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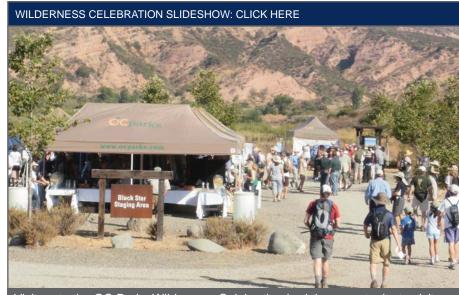
Even as we completed the first month of a new fiscal year, we continued work on several fronts to seek a solution to the \$48 million dollar revenue loss faced by the County of Orange.

On the same day our Board of Supervisors adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12, the California Legislature eliminated \$48 million in funding for Orange County. This unexpected action was approved by the Governor and set in motion efforts on three fronts to correct this action that we believe unfairly penalizes our County.

Legislatively, two members of the Assembly are working on bills that would provide either a one year or a permanent restoration

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Wilderness Celebration Draws Hundreds



Visitors to the OC Parks Wilderness Celebration had the opportunity to visit educational booths for an introduction to Orange County's wilderness areas.

OC Park's inaugural Wilderness Celebration on July 23 drew a crowd of over 700 people to witness and experience the rugged beauty of Black Star Canyon. The event honored last year's gift of 20,000 acres of Orange County's most beautiful and well-protected wilderness from the Irvine Company and its Chairman, Donald Bren.

Representatives of Irvine Ranch Conservancy welcomed visitors to Black Star Canyon and started them on their journey, which included a collection of educational booths a short distance from the entry point. On hand for the celebration were Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Campbell and Second District Supervisor John Moorlach, with both participating in hikes after the welcoming ceremony. While some visitors elected for a two mile walk on the Red Rocks Trail, others headed for more remote

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of the funding. Gaining approval for a permanent solution is our number one priority but many challenges remain. The County also believes there are legal grounds for challenging the State's action and recovering property tax revenue to replace the lost Vehicle License Fee funding. This option remains under active consideration.

Realistically, we must also look at the steps that would have to be taken if the funding is not restored. While we are already under a hiring freeze, fewer unfreeze requests are being approved. We are also looking at how many vacant positions could be deleted for possible savings. We appreciate the work being done by our departments and budget staff on this front. If significant changes are needed to the County's budget, it is likely these will be considered after completion of the first quarter.

This effort has united the Board, County staff, members of the legislative delegation, labor organizations and other interested parties for the purpose of seeking a fair and equitable solution. While it is too early to predict the outcome, it is important that you know many people are working very hard to bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

Thomas G. Mauk County Executive Officer

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locations including the Black Star Canyon trail, a round trip of more than 15 miles.

The 20,000 acre land donation included not only the Black Star Canyon area but other scenic and environmentally sensitive areas like Fremont Canyon, Weir Canyon and Limestone Canyon, which is known as Orange County's own Grand Canyon. Black Star Canyon is known for its soaring sandstone cliffs, vistas of Irvine Lake and its diverse sage scrub and chaparral habitats that are home to many rare species of plants and animals.

For more information on visiting Orange County's wilderness areas, visit www.ocparks.com or www.irlandmarks.org.

OC Public Libraries Marks Special Anniversary



The 90th anniversary of OC Public Libraries was celebrated at the July 26 Board of Supervisors meeting. Participating in the presentation of a resolution from the Board of Supervisors were (I-r): Fourth District Supervisor Shawn Nelson, County Librarian Helen Fried, OC Community Resources Director Steve Franks, and Board Chairman Bill Campbell.

The year was 1921. Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize for Physics, Amelia Earhart took her first flying lesson, insulin was discovered, and the Orange County Free Library began operations on August 1, 1921.

The beginnings of today's OC Public Libraries system were

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truly humble, with the first County Librarian and two assistants sharing space with the County Farm Advisor. In the first few months, branches were opened in Brea, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, La Habra, Laguna Beach, Seal Beach and Westminster. Today, OC Public Libraries has 34 branches serving over 430,000 cardholders.

Keeping up with technology has also been a hallmark of OC Public Libraries during its 90 year history. The first bookmobile hit the road in the summer of 1959, packed with 2,500 books, a librarian and a driver. In the 1990's, efforts began to utilize new technology like the Internet. A few years later, Wi-Fi was installed at all branches. Today, web-based services allow users to download eAudiobooks and eBooks, access historical photographs and conduct research from home.

