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## Veteran Department Employee Named Director for OC Waste & Recycling

Long-time OC Waste & Recycling employee Michael Giancola stepped into a new role as the Department's director last month. He now oversees one of the largest public waste disposal networks in the nation, which operates and maintains capacity at three active landfills and four household hazardous waste collection centers.

Director of OC Waste & Recycling Michael Giancola in front of the power converter at the Frank R. Bowerman landfill in Irvine.

Giancola most recently served as Deputy Director of OC Waste & Recycling's South Region Division. His County roots, however, date back to when he was 18 years old and hired as a part-time park attendant with OC Parks. In 1986, he was hired as a laborer for OC Waste & Recycling to collect litter from landfills and halt weed growth.

Over time, Giancola stepped into management and became the County's first recycling manager, involving the launch of the department's recycling and salvaging program. He has served more than 30 years with OC Waste & Recycling in an assortment of line staff and management roles.

"I'm honored and humbled to work with an incredible collection of extremely motivated people at OC Waste & Recycling," said Giancola. "It is clear that our staff enjoy their jobs, which makes it a great place to work and to lead."

As an agent for best environmental practices, Giancola plans to focus on both cost-effective and environmental sustainability, in addition to building upon employee mentorship opportunities.

Some of the environmentally-friendly practices already in place at OC Waste & Recycling are the use of reclaimed water to irrigate the native vegetation, the purchasing of sustainable carpet and other materials created from recycled soda bottles and the conversion of methane gas into electricity and liquefied natural gas. At the Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha landfills, electricity is produced to power neighboring homes. Whereas, the Frank R. Bowerman landfill generates 2,500 gallons of liquefied natural gas each day that motors a fleet of buses for the Orange County Transportation Authority.

"The Board of Supervisors has been instrumental in supporting the goals of OC Waste & Recycling to keep waste capacity and recycling

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levels high, while at the same time maintaining low fees for residents," said Giancola.

Giancola achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Hazardous Materials Manager Certification from the University of California, Irvine. When not at work, Mike is spending time with his wife and two teenage sons, of whom he is extremely proud. On the weekends, he can be caught gardening or surfing at Trestles Beach.

### **Orange County Communications Celebrates 75th Anniversary**

March 2, 1934 marked the day when the first radio system went on-air and public safety communications began in Orange County.

This one-way radio system, known as KGHX, operated at 400 watts, 2490 kHz and served the Sheriff's Department, city police departments, the California Highway Patrol and the California Division of Forestry.

Orange County Communications became a division of the Sheriff's Department in the mid-1990s. In the years that followed, staff worked to implement radio systems, protocol, procedures, and other technology based systems to improve the flow of communication between local law enforcement, fire service, lifeguard, public works and other government operations.

"We have truly established a standard of excellence along the way, introducing 'interoperability' decades before it became the popular trend – our most recent example being the 800 MHz Countywide Coordinated Communications System," said Robert Stoffel, Director of Orange County Communications.

County employees are invited to attend the Orange County Communications 75th Anniversary Celebration March 2 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 840 N. Eckhoff Street in Orange. The event will include an open house, facility tours, historical and present day displays, a recognition ceremony and more.

To learn more, please contact Angela Berkan at Angela.Berkan@comm.ocgov.com or (714) 704-7910.



## **Leadership Academy Achieves 10th Session Milestone**

On February 6th, the latest round of managers graduated the Orange County Leadership Academy marking the culmination of 10 successive sessions and a total of more than 300 graduates who have embarked upon the program.

The Leadership Academy was initiated in 2004 with a program specially designed by Chapman University's Dr. Mark Maier and Lori Zucchino to provide a comprehensive and consistent management philosophy, training and development opportunity for our current and future leaders.

The Academy's approach distinguishes between being a routine manager and becoming a true servant leader. Participants take courses founded in communication, teamwork, collaboration and leadership sharing. Interactive discussions and hands-on exercises bring the program philosophy into workday reality.

Valuing the ideals reinforced in the Academy, several graduates have gone on to become Agency/ Department Heads and top leaders over the past five years.

#### **OCLA X GRADUATES**



The tenth class of the Leadership Academy graduated on Feb. 6.

**Stacey Maxwell** 

Assessor

Kim Engleby

Auditor-Controller

**Suzanne Luster** 

Auditor-Controller

**Rick Francis** 

Board of Supervisors,

Second District

Lou Bronstein

Board of Supervisors,

Third District

Ricardo Haro

Child Support Services

Terri Nissen

Clerk-Recorder

James Harman

County Counsel

**Margaret Cady** 

County Executive Office

**Kelly Channing** 

County Executive Office

Jon Humann

County Executive Office

**Jaime Coulter** 

**District Attorney** 

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Alice Moore

Health Care Agency

**Linda Price** 

Health Care Agency

Larry McCabe

Human Resources

Ken Wong

Internal Audit

Ann McCarley
John Wayne Airport

Steve Franks

**OC Community Resources** 

**Anna Peters** 

**OC Community Resources** 

Marilyn Thoms
OC Public Works

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Randy Vannoy
OC Public Works

**Darren Smith** 

OC Waste & Recycling

Kellie Aumond

Probation

**Doug Sanger** 

Probation

Marri Derby

Public Defender

Imelda Carrillo

Registrar of Voters

Maggie Black

Sheriff-Coroner

**Grady Howe** 

Social Services Agency

**Carol Wiseman** 

Social Services Agency

**Paul Cocking** 

Treasurer-Tax Collector

## **Register Now for Literary Orange 2009**



Registration is currently underway for Orange County's anticipated annual literary event, Literary Orange 2009, taking place Saturday, April 4 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the UC Irvine Student Center.

