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UCCA GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25th

6:15 p.m – 7:45 p.m. UC Library Guests:

6:15 p.m: Officer Ralph Cummings 6:30p.m. – 7:45p.m. Forum District A School Board Candidates

Upcoming Events

UCPG MEETING

Tuesday, February 10th
6:00 p.m. Forum Hall
UTC above Wells Fargo Bank
Full Agenda available at UC Library &
UCCA web page

UCCA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 11th 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. UC Library

Happy Valentine's Day

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Standley Recreation Council
Thursday, February 26th
7:00 p.m. Standley Park

Public Welcome

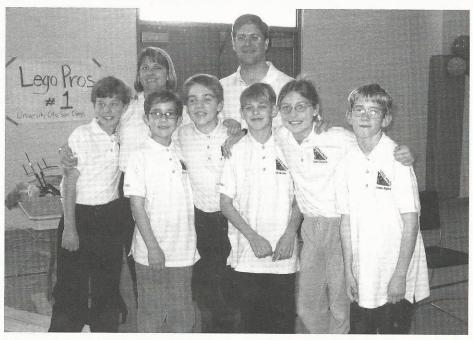
UCHS Grad Night Fundraiser
Garage Sale

Saturday, February 28th 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2666 Angell Ave.

Coming in March...

EdUCate! Friendraiser Saturday, March 27th 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. UC High

Be informed. Check our web site www.universitycityca.com



left to right, LegoPros: Chris Decorte, Marion Brooks (coach), Ben Morris, RJ Sheperd, John Brooks (coach), Jeb Brooks, Laura Decorte, Justin Ripley

Local Robotics Team Wins State Competition Youths will compete at National Invitational Tournament

The Lego Pros, a University City robotics team of ten and eleven year olds coached by John and Marion Brooks, competed in their third F.I.R.S.T. LEGO League State Tournament on December 6 at Legoland. The team--Jeb Brooks, Chris Decorte, Laura Decorte, Ben Morris, Justin Ripley, and R.J. Sheperd--had great success at the State tournament and are now on their way to Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the National level.

The league (FIRST Lego League,

or FLL) is co-sponsored by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science & Technology) and Lego Corporation. FIRST was founded to encourage children 9-14 years old to get involved in science and engineering by making a league with a sports-like level of excitement. FLL includes over 2,500 teams nationwide, as well as teams in Europe.

Each year in September, FLL announces a challenge based on a particular theme; this year, the

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Officer Cummings, School Board Candidate Forum Slated for UCCA Meeting February 25th

The first of four UCCA general meetings will be on Wednesday, February 25, from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the UC library. Community Relations officer, Ralph Cummings, will speak at 6:15 p.m. Mitz Lee and Miyo Reff, our district's school board candidates. will

then present their views and answer questions from the audience. To facilitate discussion, the audience will be asked to present questions in writing. Hugh Pates will moderate the forum. For more information, call 452-8158.

Neighborhood News...

The July 4th U.C. Celebration, missing in action last year due to lack of help after a fifteen year run, has found a leader in Andy Freeburn. He will chair the event and hopes people will join the committee that will plan the Independence Day event. Sign up to help by contacting Andy at Standley Park, 858-552-1652....Speaking of Standley, the rec council is responsible for the canine clean up bags at Marcy, Standley Park, and McElroy Field. Many thanks... Thursday, February 26th at 7 p.m., the Recreation Council will meet; you're invited to join the group and introduce yourself to the new, permanent center director, David Benedict...U.C. Senior Center at 3813 Governor Drive is kicking off the new year with several activities; Joe Clark from the Better Business Bureau will talk about identity theft at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 10th. On Feb. 26th at 11:00 a.m., Joyce Haim will discuss "How to Be Your Own Advocate." Check with Irene Neimark, program director, at 858-550-5998 for more information... The Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, consisting of eighty-four Catholic and Protestant young people from the troubled border of Ireland, is presenting a concert at Our Mother of Confidence, 3131 Governor Drive, on Saturday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m. The Cross Border Orchestra was conceived in 1995 by Sharon Treacy Dunne after the first cease fire in Northern Ireland, as a means of bringing young people together through music. CBOI has won every major orchestral competition in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Under conductor Gearoid Grant, "these musicians will provide energy and sparkle enough to fill any music venue three times over," according to their press release. For more information, contact Glenn D'Abreo 858-452-0248 or gda@san.rr.com

...Many thanks to **Richard Burke** and **Sharon Thomerson** for their service to our community at the UC Library this past year...On February 7th, **UCHS** students will dance the night away at the **ASB Ball** at the downtown Hyatt... Don't forget to vote on March 2nd!