While technology has changed library operations, people will always be an integral part of the OC Public Libraries. Events like Literary Orange and programs like Read/Orange County help people explore their love of reading and enhance their literacy skills. Friends of the Library groups help support individual branches through bookstore sales, with the proceeds used for book purchases and special programs.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors helped celebrate the 90th anniversary of OC Public Libraries by presenting a resolution to County Librarian Helen Fried during the Board's July 26 meeting. Special events are planned at branch libraries to celebrate the anniversary and educate the public about the value of their public libraries.

10 Questions for Rebecca Booth Juvenile Supervision Deputy

1. What does a Juvenile Supervision Deputy do?

The purpose of a Juvenile Supervision Deputy is to ensure safety for the community by holding offenders accountable for their actions and allowing them to get back on track to becoming successful citizens again. Our goal is to serve the community. We strive to accomplish this goal by reducing crime, assisting the courts in managing offenders by completing a variety of reports, promoting lawful and productive lifestyles for minors, and assisting the victims by helping to collect restitution costs.



2. How did you become involved with the Probation Department?

I have a degree in Psychology and a minor in Gerontology. I used to work at the County Executive Office in the Human Resources Department before I became a Deputy Juvenile Correctional Officer in 2002, and was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in 2008.

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3. How many juveniles do you supervise?

On average, a normal case load consists of 70-80 minors.

4. In your opinion, what is the most challenging part about your job?

Multitasking and time management are difficult because there are many different reports to complete that involve reading through police reports to find information, looking for any progress that the minors have been making, and providing evaluations and recommendations to the courts for the individual. We have to be able to prioritize our tasks wisely throughout the day. Probation has numerous resources available for the family and minor to help get them back on track, but sometimes it is difficult to get them to follow through. There can be transportation issues, other siblings that the parents have to supervise, or parental work schedules that conflict with their minor's. I have to deal with each case individually, which is challenging, but rewarding in the end when they are successful.

5. What do you like most about your job?

I enjoy helping the minors realign their behavior and becoming better citizens. The success stories and seeing parents happy about their children are also aspects about my job that I enjoy.

6. What makes your job unique from other Probation Department occupations?

The amount of people that I come into contact with, like parents, teachers, school supervisors, school police, counselors, siblings, courts, Public Defender employees, District Attorney employees, and the therapists of the minor that are involved with them on a daily basis is what makes my job unique because I need to know about every facet in the minor's world.

7. What does a typical week consist of for you?

On Mondays I catch up on what occurred over the weekend with arrests, violations, progress of the minors, and I begin to write court reports. On Tuesdays I conduct office visits with the minors and conduct the "Thinking for a Change program" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thinking for a Change includes 22 lessons that help the offender learn social skills and cognitive restructuring in order to gain the ability to identify risky thinking that leads to risky behavior. On Wednesdays I catch up on any court reports and I input information into our log notes from the previous day. We also have wrap-around meetings which support and assist the family in any need that they might have. The parent gets a partner to help support them, and the minor is assigned a youth partner as well. On Thursdays I indoctrinate the minors. At this time, the minor has just come from court and I have to set up guidelines and have the minor sign the terms and conditions of their probation. I also need to have the minor sign medical waivers and an Information Release in case of an emergency. Lastly, Friday it is my miscellaneous day when I catch up on previous work or go out into the field to check up on certain individuals.

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8. What advice would you give someone who wants to enter your field?

Advice I have for someone who is interested is to complete their degree and to be patient with the application and hiring process, also to be prepared to work the night shift when they first begin. I recommend that they prepare themselves mentally and emotionally when dealing with the tougher cases and to not take anything personally when a minor is acting inappropriately. You need to be able to have a command presence because some of the minors will try to manipulate you as well.

9. If you could change one thing about your job, what would it be?

I would want parents to be more supportive and productive in their children's lives.

10. What is your proudest moment of being a Juvenile Supervision Deputy?

My proudest moment is when I had a minor who was living in a gang neighborhood. He was involved in tagging a rival gang's territory and was subsequently attacked. His elbow was cut, causing permanent damage to his fingers. After attending counseling sessions, graduating high school, attending college, and working at a restaurant, he became a medical technician. He now is 18 years old, and a father who is no longer on probation. After watching the courage he showed to make his life better, I am proud to know that I had helped him become successful in his life. I love my job and it is very rewarding and fulfilling when I am able to assist minors who want to be helped.

