

County Unveils New Display at State Capitol

Chair Chris Norby unveiled the new Orange County display case at the State Capitol on September 5 to the pleased smiles and cheers of numerous State and City officials. The display is one of fifty-eight county displays that will be seen by approximately 480,000 people who visit the Capitol each year.

“Our last display was installed fifteen and a half years ago and we are so proud of our stunning new display that more accurately shows the famous landmarks and vibrant images of Orange County,” said Chair Chris Norby. “We also want to thank the Disneyland Resort, Walt

Disney Imagineering, City of Anaheim, City of Santa Ana, Honda Center, Chapman University and The Irvine Company for making this display a reality.”

The new display features seventeen colorful transparencies of some of the county’s most notable locations. The transparencies float in front of a curved panel listing the names of all thirty-four cities. A green center divider has hand-painted oranges and orange blossoms as well as the County seal and a special website, www.ocgov.info, to count visitors. Design services for the new display were provided by a



The colorful and vibrant images of the new Orange County display brighten the hallway at the State Capitol.

generous in-kind donation from the Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney Imagineering.



Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle, State Senator Dick Ackerman, Disneyland Resort President Ed Grier, Chair Chris Norby and Dan Miller of The Irvine Company proudly pose in front of the new Orange County display at the State Capitol.

The images in the transparencies consist of: Huntington Beach Pier; Laguna Beach Coastline; Mission San Juan Capistrano; Disneyland; Crystal Cathedral; Bowers Museum; Discovery Science Center; Knott’s Berry Farm; Honda Center; Anaheim Ducks; Angel Stadium of Anaheim; Angels Baseball; University of California, Irvine; California State University, Fullerton; Chapman University; Anaheim Convention Center; Orange County Performing Arts Center; John Wayne Airport, The Irvine Company Business Complex and a map of the county.

Probation Department Wins Challenge Award

A panel of judges sifted through 260 submissions for the California State Association of Counties' (CSAC) highly-regarded Challenge Award. Counties throughout the state sent in nominations for their most innovative, cost-effective or easily replicated programs. After careful reflection, the County of Orange Probation Department's New Leash on Life program was one of those distinguished with the honor.

The New Leash on Life program is a partnership between the Probation Department and the Animal Care Services division of the Health Care Agency. Teenage girls in the 60-bed female detention unit at Juvenile Hall provide foster care to puppies that are too young to stay at the shelter. The puppies are underweight and often must be bottle fed to reach a weight suitable for adoption.

The benefits are several-fold. As the puppies provide unconditional love to the girls - who may have attachment or abandonment issues of their own - the girls gain a valuable experience that aids their growth and development. Meeting the needs of the vulnerable puppies teaches the girls responsibility as they provide baths, clean cages, housebreak the puppies and train them to walk on leashes.

The care and socialization the puppies receive make them more likely to be adopted through Animal Care Services than without the attention provided from a foster caretaker.

"I am very proud and honored that CSAC has chosen the New Leash on Life program as a Challenge Award winner this year," said Chief Probation Officer Colleene Preciado. "Although the program concept is simple, the program results are profound and deeply important to the lives of the girls. At the same time, the program is a humane way for puppies to get one more chance at life. Probation is about getting another chance and so is the New Leash on Life program."

The award will be presented to the County at CSAC's 113th Annual Meeting in Oakland this November.



A troubled teen at Juvenile Hall cares for an under-age puppy by participating in the New Leash on Life program. The program recently won a prestigious award from the California State Association of Counties.

Latest Edition of CAPS+ Newsletter

The new CAPS+ system is advancing through its implementation phase. The CAPS+ newsletter keeps financial, purchasing, human resources and payroll employees updated about the current project phase, focus groups, communication, and risk management. Recommendations are currently being accepted from department administrators for focus group participants. Focus groups will begin in November.

The second issue of the quarterly CAPS+ newsletter is available at: http://capsprod.ocgov.com/caps_upgrade/documents/CAPS_Newsletter_August_2007.pdf

If you have any suggestions, please contact CAPS+_Upgrade@ocgov.com.

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child – Be a Mentor

Once a week, Barbara Voelkel (CEO/IT), spends her lunch hour at Pio Pico Elementary School. She meets with a child who is performing below grade level to mentor them in reading, and a bond is often struck between the two as the student thrives on individual attention and is eager to learn.

“When I first volunteered to be a mentor, I simply wanted to help kids improve their reading skills,” said Voelkel, who began with the program in 1999. “I never dreamt it would become such a rewarding experience for me. I leave each session full of energy and ready to tackle anything. One lunch hour a week seems like a small amount of time in our busy lives, but that one hour can make a great difference in the life of a child.”

There are an estimated 1,000 students who attend Pio Pico and need extra help with reading, grammar and comprehension skills. To meet this need, more than 1,000 County employees have donated their time to mentor these children since the program’s inception in 1998.

On average, the students of Pio Pico have improved their reading abilities by 1.5 levels – many advancing by two or three grade levels overall. Additional schools are also in need of mentor assistance in the cities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Santa Ana and Stanton.

Employees need only donate one lunch hour per week. Mentors are not required to have a college degree or background in teaching – simply a desire to help.

