Schools Open for In-Person Instruction

The past year has brought many challenges for students, parents, and educators in trying to accommodate remote instruction. Many can breathe a sigh of relief as schools opened up for in-person instruction on April 12. Each school has prepared Phase 1 checklists, which are available to view on each school’s website. Mask guidelines, classroom spacing, recreation procedures, and student drop-off and pick-up rules have all been modified. School sports continue with athletes taking regular covid tests. Families do have the choice to continue remote learning. While it has been encouraging for families to have schools reopen, it will still be some time until schooling is returned to “normal.” Visit sandiegounified.org for more info about local public schools reopening.
University Community Planning Group Report
April 13 Meeting

by Chris Nielsen, UCPG Chair

At its April 13 meeting, the UCPG welcomed new Board member Georgia Kayser (pronounced “Kaiser”). She replaces long-time south UC board member Andy Wiese, who was term out. We hope to have Georgia introduce herself to the UCCA at its May 12 meeting.

Andy Wiese has chaired the Community Plan Update Subcommittee since its inception. The Board felt that Andy should continue to serve as Chair even after leaving the Board and voted unanimously to ask Andy to do so; he accepted. His knowledge of community planning and his leadership of the committee will be invaluable during the final phase of the plan update.

The UCPG re-elected the same Board officers: Chris Nielsen as Chair, Roger Cavanaugh as Vice Chair, Anu Delouri as Membership Secretary, and Kristie Miller as Secretary. UCPG elections were held in March, with only the Residential 1B seat, representing south UC, contested. The vote was Georgia Kayser 190, and Louis Rodolico 17.

We heard a presentation by Diane Ahern, president of the UC Fire Safe Council, on the contents and status of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan under development. The draft CWPP is to be submitted by the end of May to the County Fire Safe Council.

The UCPG heard an information item on BIOMED’s Towne Centre View project, located at the end of Towne Centre Drive, proposing an increase in development intensity to 1,000,000 square feet. This early look at the project is in aid for the submission of public comments for the project’s Draft EIR, due May 5. See www.sandiego.gov/czqa/meetings for further details.

Finally, we heard an information item by Hunter Oliver, representing his family’s development business, on a potential hotel and residential project on a former Caltrans parcel located on the west side of I-805 and the north side of La Jolla Village Drive. The plan is for 217 room hotel and an 81 unit apartment building, including 9 affordable units. Most of the discussion involved the residential building.

Likely in May: the Alexandria Campus Point “2” project and a project for ADA and utility improvements at Torrey Pines State Park.

The next University Planning Group meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11, from 5:30-7:30pm. Go to: planuniversity.org for agendas and zoom meeting information.

UC GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In the April UCCA Newsletter, Diane Ahern reported that UC Garden Club is now defunct, and they donated remaining funds to the UC Parks Council. Many UC residents were saddened to hear this. If you, or someone you know may be interested in revitalizing the UC Garden Club, please contact universitycitynews@gmail.com.
UCCA President Barry Bernstein

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY...May brings us flowers and continued hope, (and measured progress), as the anticipated victory to overcome the more than a year-long battle with COVID becomes more than a mere wish. Governor Newsom's forward looking statement of optimism, (a June 15 "opening to normalcy"), should provide us the confidence needed as more and more of us are fully vaccinated and "herd-immunity" is closer to being achieved.

Locally...our kids are back in school for the most part...with proper safety issues and concerns having been addressed. My understanding is that this coming summer there will be modified summer school for those eligible/qualified. Full-time. Five days per week school is planned for this Fall. Read Board of Education member Sabrina Bazzo's column on page 4 for more information.

The prospect of the 4th of July Celebration at Standley Park is still uncertain...but it may be possible for the summer concerts to be held. So much depends on what the County Board of Health will allow and when the City Park and Rec. will "permit" (with restrictions), large outdoor events.

PEOPLE in our community: Congratulations to John Walsh, long-time University City resident on receiving a proclamation from the City Council announcing April 6, 2021 as John Walsh Day. John was a key person in leading the development of Standley Park and UC High School in the 1970's. See photo and additional information on page 11.

Welcome to Mr. Armando Lopez, the new principal at Doyle Elementary. Ms. Kimberly Moore, who had been serving as Doyle's principal for more than 10 years, is taking on new responsibilities at the Education Center. Congratulations to them both.

Special congratulations to UC resident and UCSD music dept. professor, Dr. Anthony Davis who was the recipient of a most prestigious international award. Our thanks to UCPG chair, Chris Nielsen, and vice-chair, Roger Cavanaugh, who were re-elected to continue in their current leadership roles. Andy Wiese was re-elected to continue his chair position on the University City Plan Update committee. Be on the lookout for a new community plan survey this month.

Padre fans have something to smile about...as Joe Musgrove, a Grossmont High graduate, threw the very first Padre No-hitter. The Padres are off to a good start...but as you know the major league baseball season is long and a lot can happen between now and the end of September. At Standley Park improvements are on-going and playing fields are hard to find, but UC Little League and Mesa del Sol softball are doing just fine. Curie Elementary's joint-use grass field/track is just about finished, (See Standley Park photos on page 9).

Thanks to State Assembly Chris Ward for participating in our April UCCA meeting. We appreciate all of his efforts to represent us. A special welcome to County Supervisor Lawson-Remer and her new column in our newsletter. We look forward to Supervisor Lawson-Remer attending one of our UCCA meetings this Fall.

