:30 pm 2901 North Park Way	16	17	18	19 UH Library Book Sale 8 am - 3 pm Friends of Buchanan Canyon 9 am 
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	22 Street Sweeping	23	24	25 Curbside Recycling	26
27 	28	29	30 UH Book Club & Salon 6:30 pm UH News DISTRIBUTION	31		PLEASE NOTE Curbside Recycling Dates this Month: Thursday, January 10th, Thursday, January 25th

**AcousticMusicSanDiego.com
JANUARY CONCERTS**

by Michael A. Johnston

January 23rd brings a double bill debut with up and coming blues guitarist **David Jacobs-Strain** and singer-songwriter **Chris Ayer**. Jacobs-Strain has released two CD's so far, and has been earning the respect of many prominent periodicals and veteran musicians. He has been performing at many blues festivals around the country, including the Strawberry Music Festival in California, the Kerrville Wine & Music Festival in Texas. Musicians such as Hot Tuna guitarist Jorma Kaukonen have been favorably impressed with Jacobs-Strain and predict big things for him in the future. Ayer won the 2006 John Lennon contemporary songwriting contest in the Folk division with his song, "Evaporate". He has been praised for his album, "This Is The Place" by publications such as *Performing Songwriter Magazine* and *URB Magazine*. This will be a great opportunity to see two up and coming artists in a small intimate location.

Canadian performer **Fred Eaglesmith** and his band will make their AcousticMusicSanDiego.com debut on January 25th. Compared favorably with such varied acts as Steve Earle, John Prine, Woody Guthrie

and even Led Zeppelin, Eaglesmith is promoting his 16th album, "Milly's Café". Eaglesmith's music is a mixture of aching country and barroom rocking that gives him a huge following of loyal "Fredheads" both famous and not. Fans include Toby Keith, The Cowboy Junkies, James Caan and many others. Come become a "Fredhead" with a first time concert experience.

Finally, on January 30th will be a second double bill of singer-songwriter **Mary Gauthier** and former Jayhawks co-founder **Mark Olson**. Ms. Gauthier hasn't performed in our area since 2006, and her return will certainly be a welcome one. Her music was regularly featured on the radio show, "Music Without Boundaries". She is currently promoting her latest work, "Between Daylight And Darkness", which continues her unique lyrical sound. Mark Olson and Gary Louris formed the great alt-country band The Jayhawks in the early 90's, and were the most successful in creating the sound pioneered by their idol, Gram Parsons. Olson has now recorded his first true solo album, "The Salvation Blues". This promises to be a great show, with both acts hopefully making this spot one of their frequent hangouts.

All concerts are held at 4650 Mansfield and begin at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for Chris Ayer and David Jacobs-Strain and Fred Eaglesmith are \$15, \$20 and \$45 and tickets for Mark Olson and Mary Gauthier are \$20 & \$45. To purchase tickets, call (619) 303-8176 or go to: www.acousticmusicsandiego.com.

CONCERT AT LESTAT'S

Lestat's Coffeeshouse: 3343 Adams Avenue, (619) 282-0437, Sunday, Jan. 20th, 8 pm, \$8, all ages welcome.

The concert features award-winning blues guitarist Robin Henkel and bandmates Phil Rowley (drums), Joel Packer (bass), Dave Castel de Oro (tenor sax), and Troy Jennings (tenor and baritone sax). Join these local veterans of the music scene for a celebration that incorporates a mix of slide and steel guitar blended with horns. This sound has become a Henkel trademark and is the featured sound on his upcoming CD "Steel Guitar."

For Henkel and his supporting musician / artists, it's all part of a deeply rooted American tradition of many styles: blues, jazz, Latin, funk, slide and steel guitar music.

"Our Lestat's gig is where we can bring all of that together in one show," Henkel says.

This show also features tunes composed by bassist Joel Packer, and drummer Phil Rowley. (www.robinhenkel.com)

CLIMATE CHANGE LECTURE SERIES AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

The next in the continuing series of lectures on *Global Climate Change* will be January 23rd from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. This lecture, "The Future Of Biodiversity in a Changing World" will be given by Walter Jetz, Ph.D. from UCSD.

The dramatically changing climate is a growing concern, particularly in areas in the rainforest. What species are the most endangered and why is this important? Will the global climate network provide sufficient safe harbors in the future?

Prof. Jetz is an assistant Professor of Biology at UCSD. He is interested in how environmental change, chance and evolution affect ecological patterns at the level of the individual and combine to form patterns on a global level.

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about how geology, fire, and climate change are influencing life in San Diego County. With recent landslides, wildfires, and record drought "in local habitats, it's imperative to develop a better understanding of the natural landscape in which we live." In conjunction with the presentation, the new edition of Richard Halsey's book, "Fire, Chaparral, and Survival in Southern California" will be released. Books by all three presenters will also be available for sale and signing.

This free lecture will be held at the SD Natural History Museum in Balboa Park on Monday, January 28th at 6:30 pm. Advance registration is requested. Visit tickets.sdnhm.org to obtain a free ticket.

BASKET CLASS AND POLAR PHOTOS AT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

On Saturday, January 26th will be a basket weaving class taught by Alicia Retes, called "Weaving Nature's Treasures". Bring your sea shells, crystals, seed pods or any other natural object to this beginners' twining class, and create a basket that represents your connection to nature. Learn the art of creating wood-bottom baskets using cane reeds and your favorite nature treasure. The class is limited to

twelve people. The class will be from 10 am - 2 pm - tickets are \$30 for members / \$38 for nonmembers.

On Saturday, January 19th from 9 am - 10:30 am, will be a lecture, "Photography At The Poles" by Ralph Lee Hopkins and David Cothran. Explore the unique landscape and wildlife of the coldest regions of the world. These two *National Geographic* photographers will tell how they got those shots, and their experiences in these regions. For tickets or info, visit: www.sdnhm.org.

DISTRICT 3 CUSTOMERS NOT RECEIVING FLUORIDATED WATER

Recently, the city of San Diego began receiving and delivering fluoridated water to some of its customers. The Metropolitan Water Dist., an agency the city buys water from, began to fluoridate its water at the Lake Skinner water treatment plant to comply with state law. Approximately half of the treated water used in San Diego County comes from the Skinner plant; therefore not all customers - none in district three - will receive fluoridated water. A map showing a general representation of the estimated fluoridation levels in the County can be viewed along with other fluoride info at www.sdcwa.org/manage/fluoridation.phtml -Councilmember T. Atkins

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—Amanda Dunkin, Marketing Director

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