



A newsletter for and about County of Orange employees

August 2015



In my last message, I emphasized that I'd like every one of us to embrace our workplace and find ways to get more enjoyment from the work we do. I'd also like you to embrace our new wellness program, OC Healthy Steps, because not only does it benefit the County in the costs we pay for health care but it also benefits each of you in multiple ways.

The program is about building and maintaining a healthy and balanced workforce. Here are a few things I hope you appreciate about our employee wellness effort:

- OC Healthy Steps can help identify potentially chronic conditions, like diabetes and heart disease, before

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## Joe Villa Coordinates Response to Wild Summer Rain Storm

Who would have thought that OC Public Works (OCPW) crews would be clearing 60 dump trucks worth of mud and debris from Silverado and Modjeska Canyons after an intense rainstorm in the middle of July during California's historic drought?

Certainly not **Joe Villa**, area inspection supervisor with OCPW's [Operations & Maintenance](#) division, who was tasked with directing the response efforts of his team during the unexpected downpour on July 19, 2015 as well as their continued cleanup work in the weeks that followed.

**" We thought we were going to get some rain that weekend, but nothing close to what actually happened. "**

Joe joined the County in 1999 as an extra help office assistant working nights in the District Attorney's office helping to organize a large case file project, and then was hired as a full-time utility worker and driver in the facilities unit. He has since earned promotions in various departments, including Child Support Services, the Sheriff's Department and OC Public Works, where he today supervises seven maintenance inspectors serving the County's contract cities and unincorporated



Joe Villa, OC Public Works

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they become a problem. This can keep you healthier and help costs of health coverage down.

- Your health information is private. The County has no access to individual health information. Our vendor will provide the County with aggregate data for all employees who participate. This will tell us how healthy or unhealthy we are as a workforce. Improving our health reduces health care costs and impacts the rates charged by health care coverage companies—and we’ve already seen a slight drop in rates because of our excellent participation last year.
- The program is easy to use, and help is available for whatever needs are identified.

Thank you to all employees who have begun to participate. To date, the participation rate is about 56 percent, so we’re more than halfway there. Remember, the deadline is August 21.

**Frank Kim**  
County Executive Officer

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areas like Silverado Canyon, which was hit hard by the recent downpour.

According to an OC Register [story](#), the storm that hit was the largest to occur in Orange County during the month of July since Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. For numbers people, that’s 150 years. “An unusual combination of monsoon moisture and the remnants of Hurricane Dolores converged off the Orange County coast...bringing torrential rains,” staff writers explained.

The Silverado Canyon area was particularly impacted since it’s still recovering from a fire last September. Plants and trees with root systems that would normally help keep mud and debris in place while it’s raining were burned out and haven’t regrown because it has been so dry. Though OCPW staff inspected the road, flood and drainage systems in the canyon every week since the fire, they don’t typically start prepping for a rainy season until autumn.

As the rain came down and canyon residents began calling to request assistance clearing roadways, OCPW activated its Department Operations Center (DOC) at the Glassell St. facility in Orange around 7:30 p.m. that Sunday.

“Operating the DOC is a structured effort that follows specific policies and procedures to coordinate getting eyes in the field, staff on the ground, and to track our use of equipment resources, like bulldozers, back hoes, excavators and street sweepers,” Joe said.

He made the calls necessary to mobilize staff to the DOC, then immediately responded to the Incident Command Post at Fire Station 15 in Silverado Canyon. From there, Joe directed Operations & Maintenance team members to focus first on clearing roads to ensure that emergency responders from the OC Fire Authority and OC Sheriff’s Department could reach residents. Once the rain subsided, they began to remove mud and debris totaling approximately 1,000 feet in length, 30 feet wide and three feet deep in some areas.

“I’m very proud of how our department pulled together and partnered with other County agencies to provide the best service possible for the residents and homeowners who needed us,” Joe said. “This was a great learning opportunity that will help us be even more prepared for whatever challenge nature may have in store next time.”

[Click HERE](#) to view a slideshow of OCPW’s Operations & Maintenance crew working to clear roadways in Silverado Canyon following the July 19, 2015 rain storm and to learn more about the division. ■

## Mobile Application Developments Enhance Transparency



Thanks to a series of webcasting upgrades provided through GovTV, access to live streaming and archived video of Board of Supervisors meetings is now accessible on mobile devices, including phones and tablets.

Board meetings also will be viewable in higher resolution with improved image quality and a 16 x 9 wide-screen viewer experience. Here is the link: [http://ocgov.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=4](http://ocgov.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=4)

If you have difficulty accessing the Board meeting video, please call (844) 834-2449.