For those interested in the current status of the Pure Water raw sewage pipeline construction plans in our community be sure to join the UCCA June 9 meeting. Pure Water Assistant Director, John Stufflebean, will be our speaker. But for now, please plan to join us at our May 12 UCCA ZOOM meeting...you can find the link on our calendar page. And so important...JOIN UCCA. Your membership, support and interest in University City is what makes our community more "than just a neighborhood".

Stay safe, stay well. ~Barry

(*Answers to UC Quiz #4: 1-B, 2-A, 3-C, 4-B, 5-A, 6-B, 7-C, 8-B, 9-C, 10-A; Bonus Question: Tama Becker Varano)
The Following Tips are Provided by the San Diego Police Department’s Elder Abuse Unit

Home Improvement Warning Signs:

✓ A contractor solicits you at your door insisting you have a problem which must be repaired right away.
✓ A contractor offers an extreme bargain price or claims to have materials left over from another job.
✓ A contractor requires a substantial payment in advance or charges significantly more after the work had been completed.
✓ An inspector appears at your door claiming to work for the city or utility company and must come into your home to inspect your water heater, water pressure, furnace, air conditioner, etc.

Preventive Steps:

- BEWARE of door-to-door contractors who use high-pressure or scare tactics to get an immediate decision.
- Do not do business with someone who comes to your door offering an extreme bargain or claims to have materials left over.
- Always get at least three-written estimates for work to be done on your home. Do not always choose the lowest estimate. Remember, sometimes “you get what you pay for”.
- Require the contractor to use a written contract which lists the materials, costs, and the completion date.
- Reminder, building inspectors do not go door-to-door conducting random checks.

Caregiver Fraud Warning Signs:

✓ Unusual bank and/or credit card activity on your account(s) and/or multiple package deliveries from Amazon; eBay; Department Store; etc for which you did not order.
✓ Caregiver tries to isolate the victim to become solely dependent on the caregiver.
✓ Caregiver has total control over finances and has financial statements mailed directly to the caregiver.
✓ New acquaintances of the caregiver appear or move in with the victim.
✓ The victim is completely charmed or fearful of the caregiver.
✓ A caregiver, a financial Power of Attorney, a relative, a neighbor, or anyone else suggests you change your assets, your investment, or insurance.

Preventive Steps:

- Always get two or three other opinions from trusted relatives or other trusted advisors before you make changes to your assets, your investments, or insurance.
- No matter how much you trust, love, or know someone, never sign documents without reading and understanding them first.
- Even if you have a representative-payee, a Power of Attorney, or other advisor managing your finances, insists on receiving and reviewing copies of all your bank and financial statements to review on your own.

UC Schools Back on Campus

Sabrina Bazzo, SD Unified Board Trustee, District A

On April 12 all San Diego Unified public schools opened for students who chose to come back on campus. The UC elementary schools, including Spreckels, Curie and Doyle, all opened for 4 days per week for full or nearly full days. Standley Middle School and UC High are open four days per week, but with each cohort of students attending two days per week. Across the district over half of the students have opted to return, with the rest of the families opting to remain online. Our teachers have taken on the daunting challenge of simultaneously teaching students online and in-person.

When I joined the school board in December we were, unfortunately, in the midst of a new surge of the virus. This did not allow the schools to open in January. We were in the worst tier, which is purple, but we made plans to reopen when conditions improved. In the meantime, vaccines were prioritized for our teachers and we were able to set a date for reopening. Students will be Covid tested every two weeks on a voluntary basis and teachers are required to be tested every two weeks. I am happy to report that 98% of our teachers were able to return to the classroom.

Counselors have been given special training to work with the returning students. Extra staff members are being provided to work with some students, primarily in elementary schools. The meals program continues to operate and school transportation is also up and running again. Students are also participating in extracurricular activities. All of the safety precautions will continue with our new ventilation systems, social distancing and masks, as well as testing.

The agreement with the teachers’ union calls for full time school on a regular schedule in the fall for all grades. The 2021-2022 school year will be a year of recovery with special programs to make up for the learning loss this year. An expanded in-person summer school will be open to all students to allow the children to progress academically, as well as socially.

We had no idea the challenges we would face back in March 2020. But now we will be utilizing all the resources that we have to help our students on the road to recovery in University City and across the district.
Monthly Message from District 1 Councilmember
Joe LaCava

Vaccinations
California now has the lowest COVID-19 positivity rate in the country. This is a big win and it is due to the amount of vaccinations we have been able to distribute. In turn, we have opened up more businesses and people have begun traveling to our great city again.

As of April 15, everyone 16 and up is now eligible to get a COVID vaccine. In order for our city to stay on track, I encourage everyone who is eligible to make an appointment at: myturn.ca.gov/

If you have any questions or have any issues making an appointment, please reach out to our office.

Improved Get It Done App Now Live!
The City of San Diego’s community improvement application, Get It Done, has been updated. The version includes several visual advancements and new key features include Spanish language support and a submitted reports view.

Additionally, the update added the ability to review Get It Done submitted reports in your area to help streamline the process and prevent residents from filing duplicate reports. You can check out these new features to ensure University City continues to be one of the best places to live at www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done.

