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Diving into Spring



It's a splash: Supervisor Jacob joins swimmers, coaches and officials from Granite Hills High to celebrate the school's new aquatic center. Happy spring!

Photo courtesy of East County Herald



Latest Check-up on Region's Overall Health

Supervisor Dianne Jacob teamed up with the Children's Initiative and Vice Chairman Greg Cox to release the latest Report Card on Children and Families. The helpful tool tracks 25 key indicators of children's overall well-being to help the public and policymakers better understand and address problem areas.

The 2011 report card— data always lags one year— contained several highlights and a couple of challenging lowlights. The good news: fewer teen girls are having babies. County figures in this area than

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SDG&E wants you to pay its tab for the 2007 wildfires

The California Public Utilities Commission got an earful from hundreds of angry San Diegans when it held local hearings on a proposal by San Diego Gas and Electric that would stick ratepayers with the bill for the 2007 wildfires. The proposal also asks ratepayers to foot the bill for all future fires caused by SDG&E infrastructure.

Supervisor Jacob told state regulators she was outraged by the utility's request and reminded regulators that the CPUC's own investigatory division concluded that SDG&E's failure to properly construct and maintain its system was the root cause of three of the 2007 fires.

More than 200,000 acres burned in the Witch, Guejito and Rice fires. Some 1,800 homes and other buildings were destroyed and more than 500,000 people were evacuated from their homes.

Supervisor Jacob told regulators that while the flames of 2007 might be out, San Diego ratepayers still feel

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state and national averages. The County also is making progress connecting eligible families to nutrition assistance, doubling the number of eligible recipients receiving CalFresh benefits.

The County is not making progress with children’s oral health. The percentage of children who’ve never seen a dentist remains the same as in 2005, and our region fared worse than the state for the first time since 2001.

Childhood immunization rates are also moving in the wrong direction. The percentage of children receiving the recommended vaccine schedule has fallen to the lowest level in eight years. This mirrors state and national trends.

Despite the challenges, that the majority of indicators improved or stayed the same in a bad

economy is significant. Supervisor Jacob believes the accomplishment is a credit to the County’s community partners, including school districts and non-profit agencies, that are working hand-in-hand with the County to serve vulnerable populations.

“Our County is committed to spending its resources in ways that achieve measurable and favorable results,” Supervisor Jacob told reporters who gathered for a first look at the report card. “We don’t just throw money at problem areas. The report card gauges our progress and includes recommendations that support our goals for a safer and healthier San Diego,” she said.



Healthy Highlights: Supervisor Jacob, Vice Chairman Cox and Children’s Initiative officials break down the report card.

Supervisor Jacob would like to thank Sandy McBrayer at the Children’s Initiative for her dedication to the gathering the data and producing the document.

Check out the latest San Diego County Report Card on Children and Families at www.thechildrensinitiative.org

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burned. The notion that SDG&E cannot afford the estimated \$500 million tab for its own negligence is nonsense. SDG&E managers and executives received more than \$76 million in bonuses since 2007, not including 2011. SDG&E’s parent company, Sempra Energy, gave its top five executives \$29 million in bonuses the year after the fire.

Sempra made profit of \$1.1 billion last year, 14% higher than the year before. The company can well afford the costs of insurance and SDG&E’s failures!

There are still civil cases pending against SDG&E and mountains of evidence that need to come to light. That’s because SDG&E did not give regulators access to evidence in the immediate hours of the fires. The utility impeded

the work of state investigators and paid some \$14 million for its obstructionist behavior.

Before state regulators shove a bill across the table to ratepayers, the CPUC needs to know the severity of the wrongdoing and the extent of the damage. Justice should take its course.

Apart from the 2007 fires, the mechanism SDG&E is proposing to pay for future fires is a public policy nightmare. SDG&E wants to be indemnified by ratepayers for fires caused by its own equipment. This removes the incentive for the utility to properly maintain its wires by giving it an automatic public bailout for future damages.

State regulators are set to make a decision on this flawed proposal soon. Stay tuned for more developments.



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District Two Happenings...

Lakeside's Western Days Thrills Crowds Again

Supervisor Jacob sends warm congratulations to the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce and organizers of the Lakeside Rodeo for another successful Western Days celebration and 48th annual rodeo. She loves taking part in the parade and appreciates the hard work that goes into the festivities. She especially appreciates that East County's proud western heritage is on full display in a positive light during Western Days. Lookin' good, Lakeside!



Keep on Truckin': Supervisor Jacob soaks up Lakeside's Western Days parade.

beautiful new garden, which will give patients and the community greater access to fresh produce.

All across the country, there is a growing interest in community gardens that provide fruits and vegetables for low-cost, healthy meals.

Edgemoor is already a place where compassion flourishes so Supervisor Jacob thinks it's the perfect place to raise both crops and community spirits.

The garden includes 19 raised

beds that are open

to the community and staff. The facility's Recreational Therapy Unit will help patients learn gardening skills while growing produce for cooking classes.

Community gardeners will take part in an annual harvest celebration and donate a portion of their yields to Edgemoor.

The volunteer garden is a project of Healthy Works, a program to engage local residents, businesses and leaders in promoting wellness. Learn more at Healthyworks.org.

Distinguished Veterans Get Free Use of Campgrounds

Wounded veterans, Medal of Honor recipients and former prisoners of war soon will be able to use County parks and campgrounds for free as a way to thank them for their service and sacrifice.

The new County program, initiated by Supervisor Jacob, will be similar to the state's Distinguished Veteran Pass, which allows free access to state parks.

More than 230,000 veterans call San Diego County home. The military is a vital part of the county's

history, economy and culture.

In 2010, veterans spent more than 4,000 nights camping at state parks in San Diego

County. Supervisor Jacob is eager to open County parks to this special class of veterans and she wishes to thank her colleagues for supporting this program.



Fresh News: The garden at the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility will benefit staff, patients and the Santee community.

Good Things Growing in Santee

A special new garden has sprouted at the Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility in Santee, home to seriously ill and injured adult patients with chronic diseases or traumatic injuries.

Supervisor Jacob joined County officials and community partners to officially open the



Coffee with Constituents

Got ideas to make your community a better place? Have questions or concerns about County government? Join Supervisor Jacob at an informal community coffee!

Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.
Cali Comfort Restaurant
8901 Troy Street, Spring Valley

Friday, June 29 at 8:30 a.m.
Willowbrook Golf Course
11905 Riverside Drive, Lakeside

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