The Health Care Agency's Environmental Health division has introduced the OC Food Inspections application. Available for Android and iPhone, this easy-to-use app gives the public instant access to food safety and sanitation information for Orange County's restaurants and markets.

The application provides current inspection status, allows users to search for nearby eateries, view a list of facilities that are currently closed, review inspection reports and even receive copies via email.

For more information about the OC Food Inspections application and to download the app, visit [www.ocfoodinfo.com](http://www.ocfoodinfo.com). ■



# { O.C. History 101 }

Journeys Through Orange County's Origins,  
Obstacles and Opportunities

## From the Golden Era to the Demise of the Ranchos

*By Chris Jepsen*

A few gold flakes were found at John Sutter's sawmill in Coloma, Calif., on January 24, 1848, providing the first inkling of a Gold Rush that would transform our state forever. Just days later, on February 2, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, formally ending the Mexican-American War and making Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Utah and Alta California part of the United States. California became the 31<sup>st</sup> state on September 9, 1850.

These events marked the beginning of the golden era of the ranchos, but ultimately also contributed to their demise. With tens of thousands of miners arriving in California, the ranchos suddenly had a market not just for cow hides and tallow, but also for beef. Rancheros' fortunes grew exponentially. This era provided the stereotypes we now have of the ranchos: Grand fiestas at the Dons' sprawling haciendas; Californio hospitality; ornate silver saddles; lovely señoritas dancing the fandango in dresses of imported silks and satins. In a sign of sudden wealth, fine imported furnishings often rested on the dirt floors of adobe homes.

During this era, Juan Pacifico Ontiveros sold 1,165 acres of his Rancho San Juan Cajon de

Santa Ana to a group of German immigrants who founded the vineyard colony of Anaheim there in 1857.

Soon after statehood, a federal law was passed requiring all rancho owners to submit proof of ownership to the Land Commission, which would

determine the validity of their claims. Although the Commission hearings only lasted through the early to mid-1850s, "appeals and courtroom battles continued for decades," writes historian Phil Brigandi. "Many of the final surveys and patents (deeds) were not issued until the 1870s and '80s."

Ultimately, most of the claims were confirmed, but not before the rancheros spent a

fortune in lawyer's fees. The 1860s also brought a torrent of other woes to Southern California: Massive floods, a plague of grasshoppers, a smallpox epidemic, the winding-down of the Gold Rush, and finally, years of devastating drought. The cattle died and the people suffered. Soon, much of the land was sold to pay debts and taxes, or was simply given to the rancheros' attorneys in lieu of fees.



Anaheim's "Mother Colony House" was the home and office of surveyor George Hansen, who laid out the town for its German settlers. (Photo by author)

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Still other ranchos fell as a result of something like culture shock.

Rancheros “understood horses, laws of the plains, and family obligations,” wrote historian Pamela Hallan-Gibson. “They knew the current price of cattle... and the steps to the varsoviana, a slow, graceful dance. They did not know, nor did they care, about American banking policies. Compound interest rates were a mystery and a shock. And when notes came due and could not be paid, they found themselves without land and their creditors without honor.”

Some of those who purchased the newly available land – like the Bixby, Irvine and Flint families – raised sheep, which required less land and water than cattle. Others used their land to start new towns. In 1871, lawyers A. B. Chapman and Andrew Glassell bought part of the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana and established what became the town of Orange. William H. Spurgeon ended up owning some of the same rancho, and he founded the town of Santa Ana in 1869. The mustard grew so high on the unoccupied land that Spurgeon had to climb a Sycamore tree (near the corner of what’s now Sycamore Street and Third Street) to see what he was buying.

In the late 1860s, American settlers started arriving in what became Garden Grove.

Presbyterian minister Lemuel Webber founded the temperance colony of Westminster on former Stearns Rancho land in 1870. And within a year, Columbus Tustin laid out a town, named for himself, on the old Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana.

Although descendants of the old Spanish and Mexican rancho families still live in Orange County today, the 1860s and the arrival of the Americans heralded the breakup of our vast tracts of open grazing land. Ranchos were chopped into smaller parcels, which were in turn further subdivided and re-subdivided until the modern era when much of Orange County was divided into rectangles just large enough for single tract homes. ■



The José Serrano Adobe (circa 1863) on the Rancho Canada de los Alisos is now part of OC Parks’ Heritage Hill Historical Park in Lake Forest. (Photo by author)

## About the Author

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## Q+A With Jennifer Hawkins – Animal Lover, Advocate and Administrator

In April 2015 **Jennifer Hawkins**, DVM was named permanent director of OC Animal Care, following five months as interim director, service as chief veterinarian and two stints as a contract veterinarian, beginning in 2001. To the job she brings a bachelor's degree in zoology from UC Davis and her DVM from UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine, as well as experience gained from working at several private animal care practices. She says she grew to prefer the shelter medicine side of animal care over practice in the private sector because she could provide necessary care for her patients without many of the barriers, such as owner financial constraints, often present in private clinical practice.