Subsequently, if you have questions regarding a report or would like more information, please reach out to my University City representative, Kaitlyn Willoughby, at kwilloughby@sandiego.gov

Undergrounding in UC
To maintain engagement on this long-term, ongoing project, I am committed to disseminating as much up-to-date information as possible, and sharing general timeline and procedural information with the community.

The City’s undergrounding process is bureaucratic to say the least and can be difficult to understand. Currently, undergrounding projects across the city are generally on hold pending the City entering a new electrical franchise agreement which may happen on or about June 1st. And while undergrounding of electric lines is paid by us, the ratepayers, via a surcharge on our electrical bill, undergrounding of telephone and cable wires are funded by their respective owners (AT&T, Spectrum.)

The City has one more year to go in its 5-year Implementation Plan approved in 2017. You can read the full plan at: www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/uup_five_year_implementation_plan_final.pdf. I imagine that Utility Undergrounding Division will bring the next 5-year program to City Council in late 2021 to early 2022 so watch for details around then.

Finally, you can monitor current reported status of undergrounding projects at webmaps.sandiego.gov/portal/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=929e10afa0b64837a21e49e3df343149.

Thank you in advance for your time and input! Additionally, Kaitlyn Willoughby, our University City representative holds weekly office hours on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am at the following zoom link: https://bit.ly/kwilloughby
What's New this Month at the Library?

Introducing: Odi's Library Day

Odi's Library Day is a bilingual board book perfect for parents and their emerging little readers to build a lifelong connection to libraries and books. In the story, Odi the Coyote visits Central Library for the first time with his parent. Learn how Odi got his very special name, check out the a time lapse video of the creation of the cover art for this book and find out more about its creators at www.sandiego.gov/sdploodi.

How Odi was born: In 2014, after teaming up in a UCSD Extension art class, Hunter and Anisi took a draft of their first children's book to their local library, where they met Youth Services Librarian Emily Derry! In January 2020, opportunity knocked when Emily came up with the idea for a book published by the library. Anisi was given free rein for the design and creation of the board book. Meanwhile, an adorable coyote family made their home near the nature trail next to Hunter and Anisi's apartment, and Odi the Coyote was born! This book is available for checkout from the library in English and Spanish, or can be purchased from the Library Shop at: libraryshopsd.org/odi.

Star Wars Day: Tuesday, May 4
May the Fourth be with You! Check in at the Library's SDPL Virtual Hub on Facebook to do fun space crafts, learn how to draw your favorite Star Wars characters, see how to make the blue milk that Luke Skywalker drank and other cantina beverages, and more! Some libraries will have crafts to give away, like paper bag Baby Yoda or 3D-printed X-Wing model plane kits (while supplies last). Come in costume if you wish! Activities are pre-recorded — pick up a craft then join and watch at home from the Library's Virtual Hub Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/sdpplvirtual). Videos will stay up after the event ends so you can view them later.

6th Annual How-To Festival: Saturday, May 22, 11:00 am
Learn something new at the How-To Festival! The H2F is an interactive, experiential learning extravaganza with something for everyone and for all ages. This year, on Saturday, May 22, the H2F will kick off with a livestream selection of how-to demonstrations along with the simultaneous release of all the pre-recorded how-to videos on the Library's YouTube channel.

Watch as community members and library staff share with your their creative skills, many of which were honed over the last year in quarantine! Here's a little sneak peek at this year's line up... Draw Baby Yoda; Identify the Fear Behind Grief; Spread Kindness by Baking and Sharing a Loaf of Bread; Make Halo Halo; Home Exchange; Draw Graffiti in 3D; Paint Rocks; Find Your Kibbe Body Type and so much more. We hope that you'll tune in to celebrate learning with us!

Want to view or find out more about the How-To Festival? View this year's Festival on the San Diego Public Library's YouTube channel or watch last year's 2020 How-To Festival program line-up at: www.sandiego.gov/howtostory. Videos will stay up after the 2021 event ends so you can view them later. #howtostory #HowToFestivalSD Many thanks to our continuing sponsors, California Coast Credit Union.

LibraryNEXT STEM May/June programs for elementary and middle school students
In collaboration with Sally Ride Science and UC San Diego Extension, students in elementary and middle school can participate in fun and engaging STEM programs for free! To find out more about each program or to register: www.sandiego.gov/librarynext. Registration opens approximately one month prior to course date. If supplies are needed for a program, you will receive an email directing you to a Contactless Pickup Service location to pick up your supplies. Zoom links will be emailed out with a reminder email.

For hours of operation and information about San Diego Public Library locations offering Contactless and Limited In-Person Pickup Services: https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library or call the University Community Branch Library at 858.552.1655.

Project-in-a-Box!

Robo Sun God!

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL/FAMILY WORKSHOP

Limited space-registration required!

DATES: Saturday, May 22, 2021
TIME: 2:00-5:00 pm
LOCATION: San Diego Public Library

All participants are welcome. If you need special accommodation, please email jfrogers@sandiego.gov.

TO REGISTER:
https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/project-box-robo-sun-god

Questions? Email rbrander@ucsd.edu

* ONE KIT PER HOUSEHOLD*
Thank you to all who made generous contributions to EdUCate! We were able to fulfill teacher grant requests from many of those who submitted proposals. Examples include online subscriptions for BrainPOP and document cameras at Curie and Spreckels Elementary which were indicative of our teaching and learning at a distance environment due to the pandemic. Other items included completing the funding for Buddy Benches for Doyle Elementary. A variety of books were also purchased to serve the needs of our children. In all, the approved Spring Teacher Grants will positively impact the lives of over 1700 children in our UC schools.