UC Library

UC Welcomes New Branch Manager, Youth Services Librarian

Richard Burke, Branch Manager for the past year at the University Community Branch Library, will be leaving this position to return to his assignment as La Jolla Public Library Branch Manager.

Ms. Lien Dao will be taking over the position of Branch Manager at the UC Library on February 1st. Ms. Dao comes to UC from the North Clairemont Branch Library where she was branch manager. Ms. Dao has been with the Library for over 13 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Saigon University's School of Education, a teaching credential, a diploma in the French language, a Legal Assistant certification from UCSD Extension, and a Masters Degree in Library Information Science from San Jose State University. Ms. Dao has worked as a high school teacher in Vietnam, an assistant Office Supervisor at the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong, and as an immigration consultant office manager. Ms. Dao started working for San Diego Public Library in 1990, and held the position of Youth Services Librarian at the Linda Vista Branch until being promoted to Branch Manager at the North Clairemont Branch Library. She speaks Vietnamese, French, and Chinese Cantonese. Ms. Dao is known for her dedication to customer service and her staff.

Ms. Sharon Thomerson, Youth Services Librarian at the UC Branch Library, will be returning to her position of Youth Services Librarian at the La Jolla Branch Library. She will be replaced by Ms. Zelda Sacro-Santos, who comes to UC from the Rancho

Bernardo Branch and after having acted as substitute librarian in the San Diego Public Library system.

Friends of the UC Library:

Ms. Linda Canada is the new president of the Friends of the University Community Public Library. Ms. Canada is very enthusiastic about her new volunteer position, and brings many creative ideas to the Friends organization. The UC Friends group supports the UC Branch Library through fund-raising efforts. These funds are used to help build the collection for UC, and sponsor programs of interest to children and adults in our community.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS Storytimes

Toddlers and Preschoolers Storytime is presented on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. (Preschool groups are requested to contact the Youth Services Librarian to arrange for separate dates. Please call 858-552-1655.)

Family Storytimes are presented on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Seussentennial

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Seuss by attending the following special events at UC Library: Wednesday, March 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. Join Professional Storyteller Terri Zukowski reading from her favorite Dr. Seuss stories.

Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Join local author, Kathleen Krull, who will read from The Boy on Fairfield Street, her picture book biography of Dr. Seuss, written especially for his young fans who want to know what made him tick.



Major Construction Project to Start at Standley Middle School

Final campus to be modernized under Proposition MM

More portables to be placed on lawn during construction

In February, construction crews will begin to mobilize on the campus of Standley Middle School. The major construction project, funded by Proposition MM, will include a remodel of four science classrooms, development of three new science classrooms, a remodel of Building 500, a lunch court/shade structure in the courtyard, flooring replacement, and refinishing terrazzo.

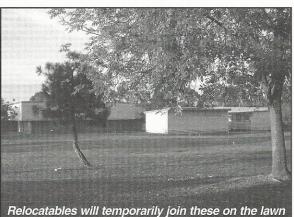
During the project, the middle school will need extra "swing space" to accommodate the classes from the science area and Building 500. Starting in February, 13 relocatable buildings will be placed in the corner of Standley's campus at Governor and Radcliffe. This is a grassy area visible from the street, but district planners and school staff found it to be the only practical

solution. The relocatable buildings will be removed in Summer 2005. The grass area will be restored after construction is complete, and the trees will not be affected.

Also, part of the staff parking lot will be used for construction staging area, materials and equipment.

Actual construction will begin in April 2004 and will be completed in Summer 2005. Standley Middle School has the important designation of being the final campus to be modernized under the Proposition MM program. Proposition MM, the \$1.51 billion bond measure passed by 78 percent of San Diego voters in 1998, is funding modernization of 165 campuses across the city and 16 new/rebuilt schools.

Despite some temporary inconveniences, the students and staff of Standley Middle School are hopeful that the community will share in the excitement of the much-needed improvements. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Principal Judy Tenorio at (858) 455-0550 or <code>jtenorio@mail.sandi.net</code>. For more information about the Proposition MM program, go to <code>www.sandi.net/propmm</code>.



Local Robotics Team...

Continued from page 1theme was Mars colonization. The challenge involves two components: robot building/programming, and research. The robot building component requires the team to design and build a robot (out of Lego parts) and program the robot to accomplish 9-10 missions in 2 1/2 minutes on a 4' x 8' playing field. Each mission successfully accomplished earns points for the team.

For the research component, the teams select a problem related to the challenge and prepare a formal presentation based upon their findings. At the competition, teams meet with a panel of judges to present and defend their conclusions.