Co-hosted by OC Public Libraries (OCPL) and the UC Irvine Libraries, the annual event gives participants the opportunity to engage with an array of authors, attend book signings, and learn more about the writing and publishing processes.

"This year's Literary Orange promises to deliver an exciting day full of substantive and lively interactions with outstanding writers of all genres," said Helen Fried, County Librarian.

Speakers include award-winning author and UC Irvine fiction program director Ron Carlson, writer and performer Sandra Tsing Loh, and best-selling author and television producer Stephen J. Cannell.

General admission to the event costs \$75 per person or \$35 with student identification. The price includes a catered breakfast, snacks and a luncheon featuring keynote speeches. Sponsorships are available.

Registration forms are available at all OCPL branches, the UCI Libraries or online at www.literaryorange.org.

To learn more, please visit www.literaryorange. org or contact Paula Bruce at (714) 566-3065 or pmbruce@ocpl.org.

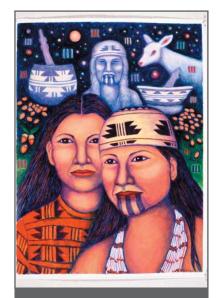
# **Exhibition Features Native American Stories, Song and Dance**

A new exhibition at the Old Courthouse Museum celebrates the rich culture and diversity of California's Native Americans. "Sing Me Your Story, Dance Me Home: Art and Poetry from Native California" is on display through March 27.

California is home to more than 100 federally recognized tribes, 40 groups seeking federal recognition, and 95 reservations. The exhibit features a selection of their stories, songs and dances as expressed through poetry, painting, basketry, jewelry, printmaking, photography and sculpture.

"'Sing Me Your Story' is a call to California Native artists and poets to share their knowledge and life experience, leading us all to understand how culture, history, ancestry and story have shaped each one of us, native and nonnative alike," said exhibition curator Theresa Harlan.

The Old Courthouse Museum in Santa Ana is hosting two events in conjunction with the exhibition – a Family Open House on March 7



A giclée print currently on display created by Lyn Risling in 2003 entitled "Tattoo Woman Returns"

and a lunchtime program featuring Ernest Siva of the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center March 18.

To learn more, please visit www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse or contact Carey Baughman at Carey.Baughman@rdmd.ocgov.com or (714) 973-6610.

## Clerk-Recorder Opens New Branch Office in North O.C.

Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly opened a new branch office in Fullerton just in time for couples to wed in the picturesque downtown area on Valentine's Day. Approximately 45 duos tied the knot in on Saturday, February 14, when the office debuted to perform wedding services.

The new location officially opened on Tuesday, February 17 to provide more accessible and convenient services to residents in North Orange County.

"Our customers throughout North County will save precious time and miles with the much shorter drive to this new office," Daly said. "The location is convenient to every city in North County—Anaheim, Buena Park, Brea, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia and Yorba Linda—and I know customers will appreciate that we've provided free parking."

The opening of the North County branch office follows the successful operation of the Department's South County branch office (Continued on page 6)

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in the Laguna Hills Civic Center. The South County office has served more than 64,000 residents since opening in 2006.

North County branch office customers will be able to access many of the services provided by the Clerk-Recorder, including obtaining copies of birth, death or marriage certificates; obtaining a marriage license and having a civil marriage ceremony performed; filing a fictitious business name and recording a real property document.

In addition, the Clerk-Recorder Department provides the following services at its Santa Ana headquarters: the filing of Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oath and bonds, as well as the processing of passport applications. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materi-

als, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

The new branch office is located in historic downtown Fullerton at 201 N. Harbor Blvd. Regular business hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with ample free parking. For more information, visit the Clerk-Recorder web site at www.ocrecorder.com.



Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly performs a marriage ceremony at the new North County branch office in Fullerton.

## **Auditor-Controller Releases OC Citizens' Report**

County financial highlights have been released by the Auditor-Controller's office in the sixth installment of its OC Citizens' Report, a summary of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2007-08 in an easy to understand format.

The report details trends in the local economy and provides an economic comparison with surrounding counties, the state and the nation as a whole. "This year's OC Citizens' Report is different from years past because it reflects the recent economic downturn that is affecting us all," said Auditor-Controller David Sundstrom. "The community needs to know that we are working together to ensure that baseline services are provided and the County continues to experience financial stability."

The OC Citizens' Report continues to receive the Government Finance Officers Association's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Financial Reporting. The honor recognizes the County of Orange for producing financial reports containing information that is easily accessed and understood by a broad audience and that demonstrates creativity in presentation.

