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County debuts new library in Ramona



The bookshelves are in. The warm and inviting community room is just about ready. The children's area and homework center are practically begging for company.

As the County prepares to debut its newest branch library in Ramona, Supervisor Jacob salutes the people of Ramona, especially the Friends of the Ramona Library and the group's president Elyse Kuhn, for working so hard to turn the dream of a new library into a reality.

Few can miss the nearly 21,000-square foot Southwest Tuscan-style building along Ramona's Main Street. It's four times larger than the community's old library and includes community meeting spaces, a special area just for teens and computer and multimedia access.

Designed as a true community gathering place, alive with people, ideas and technology, the new library is the cornerstone for a planned intergenerational campus that will one day include a senior center and park.

The goal is to create a place where young **Library Debut**
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County cracks down on 'sexploitation' of young girls

Forget crack, meth and marijuana. In recent years, criminal street gangs in San Diego have taken to selling the innocence of young girls, often underage, to rake in money for thugs.

Deputy District Attorney Gretchen Means calls the pimping of young girls "the new crack" for street gangs. She would know. She prosecutes gang members accused of preying on vulnerable girls by using beatings and sometimes the promise of lavish gifts to lure victims into a underground world of sexual danger and despair.

Over three years, law enforcement nabbed 164 pimps and 372 victims, according to the Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. The victims run the socioeconomic gamut; they come from well-to-do suburban families and poorer rural homes. Supervisor Jacob, Sheriff Bill Gore and District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis are sickened and

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taking action. Late last year, the trio convinced the Board of Supervisors to explore setting up a full-time task force to investigate and prosecute cases.

More recently, the board voted to push for state legislation that would add pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of activities required to define a criminal gang. The board also is calling for stricter penalties for people convicted of prostitution-related crimes within 1,000 feet of a school.

The proposed changes to the defined activities of street gangs would give law enforcement the ability to infiltrate gangs using wire-taps. Those convicted of prostitution-related activities near schools would have three years tacked onto their sentences.

As law enforcement responds to a rise in gang-related pimping, social service agencies must deal with rehabilitating the victims. These broken young women need intensive assistance to deal with feelings of shame, fear, low self-esteem and, very often, a lack of an outside support system. It is the harrowing stories of these victims that keep Supervisor Jacob committed to the battle against pimping.



Watch the presentation on gang-related pimping given to Board of Supervisors. Visit Supervisor Jacob's website at www.diannejacob.com and click on "In the News"

County Calls for Investigation into Sempra's Palatial South-of-the-Border Retreat

Sempra's new \$17 million corporate retreat just north of Ensenada, Mexico, has 14 bedrooms, a \$56,000 home theater system, a \$55,000 bar and wine cellar, according to local media accounts. Even the name sounds relaxing: Casa Azul.

How a profitable corporation spends its money is normally of little interest to the Board of Supervisors. In this case, however, a former accountant for the company claims that ratepayers, not investors, picked up part of the tab for the swanky Mexican outpost. The whistleblower also alleges that Sempra paid bribes to Mexican government officials to advance the company's business interest there.

Mindful of Sempra's role in the infamous

energy crisis of 2000-2001—the company paid almost \$800 million to settle claims of market manipulation—Supervisor Jacob isn't taking Sempra's word for it that the company didn't break any laws.

At her request, the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission and to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission asking for an investigation into the financing of the retreat, along with the bribery allegations.

Supervisor Jacob believes that the public should have confidence that government regulators take seriously their obligation to guard against misdeeds by energy companies. She remembers that during the crisis, regulators failed to closely monitor the energy sector. For this reason, regulators must act swiftly to root out the allegations.

Read the letter to state and federal regulators requesting an investigation at www.diannejacob.com. Click on "In the News"

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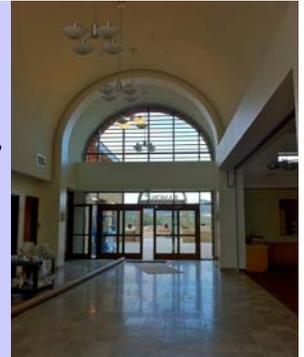
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people and seniors can interact, each generation learning from one another.

For now, the \$11.6 million library is being funded mostly by the County, with more than \$1 million raised by the Friends of the Library.

The project features water-efficient landscaping, photovoltaic panels and parking spaces for fuel-efficient vehicles. It will meet Gold certification from Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, also known as LEED, an internationally-recognized framework for sustainable design.

Join Supervisor Jacob at the grand opening celebration for the new library in Ramona! February 15 at 11:00 a.m.



Sneak Peek: Lobby of the new County Library in Ramona.

On the energy front...

Former Governor Ignores Powerlink's Fire Dangers

Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger got a surprise greeting in Boulevard last month as he and SDG&E staged a groundbreaking ceremony for the massive Sunrise Powerlink transmission line.

Supervisor Jacob and others critical of the line's documented fire dangers were on hand to remind SDG&E that the utility still faces serious lawsuits against the project.

In federal court, the Protect Our Communities Foundation is challenging approvals of the line granted by the Cleveland National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management. The suits claim the project's environmental documents are woefully insufficient to justify approval.

In state court, UCAN and the Center for Biological Diversity have filed a writ with the California Supreme Court asking the court to overturn the approval of the project. The court ordered SDG&E to file replies to the writ and is reviewing those answers.



Burn Notice: Supervisor Jacob and constituents crash SDG&E's groundbreaking party for the Sunrise Powerlink.

"California's governor had the nerve to visit this area during the 2007 firestorms and tell residents he was committed to fire safety," Supervisor Jacob told protestors.

"The project's own environmental document ranks the fire dangers as the highest threat possible. It can't be mitigated. The governor's support for this line is hypocritical," she said.

Sunrise will cost ratepayers approximately \$10 billion over 40 years. This money will be made regardless of whether a single kilowatt-hour of electricity ever moves across the line.

Learn more about the lawsuits against the Sunrise Powerlink:

www.protectourcommunities.org

www.ucan.org



Historic Bancroft Rock House Gets Upgrade

Notable history writer Hubert Howe would have loved the idea of San Diegans learning about the local pioneers of the 1800s at the historic Bancroft Rock House on the site of his former ranch in Spring Valley.

The rock house gives visitors a glimpse into the daily lives of those who settled the area. The building was used as a school house, guest house and as special storage space to keep Howe's large collection of writings safe from fire.

Today, thanks to recent upgrades by the County, the house has a renovated roof, floor, front porch, fencing, entry gate, fire-safe shingles and parking improvements.

Supervisor Jacob would like to thank officials from the County's Department of Parks and Recreation for taking such great care to preserve the historic look and integrity of the house.

Join Supervisor Jacob for Coffee and Conversation in these communities!



Crest

January 28, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.
Crest Community Center
113 N. Park Dr.

Ramona

February 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.
Guy B. Woodward Museum
645 Main Street

Dulzura

March 30, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.
Barrett Junction Café,
1020 Barrett Lake Road

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