And for those of you who have children attending a UC public school, it’s that time of year again to Honor-A-Teacher. Our Honor-A-Teacher program provides the ability to make a donation to EdUCate and share a few kind words about the teacher you wish to honor for serving your child(ren) this year. This has been a challenging year for both students and teachers and the Honor-A-Teacher program is a great way to let your child’s teacher know how much you appreciate them. Find out more at uceducate.org/donate/honor-a-teacher.

Standley Middle’s Farm Fresh Fundraiser

Standley Middle School PTSA has again partnered with Yasukoichi Family Farms for another Farm Fresh Fundraiser. Are you familiar with a CSA box? “Community Supported Agriculture” are boxes of local farm fresh fruits and vegetables. Boxes are sold for a reduced price keeping the supply chain between local farms and consumers open (also much fresher than typical grocery store produce). Boxes are $25 or $35 depending upon the size. Flower bunches, berry boxes and fresh eggs will also be available to order.

Details and to place an order, please visit the Standley PTSA website at: www.standleyptsa.org. Click on the green “Shop and Earn” button on the right. Orders must be received by Monday, May 10. Delivery is Tuesday, May 18 from noon to 1:00pm in the Swanson Pool parking lot, located at 3885 Governor Drive.

Doyle Elementary Welcomes New Principal
Armando Lopez

The following is from an introductory letter written by SDUSD Area 2 Superintendent Lamont Jackson:

On December 15, 2020, the SDUSD Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Mr. Armando Lopez to the position of Principal at Doyle Elementary. Mr. Lopez is currently Principal of Crown Point Junior Music Academy. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lopez was Site Administrator at Central Elementary in Imperial Beach from 2009-2017 and Assistant Principal at Mendoza Elementary in Imperial Beach from 2007-2008. Lopez holds a BA in Liberal Arts and MA in Education, both from San Diego State University.

The community’s hope and dreams for students at Doyle is to have a leader who can prepare students for success in middle school and beyond. An experienced, knowledgeable leader with strong communication skills, kindness and compassion.

The community emphasized on academic excellence, and nothing else. Mr. Lopez has accomplished a 15% increase in student achievement and a Distinguished School award.

The community also wanted a leader who will provide an environment that is inclusive for all students, motivate and empower students to follow their dreams. The panel and the Area Superintendent both agreed to recommend Armando Lopez for Principal at Doyle Elementary school due to his experience and rigorous willingness to continue the success of student, educator and community growth at Doyle. He is familiar with Doyle’s diversity; experience with many languages and cultures.

Mr. Lopez demonstrated a high level of working with dynamic teams and will provide a fresh perspective to a learning community to move Doyle beyond their current achievement levels. He demonstrated knowledge of Doyle’s subgroups SWD, EL, Black youth, SED. His ability to meet the needs of all students focused on equity was clear, concise, and without excuses.

He articulated a clear why for the high expectations he brings to Doyle. He is flexible and adaptive; creative in frequent opportunities class by class. Mr. Lopez was grounded in family connectedness and shared strategies for engaging parents.

During the walkthrough portion of the interview, Mr. Lopez’s instructional leadership shined. He was able to identify key strengths in the lessons as well as identify components of next steps and clear ways of celebrating, opportunities for feedback and growth, as well as how he would partner with educators to meet their needs and how to leverage capacity at a site.
COMMUNITY SHORTS

7 Years Cleaning Up UC
The monthly volunteer clean up group, People for a Clean UC, spearheaded by Vince Reardon, celebrated their seventh anniversary in April. The group, pictured above, cleaned up parts of Regents Rd., Governor Dr., Genessee Ave., and the on- and off-ramps of I-52 and Regents Road. Lend a hand at the next cleanup on Sunday, May 16. Meet in front of Starbucks on Governor Drive, at 7:30am. Supplies are provided.

UCUC Blood Drive
Saturday, May 8, is the next UCUC San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile Blood Drive at the Sprouts / Starbucks Marketplace on Governor Drive from 8:00am to 1:30pm. Good News: You get a free CATS – Covid Antibodies Test too. Bring your Driver’s License and mask. You can sign up at: www.mysdbb.org. Future 2021 blood drives are: July 17, September 18, and November 13. The UCUC Blood Drives are averaging 33 blood pints each time for the past 35 bloodmobile visits, which is 38% better than the citywide 24-pint average Bloodmobile pre-covid Blood Drives. UC rocks, as the Bloodmobile rolls.

Front Porch Pandemic Celebrates One Year of Jam Session Performances
Thursday, April 29 marked the one year anniversary of continual front porch performances by band members Greg Pardue, Jack Hoffman, Roy Jenkins, Phil Marcus, and Albert Rubidoux (plus occasional guests or subs), aka the Front Porch Pandemic Band. They will continue their jam sessions every Thursday starting at 4:00 to 6:00pm (subject to weather). Perfect for a jazzy happy hour. Find them at the 5600 block of Bloch Street.

Seating is on the sidewalks, some driveways and edge of the street or in your parked car. Bring your own chair or just stand or walk around. Recent audience guests included friends and family Illinois, Iowa, and New Mexico. One week, they had a guest trumpet player from Holland. All are welcome!

