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Time to Lace Up Your Walking Shoes for the March for Babies



County team walkers celebrate gather at the 2008 Carlsbad March for Babies.

You've no doubt seen the Easter Bunnies resurface around the office. And perhaps you've heard about the Chili Cookout Contest planned for June. But the centerpiece of the County's fundraising for the March of Dimes continues to be the March for Babies.

This year, walks are scheduled for April 18 in Carlsbad and April 25 in Balboa Park. The County's goal is for 400 walkers to raise \$100,000. The minimum donation required to participate is \$40. But individual fundraising has gone as high as \$10,000, said campaign leader

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Save Money Spending Family Time at County Parks

Scrimping each and every dollar doesn't have to be miserable. In fact, it's an opportunity to spend more quality time with your family. By living in sunny San Diego, there is no shortage of fantastic County Parks to explore. We've listed the top five County Parks to visit on the cheap.

1. San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center: The new San Elijo Nature Center is a 5,525-square-foot, two-story building, which offers state-of-the-art exhibits showcasing diverse wildlife and habitat found within the reserve. In addition, it boasts amazing views of the lagoon from the observation deck located on the second floor.

Seven miles of trails next to the Nature Center make San Elijo an exciting place to bring the family before venturing out to the lagoon. The building itself has utilized a number of "green" building concepts that focus on the environment through energy efficiency, water conservation, and natural resource preservation. Many "green" technologies have been incorporated into the design, construction and operations of the building, including a solar-powered photovoltaic system mounted on the roof, an energy-efficient radiant heat system encapsulated in the floors, water conserving toilets, energy conserving appliances, a "green" roof, and the use of recycled water in toilets and landscape irrigation.

And, construction materials used throughout the building contain a high content of recycled material. Depending on the day of the week you visit, many free hikes are available. The park is located at 2710 Manchester Ave. in Encinitas. For more information, call (760) 634-3026.

2. Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch



Patty Heyden introduces children to the world of snakes during the opening of the San Elijo Nature Center.

Preserve: With over 10 miles of trails and service roads open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use, Goodan Ranch remains one of the County's most active parks. The new visitor center features live animals and exhibits on Goodan History, the Cedar Fire, and history of the Kumeyaay Indians. April through May, there are free programs including nature walks, mountain biking, ecology walks, geocaching (treasure hunt using GPS), a class on preserving nature and snake encounters. Events, hikes and programs start at various preserve locations. Some require a one-mile walk from Goodan Ranch staging to the Visitor Center. Please check descriptions closely. No vehicular traffic is permitted in the Preserve. Transportation for those with disabilities can be arranged by calling the ranger at (858) 513-4737. To reach the Goodan staging area, take Poway Road to its intersection with Garden Road.

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APRIL 2009 Calendar of Events

PROPERTY TAXES DUE	10
EASTER	12
INCOME TAXES DUE	15
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County Crews Clean Up Ramona Property

County-commissioned crews brought relief to a Ramona residential community last month by clearing the charred remains of a home destroyed last Halloween in an arson-murder case.



The scene of the murder-arson case before County crews began their cleanup.

Finishing up two days of work on St. Patrick's Day, crews removed more than 100 tons of ash and debris and more than seven tons of scrap metal that had remained in a three-foot-high pile on the Mt. Woodson property for months.

The home was destroyed in an early morning explosion and fire that killed a 24-year-old man. The home's owner, James Kurtenbach, was charged with arson and second-degree murder in the case for allegedly paying one of his employees to torch the home.



The property after the cleanup.

Frustrated neighbors had to live with the mess after other groups, including the homeowner and insurers, did not clean up the debris. County Code Enforcement stepped in to help at the request of Supervisor Dianne Jacob and started an abatement process.

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In *Walt's* Words

25 Random Things About ... Sara Gurrola!

For most of us, talking or writing about ourselves – beyond simple pleasantries – can be hard. Especially when you're asked to list 25 things about yourself that people may not know, and those secrets, goals or beliefs are just sitting there on a screen for everyone to see.