Mentoring sessions are available Monday through Friday at various times throughout the day. Employees are asked to speak to their supervisors prior to signing up for the program.

Contact Jane Dawson at 714.834.7440 or Jane.Dawson@ocgov.com for more information or to sign up.



Joe Vargas of the Health Care Agency mentors a student at Pio Pico Elementary school. Mentors spend one lunch hour a week working with below grade level students.

Leadership Academy VIII Participants

Mike Sliwa
Assessor

Scott Suzuki
John Wayne Airport

Mary Anne Skorpanich
Resources & Development
Management Department

Phillip Daigneau
Auditor-Controller

Stephanie Beverage
Public Library

Mark Morgan
Resources & Development
Management Department

Pradeep Parikh
Auditor-Controller

Ricki Parker
Public Library

Charles Walters
Sheriff-Coroner

Mario Mainero
Board of Supervisors

Sean Barry
Probation

Michael Riley
Social Services

Tom McCool
Child Support Services

Bryan Prieto
Probation

Gary Taylor
Social Services

Phyllis Johnson
Clerk-Recorder

Robert Knox
Public Defender

Rogelia Martinez
Treasurer-Tax Collector

Karen Christensen
County Counsel

Kate Gold
Registrar of Voters

Ron Vienna
County Executive Office

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County Executive Office

Laurie Browning
County Executive Office

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District Attorney

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Upcoming United Way Events

Sept. 26 – Leadership Breakfast

Kick start your day with an appetizing breakfast and rally support for the United Way Campaign at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. Tickets are \$30 after Sept. 12 and at the door. Opportunity drawing and silent auction will take place. For more info: http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/unitedway/Events/Sept07/LeadershipBreakfast_Registration_092607.doc

Oct. 3 – Grand Ave. Kick-Off

Join the tropical luau at the Kick-Off rally at 1300 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana. Savor delicious barbecue, cold drinks and lively entertainment. For more info: http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/unitedway/Events/Oct07/Luau_100307.pdf

Oct. 8 – Golf Tournament

Golfers will tee-off at the Green River Golf Course at 8 a.m. The County foursome with the best score will win a year-round trophy for display at their department until next year's tourney. Greens fees are \$125, which includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch, goodie bag, ticket for the opportunity drawing and silent auction participation. For more info: http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/unitedway/Events/Oct07/GolfTournament_100807.pdf

Oct. 10 – Civic Center Kick-Off

Ahoy, mateys! Visit the array of department booths at this year's Pirates of the Pacific Civic Center Kick-Off Rally. Aye, there be lots a food and drink, lively entertainment and book sales. For more info: http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/unitedway/Events/Oct07/AnnualKickOff_101007.pdf

Oct. 24 – Lamoreaux Justice Center Mini-Rally

Experience mouth-watering treats at this year's Lamoreaux Justice Center Mini-Rally and delve into a good book from the book fair. For more info, e-mail Tom.starnes@ocprob.com

Get The 411 On OC Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

- The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors maintains records of Board of Supervisors meetings going back to the formation of Orange County in 1889 when the Clerk kept hand-written minutes in a large ledger. The department is staffed by 33 full-time employees who work within the following three divisions: Board Services, Assessment Appeals and Files Management & Administrative Services.
- Board Services prepares agendas and minutes for the Board of Supervisors' meetings, processes legal publications and claims, manages the County's Conflict of Interest Code and provides general reception services. The division's E-Agenda Search has made Agenda Staff Reports dating back to 1998 available to County employees on the Intranet.
- Assessment Appeals receives applications and schedules hearings for taxpayers wishing to appeal their property assessment values, maintains minutes and official records of the process and provides assistance and education to the public and members of the Assessment Appeals Board. Using E-File, assessment appeals applications can now be filed online in an easy to use question/answer format that provides help in completing the form and allows taxpayers or their agents to conveniently monitor the status of their appeal from the home.
- Files Management & Administrative Services manages the department's official records, assists the public and County staff with research of records, responds to public records requests, provides payroll, purchasing and facility management services to the department and the Board of Supervisors' offices, provides information systems planning and support and prepares the annual departmental budget, business and strategic plans.

To get more of the 411, visit: <http://www.ocgov.com/cob/>



For the Month of August

30 Years

Martin De Leon
Resources & Development
Management Department

Sean P. Murphy
Sheriff-Coroner

Leslie Doberneck
Sheriff-Coroner

William Herrin
Sheriff-Coroner

George Feliz
Housing & Community
Services Department

25 Years

Barton A. Hancock
Probation

Torrence White
Sheriff-Coroner

Nancy Davis
Social Services Agency

Rachel Santana
Social Services Agency

Joel Story
Social Services Agency

Quy Pham
Social Services Agency

Bob Zuhlke
Resources & Development
Management Department

20 Years

Geni Hopkins-Cliff
District Attorney

Dorit Campbell
District Attorney

Deborah Compton
Health Care Agency

Charles Peters
Health Care Agency

Rose Marie O'Campo
Health Care Agency

David Loaiza
Sheriff-Coroner

Cathy Clausen Ware
Public Defender

Argelia Narvaez
Clerk-Recorder

Stan Gutierrez
Sheriff-Coroner

Hilario Robles
Sheriff-Coroner

Daniel Duerksen
Social Services Agency

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