Dr. Hawkins, holding a puppy that came to OC Animal Care as a stray and since has been adopted, heads one of only five shelters in the U.S. with a veterinarian as its director.

As director, the responsibility of running all aspects of OC Animal Care falls to Jennifer, who is a past president of the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association as well as a member of the association's Board of Trustees. County Connection staff talked with her about her passion, profession and the agency.

### **Q What drew you to veterinary medicine?**

**A** Well, the short answer is that I love science, I love animals, and I love helping people. I find that the bond between owner and pet is unique, and I enjoy providing compassionate, high-quality care to help keep animals healthy and support that bond.

### **Q The media has been reporting about problems with the shelter. To provide balance, what's the good news? What's the rest of the story?**

**A** I have been asked why I would want to work here, given all the negative perceptions that are out there regarding OC Animal Care. The answer is: the people. Our staff is exceptionally caring and works tirelessly to protect the public, save animals and reunite them with their owners. Also, many don't realize all that OC Animal Care does for the county. For example, we provide rabies control to all the cities in the county, regardless of whether they are contracted with the County. Also, we handle quarantines of animals having zoonotic (diseases transferred from animals to humans) diseases and even permits required for animal related events such as rodeos, circuses and exhibitions.

And the complete story is that we're doing a sort of balancing act between working on building a new shelter and implementing improvements in the current shelter. We're on the threshold of creating a new, custom, state-of-the art facility that will replace our aging physical plant, which dates back to a time when the county was far less populous. We are simultaneously making modest improvements to the current facility and looking to the future. In June, we completed new cat portals, which make it possible for cats to inhabit two cages adjoined by a round window. This enables cats to maintain distance between their food, water, litter and resting areas, which can support a decline in upper respiratory infections in cats. Also, front and rear cage doors have been replaced and our cat isolation trailer will soon be replaced.

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**Q What are the next steps for the future facility?**

**A** We are exploring several options for a new shelter, including the former Tustin MCAS base, and we hope to secure land for a job site in 2016. I am presently working with OC Public Works to generate a preliminary design concept for the new shelter. We will share it with our contract cities so that we can engage participation from our stakeholders.

**Q What innovative programs help tell the rest of the story?**

**A** One example is a program that has a great effect on the animals and staff. It's our Medical Pets Program. Animals with injuries requiring care beyond what we can provide, such as a fractured pelvis, are selected for program. We partner with a nonprofit organization called Noble Friends, which raises funds that cover the cost of care for these animals at an outside veterinary hospital. The animal convalesces in a foster home, then is made available for adoption. Without this program, some of the animals would have to be euthanized. This program is a true morale booster for staff; we desperately want to help every animal we encounter.

**Q What's the "strangest" animal to show up at the facility?**

**A** Oh my, there are so many. All kinds of exotics and wildlife; everything from chickens, opossums, raccoons and hawks to monkeys, pigs, goats, ferrets and snakes. We recently impounded two alligators! ■

**By the Numbers - OC Animal Care in 2015**

**573** TOTAL ANIMALS ADOPTED DURING SHELTER EVENTS

**1,670** ANIMALS SENT TO NON-PROFIT RESCUES, VETERINARIANS AND LOCAL SHELTERS FOR ADOPTION

**41,552** FIELD SERVICES CALLS

**52,960** VOLUNTEER HOURS

**17%** REDUCTION IN EUTHANASIAS, FROM 2013-2014

**11%** DECREASE IN IMPOUNDS

**5%** INCREASE IN LIVE ANIMALS THAT WERE ADOPTED, TRANSFERRED OR RETURNED TO OWNER, FROM 2013 (61 PERCENT) TO 2014 (66 PERCENT)