"Let's Eat" at the 2011 OC Fair

Visitors to the 2011 OC Fair, underway now through August 14th, can enjoy gourmet food trucks, eating contests, and cooking demonstrations as part of this summer's "Let's Eat!" themed event in Costa Mesa.

County of Orange employees and volunteers are on hand throughout the duration of the OC Fair inside the brand new Orange County Connection tent near the main entrance to share information about the many programs and services available to our residents.

Staffed booths and informational kiosks representing the Assessor, Clerk-Recorder, OC Community Resources, Health Care Agency, John Wayne Airport, Registrar of Voters, Sheriff-Coroner, Social Services Agency and OC Waste & Recycling are available to welcome attendees.



Learn more about the OC Fair online at http://www.ocfair.com/2011/. ■

Employee Health Services Launches Intranet Site

County of Orange Employee Health Services is pleased to announce the launch the department's new Intranet site, http://intra2k3.ocgov.com/ehealth. The site features many forms available for download as well as information about available services, directions, and hours of operation.

Employee Health Services provides occupational health services to all County of Orange agencies and departments. These services are exclusive for County employees only.

Some of the available services include:

- Medical evaluations for pre-placement, return to work, federal/state mandated medical surveillance, fitness for duty, and management physicals
- Federal/state recommended or mandated immunizations for employees at risk of exposure to communicable disease
- Annual Tb screening for employees at risk
- Bloodborne Pathogen training resources and information
- Respirator medical clearance and fit testing
- Consultation on occupational health matters

For more information, please call Employee Health at (714) 565-3780 or visit http://intra2k3.ocgov.com/ehealth.

Emergency Response Worker Training Classes Now Available

Severe rainfall caused road closures last December that prevented some Orange County residents from leaving their homes and prompted others to evacuate. During this time, the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated and County staff worked around the clock to assist with response efforts.

When a disaster arises, the impact on the community can be devastating. It takes a team of dedicated, trained Disaster Service Workers functioning together to lessen the effects of the disaster and to help rebuild the community. All County employees are designated Disaster Service Workers and may be called upon to par-



The Emergency Operations Center is staffed by disaster service workers from throughout the County during exercises and activations.

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ticipate in exercises for preparedness or activation of the County's EOC in the event of a disaster such as a flood, fire or earthquake.

Training opportunities are available to acquaint employees with the EOC, the state mandated Standardized Emergency Management System as well as each employee's specific role during emergencies and exercises.

A description of the courses and the training schedule are now available on the Training Partner web site at http://trainingpartner.ocgov.com. In the Course Catalog section, the courses are listed under Countywide Training – Sheriff/Coroner.

Get the 411 On the Office of the District Attorney

- Despite a 12 percent budget reduction for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Orange County District Attorney (OCDA) is continuing to fulfill its commitment to protecting public safety by prosecuting more than 70,000 cases a year with a felony conviction rate over 90 percent.
- 2. Curbing gang violence is a top priority for the OCDA. Since District Attorney Tony Rack-auckas took office 12 years ago, gang membership in Orange County has decreased by 6,500 individuals a reduction of 33 percent. There are approximately 95 fewer gangs, a decrease of 24 percent.
- 3. In January 2011, the OCDA partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and multiple local police departments to launch the Orange County Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (OCRCFL) as a full-service forensic laboratory and training facility. OCRCFL creates a unified body of expert forensic examiners to extract evidence from digital devices in the investigation of cases ranging from homicides and child pornography to terrorism and fraud.

To learn more about the Office of the District Attorney, please visit www.orangecountyda.com.



35 YEARS

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Barbara Myers
Health Care Agency

Conchita Dizon Social Services Agency

30 YEARS

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James Ilfeld Sheriff-Coroner Steven Kea Sheriff-Coroner

Eduardo Macias Sheriff-Coroner

David Phillipi Sheriff-Coroner

Charles Sherman Sheriff-Coroner

Brian Sullivan Sheriff-Coroner

Christopher Cejka Sheriff-Coroner

Denise OdomSocial Services Agency

Aileen ThavornSocial Services Agency

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Susana Fernandez Child Support Services

Lydia Mikhail Health Care Agency

Bruce Freeman Health Care Agency

Cathy Chang Health Care Agency

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