Take the City Nature Challenge
The San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is once again partnering with the San Diego Natural History Museum (the NAT) to help promote the 2021 City Nature Challenge to be held this year from Friday, April 30 through Monday, May 3.

Did you know that San Diego is one of the most bio-diverse regions in the contiguous United States? That means there is plenty of plants and wildlife to be found! This challenge is a great opportunity to get outdoors and learn more about our local environment.

The City Nature Challenge is a worldwide collaboration to document as many species of plants, insects, and animals as we can find in a 4-day period from Friday, April 30 to Monday, May 3.

How to participate:
- **STEP 1:** Find wildlife anywhere in San Diego County.
- **STEP 2:** Take photos of wild plants & animals.
- **STEP 3:** Download the free iNaturalist app from the App Store or Google Play. Share your observations in the iNaturalist app.
- **STEP 4:** Help identify what everyone found from May 4 – May 9.

For more information, visit San Diego Public Library at sandiego.gov/public-library/city-nature-challenge. See also City Nature Challenge 2021 at sdnhm.org/calendar/

UC HISTORY LESSON

How San Diego Streets Got Their (Crazy) Names

*Excerpt from The Reader, by Sue Garson, originally published 10.20.83*

Another local giant in land development, whose activities spanned from the early Fifties until his death in 1973, was Irvin J. Kahn. "When he died, he had 1500 employees, so it's hard to remember who named what streets," says Kahn's widow, Eleanor. But she does remember Governor Drive, the main thoroughfare of University City, and how it was named — and she thinks about it every time she drives by. "We had a specific theme — the university, UCSD. We were driving around one Sunday and Irvin said, 'Hey, honey, you wanna name some streets today?'" and I said, 'Sure, why not?' So to be consistent with the learning-and-education theme, I named the main street Governor Drive for the Board of Governors, and Regents Road for the Board of Regents, and Pennant Way because college kids collect pennants, and Honors Drive for high academic hopes. And then there's a whole section of streets named for Nobel Prize winners," Mrs. Kahn recalls. "Pauling Street, for instance, for Linus Pauling. Today when people give me directions and ask if I know where Governor Drive is, I just say yes — but I think, 'I named it!' At that time I wasn't particularly impressed with the fact that I was naming some streets," she says. "Not as impressed as I am today."
Standley Park Construction

Construction on the Standley Park joint-use projects is progressing, and they are past the halfway mark. Aerial photos, and plan renderings are courtesy of SDUSD.

So You Think You Know UC
Part 4

take this informal quiz for UC nerds

1. What business WAS located in the same property/store that now is Tuesday Morning?
   A. Video Vault
   B. UC Pharmacy
   C. La Jolla Bank

2. How much did a single scoop ice cream cost in the 1970s in what is now Rite Aid?
   A. 5 cents
   B. 15 cents
   C. 25 cents

3. How long has Carl’s Jr. been our community fast-food restaurant?
   A. 15+ years
   B. 20+ years
   C. 25+ years

4. Who was the first Standley Park Rec Center Site Director? (Hint: now a successful insurance representative)
   A. Andy Freeburn
   B. Steve Lyons
   C. Fred Shatsky

5. Who was University City’s first veterinarian?
   A. Roger Beck
   B. John Schindel
   C. Tom Ventimiglia

6. What was the name of the first Mexican food restaurant in South University City?
   A. El Tecolote
   B. Fiesta House
   C. Que Lastima

7. Which of our Elementary Schools was the first to have year-round school?
   A. Doyle Elementary
   B. Spreckels Elementary
   C. Curie Elementary

8. Which former elementary school principal later became the principal at UC High School?
   A. Dennis Doyle
   B. Anne Bolton
   C. Pat Collan

9. What is the name of the UC resident that founded "Gateways" educational summer programs?
   A. Ann Armstrong
   B. Bonnie MacRitchie
   C. Carolyn Wood

10. Who was the former University City Planning Group Chair that later served in the San Diego City Council?
    A. Harry Mathis
    B. Irwin Kahn
    C. Ron Belanger

"Bonus question...Who is the chairperson of UC’s local political action INDIVISIBLE chapter (aka “Change Begins with Me”)

UC Quiz prepared by UCCE President Barry Bernstein. Answers on page 3, or go to universitycitynews.org.
Memorial Day Tribute:
Masayoshi “Mas” Tsuida
Profile of a Patriot

by Jerry Herrman

At the beginning of World War II, when Masayoshi “Mas” Tsuida was inducted into the US Army he had no way to know that he would join an elite fighting force. While he was in training, his family along with other Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were placed in internment camps. He joined the newly formed segregated Japanese American Army unit, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) which fought in Europe in the last two years of World War II.

Mas was sent to Europe in March of 1944 and was wounded with shrapnel fighting the German Army in the Vosges Mountains of France. Mas’ unit (100th Battalion, 442nd RCT) liberated the French towns of Biffontaine and Bruyeres. When the famous Texas “Lost Battalion” became trapped by the German Army, and two other battalions were unable to extricate them, the 442nd and 100th Battalion were sent to rescue them. After five days of ferocious combat with the Germans, they reached the Texans and rescued them. The 442nd suffered 1,000 casualties - 800 wounded and 200 killed in action. The 442nd/100th BN is now recognized as the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the US military.

Upon his return to the US in 1945, Mas received an honorable discharge and worked another 38 years as a commercial fisherman. In 1970, the family moved to University City on the north side of Governor Drive across from the Carl’s Jr. Many in the neighborhood knew Mas and Grace. Sadly, Masayoshi Tsuida passed away in his home on January 31, 2021 at age 101.

