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U.C. Library, p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
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**UCPG Meeting**  
Forum Hall in UTC  
6 p.m. on February 12 th

**Standley Recreation Council Meeting**  
Standley Park,  
3585 Governor Drive  
7:00 p.m. on February 28th

**Swanson Pool Expansion Committee**  
February meeting open to community  
Contact J. Cooper  
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**Christmas in the Park...December 2007!**



Miraculously, the weather cooperated and the rain was gone for the evening. The festivities started with a welcome by out-going President Hugh Pates. The choir of Our Mother of Confidence Church, with ranks depleted by illness, was fleshed out by stalwart volunteers from the residents who attended. On a cold winter's evening, the Carols warmed the heart and all the standards were heard, the Tuesday Night Alibi, a Barbershop Quartet which has been heard on many such occasion in the park, entertained the crowd with musical tales of snowmen coming to life, and warning not to shout or cry or howl because the Big Man in Red was on his way. The Standley Marching Band did added to the grandeur of the occasion by marching to the Park, from school, and getting our hearts pounding with some very enjoyable Christmas Music. Once the Tree was lit, it was time for Santa, who was greeted by all the little folk, anxious to sit on his lap and have a stab at asking for that something special. The Association served hot chocolate, cookies, coffee and other delectable munchies. The UCCA Annual Christmas Tree lighting ended with the fire department sharing one of their engines with interested families. Our deepest thanks to all the Volunteers, especially, Darlene Ventimiglia, Mary Ann Guerra, Judy Bethel and the many others who made this a perfect Community Celebration.



*Happy Valentine's Day*

Ladies of the Lamp...War Veterans...Life-Long Friends in UC.

The Vietnam War was all of forty years ago, but they remember it well. Almost, as though it were yesterday. In true Dickensian manner they both describe it as the best of times and the worst of times. Casey Meehan and Dottie Yelle were, along with 11,000 other women, serving the



Leaving Vietnam in 1968

country in that war torn land, far away. These ladies were nurses. Nurses who tended the wounded and the dying. Both went into nursing to help people and to do whatever was necessary to alleviate human suffering. Both consider it the ultimate privilege to have been able to take care of fellow soldiers and sailors during a time of war. They met at nursing conferences and kept in touch. Coincidentally they both got sent to the war zone together and the friendship solidified.

Although so many years have passed, the memory of suffering they saw is a memory that called to the front with little effort. The wounded they took care of were young men barely out of high school many with hopes and aspirations that were forever destroyed by injuries in combat. Like the young man who lost his hands, who had wanted to be a pro basketball player. Meehan remembers that his second choice for a career was to be a lawyer. To this day she hopes that he made it. Yelle was recognized by a soldier she had care of, through a mutual friend. He got in touch and now she hears all his family news - marriages, births and deaths. They talk of how emotionally draining the job was. There was plenty of excitement,



That was then, this is now in 2006

ment, as when their hospital was attacked, and the nurses coasted along on an adrenaline high for

most of their tours. Returning to United States was difficult but they had their friendship to count on. Yelle furthered her education and Meehan became an executive at a weight loss clinic. In the late 80s they bought a home in UC and have lived here ever since. They share a home, many memories, two long haired dachshunds and a friendship which is here to stay. Thanks Dottie and Casey...freedom is free...but we enjoy it thanks to fine ceterans like you are! God Bless You for your service.

**Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Christian Unity**

Several Christian Churches celebrated the Week for Christian Unity on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the UCUC church at the West end of Governor Drive. The evening was the 100th Anniversary of the celebration to foster Christian unity, which was started in 1907. Represented were Good Samaritan Episcopalian, UC United Church of Christ, St. Anthony's Orthodox, Mother of Confidence Catholic church and All Saints Lutheran, Congregational Church of La Jolla. The choirs of all the churches combined to sing Mozart's famous "Ave Verum" as a part of the service. The combined choirs were directed by Jean Stutzer, the Choir Director for the UC United Church of Christ. The evening service included scripture readings and a talk by the pastor of La Jolla United Church of Christ on the efforts being made, universally, to encourage dialogue between all the various Christian Denomination in the country and the world.