**273** ANIMALS FOSTERED

**123** MOST ADOPTIONS IN ONE DAY - FOREVER FRIENDS FOR FREE EVENT, MARCH 28, 2015

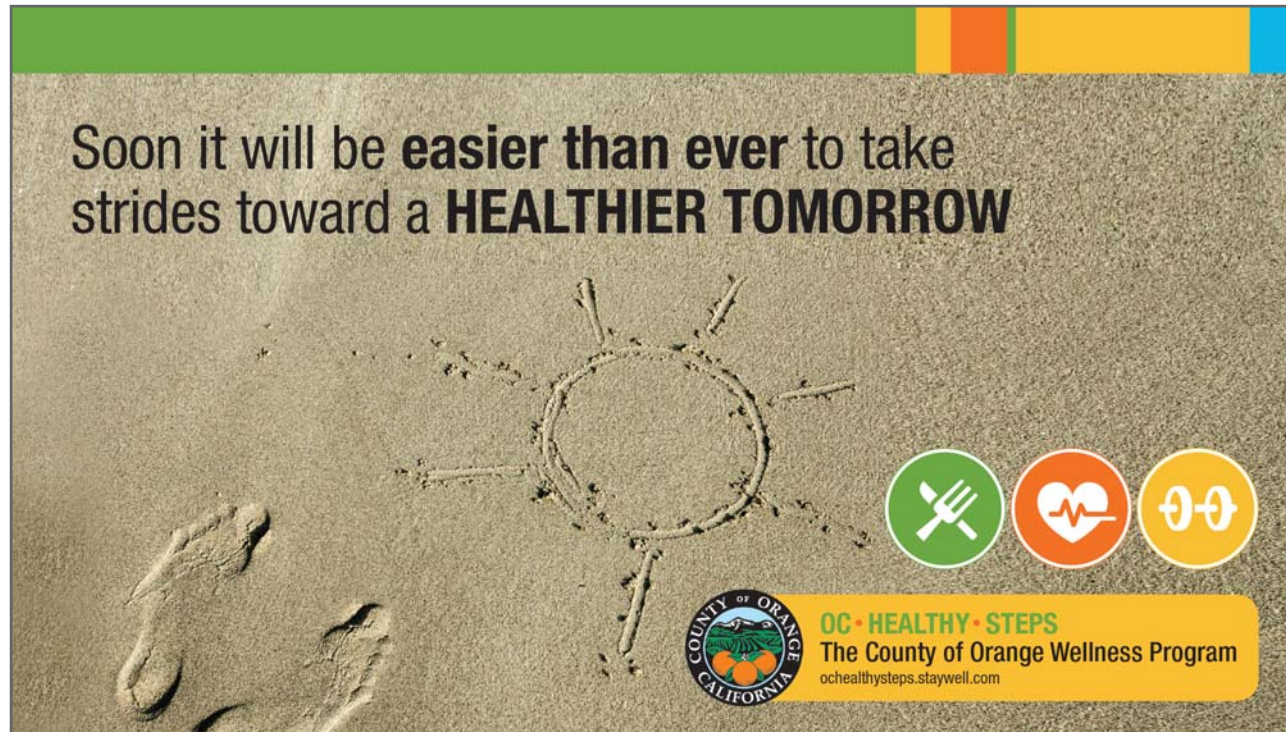
**76** TOTAL NUMBER OF SHELTER TOURS, PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS

**1,001** TOTAL CATS RELEASED THROUGH FERAL FREE PROGRAM

**1 OF 5** OC ANIMAL CARE IS ONE OF FIVE SHELTERS IN THE U.S. WITH A VETERINARIAN AS ITS DIRECTOR



## OC Healthy Steps: Three Things You Should Know About Our Employee Wellness Program



As employees continue to take steps 1-3 in the OC Healthy Steps program, here are three things to note:

### 1. The Deadline

You must complete your three OC Healthy Steps by August 21, 2015. Completing the Biometric Screening, Health Risk Assessment and Non-Smoking Attestation on time enables you to receive the OC Healthy Steps Wellness Credit for 2016 (if eligible). If you choose to participate, you can receive detailed information, complete your steps, and use the tracking feature to see what steps you have completed and those that still need to be done.

### 2. Wonderful Website and More

The Staywell Health Management company is a partner to our OC Healthy Steps effort. Through the Staywell website - [ochealthysteps.staywell.com](http://ochealthysteps.staywell.com) - you can learn about and keep track of wellness activities easily and even take advantage of optional challenges and online learning activities.

### 3. Where to Get Help

You have access to a Toll-Free Help Line with representatives available to assist you in making your online appointment and to answer your questions. Please call 1-800-492-9812 to take advantage of this resource. ■



## Operation Santa Claus Faces Critical Shortage – You Can Help!



Volunteer Jerry Jhan, a former Social Services Agency employee, assembles a bike at the Operation Santa Claus warehouse.

Operation Santa Claus (OSC) has been bringing holiday joy and a message of hope to the most vulnerable children in Orange County since its inception in 1962.

With the generous support of County of Orange employees and the community, last year OSC distributed over 41,000 gifts to children in Orange County. In addition to the holiday season, gifts are distributed throughout the year for foster children's birthdays and to help children get through times of despair due to abuse and neglect.