(To read the full article on Mas, go to universitycitynews.org. Photo above: Mas and his wife Grace in Washington DC in 2011 to receive the Congressional Gold Medal; below: on their wedding day in 1944.)

A Mother’s Words:
Belinda McCormack Spreads Positive Energy to UC

by Ian McCormack

Already over one year ago, our two boys were forced to leave their Spreckels classrooms and start online learning due to Covid-19. Since that time and during a lot of uncertainty, my wife had decided to try and do something nice and positive for the community by creating weekly colorful, chalk-drawn positive messages on our driveway for anyone walking by to read. We have received dozens of compliments, created endless smiles, and I would assume that these little messages of hope and positivity had probably helped to keep the spirits up with some of our community members.

Driveway at: 5920 Tulane Street

UCCA Thanks all the moms out there who have had to expand their roles during the past year. Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 9 — make sure to thank all the types of moms in your life.
Anthony Davis to be Inducted into American Academy of Arts & Letters

Following are excerpts from the San Diego Union-Tribune article by George Varga, 4.11.21:

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and UC San Diego music professor Anthony Davis will be inducted May 19 into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, one of the nation’s most exclusive and prestigious cultural awards for sustained artistic excellence and innovation.

“It’s a great honor,” Davis said. “Post-COVID, we will meet every year to help distribute awards that the academy gives to composers, so I’m looking forward to participating.” And added that “Henry Threadgill and Wynton Marsalis are being inducted this year, so it’s wonderful to be in that company.”

Davis was awarded the 2020 Pulitzer for The Central Park Five, which debuted last June at the Long Beach Opera. It was inspired by the racially and politically charged New York trial and conviction of a Latino teenager and four Black teens in the 1989 rape of a young White female investment banker in Central Park. All five were later exonnerated and freed.

Davis’ other operas include: Tania, 1992 – kidnapping and radicalization of heiress Patty Hearst; Amistad, 1997 – pivotal slave rebellion; and Wakonda’s Dream, 2007 – social injustices against Native Americans. Upcoming works include an opera about the fatal 2015 shootings of nine Black churchgoers in Charleston, SC; and a musical adaptation of the children’s book “Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote: A Migrant’s Tale” which is set at the Mexico border and addresses current immigration issues. His first major work, X, The Life and Times of Malcolm X, debuted at the New York City Opera in 1986. A new production of “X” will be launched in May by Michigan Opera, with a recording to follow. And Davis will be in Oklahoma for the May 1-2 Livestream performance of his aria “There are Many Trails of Tears” from his upcoming new opera Fire Across the Tracks, Tulsa 1921.

Davis lives in University City with his wife, opera singer Cynthia Aaronson Davis.

Go to: www.universitycitynews.org/2020/05/15/uc-talks-with-anthony-davis-2020-pulitzer-prize-winner-for-music-for-the-central-park-five/ to listen to our UC-Talks podcast with Davis conducted last year.

John Walsh Day
April 6, 2021

This past April, long-time U.C. resident and University City visionary John Walsh, was presented a San Diego City Council proclamation by Council member Joe LaCava declaring April 6, 2021 as “John Walsh Day”. As the community committee chair John led the way for the construction of Standley Park, (and the added Swanson Pool), as well as generating the support for U.C. High School.

John was also the chair of the UC Planning Group, president of UC Little League, and a founding member of Our Mother of Confidence Church. All of us now living in University City owe John a big thank you for his successful efforts in making University City, “more than just a neighborhood”.

Pictured above is Davis flanked by Councilman Joe LaCava on the right, and his community liaison, Kaitlyn Willoughby, on the left.

Barry Bernstein Day
February 28, 2021

In Joe LaCava’s words, “I had the honor of presenting the proclamation for Barry Bernstein to the man himself! Long-time University City resident, UCCA President, and former educator, Barry is the epitome of a good neighbor and person. Well deserved!”
Public Comment Sought for the Wildfire Protection Plan

by Diane Ahern

The Fire Safe Council is seeking Public Comment on its first draft University City area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Comments and suggestions will be reviewed and considered by the Fire Safe Council when developing its final draft CWPP. The final draft will be reviewed and approved by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department as well as the County and State Fire Safe Councils. A completed and approved CWPP will enable the University City Fire Safe Council to become eligible for grant funding for fire prevention and preparation activities. The Public Comment period for the draft CWPP is open now through May 15, 2021. To submit a Public Comment, complete the form available on UCCA’s website at universitycitynews.org/fire-safe-council-public-comment/

Strong Partnerships Create a Resilient California

From Our Stronger California Partner:
May is Wildfire Awareness Month, It’s Never Too Early to Prepare

Ahead of Wildfire Awareness Month this May, leaders at the forefront of wildfire preparedness efforts offered comments and resources stressing the importance for homeowners and neighborhoods to be proactive; implement mitigation at the home, community, and regional levels; and ensure that homeowners insurance policies are up to date.

“When it comes to wildfire, no single person alone can protect a community. Residents throughout California are joining forces to create local Fire Safe Councils to effectively reduce and prevent wildfire losses,” said Kate Dargan, Board Co-Chair of the California Fire Safe Council. “Working together, local Fire Safe Councils are here to help you and your neighbors with grant funding and education for wildfire mitigation.” For more info: calfiresafecouncil.org.