The OC Citizen's report is available on the Auditor-Controller's web site at http://www.ac.ocgov.com/finrpt.asp. If you have any questions about the report, contact david.sundstrom@ocgov.com.

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Auditor-Controller David Sundstrom stands with the staff who make the OC Citizens' Report possible. From right: Megan Nguyen, Bertalicia Tapia, Eliseo Gillamac, David Sundstrom, Frank Davies, Nina Phan, Arounsy Phommasa and Ila Patel. Not pictured contributors: Claire Moynihan, Changsu Lee, Jaime Martinez, Kim Albam and Shirley Feng.

### **United Way Wrap Up**

The 2008 United Way campaign – Pledge to Participate in 2008 – has drawn to a close having raised \$641,456 as of February 17.

"It has been an honor to Chair the 2008 Orange County United Way Employees' Campaign with Co-Chair Chief Probation Officer Colleene Preciado," said District Attorney Tony Rackauckas. "Through their generous contributions, County employees have continued to help local residents meet their basic needs and provide long term solutions to guide them toward financial stability."

An awards ceremony was held Tuesday, February 24 at 8 a.m. in the Old County Courthouse to recognize individual agencies/departments and top contributors for their generous giving.



## **CAPS+ Countywide All Hands Meeting Scheduled**

The next Countywide All-Hands Accounting & Personnel System (CAPS+) Meeting will be held Monday, March 9 in the Board Hearing and Planning Commission Rooms, Building 10, Santa Ana Civic Center. To accommodate

busy schedules, there will be morning and afternoon sessions to be held as follows:

Morning Session: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Afternoon Session: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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#### **AGENDA**

- Project Status
- Department Readiness Scorecard
- Overview of Chart of Accounts
- CAPS+ Learning Center (CLC) Goes Live!

#### Who should attend?

All CAPS+ users should attend this meeting. That would include: document preparers, approvers, and inquiry and report users.

#### Why is it important to attend this meeting?

CAPS+ training classes will begin in April and information on how to register for these classes will be given.

To learn more, please e-mail CAPS+ Upgrade@ocgov.com.

## Get the 411 on OC OC Public Works

- OC Public Works (OCPW) operates a State-certified laboratory and collects more than 15,000 water and sediment samples per year for twelve environmental compliance programs, capital projects and special investigations.
- OCPW's OC Planning division checks 5,300 building permits and provides 3,500 building inspections per year.
- As part of the Santa Ana Mainstem Project, OCPW maintains and operates Seven Oaks Dam the sixth highest dam in the United States with its partners in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
- OCPW's Operations & Maintenance division issued 50 empty sandbags to the residents of Orange County during storm season.
- Parking Administration operates five multi-floor parking structures and six surface parking lots in the Santa Ana Civic Center and two multi-floor parking structures at the Lamoreaux Justice Center in the City of Orange. In addition to administering 9,850 active parking facility access cards, staff serves approximately 1.8 million visitors to County parking facilities each year.

To get more of the 411, visit www.ocpublicworks.com.



#### **40 YEARS**

**Charlotte Egan** 

**Health Care Agency** 

#### 35 YEARS

Irene Guerra

Health Care Agency

#### **30 YEARS**

Christine Marietta
Child Support Services

**Armida Cabral**Child Support Services

Junne DeHaan OC Community Resources

Phung Pham Health Care Agency

Thomas Ayers
Probation

Susan Chicas
Probation

**Susan Groesbeck**Public Defender

James Swanek
OC Public Works

Thomas Branson Sheriff-Coroner

**Linda Thompson** Sheriff-Coroner Cynthia Eazor

Social Services Agency

**Maritza Farr** 

Social Services Agency

**Roy Lipshin** 

Social Services Agency

Pa Lai Yang

Social Services Agency

#### **25 YEARS**

**Brian Donovan** 

Assessor

Joseph Churchin Health Care Agency

**Dennis Flores**Probation

Monique Nilsen

Public Administrator/Public Guardian

Jim Appel

Public Defender

Carolyn Ansari

OC Public Works

Susan Quijas

Sheriff-Coroner

**Charlotte Taylor** 

Social Services Agency

#### **20 YEARS**

Michael Hentzen

**OC Community Resources** 

Hau Nguyen

County Executive Office

**David Rocha** 

OC Dana Point Harbor

**James Bacin** 

**District Attorney** 

**Linda Austin** 

Health Care Agency

Gerardo De Jesus

Health Care Agency

**Gladys Dixon** 

Health Care Agency

Kimberly Fries

Public Defender

Martin Angel

OC Public Works

**Terri Sargeant** OC Public Works

Josephine Sevilla

OC Public Works

**Merrie Weinstock** 

OC Public Works

William Edinger

Sheriff-Coroner

Donald Petka

Sheriff-Coroner

Cecilia Castillo

Social Services Agency

**Nancy Newman** 

Social Services Agency

## **COUNTY CONNECTION**

**COUNTY CONNECTION** is distributed monthly by the County Executive Officer Thomas G. Mauk. The newsletter is published by CEO Community/Media Relations. Call 714.834.6203 or e-mail ask.the.ceo@ocgov.com with any suggestions and comments.

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