Operation Santa Claus is facing a dire shortage of toys, especially gifts for toddlers and girls. Now, more than ever, OSC needs your assistance. To alleviate this shortage, the Social Services Agency has launched a midyear County-wide campaign. To make an online donation, please click [HERE](#). For information about donations bins that have been placed at select locations throughout County facilities through August 7, 2015, please contact Dee Azevedo at [deanna.azevedo@ssa.ocgov.com](mailto:deanna.azevedo@ssa.ocgov.com). ■

## Human Resource Services News You Can Use

### Planning for Retirement

Planning for retirement can be an exciting time, but the process of enrolling in a retiree healthcare plan can also make it feel a bit overwhelming.

Retiree healthcare plans and rates are different than those for working County employees, and there are also some very specific time requirements and enrollment steps to keep in mind, according to Human Resource Services staff.

Tools and resources are available to assist you at <http://ocgov.com/gov/hr/eb/prh>. In the left navigation bar, click "Thinking About Retiring Soon" and you will have access to the following:

- Retiree Planning Checklist
- 2015 Retiree Rate Tables
- Benefit Enrollment Guide
- Schedule for Monthly Retiree Orientations
- Amended and Restated Retiree Medical Plan Document

You are also welcome to call the Benefits Center at 1-866-325-2345 with any questions. ■

## SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

### Personal Safety Seminar Offered August 26

Feeling safe at work is important for all County employees. You are invited to attend a Civic Center Awareness and Personal Safety training seminar, Wednesday, August 26, 2015, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Board Hearing Room at the Hall of Administration. Please RSVP to Kari Schumaker at [kari.schumaker@ocgov.com](mailto:kari.schumaker@ocgov.com), as space is limited.

The Civic Center Employee Safety Committee is a well-represented team that includes individuals from OCEA, the Santa Ana Police Department, the City of Santa Ana Parks Department, the OC Sheriff's Department, OC Public Works and staff who work in the nearby Civic Center buildings. The primary Civic Center Employee Safety Committee Representatives for the nearby buildings are:

#### Key Civic Center Employee Safety Committee Contacts by Location

| Name                     | Location                           | Agency                         | Office Phone |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Jason Austin</u>      | 405 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.         | HCA/Behavioral Health Services | 714-834-2077 |
| <u>Janine Boiarsky</u>   | Building 10                        | CEO/HRS                        | 714-834-7207 |
| <u>David Cabrera</u>     | Building 12                        | Clerk Recorder                 | 714-834-2083 |
| <u>Griselda Castillo</u> | Old County Courthouse              | OC Parks                       | 714-973-6609 |
| <u>Steve Harness</u>     | Building 11                        | Assessor                       | 714-834-2875 |
| <u>Karen Hodel</u>       | 405 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.         | HCA/HRS                        | 714-834-5001 |
| <u>Peggy McCormick</u>   | Building 11                        | TTC                            | 714-834-3259 |
| <u>Karen Newe</u>        | 200 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Suite #125 | HCA/F&AS/ Management Services  | 714-834-2044 |
| <u>Kari Schumaker</u>    | Building 10                        | CEO                            | 714-834-2051 |
| <u>Alice Sinclair</u>    | Building 12                        | AC                             | 714-796-8069 |

#### Phone number reminders:

Sheriff's Kiosk at Building 10 for issues inside Civic Center buildings: **(714) 834-2250**  
Santa Ana Police Dispatch for issues outside Civic Center buildings: **(714) 834-4211**

And as always, if you **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

## *Around the County* News, Events and Happenings



### *Introducing Elinor – OC Zoo Welcomes New Bear*



Elinor the Bear takes turns with Yo-Yo, the OC Zoo's older resident bear, inside their new enclosure so the two can gradually get accustomed to sharing the space.

The OC Zoo introduced its newest resident – a young California black bear named Elinor – at a special event to celebrate the facility's zookeepers.

Elinor is estimated to be about one year old. She was found last year wandering alone in Humboldt County and is believed to have been hit by a car. She found her new home at the OC Zoo, operated by OC Parks, which cares for animals native to the desert southwest that have been hurt, orphaned or confiscated and are unable to survive independently.

If you'd like to visit Elinor, she generally roams the bear enclosure on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, though animal keepers carefully monitor her progress as she acclimates to this new environment; her schedule may change as needed.

Learn more about the OC Zoo [HERE](#).

#### **ALSO...**

More great OC Parks news – staff celebrated the opening of a new, large animal temporary refuge area in Silverado Canyon with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 24.

This venue was requested by members of the canyon community. It will provide an additional option for residents in fire-prone areas in eastern Orange County canyons to move their animals out of harm's way during a wildfire or other emergency event.

To read the OC Register's story on the refuge opening, please click [HERE](#).