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## Be My Valentine....



The day commemorating Saint Valentine on February 14 is named after two men, both Christian martyrs named Valentine. One of them was Valentine of Rome, a priest in Rome who suffered martyrdom about AD 269 and was buried on the Via Flaminia. His relics are at the Church of Saint Praxed in Rome and at Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland. The other one was Valentine of Terni. He became bishop of Interamna (modern Terni) about AD 197 and is said to have been killed during the persecution of Emperor Aurelian. He is also buried on the Via Flaminia, but in a different location than Valentine of Rome. His relics are at the Basilica of Saint Valentine in Terni. The day became associated with romantic love in the time of Geoffrey Chaucer in High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love rished. On this day people exchange love notes in the form of "valentines." It was only in the 19th century that handwritten notes were replaced by mass-produced greeting cards. The mid-nineteenth century Valentine's Day trade was a harbinger of further commercialized holidays in the United States to follow. The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines, while the remaining 15 percent are purchased by men, and children.

## Rose Canyon Project .....



Rose/San Clemente Canyon restoration work continues. Looking East from the parking lot, into the canyon just East of Regents road one sees a deep trench which has been dug which appears to be connected to the bed of the creek at several points. Black Mesh and plastic fencing keep people out of



the worked on area. Trenches with new sprinkler hardware and conduit with wiring have made appearances in the recent weeks. The bject is going to pump water into newly leveled area to encourage growth . Most of the work stopped after the rainy season started at the beginning of December. The project is attempting to increase the wetland area, and thereby encouraging the growth of plant life indigenous to the area, such as oak, sycamore, sage and willow riparian growth. The project is estimated to take about a year to complete.

## Goodwill Bookstore

In the shopping center, by Vons, at the corner of Governor Drive and Genesee, tucked into a little store is a goodwill bookstore. There is variety of books that could drive a book fancier crazy. Books, in excellent condition, can be bought for very little money. The store is also a drop off point for donating items to goodwill. They will accept anything, especially books, for forwarding to their other stores. So the next time you are feeling like a good read, walk down to the store pick up a book and help goodwill as well.

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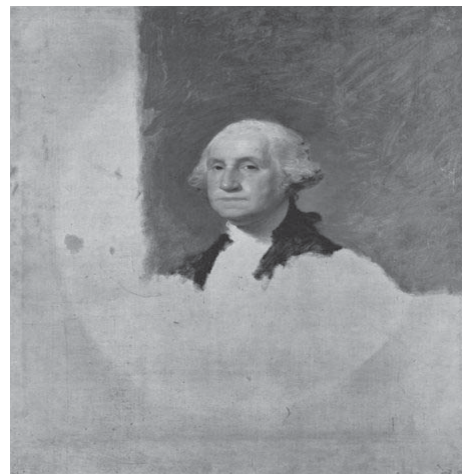
If you are new to UC, we would like to hear your story. Tell us where you came from, what made to come here and what you like about our community, so far. Also, if there is something you are looking for or need, no matter what it is, please e-mail the editor of this paper and ask. We will do all we can to get you the information you need.

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## Facts and Fiction about George Washington.....

This month we celebrate the Birthday of our first President. While it's fun to have the day off, it is also important to know as much as we can about this remarkable man. Here are some little known facts about this son of Virginia. Though Washington had no children, he did have two nephews. Bushrod Washington became an Associate Justice, and Burwell Bassett was a long-time congressman in both Virginia and the United States government. In 1796, Gilbert Stuart painted the famous portrait of Washington from life, which was used to create numerous others, including the image used on the U.S. one-dollar bill. Washington suffered from problems with his teeth throughout his life. He lost his first tooth when he was twenty-two and had only one left by the time he became President. According to John Adams, he lost them because he used them to crack Brazil nuts, although modern historians suggest it was probably the mercury oxide he was given to treat illnesses such as smallpox and malaria. He had several sets of false teeth made, four of them by a dentist named John Greenwood. Contrary to popular belief, none of the sets were made from wood. The set made when he became President was carved from hippopotamus and elephant ivory, held together with gold springs. The hippo ivory was used for the plate, into which real human teeth and also bits of horses and donkeys teeth were inserted. Dental problems left Washington in constant discomfort, for which he took laudanum, and this distress may be apparent in many of the portraits painted while he was still in office, including the one still used on the \$1 bill. As a young man, Washington had red hair. Washington had red hair. A popular myth is that he wore a wig, as was the fashion among some at the time. Washington did not wear a wig; instead he powdered his hair, as represented in several portraits, including the well-known unfinished Gilbert Stuart depiction (top right). One of the most enduring myths about George Washington involves him as a young boy chopping down his father's cherry tree and,