From the American Red Cross: It’s all about time. You have just two minutes to safely escape a home fire. So why not spend 15 minutes with the American Red Cross to learn how to protect your family and home? This is a free service.

Now through May 8, sign up your household for a free home fire safety consultation, and to receive an installation of free smoke alarms in your home. The call takes 15 minutes and may help save your life or the life of a loved one.

Once you sign up, you will receive a call from a Red Cross volunteer, who will share fire safety information and help you create a home fire escape plan. The program is part of Sound the Alarm, a national effort to educate 100,000 people about home fire safety. To book an appointment, visit SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal. Participants are also eligible to receive free smoke alarms installed by fire departments and community partners at a future date.

“Home fires remain the most frequent disaster during COVID-19, and more than 90% of Red Cross responses each year are the result of home fires,” said Melissa Altman, regional preparedness manager of the American Red Cross of San Diego and Imperial Counties. “It’s critical that we help our neighbors protect themselves from these everyday disasters.”

In the 15-minute session you’ll learn about:
- Causes of home fires
- How to reduce the risk of a fire in your home
- What to do if a fire occurs
- Planning your escape route and meeting place
- Preparing your children
- You can’t evacuate. What now?
- Living your action plan

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by the generosity of donors and the power of volunteers. For more info: SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal

BE RED CROSS READY CHECKLIST

✔ I know what disasters are most likely in my area
✔ My household has an evacuation plan
✔ A member of my household is certified in CPR/First Aid
✔ I have filled out an emergency contact card and chosen my out-of-state contact
✔ My household has practiced our escape plan
✔ I know how to shut off my water, power and gas in an emergency
✔ I have found and secured potential hazards in my home
✔ My household has an emergency supply kit with supplies for each person and pet
✔ I have a personal supply kit:
  - At home
  - At work
  - In my car
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO JOINED UCCA FOR 2021 APRIL MEMBERSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL
Victoria Beaton
Jane Gibson
Ann & Phil Gonsalves
Margaret Hagerman
Nancy Knight
Dr. Robert Riffenburgh
Julius & Eugnie Seman
Codi Vierra
Clara Walker

GOLD
Harvey Amster
Sindy & Michael Grady
Joani & Steve Gross
Jo Guinn & Brad Spitz
Liz & Wayne Katz
Audrey Patterson
Vince & Ellen Reardon
Bruno & Irena Scharer

SUPPORTER
Nick Antipa
Susan Driscoll
Bob & Sarah Esch
Paul Hewitt
Helen Lebowitz
Deborah Olstaad
Nancy Powell
Art & Lan Wolfkind

ANGEL
George & Sally Berg
Tom & Laura Cartier
Jon Iwaanga
Tiffany Nelson
Wilhelmina van Daalen

VIRTUAL UCCA MEETING MAY 12
The next UCCA meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12, starting at 6:00pm – the regular monthly meeting time. Since libraries are still closed, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To participate, join at us02web.zoom.us/j/81944097621
You may also go to zoom.com, and join meeting
ID: 819 4409 7621

And you can also call in at:
408.638.0968, 81944097621#

University City Community Association 2021 UCCA Membership Application*

2021 Members will receive a 2021 membership card and a special thank-you gift for joining.

____ $20 Individual | ____ $40 Supporter | ____ $60 Angel | ____ $100 Gold | ____ Additional donation enclosed $________

Please print Name(s)______________________________

Address __________________________________________

Business name ____________________________________

Phone_______________ E-mail_______________________

Would you like to volunteer? We welcome your time, talent, comments and suggestions. Please let us know.

Individual and/or Business members’ names will be listed in the newsletter. Please indicate if you do NOT want your name to be listed.

____ Do NOT list my name. Please make your check payable to UCCA; mail to UCCA, 3298 Governor Drive, #22574, San Diego, CA 92122. Payment is also accepted through PayPal on our website www.universitycitynews.org.

Your UCCA membership dues (and additional donation) make a big difference in our community. These funds help support many worthwhile organizations (i.e. public schools’ fundraising, Standley Park, EdUCatel, Neighborhood Watch, ImproveUC/UCCF, Buy Local).

Plus special projects and activities such as median beautification, painted utility boxes, street banners, 4th of July Celebration, Summer Concerts, Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting, and our monthly newsletter delivered to your home and/or business.

*(UCCA membership dues are not tax deductible.)*

*This membership is valid for the 2021 calendar year. Thank you for joining UCCA. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Chairperson Hallie Burch at UCCAmembership@gmail.com.
Community Plan Update Meeting
April 20, 2021

by Katie Rodolico

Agenda and supporting documents for this meeting, and previous meetings can be found at: www.planuniversity.org/
The meeting was held as a webinar.

Public Comment:

Petr Krysl suggested that the community survey planned for this June be reconsidered since many community members have not been involved with this process and the data and concepts provided.

Katie Rodolico strongly disagreed. Pointing out the plan was not just those who attend the subcommittee meetings.

Joann Sellick asked if the end of the planning was imminent. Wondered if the timing of the survey was wrong since it seems there is a lot more to plan.

Debby Knight stated the planning was nebulous, not wrapped up. Wondered how the plan would address the need for housing. Only thing certain is density is increasing.