But it can be fun, too. That's what I found out last month when I joined millions of Facebook users and dove into its "25 Random Things About Me," an exercise in self-reflection that has spread like wildfire across the social networking site. The point is to divulge 25 things, then "tag" the person who

sent it to you and 25 of your friends. It's the 21st century's version of a chain letter. The trick is finding a balance: you want to tell people about yourself, but without verging into TMI (too much information) territory.

I think Sara Gurrola, a Human Services Specialist who has worked for the County's Child Care department for seven years, struck it just right. And what's more, she went to my high school, Mt. Miguel, in Spring Valley and wrote for its newspaper El Trovador, as did I.

Thanks to all who wrote in. I enjoyed reading every one.

Here's Sara's 25 Things:

1. My maiden name is Wakeley.
2. I was editor in chief of my high school newspaper, El Trovador, my senior year. Go Matadors!
3. I love to bake and cook, most of the time.
4. I just learned how to use my sewing machine and I love it!
5. I started with the county when I was 18 as a department clerk. Do they even have those anymore?
6. I have been with the same department - Child Care - all my seven years with the County.
7. I met my husband at the Mission Valley office when Child Care was located in the MVFRC and he was a Medi-CAL worker there.
8. I have lived in Spring Valley most of my life.
9. I am a pack rat. I keep everything and don't know how to throw out anything.
10. I have three older brothers so I am the youngest in my family and the only girl.
11. Dr. Pepper is my favorite soda.
12. I am addicted to everything smiley... I even have two smiley face tattoos.
13. I drink soda from a can slower than soda from a cup. I don't know why.
14. I love popcorn. If we had an old fashioned popcorn machine in our house, I probably wouldn't eat anything else.
15. I got my husband a "Green Lantern" ring for his wedding ring.
16. I hate fish. The only fish I eat is fish sticks.
17. I believe that animals understand what we are saying and just choose not to listen most of the time.
18. I love when it rains, but I hate driving in it.
19. I love the old Nintendo games- none of the zombie games or shooting games; just give me my Mario Brothers.
20. One of my biggest pet peeves is people who don't use their blinker and people who do use their blinker, but think that gives them the right-of-way. Let me know you are getting in front of me, and give me time to let you in.
21. My mom gave birth to me Saturday May 7, 1983 and was in the hospital with me for Mother's Day, May 8, 1983.
22. I can be very stubborn at times.
23. I put barbeque sauce on almost everything.
24. I have a scar on my forehead from falling on a brick when learning how to walk.
25. My perfect day is a rainy Saturday, curled up on the couch with my husband, under a blanket, eating popcorn and watching a movie.

Walt

Walt Ekard
Chief Administrative Officer

Save money at County Parks
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Go east on Garden Road, then south on Sycamore Canyon Road. Sycamore Canyon Road ends at the staging area. Highway 67's staging area can be accessed through south-bound Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway. For information or to make event reservations call (858) 513-4737 or e-mail Justin.Gibbons@sdcounty.ca.gov.

3. Agua Caliente: It's only 111 miles away from San Diego and you can take your kids to the desert to see spring wildflowers bloom and visit some of the best-known geothermal heated springs. This park attracts visitors eager to soak in the soothing mineral waters, but Agua Caliente offers far more than therapeutic pools. There are spectacular vistas that await campers and picnickers alike, and hikers will enjoy miles of trails that meander through the park's canyons and across its hillsides. A wide variety of wildlife is attracted to these springs, including ground squirrels, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and mountain lions. The relatively abundant water supply also supports lush plant life, such as mesquite, willows, Washingtonia palms, and acacias. Wildflowers include chuparosa, brittlebush, desert thorn, ocotillo, desert lily, desert aloe, sand verbena, creosote bush, Spanish needles, and numerous belly flowers. Three naturally-fed pools provide different ways of enjoying the park's mineral water. There are two outdoor pools, and an indoor spa heated to 102 degrees which includes Jacuzzi jets. Many of the 140 campsites have full or partial hookups, and spring-fed warm showers are available. A caravan area can accommodate large groups. A small picnic area is perfect for day users. Hiking trails, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts and a children's play area offers visitors plenty to do in the 910-acre park, which is open from Labor Day to Memorial Day. From April through May, several activities are available, including desert hiking, Kumeyaay history and an outback cooking class. Surrounding Agua Caliente is Anza Borrego Desert State Park, the largest state park in the country. The park is located at 39555 Great Southern Stage Route of 1849, Anza Borrego Desert. For more information, call (760) 765-1188.