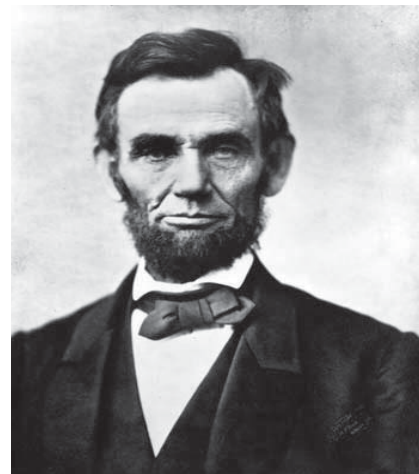


when asked about it, using the famous line "I cannot tell a lie, I did it with my little hatchet." In fact, there is no evidence that this ever occurred. It, along with the story of Washington throwing a dollar across a river was part of a book of stories authored by Mason Weems which went a long way to make Washington a kind of legendary figure, especially to children.

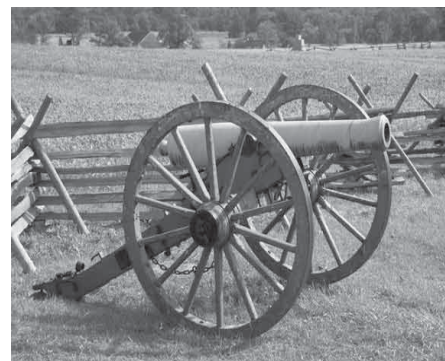
### And a Little about Abe...

Abraham Lincoln (February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865) was the sixteenth President of the United States, serving from March 4, 1861 until his assassination. As an outspoken opponent of the expansion of slavery in the United States, Lincoln won the Republican Party nomination in 1860 and was elected president later that year. During his term, he helped preserve the United States by leading the defeat of the secessionist Confederate States of America in the American Civil War. He introduced measures that resulted in the abolition of slavery, issuing his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 and promoting the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1865. Lincoln closely supervised the victorious war effort, especially the selection of top generals, including Ulysses S. Grant. Historians have concluded that he handled the factions of the Republican Party well, bringing leaders of each faction into his cabinet and forcing them to cooperate. Lincoln successfully defused a war scare with the United Kingdom in

1861. Under his leadership, the Union took control of the border slave states at the start of the war. Additionally, he managed his own reelection in the 1864 presidential election. Opponents of the war (also known as "Copperheads") criticized him for refusing to compromise on the slavery issue. Conversely, the Radical Republicans, an abolitionist faction of the Republican Party, criticized him for moving too slowly in abolishing slavery. Even with these problems, Lincoln successfully rallied public opinion through his rhetoric and speeches; his Gettysburg



Address is but one example of this. At the close of the war, Lincoln held a moderate view of Reconstruction, seeking to speedily reunite the nation through a policy of generous reconciliation. His assassination in 1865 was the



first presidential assassination in U.S. history and made him a martyr for the ideal of national unity. Scholars now rank Lincoln among the top three U.S. Presidents, with the majority of those surveyed placing him first. He is noted for his lasting influence on U.S. politics, including a redefinition of republicanism.

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## Illegal Trash.....