FLL hosts 43 state tournaments, as

well as other smaller tournaments and regional qualifiers. The Lego Pros team was one of 48 to compete at the Southern California state tournament. The team won the robot performance award for having the highest scoring robot and also received the prestigious Director's Award for their overall design, building, programming, and research success. The following week, the team also won a smaller, local competition at the Pruess School.

As a Director's Award winner, the Lego Pros have been invited to compete at the National Invitational Tournament at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta in April. The tournament will host 44 teams from the United States as well as teams from Canada, China, Singapore, Korea, and Scandinavia.

Did You Know...

...At the January meeting, the **UCPG** rejected **Costa Verde Retail's** request for a community plan amendment to permit an additional 70,000 sq. ft. of retail space in the center. A request from the developers to come before the board again prior to taking their request to the Planning Department was also rejected by majority vote at the February meeting.

...Garden Communities presented their latest plans for the 40+ story residential tower and three 30+story towers they would like to build at Costa Verde. The name of the project has been changed from Marbella to Monte Verde...

...Garden Communities is taking responsiblity for the median on Genesee between Costa Verde and UTC...

... The UCPG By-Law Revision Committee will meet again at noon on February 2nd at La Jolla Centre II on the 8th Floor. Public is welcome....

... The February UCPG meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m, a half hour earlier than usual, to allow time for candidates for the board to speak. Ten seats be up for election at the March meeting. Of those ten seats, two are in District 1 (south UC)-- Resident 1 and Business 1...Per the by-laws, members may only vote for the candidates in their membership classification (business or resident) in their district... ...On December 19, 2003, the SANDAG Board of Directors released the draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) for an initial review period lasting through March 1, 2004. The Board is scheduled to approve the final RCP and take action on associated environmental documentation in June 2004. Carolina Gregor gave a presentation at the January UCPG meeting. The draft plan is available on the SANDAG website:www.sandag.org/rcp. Comments on the draft RCP can be directed to Carolina Gregor, RCP Project Manager, at cgr@sandag.org or 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101 or fax: (619) 595-5305. Comments received by March 1, 2004 will be used in helping to prepare the draft EIR.

EdUCate! Friendraiser to Benefit University City's Public Schools

EdUCate! The University City Foundation for public schools will hold its third annual Friendraiser on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at University City High School from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will showcase the many educational opportunities and activities available for students at Curie. Doyle, and Spreckels Elementary, Standley Middle and University City High Schools.

There will be displays of students' academic and artwork; student performances of dance, music, band, drama, drill, cheer, and steppers; games and activities for all ages; and a special musical performance by the Principals. Best of all, admission is free and proceeds from the sale of foods will benefit the schools.

New this year will be a family fun run/walk starting at 9:00 A.M. on the University City High School campus. A nominal entry fee for all participants will also benefit the schools. Look for details and entry form in next month's UCCA newsletter. Be sure to sign up for this event and help EdUCate! raise funds for the schools while enjoying a fun and healthy activity with your family and friends.

Another addition this year will be the Teachers' Wish List program. Teachers' Wish lists from the five University City Schools will be displayed at the event and parents and community members will help fulfill these wishes by donating the cost of the item.

For more information contact Rashmi Bhargava at 858-457-4259 or bhargavav@hotmail.com.

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President's Perspective

A resident of U.C. recently asked me, "And just what does the University City Community Association [UCCA] do, anyway?"

I thought that was a very reasonable question, and I started to list our activities. He looked a bit dazed after a short while, so I concluded after a few minutes by saying, "and a few other things, also." "Quite impressive," he nodded, as he walked away from me.

As I walked on, I thought, there are probably lots of folks in the community who are unaware of just what the Association does throughout the year. So here is a partial list of our activities:

- 1 The Association aims to build community spirit by bringing together the members of the community for events, activities and common experiences such as the Summer Concerts in the Park, the Fourth of July Celebration in the Park, which will once again will be held in 2004 and the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the end of the year in December.
- 2 The Association aims to instill pride in the neighborhood by sponsoring beautification projects that can be embraced by the members of the community such as the Tree Planting Activity, the Beautification Project to be located on Governor Dr. between Stadium and Mercer, the annual "Clean Up U.C." day to be held in May of '04 and the improvement of the entrance to U.C. along Genesee from the High School to Governor Dr.
- 3 The Association aims to improve communication in the community by publishing and distributing the monthly newsletter.
- 4 The Association aims to preserve and enhance our quality of life through activities and projects which preserve the character and safety of our neighborhood such as the "Anti Graffiti" group, the "Community Enhancement" Group and arranging regular meetings with our Community Police Officer Ralph Cummings.
- 5 The UCCA meets on the 2nd Wed. of each month at the local library from 6:30 7:45 P.M. The Association is also planning topics of special interest for

the community as follows:

Feb. 25th - Candidate Forum for School Board Candidates.