(L-R) OC Animal Care Director Jennifer Hawkins, OC Fire Authority (OCFA) Division Chief Kris Concepcion, Inter-Canyon League Disaster Coordinator Joanne Hubble and Large Animal Evacuation Coordinator Connie Nelson, Chairman Todd Spitzer and OC Parks Director Stacy Blackwood join OCFA and OC Parks representatives, as well as children from the Silverado Children's Center, to cut the ribbon on the new facility.



The temporary refuge area can house horses, goats and other livestock for up to 24 hours in an emergency.



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## **Health Care Agency's James Trimmer Named Nurse.com Regional Winner**

**James Trimmer**, comprehensive care registered nurse with the Health Care Agency's (HCA) Correctional Health Services division, was named a 2015 Nursing Excellence GEM Awards regional winner last month.

The "GEM" (Giving Excellence Meaning) Awards program is a nurse-led nomination and selection program that honors recipients from all specialties and practice settings. James received the accolade in the Home, Community and Ambulatory Care category for the work he does with the mentally ill population, for managing and coordinating the 2015 flu vaccine clinics and Worlds AIDS Day HIV testing, as well as for the overall compassion and advocacy he demonstrates for the patients HCA serves in the County's correctional facilities.

To read James' detailed profile, please click [HERE](#) and scroll down.



James Trimmer, RN, was named a regional winner at the California GEM Awards dinner June 5, 2015 at the Hilton Los Angeles in Universal City.

## **John Wayne Airport Celebrates OC Fair's 125th Anniversary**



To help celebrate the unveiling of the OC Fair exhibit, reception attendees and Airport visitors were treated to a performance by a Polynesian dance group, a visit by two clowns and one of the famous OC Fair Foodie characters, Olivia the Orange.

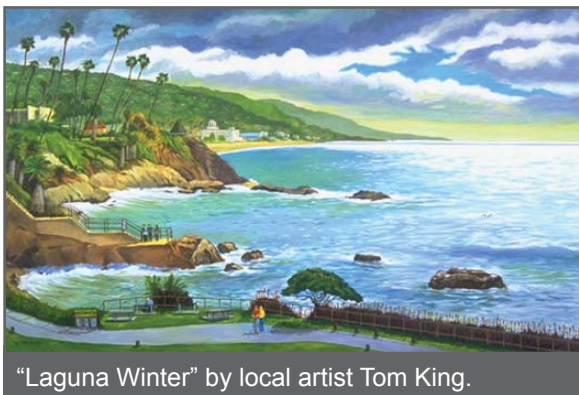
County of Orange and [OC Fair](#) representatives, elected officials, art enthusiasts and even a few clowns gathered at a reception held at John Wayne Airport (JWA) last month to celebrate the unveiling of JWA's newest art exhibition, "Fair Play," in commemoration of the OC Fair's 125th anniversary.

From rodeos and cattle drives of years past to farm animals, games and beauty queens, this exhibit aims to trigger memories of the Fair while adding to peoples' knowledge and appreciation of its history. The exhibit is now on display at John Wayne Airport in the Vi Smith Concourse Gallery through December 2, 2015. Learn more [HERE](#).

### **ALSO...**

Laguna Woods resident and painter Tom King's diverse collection of landscape paintings will be displayed in the Thomas F. Riley Terminal at John Wayne Airport (JWA) through August 17.

JWA helps share the artwork of Orange County-related visual artists like King as part of the department's Community Focus Space Program, which you can learn more about [HERE](#).



"Laguna Winter" by local artist Tom King.

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## ***Registrar of Voters Pilots Statewide Voter Database Program***

Registrar of Voters staff celebrated the culmination of 18 months of work with the successful launch last month of the new California statewide voter database – VoteCal.

VoteCal connects the Secretary of State and all 58 California County elections offices to improve the voter registration process. Duplicate records will be detected immediately – allowing a voter who moves to avoid the re-registration process. It also provides a single, official statewide database of voter registration information.

While the program will be officially rolled-out statewide prior to the 2016 presidential elections, Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley requested that the County of Orange serve as a pilot participant for this major reform in California election administration.

To learn more about VoteCal, click [HERE](#).



California Secretary of State Alex Padilla (left) visits Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley (right) to observe the office's "go live" launch of VoteCal.

## ***Probation Department Honored with Board Declaration***

The Board of Supervisors declared the week of July 12-18, 2015, to be "Probation Services Week" and encouraged residents to join in recognizing the positive impact made by employees of the Orange County Probation Department.

The [Probation Department](#) is a criminal justice agency that has provided community protection to the residents of Orange County since 1909. Staff members partner with the community and other law enforcement agencies to reduce crime in neighborhoods and promote lawful and productive lifestyles. On any given day, Probation employees supervise more than 17,000 adult and juvenile offenders while managing up to 700 youthful offenders in custody.