Swanson Pool parking lot houses the recyclable bins made available by the City and overseen by Sarah Anderson's team at Standley Park. Once again, local U.C. folks and Clairemont residents illegally dumped boxes and non-recyclables in front of and in between the three bins during the end of December and early January. Why? A clearly understandable sign reminds people that it is illegal to dump outside the bins and there is a fine for this illegal practice. Sarah Anderson, our overworked director at Standley Park, is frustrated by the practice that has become common in spite of being illegal. Please do not leave your bags, boxes, computer parts, and anything else outside the bins. If you see someone doing that, perhaps a quick reminder might be appropriate or jotting down a license number and sharing that information with the staff in the rec center or leaving a phone message at 552-1652.

### NOTICE

Flyers or handouts about businesses or non-UCCA events, activities, issues or organizations are neither inserted nor distributed with the UCCA newsletter.

## The Street Where you Live...

Last issue we printed a partial list of University City streets named for Nobel laureates. It came as a result of a request made by one of our readers. The rest of the list appears below. We are indebted to Scott Baldwin, who did all the original research.

Frederic Passy, 1901 Peace; Linus Carl Pauling, 1962 Peace and 1954 Chemistry; Ivan Petrovich Pavlov, 1904 Medicine; Georges Henri Pire, 1958 Peace; Ludwig Quidde, 1927 Peace; Sir William Ramsey, 1904 Chemistry; Louis Renault, 1907 Peace; Frederick Chapman Robbins, (co-recipient with Weller) 1954 Medicine; Peyton Rous, 1966 Medicine; Lars Olof Nathan Soderblom, 1930 Peace; Gustav Stresemann, (co-recipient with Briand) 1926 Peace; Thomas Huckle Weller (co-recipient with Robbins) 1954 Medicine; Alfred Werner, 1913 Chemistry; George Hoyt Whipple, 1934 Medicine.

The following streets were named for universities and colleges: Carnegie Tech (now called Carnegie Mellon University),



Pittsburgh, PA; Cascade College, Portland, Oregon; Dennison University, Granville, Ohio; Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee; Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y.;

Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia; Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; Occidental College, Los Angeles, Ca; Radcliffe University, Boston,



MA(now a part of Harvard); Scripps College, Claremont, CA; Stetson University, DeLand, FL; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; Tulane University, New Orleans, LA; Villanova University, Villanova, PA; Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA (note the street is misspelled Wellesly). And now you know how the street where you live got it's name!

### UCUC February Events.....


“Eyes Wide Open”, a discussion on listening. Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

“Just Women Event”, a Garden Tour and “Friendship Squares” UCUC quilters, at Torrey Pines Church, Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

“Healing Through the Arts”, Forth Tuesday of the month event. Dinner is served at 6:00 P.M. Forum begins at 7:00 P.M.

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## 1907...It Was A Very Good Year....Especially for Ernest Shoen....a UC Legend!

It was 1907. Baden-Powell started the Boy Scouts, Marconi transmitted radio signals across the Atlantic, Oklahoma became a State, J.P. Morgan and several other financiers invested \$25 million to keep the Stock Exchange from crashing out of control and the first electrically lit ball dropped in Times Square announcing the New Year. See  like ancient history! The remorable events of 1907 do not end there. Ernest Shoen was born to an Austrian couple in Vienna. Imagine having lived through both great wars and escaped the Nazis and still be here, alive and very well, to tell about it. If you have a moment, spend some time with Ernest



Shoen, who turned 100 in August 2007. This gentleman is a UC legend, par excellence. Having being born in Mozart's City, it is only fitting that he is a musician. He plays the violin, which he learned at a very early age. But that isn't the extent of his musical capability. He sings opera, plays several orchestral instruments and actually had his own orchestra once. As a member of the United States Airforce during World War II, he was invited to sing at the White House where he so impressed the current lady of the house, Eleanor Roosevelt, that she insisted on meeting him and







congratulating him on his performance. To avoid the horrors of the holocaust, which was only a few months away from beginning, Ernest and his family fled Austria in 1938, to, of all places, Malaysia. They did not stay long in Malaysia, moving to San Francisco, California where he joined the US Air Force and had a hands-on part in winning the War. Ernest and his wife have lived in UC for many, many years and we hope that they continue to enrich our community for many, many years more to come!

