



The Jacob Journal

A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

April 2006

How Teamwork Transforms Communities Many hands turn aging Lemon Grove ballpark into neighborhood gem

Serving the Cities of:
El Cajon
La Mesa
Lemon Grove
Poway
Santee

Serving the communities of:
Agua Caliente
Allied Gardens
Alpine
Barrett
Blossom Valley
Bostonia
Boulevard
Campo
Canebrake
Casa de Oro
Crest
Cuyamaca
Dehesa

*Del Cerro
Descanso
Dulzura
Eucalyptus Hills
Fernbrook
Flinn Springs
Granite Hills
Grantville
Guatay
Harbison Canyon
Jacumba
Jamul
Julian
Lake Morena
Lakeside
Mount Helix
Pine Hills
Pine Valley
Potrero
Ramona
Rancho San Diego
Rolando
San Carlos
San Pasqual
Santa Ysabel
Shelter Valley
Spring Valley
Tecate
Tierra del Sol
Vallecitos
Wynola*

Serving the Indian Reservations of:
Barona
Campo
Cosmit
Cuyapaipe
Inaja
Jamul
La Posta
Manzanita
Mesa Grande
Santa Ysabel
Sycuan
Viejas

It happened in Spring Valley when parents, teachers and community leaders became determined to give teens a safe, healthy place to hang out. When the state backpedaled on its promise to help fund a gym and teen center at La Presa Middle School, students, supporters and Supervisor Jacob banded together and saved the badly needed facility.

When complete, the center will expose hundreds of young people to sports, arts and other worthwhile activities.

It happened again in Julian when the community decided it had outgrown its tiny, one-room library. The Friends of the Julian Library teamed up with the County to raise funds and seize the benefits of voter-approved Proposition 14, a bond act that matches community dollars with State dollars to build libraries.

The beautiful Julian Library, designed to complement other buildings in the historic gold rush town, was the first in the State to be constructed under the act.

Last month, it happened in Lemon Grove; community members joining forces to create an attractive public place that enhances an area and is a source of pride

for residents.

The revitalization of Monterey Heights Park, home of the Lemon Grove Little League, is a testament to community teamwork. Thanks to an all-star roster of dedicated community, corporate and non-profit representatives, a rundown ballpark has been transformed into a true community gem. No single entity could have done what many pulled together to accomplish.



Photo by: Jody Pletcher

Just last winter, the park itself would have drawn nothing but boos from those sitting in the old bleachers. The grass was dry and choked with weeds in some spots. The fences were falling down and the electric wiring in the snack bar looked like a scary science experiment.

The park's luck began to change when an energetic group gathered at Supervisor Jacob's office and hatched a plan to bring new life to the park. That lineup included Lemon Grove Little League president David Doane and officials from the San Diego Padres and the City of Lemon Grove.

City officials knew exactly how much Lemon Grove cherished its 50 year old Little League program. Generations of young people have learned sportsmanship, fair play and humility at Monterey Park.

Padres officials shared the belief that youth athletics can help children grow into hard-working, honorable adults. For their part, the Padres felt that Lemon Grove's old



Teamwork.....Page 1
Teamwork.....Page 2
Faster Permit Process, Etc.....Page 3
Get the Journal.....Page 4

Teamwork
Continued on Page 2

Teamwork

Continued from Page 1

ballpark might make a good candidate for the Little Padres Parks revitalization program.

That news was a hit with Supervisor Jacob, who believes that healthy bodies make for healthy minds, and has helped build or improve more than 100 ballfields in her district. Never one to miss a little league opening day, she jumpstarted the park's facelift by securing \$100,000 from the County.

Little League Baseball's Urban Initiative and the San Diego Padres were hot on her heels with funds to make sure the project rounded home.



GOOD CHANGE: The Swingin' Friar and Dave Winfield celebrate the new Monterey Park.

With help from a battalion of community volunteers, the group tamed the weeds, sodded new fields, planted trees, improved dugouts, fixed up the snack bar and turned the place into the apple of Lemon Grove's eye.

What happened in Lemon Grove can happen in other communities when like minded parties work together to achieve a common goal. Cheers to teamwork!

Agencies Get Boost from Gaming Grants

Many rural fire and emergency service agencies will benefit from nearly \$5 million in grants from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. The State created the fund a decade ago to offset the impacts of casinos. Sponsored by the Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, the grants will go a long way toward improving public safety in the Backcountry and beyond.