(L-R) Chairman Todd Spitzer, 3rd District; Vice Chair Lisa Bartlett, 5th District; Chief Deputy Probation Officer Chris Bieber; and Supervisor Michelle Steel, 2nd District.

To view the resolution presentation, please click [HERE](#) to visit the Board Meetings On-Demand web page; next, click the "Video" link associated with the 07/14/15 Board meeting; and then click "I. Presentations" in the agenda.



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## ***District Attorney Investigator Wins Gold Medals and Sets World Records***



Damon Tucker, District Attorney's office

District Attorney Supervising Investigator **Damon Tucker** recently won several gold medals and set two world records while competing at the 2015 World Police & Fire Games.

Held from June 30 – July 2 in Fairfax County, Virginia, the annual athletic event is open to all active and retired law enforcement and fire service personnel throughout the world and was designed to help peace officers and fire fighters promote the concept of physical fitness and sport in their communities.

Tucker placed in six different swimming events in his age category, and set a new world record along with his teammates in the 200 meter medley and freestyle relays. He trains for competition at California State University, Long Beach as well as with the University of California, Irvine Masters Swim team. "I am proud to represent the District Attorney's Office, and it is always rewarding to see the office's name in the final results," said Tucker.

To learn more about the 2015 World Police & Fire Games, please click [HERE](#).

## ***OC Public Works and OC Waste & Recycling Team Up to Clean Up***

On Saturday, July 11, County staff from OC Public Works (OCPW) and OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) teamed up with volunteers for a Community Cleanup in the unincorporated West Anaheim La Colonia area.

During the three-hour event, La Colonia residents filled 12 waste containers with 35 tons of bulky items, disposed of e-waste and donated used items to Goodwill of Orange County. Keeping unincorporated islands clean and building a strong sense of community is the goal of OCPW's Neighborhood Preservation Team. OCWR adds essential services to make the collaboration between County of Orange and the La Colonia residents a success. The County of Orange provides this service annually to various communities within the unincorporated County islands.



OC Waste & Recycling Community Outreach Ambassador Pete Sanchez (left) and intern Allison Chen (right) staff a booth at La Colonia Community Cleanup.

For more information, contact Terry Cox at (714) 667-8837 or [terry.cox@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:terry.cox@ocpw.ocgov.com).



# Service Awards

for the month of July



## 35 Years

**Leticia Monsivais**  
OC Community  
Resources

## 30 Years

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| <b>Nguyet-Minh Surget</b><br>Auditor-Controller | <b>Jim Tanizaki</b><br>District Attorney | <b>Karen Newe</b><br>Health Care Agency   | <b>Gloria Zamarripa</b><br>Health Care Agency | <b>Kris Beard</b><br>OC Community<br>Resources |
| <b>William Chaffin</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner       | <b>Gayle Harp</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner     | <b>Lois Schoenthal</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner | <b>Robert Szewczyk</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner     | <b>Cheryl Wallace</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner       |

**Sergio Gabaldon**  
Treasurer-Tax  
Collector

## 25 Years

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| <b>Diane Tran</b><br>Auditor-Controller         | <b>Paul Cordova</b><br>Child Support<br>Services     | <b>Roberta Machado</b><br>Child Support<br>Services | <b>Susie Sullivan</b><br>Clerk-Recorder            | <b>Teresa Bruner</b><br>County Executive<br>Office |
| <b>Ann Barlow</b><br>County Executive<br>Office | <b>Kathleen Trudell</b><br>District Attorney         | <b>Susan Johnson</b><br>Health Care Agency          | <b>Diana Perez</b><br>Health Care Agency           | <b>Rosalia Reyes</b><br>Health Care Agency         |
| <b>Candy Schmitt</b><br>Health Care Agency      | <b>Juanita Martinez</b><br>OC Community<br>Resources | <b>Susan Miller</b><br>OC Community<br>Resources    | <b>Barbara Oliver</b><br>OC Community<br>Resources | <b>Craig Whaley</b><br>OC Public Works             |
| <b>Ann Osorio</b><br>OC Waste &<br>Recycling    | <b>Nirvana Valle</b><br>Public Defender              | <b>David Barnes</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner              | <b>Werner Hartman</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner           | <b>Alicia Hoy</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner               |