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

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### ADVERTISING PRICES

Reservations for ad space will be accepted on a first come-first served basis beginning the 1st of the month preceding publication.

A backup list will be maintained. To reserve space, please contact **Terri Day**, UCCA Advertising Manager at [uccaADS@hotmail.com](mailto:uccaADS@hotmail.com).

Ad copy in jpeg or tiff format must be received by the 10th of the month preceding publication (i.e., Feb 10th for the March edition). Hard copy of ad plus check for the proper amount made payable to UCCA should be mailed by the 10th of the month preceding publication to: UCCA Ads, 3368 Governor Drive, #121, San Diego, CA 92122.

Ad prices:

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

## Judy Bethel...University City's Very Own Artist

On the corner of Governor Drive and Regents Road, is a Bas-relief of a woman holding up her child. It speaks joy, amazement, love, devotion and all the emotions of a mother looking at her child. It is the work of Judy Bethel - artist, mother, home-maker, one time nurse, and thirty-something year resident of UC. Judy is the lovely lady who brings the Christmas Tree to life in Standley Park every year for our community. Judy remembers her great grandmother's paintings in her childhood home and was very envious of her skill and talent and everything she



did with them. She also had an aunt who was a commercial artist, which impressed her deeply. With not much to encourage her dormant talent in school, Judy went to nursing school and worked in hospitals for a time. It wasn't until tragedy entered her life with the drowning death of her third child, that she went looking for the creative side of herself. In her grief, she sought out local painting classes by way of getting outside of herself. She was amazed to find that she had talent and even more amazed to find that making sculpture was her gift and something that sparked her life. She went back to school to earn a degree in Art at Cal-State-Hayward, where she met and was mentored by a print-maker by the name of Misch Kohn. He invited her to be a part of his paper-making studio and Judy wound up sharing her skills with his class.

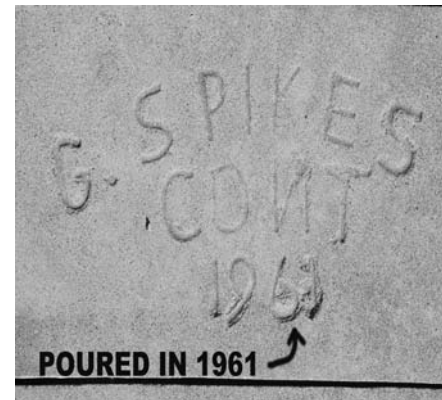
Although she went back to school she didn't stay and finally decided to launch her career just a short while before the Bethels moved to UC. When asked what inspires her work, Judy says, "The idea generates it's own energy. I find I can't wait to find out how this piece will turn out..... Kind of like a good novel. I usually start with a rough idea, taken from nature or an experience, and I let it develop as it progresses. The work I am proudest of comes from massaging the artwork until it becomes a total surprise to even me. The old adage that an artwork is 10% inspiration and 90% perspiration is truly the way it is, definitely hard work." Her favorite pieces are usually the ones that either took her by surprise or made her work really hard. There are others that have added a spiritual dimension to her life, like the bas-relief at the corner of Governor and



Regents. Judy has worked for several Christian churches because of the spirituality that the work inspires in her life. She enjoys living in UC and loves the community where she has made her home for so many years. The sentiments expressed about her work in her own words are: "In the end, as an artist I bring all my life experiences to my artwork. It is a total body involvement for me. For that reason art becomes more a way of life than an activity." We are privileged to have her as a neighbor and a friend and we are proud to call her "our artist!"