May 12th - Forum on school trafficissues in and around Governor and Genesee.

Sept. 8th - Forum for Candidates of our Council District.

Nov. 10th - Final discussion about the Beautification Project on Governor between Stadium and Mercer.

It is our belief that no community stands still. It either continues to go forward and improve or begins to go backwards and deteriorate. We want our Neighborhood to go forward, to become ever more beautiful, clean and safe. We want it to be a delightful place to live and work. We continue to need folks who have the interest, time and talent to join with us in this endeavor.

One day when I was on the verge of adulthood I came to my Dad with a serious complaint about an event in our neighborhood. He gently asked me what I might do about it. I told him I didn't know. He reminded me that if I or someone else didn't do something about the complaint nothing would change for the better. He then said, "Son, I think it is always better to light a candle than to curse the darkness!" I hope we can enlist a whole army of residents in U.C. who are willing to "light candles."

Hugh Pates President

UCCA Update

UCCA is working with the Rec Council on the **UC Celebration** and will sponsor the Pancake Breakfast.

The **Enhancement Committee** meets regularly. For more information about volunteering or to report code violations and problems needing attention, contact Mary Kay at 452-8158.

Thanks to our hardworking corps of volunteers, the **newsletter** is delivered throughout south UC every month. If you would like to help deliver the newsletter – as a sub or on a regular basis, or help with newsletter production, *email: caroleucca@sbcglobal.net.*

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Questions: Hugh Pates, UCCA President (858) 453-0645

UCHS Booster Club Update

The UCHS Booster Club has finalized the distribution of the funds raised last summer and fall with the car opportunity drawing. The club was able to give each spring sport 75% of their cuts from spring 2003 totaling almost \$8300. It also approved between \$300 and \$1500 each for requests from band, cheer, baseball, softball, football, women's basketball, field hockey, men's golf, soccer, men's volleyball, water polo, cross country, and the fitness center totaling over \$11,000. Also funded was a new score console for the gym to go along with the fabulous new score table made possible by generous donations from the Creagh, Hart, Drogin, Spinosa and Sansone families.

The club would like to identify a "Booster Day/Night" date for each sport. This follows the wonderful turnout at the boy's basketball game on Friday night, Jan. 9. Contact Patrick Landholt if you are interested in this.

A UCHS Spiritwear order was placed February 1, 2004. The next order date will be in April. Get your orders (with checks attached) to the Booster Club mailbox in the UCHS office. Order forms are available with Norma Smith in the office or by contacting Elaine Hanson (rehanson@san.rr.com).

The Nominating committee is beginning its search for new officer candidates for next year. Please contact Liz Ciucki (lciucki@san.rr.com) or Kerry Scott (jscott@san.rr.com) if you need information or are interested in serving.

The entire Booster board would like to once again thank everyone who participated in the car fundraiser. Budget cuts are on everyone's mind, and the boosters were delighted to be able to provide the money raised to our worthy programs.

Grad Nite Garage Sale Once Again Needs Your Donations!

The University City High School Grad Nite Committee is extremely grateful to the UCCA Newsletter and the generous support of our community members who donated to our garage sale in November. We made \$760, but still have a long way to go to reach the \$20,000 or so needed to make this year's Grad Nite celebration happen for our seniors who are graduating in June 2004. The committee will be hosting another Garage Sale fundraiser Saturday, February 28th from 7:30 -11:30 a.m. at 2666 Angell Av. (west end of Governor Dr. off Stresemann.) You can help by attending or donating gently used clothing, books, household items, furniture, sporting goods, etc. Please bring donations to: 2666 Angell Ave. on Friday, February 27th, between 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. For more information call: Nancy JaQuay 619-276-0783, Judy Stokes 858-483-6639 or Joyce Langenbacher at 858-453-3155. You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes, and all proceeds will go towards Grad Nite at UCHS!

Grad Nite was started in 1991 to provide a safe, sober, chaperoned place for our seniors to celebrate one last time together. The whole community benefits by keeping our students safe and sober. This all night celebration costs money and requires the efforts of many volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with Grad Nite, please call Nancy JaQuay, Judy Stokes or Joyce Langenbacher at the numbers listed above.

Hope to see you at the Garage Sale fundraiser on February 28th.

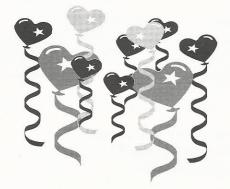
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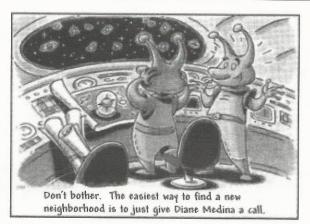
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