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| <b>Charles Ivec</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner        | <b>Samnang Kong</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner          | <b>Frank Liu</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner                  | <b>Jeffrey Manning</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner            | <b>Khue Nguyen</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner                |
| <b>Robert Stammerjohan</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner | <b>Tawnya Stammerjohan</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner   | <b>James Deming</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     | <b>Dianne Didio</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     | <b>Monalisa Dudoit</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency  |
| <b>Gina Everly</b><br>Social Services Agency  | <b>Theresa Garson</b><br>Social Services Agency | <b>Patricia Laurent</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency | <b>Patricia Lee</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     | <b>Trina Lephram</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency    |
| <b>Lan Nguyen</b><br>Social Services Agency   | <b>David O'Meara</b><br>Social Services Agency  | <b>Mavy Ornelas</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     | <b>Sharrie Peterson</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency | <b>Gustavo Preciado</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency |
| <b>Tho Quach</b><br>Social Services Agency    | <b>Bernard Rivera</b><br>Social Services Agency | <b>Melissa Saldana</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency  | <b>Rachel Silva</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     | <b>Cindy Tisler</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency     |
| <b>Teresa Vuu</b><br>Social Services Agency   |   |  |  |  |

## 20 Years

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| <b>James Campbell</b><br>County Executive<br>Office | <b>Sally Gier</b><br>District Attorney                     | <b>Sheryl Curl</b><br>Health Care Agency     | <b>Catherine Goerndt</b><br>Health Care Agency | <b>Patricia Stabile</b><br>Health Care Agency |
| <b>Kerrin Carvo</b><br>Probation                    | <b>Lorraine Davidson</b><br>Probation                      | <b>Kathleen Sakoguchi</b><br>Public Defender | <b>Richard Sakoguchi</b><br>Public Defender    | <b>Stacy Lang</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner          |
| <b>Enrique Saenz</b><br>Sheriff-Coroner             | <b>Ruth Vargas<br/>De Boc</b><br>Social Services<br>Agency |  |  |   |

**Service Awards are announced in each edition of County Connection in the month immediately following work anniversaries, not in the month of the anniversary.** If you believe there has been an error or omission in reporting your years of service, please email [Tracy.Ayres@ocgov.com](mailto:Tracy.Ayres@ocgov.com).

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**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**THURSDAY NIGHTS AT OC PARKS NEAR YOU.**

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| <p><i><b>Bluff Park</b></i><br/>33333 S. Pacific Coast Hwy.,<br/>Dana Point   92629</p> <p>7/23 - The Joshua Tree<br/>with Zach Churchill</p> | <p><i><b>Mason Park</b></i><br/>18712 University Drive<br/>Irvine   92612</p> <p>7/30 - Tom Freund<br/>with Downtown Country Club</p> | <p><i><b>Mile Square Park</b></i><br/>16801 Euclid St.<br/>Fountain Valley   92708</p> <p>8/6 - Savor<br/>with Big Monsta</p>         |
| <p><i><b>Irvine Park</b></i><br/>1 Irvine Park Rd.<br/>Orange   92869</p> <p>8/13 - Venice<br/>with Quinn Archer</p>                          | <p><i><b>Craig Park</b></i><br/>3300 S. State College Blvd.<br/>Fullerton   92835</p> <p>8/20 - Rumours<br/>with Yukon Gold</p>       | <p><i><b>Bluff Park</b></i><br/>33333 S. Pacific Coast Hwy.,<br/>Dana Point   92629</p> <p>8/27 - Nick Waterhouse<br/>with Melted</p> |

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# •PARTING SHOT

Welcome to Parting Shot, a feature designed to close County Connection with must-see visuals from Orange County. Click on photos to enlarge.



**Stacey Berardino**, Health Care Agency, chief forensic psychologist, Conditional Release Program, captured this beautiful – and award-winning – sunset shot at Victoria Beach, in Laguna Beach. The photograph is currently on display at the Orange County Fair, where it was recognized with an Honorable Mention.



**A beach-loving employee** who requested anonymity submitted this shot of a five-foot breaker taken from the Balboa Pier in mid-July. That day, the rip currents were exceptionally strong, which is why there are no swimmers/ boarders in the area closest to the pier.

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**Annie Le**, SSA Administrative Services staff development specialist (Training and Career Development), shot this panorama at the Huntington Beach Dog Park on a beautiful, sunny day.



**Maria Berumen**, CSS child support officer, captured the beauty of Bill Barber Memorial Park, a City of Irvine community park where she spends many summer days watching her daughter play softball.



**Neil Jessen**, administrative manager 1, CEO/County Procurement Office, focused his lens on the Civic Center from the roof of the SSA Building at 888 N. Main St.

Have you taken a photograph of something cool and beautiful in Orange County? Would you like to submit it to Parting Shot for consideration? If so, send it via email to [ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com](mailto:ruth.wardwell@ocgov.com). Please provide your job title and department and the details of the photo (location, what's happening, etc.) Please know that not all submissions will be used; decisions are at the discretion of the CEO Communications staff.

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