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Camp Lockett, Stowe Trail Deserve Place in History

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Jacob seeks to preserve two little-known sites rich in regional history

From Old Town to historic Julian, the lazy days of summer are a good time for San Diegans to visit historical sites and still stay close to home.

At the urging of Supervisor Jacob, the County wants to add two little-known, yet extraordinary, spots to the list of locations that keep us connected to our past.

The first site is the historic Stowe Trail. The century-old route once served as the primary thoroughfare between East County and North County through, what are now, the Gooden Ranch and Sycamore Canyon open space preserves located east of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. In the 1930s, a stretch of the trail was restricted for military use and remains off limits today.

The second site is Camp Lockett, the storied old army post built during World War II in the community of Campo. Cavalry soldiers staged training exercises there and the camp housed Italian prisoners of war. Camp Lockett is probably best known as the last home of the famed Buffalo Soldiers, entirely

African-American army units whose proud legacy dates back to the Civil War.

Both the Stowe Trail and Camp Lockett tell fascinating tales of how our backyard grew to become the dynamic region it is today. These tales must be preserved so that future generations understand and appreciate the struggles and the triumphs of those who came before us.

To traverse the Stowe Trail is to trace the route of mail and supply wagons that used to journey from Santee to Poway. With breathtaking vistas and chaparral that is fast bouncing back from the 2003 Firestorms, the trail looks the same today as it did to the pioneers who constructed it and depended

on it to transport produce and supplies.

Thanks to a deal worked out by the County and the Marines, the County may soon acquire 230 acres of land from the military that would open the closed stretch of the trail. Congressman Duncan Hunter and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein are seeking federal legislation needed to finalize the deal and, at last, open the trail to hikers and horseback riders eager to enjoy it.

Similarly, the County is actively seeking a national historical designation for Camp Lockett. Completed in 1941, Camp Lockett was the last cavalry base built in the United States. Soldiers at Lockett patrolled the rugged U.S. Border on horseback and guarded the region's transportation links and water supply from an invasion that military strategists feared might come

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Historical Sites

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View of History: An aerial photograph of Camp Lockett taken in 1941. Some of the barracks are still standing today.

through Mexico, according to a 1993 article by Meredith Vezina published in the *Journal of San Diego History*.

More than 3,000 African Americans were stationed at Camp Lockett. They were the

soldiers of the 4th Cavalry.

Like generations of Buffalo Soldiers before them, they were segregated from their white counterparts and faced discrimination and prejudice while serving and protecting our country. Their worn uniforms, tattered boots and personal possessions are on display at the Gaskill Stone Store in Campo today.

The texture of their hair and their fighting spirit reminded Native Americans of the sacred buffalo and, over the decades, the nickname carried on.

Community leaders in Campo and I want to memorialize the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers and preserve the remarkable chapters of military history that have unfolded at Camp Lockett.

Obtaining a national historic

designation for the site is an important first step toward the eventual creation of a public park where the stories of Camp Lockett can be kept alive. Preserving Camp Lockett and Stowe Trail for public use will give San Diegans access to their own impressive heritage. The resilience of the homesteaders who traveled the Stowe Trail and the courage of the Buffalo Soldiers on the border should never fade away.

The lessons of the past remind us that we are following in a long tradition of individual strength and loyalty to our country. Today, sites like Camp Lockett and Stowe Trail should inspire us to think long-term and make educated decisions that create a strong future by honoring our past.

Give Landlords Power to Evict Registered Sex Offenders



Imagine you're renting an apartment with your children, or imagine you're a woman renting an apartment alone. Don't you think your landlord should have the right to keep you safe?

Currently, property owners and managers face lawsuits if they deny housing to registered sex offenders. Supervisor Jacob says that needs to change.

She and Supervisor Ron Roberts have asked the County to lend its support to State legislation that would give landlords the right to use the Megan's Law Database to keep registered sex offenders from renting units.

The legislation, Assembly Bill 438, also would let rental housing owners use the Megan's Law Database to evict registered sex offenders from rental units and warn other tenants if a registered sex offender is living at a property.

Both Supervisors agree that rental housing owners should not be forced to house dangerous criminals who are statistically likely to repeat their sinister acts.

To keep tabs on this legislation or make your feelings known to State legislators visit: www.leginfo.ca.gov

Pink Pamphlet Steers Meth Users to Treatment

Women booked into County-run jails soon will be handed more than meal trays.

Each will be given a carefully-designed pamphlet which contains contact numbers for methamphetamine treatment centers.

Women in treatment for meth addiction and women serving time in jails played a role in the design of the pamphlet. Preliminary designs were shown to five focus groups whose members helped select the color, artwork and content of the final pamphlet.

The pamphlet project was launched by Supervisor Jacob, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Sheriff Bill Kolender in hopes of controlling the staggering percentage of female lawbreakers using this deadly drug.

A 2004 study conducted by the San Diego Association of Governments indicated that four out of 10 females arrested for crimes in San Diego County test positive for meth.

Meth Hotline: 1-877-No2Meth

A SUMMER TRADITION



A fire rig, antique cars and even a dune buggy steered along Old Highway 80 for another successful Pine Valley Days Parade. Supervisor Jacob says the

annual weekend tradition gets bigger and better every year. She enjoyed the scene from the bed of a 1953 Chevrolet pick up owned and driven by Mr. Hank Reib.

GOT SHOTS? Many vaccine-preventable diseases still occur in adults. In the first half of this year, 124 cases of whooping cough were reported in our County. August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Check out www.immunization-sd.org or call (888) 692-2575.

BAD NEWS FOR THUGS

The effort is on to reverse a troubling spike in gang-related crime in East County. The County is spending nearly \$800,000 to create an East County Gang Task Force.

The funds will pay for six additional personnel within in the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office and the Probation Department.

Two sheriff's detectives, two probation officers, a prosecutor and a district attorney investigator will be added to the roster of law enforcement officials who already battle crime in East

County. Task Force members will focus on areas known for gang violence.

Member agencies will gather information on gang crimes and develop the intelligence necessary to prosecute gang-related cases.

According to law enforcement officials, there were 13 gang-related homicides in East County communities in 2004.

Spring Valley and Lemon Grove experienced a dramatic up tick in assaults and robberies, statistics show.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Got an idea that will improve or enhance Rancho San Diego? Want to share comments or concerns?

Supervisor Jacob invites you to an informal community coffee.

**Friday, September 23, 2005
8:30 AM**

Rancho San Diego Library

1555 Via Rancho San Diego

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