## UC Sidewalk Hazard

If you are like many residents of UC, someone who likes to take a walk around our village, enjoy the sun and get healthy, all in one fell swoop, beware of a hazard that you might encounter as you take your constitutional. The sidewalks, many of which, especially in the West End, were laid in the early sixties are in deplorable condition. The individual slabs have risen and are out of alignment. This causes a lip to appear, where one does not expect it to, which can be as high as two inches, right in the walking path. Catching one's foot in a



lip like this could result in a very nasty fall, with dire consequences. So, while it calms the spirit and brings joy to the eye to look at the blue sky and enjoy the gardens, as you walk, **LOOK DOWN!**



## Did You Know?...

...Water conservation is a big topic these days. It's easy to report a water line leak, meter leak or pressure problem. Just call the **Water Department's Emergency Hotline 619-515-3525...**

...The **Street Division** relies heavily on the public to inform them when street lights have burned out. To report a street light out, call **(619) 527-7500** or report it on line at the City's Street Division website: [http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/...](http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/) For **emergency or traffic signal requests**, call Customer Service at **619-517-7500...**

...More than 1.4 million tons of waste is disposed at the **Miramar Landfill** every year. Effective January 2<sup>nd</sup>, no vehicles requiring hand unloading will be admitted after 4:00 pm. New rates and other information is available on the website:

[www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/index.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/miramar/index.shtml)

...At the City's easy to use website, [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov), you'll find links to the mayor, city council, city services and departments and many services. There is also a weekly web feature. This past week's feature was about boating and fishing on city lakes...

...There are so many ways you can make a difference in our community by volunteering with **UCCA**, our schools and organizations. In addition, **Volunteer San Diego** offers many opportunities for individuals, students, families and organizations to help on a one time, flexible or regular basis. Check [www.volunteer-sandiego.org](http://www.volunteer-sandiego.org) for more information...

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## Saving Water and \$\$\$\$.

In UC with the recent rains and more threatened around the corner, our minds are not on water conservation. But this is a reality that we live with whole year. Saving water is something we need to pay attention to, and here are some tips on how to save water and cut down on your bill to save real dollars.

Catch cold water in bucket while waiting for the hot water to come down the pipes.

Cut down showers to under five minutes. Only sing one verse of your favorite aria.

Turn the water off while shaving, brushing your teeth, and soaping up.

Check for leaks, in the kitchen sink, garden hoses, toilet bowls and bathroom sinks.

Run the dish washer only after it is full. Wash full loads of laundry.

If your sprinklers are on a timer, set watering times to no more than ten minutes, especially if you notice water running down the sidewalk.

Sweep your sidewalk and drive way don't use the hose.

Using these tips will save you a lot of money when the City sends you it's valentine every month.

Important Numbers:

Water Customer Service:  
619-515-3500

Tap Water Quality Control:  
619-668-3232

Water Pressure Problems:  
619-515-3525

Water/Sewer Problems:  
619-515-3525

City Trash Info:  
858-694-7000

Senior Citizen Assistance:  
619-236-6905

Visit our website.....  
[www.uccanews.com](http://www.uccanews.com)

## Promises to Keep and Miles to go before....

Last year, when he was informed about his reckless use of water, City Council President Scott Peters promised he'd use less at home. But in the four months before he made the pledge, it was up 8 percent and this decreased to 6 percent after the promise was made. Calls for conservation — some made by Peters himself — have met with mixed success among the region's residents and among San Diego's elected officials. Peters, his wife and two children used as much water in 2007 as the households of Mayor Jerry Sanders, City Councilmen Kevin Faulconer, Brian Maienschein, Jim Madaffer, Ben Hueso and City Attorney Mike Aguirre combined. The mayor and several other council members reduced their water use after the San Diego County Water Authority launched a campaign calling for increased conservation in July. Not all did. Maienschein increased his water use 55 percent between July and the year's end. Others made more progress. Comparing the last six months of 2007 with the same time in 2006, Sanders cut his consumption by 39 percent. Councilman Tony Young reported a 51 percent savings (through the end of November). Faulconer reduced water use by 12 percent. But in the following four months, Peters' water use increased, and his family finished the year having consumed more than 1 million gallons of water — eight times more than the typical single-family household and more than he's used since at least 2003. As far as our politicians go, this seems to add weight to the adage: "Do as I say, not as I do!"

## San Clemente Canyon Creek



What is normally a muddy little trickle is now a gushing river, almost 15 feet wide, complete with small sections of rapids, thanks to our recent rains.