- **Alpine Sheriff Substation: \$750,000**
- **Wildcat Canyon Road Improvements: \$3,210,000**
- **District Attorney's Tribal Liaison: \$353,329**
- **Intermountain Fire Station Water Well: \$25,000**
- **Gambling Counselor Training and Certification Process: \$49,600**
- **Fire-Rescue Department Portable Fire Training Unit: \$177,898**
- **Interface Fire Engine: \$233,475**
- **Fire Department Safety Gear Upgrade: \$38,682**
- **Paramedic Ambulance Acquisition: \$100,000**
- **Traffic Unit Critical Incident Response Unit: \$45,000**

County Aims to Keep Departments Safe from Identity Thieves

Faced with statistics showing a surge of meth-related identity theft in the region, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors wants to keep personal information collected by County departments from falling into the hands of hackers and other thieves.



At the request of Supervisor Jacob, with help from Supervisor Greg Cox and District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, the Board voted unanimously to develop a risk assessment plan which will help departments identify any vulnerabilities to identity theft.

The risk assessment plan will be crafted following a review of all department policies and procedures related to the storage and destruction of personal information and is due to be presented to the Board in July. Identity theft already ranks among the fastest growing crimes in the region. In 2004, there were more than 1,500 reported cases of identity theft in the county, with an estimated 1,125 of those cases connected to the meth trade, according to prosecutors.

WAR ON RED TAPE

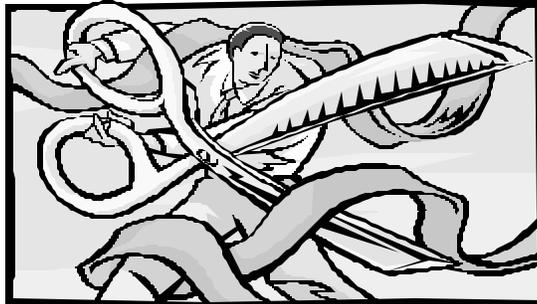
Building Permit Process Gets Needed Overhaul

The County has begun a major effort to speed up the discretionary review process for building projects by several months. The process will enhance the quality of environmental documents and reduce costs of projects.

The effort was launched at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, who voted unanimously to pursue efficiency recommendations from the Department of Planning and Land Use.

“Out with the complicated, in

with the streamlined,” said Supervisor Dianne Jacob who has expressed concerns about the



complexity of the permitting process for some time.

“The County needs to retool

our system so that it’s timely, efficient and cost effective. That process starts now,” she said.

Permit processing times will be reduced by 35 to 50 percent, under the plan.

The streamlining will be accomplished through changes in administrative procedure and will not eliminate any land use regulations or change the current public review process.

SENIORS

Understanding Medicare Part D

The San Diego County Library is hosting

workshops about Medicare Part D: Medicare’s New Prescription Drug Coverage plan, in cooperation with the Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy and the County Department of Aging and Independent Services. The public is invited to bring questions and learn how to make the Medicare Part D program work for themselves or seniors they know.

Save the date: April 27 at 10 a.m. at the El Cajon Branch Library, 201 E. Douglas Ave, El Cajon. The phone number is: (619) 588-3718.

COMMUNITIES

Fire Recovery Continues in Crest

When the 2003, wildfires destroyed the Crest Community Center that had served the Crest community since 1946, the community of Crest was left without a place to hold community events, meetings and activities.

Thanks to the work of countless volunteers and generous donors, the

community center is on its way to being rebuilt.

Supervisor Jacob recently helped secure \$37,000 in County funds that will help the Crest Kiwanis Club replace a

heating and air conditioning unit, ice machine, microwave oven, refrigerator, drinking fountain, stove, tables, shelving and other furnishings.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Supervisor Jacob invites you to an informal coffee to share your thoughts and ideas.

Friday, May 12, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.
Guy B. Woodward Museum
645 Main Street
Ramona

Get The Jacob Journal!

The Jacob Journal will be mailed to you on a regular basis by request only. If you like what you've read, fill out the form below and mail it back to us at 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101 or fax it to us at (619) 696-7253. You can also sign up to receive the Jacob Journal on our website at www.diannejacob.com.

Name _____

Signature _____

Company _____

Mailing Address _____

City, Zip _____

Phone/e-mail _____

We hope to hear from you soon!

Apr. 06

(619)531-5522

The Second District Staff

Geoff Patnoe

Chief of Staff

Caroline Braun

Senior Field Representative

Jeff Collins

Senior Policy Advisor

Erin Farris

Policy Advisor

Tale Halse

Intern

Nathaniel J. Potter

Field Representative

Donna Sievert

Office Manager & Scheduler

Robert Spanbauer

Policy Advisor

Jennifer Stone

Communications Advisor

Adam Wilson

Policy Advisor

www.diannejacob.com

website:

Dianne.Jacob@sdcountry.ca.gov

e-mail:

*(619) 531-5522
(800) 852-7322 toll free
(619) 696-7253 fax*

*Supervisor, Second District
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101*

DIANNE JACOB