Katie Witherspoon responded that the online engagement was scheduled for June. That we were approaching the finish line but that it wouldn’t wrap up this summer. At request of subcommittee members a draft of the online engagement questions will be presented at the May meeting. Housing is addressed in the City’s housing plan element. Not addressed in the community plan.

Barry Bernstein, President of UCCA, offered the resources of UCCA including the website, newsletter and eblast, to publicize the online engagement survey.

Agenda Items:

Diego Velasco provided a recap of the March meeting on urban design. Diego Velasco defined the “4 Ps”: Plazas, Paseos, Promenades, Podiums.

Torrey Pines area north of UCSD: Discussion of how the 4 Ps could be used. Discussion that much of the area is secure with no public access.

Campus Point to Eastgate Mall: Discussed land use to allow more housing along Eastgate close to Genesee to take advantage of the two trolley stops. Suggested mixed use with retail at ground level and residential and office above.

UTC Mall/Costa Verde/Executive drive: Discussed plaza at executive drive trolley stop. Mixed use in some of the business parks north of La Jolla Village Drive.

La Jolla Village Square area: Discussion of possibilities if height restrictions were removed. Mixed use with retail at street level, housing above. Some sort of crossover needed between La Jolla Village Square and Whole Foods area to cross over Nobel. The area being close to UCSD with a Trolley Stop seems ideal for increased housing for workers and students.

Governor Drive at Genesee: Again, retail at street level, public spaces between retail. Housing above. Would like to see plan and ideas extend east to the library and include housing above library.

The next University Community Plan Update meeting will be on May 18, 2021 at 5:30pm.
T**HE FRENCH GOURMET**
Catering • Restaurant • Bakery • Wine Boutique

960 Turquoise Street

**Prepared Meals Ready to Reheat at Home**
Daily Drop-off 5pm Mon-Sat; Noon Sundays
OMC Church Parking Lot - 3131 Governor

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MOTHER’S DAY SPECIALS
Place your order by 3pm 3 ways: [www.thefrenchgourmet.com](http://www.thefrenchgourmet.com)

*New selection of Gluten Free Desserts and Cakes*

(858) 488-1725 x3
by 3pm for Delivery @OMC
catering@thefrenchgourmet.com

BAKERY OPENS DAILY 7AM
INDOOR AND PATIO DINING WED-SUN

Interested in Advertising in our Newsletter? Email Terri Day at uccaADS@hotmail.com

Next issue: June 2021    Deadline: May 20, 2021

---

**REMCON DESIGN BUILD**

ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR
REMODEL NEEDS

UP TO 10% OFF YOUR NEXT PROJECT!

Plans & Permits • Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels • Room Additions
ADUs • Grannyflats • Outdoor Spaces • Hardscaping

CALL NOW FOR A FREE ESTIMATE!

7154 Convoy Ct  |  San Diego, CA 92111  |  858.874.8779  |  RemconDesignBuild.com
Advertisers are not an endorsement by UCCA, UCCA Board Members or UCCA Newsletter

Plumbing Services

- Water heaters
- Diagnosis & Repair
- Remodel & Repipe
- Water Filtration Systems
- Plumbing Camera Service
- Drain Cleaning
- Leak & Pipe Location
- Litigation Support

GET $20 OFF
Your next plumbing repair with Black Mountain Plumbing
*Not valid with any other offer.

Follow Us! Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, Pinterest, Youtube, Instagram

Instant Online Booking!
(858) 536-4161 • www.BlackMountainPlumbing.com
9909 Hibert St., Suite E, San Diego, CA 92131
If you have ever considered selling your home, now is truly an amazing time to maximize your sales price!! Low interest rates, low inventory, pent up buyer demand!! Call me - I can help you!!!

Nancy Beck can help you, too!

858-945-LIST (5478)
www.NancyBeckRealtor.com
NancyBeckRealtor@gmail.com
DRE #0129297

University City Specialist!

For more info on Advertising in our Newsletter, email Terri Day: uccaADS@hotmail.com

FOR THE MOM WHO HAS EVERYTHING... Give the Gift of Wellness

Mindset Organics Colitas: premium Belgian chocolate with irresistible flavor centers | CANN Social Tonics: all-natural ingredients to create a light, refreshing social buzz | dreamt Sleep Tincture: for those with sleep problems | Jetty Extracts: setting industry standards for medicinal cannabis extracts | Rose Delights: single-strain rosin and fresh fruit Turkish Delight-style infused edibles | High Gorgeous Lotions: infused lineup of luxurious products from an all-women company

20% OFF YOUR NEXT PURCHASE OF $100 (pre-tax) OR MORE. Use Promo Code: UC2021 | Offer valid May 1 - May 31, 2021 for delivery and curbside pickup orders. Cannot be combined with other offers.

10671 Roselle St. #100 | San Diego, CA 92121
TORREYHOLISTICS.COM | 858-558-1420
Valerie Upham

Whether you are a first-time home buyer, seasoned real estate pro, or anywhere in between, call me to learn how I can meet your real estate goals.

858.761.7890

DRE# 01406912
Realtor®, CDRE™, SRES®
ValerieUphamRealtor.com

Working with me is as easy as...

1. PENDING
   4485 Robbins Street
   San Diego 92122
   Asking $1,270,000

2. UNDER CONTRACT!
   4644 Brighton Avenue
   San Diego 92107
   Buyer Under Contract

3. JUST SOLD!
   3521 Blackwolf Drive
   Alpine 91901
   $1,300,000

universitycitynews.org