4. Rancho Guajome Adobe: Take your family to Rancho Guajome, a hacienda that depicts a unique example of Anglo-Hispanic architecture, built on an original Mexican land grant. Distinguished as a National Historic Landmark for its contribution to our nation's history, the rambling twenty-room adobe ranch house was built with huge profits from the cattle boom of the 1850s. It bustled in its heyday with extravagant fiestas, lively rodeos, and constant visitors. Once a city unto itself,



Ranger Kyle Icke talks to kids about Build-A-Bug, part of the Discovery Kit Program.

the adobe included a chapel, school, general store and beautiful gardens. Restored in 1996, it is a must-see. On Saturdays and Sundays, guided tours are available. Tours in Spanish are available on Saturday at 11 a.m. To get there, take Interstate 5 to state Route 76 east, past Mission San Luis Rey 2.4 miles. Turn right on North Santa Fe, proceed 2 miles to Guajome Adobe Ranch House. The address is 2210 N. Santa Fe Ave in Vista. For more information, call (760) 724-4082.

5. Discovery Kit Program: Send your kids to the award-winning Discovery Kit Program, which offers an outdoor environmental education adventure to elementary school-age children at Louis Stelzer County Park in Lakeside. Dos Picos County Park in Ramona also offers the Discovery Kit program. The program has allowed hundreds of educators and their students to explore the wealth of nature in their own backyards.

It's a hands-on course that includes pre-field trip activities for classroom use, field trip activities for use in the park, and post-field trip activities for classroom and home use. The curriculum is correlated with the California Science Framework and includes information on fire ecology and the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP).

- Kit titles and grade levels are:
- "Birds of Stelzer Park" -- Grades K-1
- "Nature Awareness and General Ecology" -- Grades 1-3
- "Native Americans of San Diego County" -- Grades 2-4
- "Plants of San Diego County" -- Grades 4-6
- "Geology Study of Stelzer Park" -- Grades 4-6

Free educator training is available for use of the Discovery Kits. For more information, call (619) 390-7998 or (619) 561-0580 or e-mail Ranger Kyle Icke, kyle.icke@sdcounty.ca.gov.

County Property Disposal Grosses More Than \$257,000 at Auction

Despite the rain, more than 300 registered bidders participated in the County and City of San Diego Cooperative Auction on February 7. The County auctioned 137 lots and grossed \$257,475 - an approximate 30 percent increase in bid prices from the previous auction held in September, with 100 percent of the auctioned items sold. Other public agencies also participated, with revenue returned to the respective consigning agency.

Buyers from various states, including California, Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Arizona participated in the auction. Many buyers indicated that they were pleased about being able to purchase the municipal surplus equipment and vehicles without having to travel out of the county.

The County contracts with TNT Auctions, a professional auction company, to conduct periodic public auctions. TNT's Web site received the its highest number of hits to date immediately prior to the auction, with over 300,000 on one day and over two million for the month. In addition, heavy news coverage of the event was provided by television Channels 5 and 7, local newspapers and local news Web sites. The next San Diego area auction is scheduled for May 2.

County Treasury Division Secures Cash & Online Payments

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's Treasury Division sponsored another successful Cash Handling Seminar, certifying 80 cashing professionals. The annual program presented the most current techniques used to strengthen governments' cash handling procedures and to increase handler knowledge and skill. Attendees represented a number of agencies including the County, school districts and local cities.

In addition to keeping an eye on cash payments, the Treasury Division is also working to accept electronic payments. A solicitation process to select an electronic-payments-processing vendor has been completed, with implementation scheduled for July. The outsourcing of this function reduces County expenses and provides superior customer service for constituents.

March for Babies (continued from page 1)

Suneel Bhasker, BPR Program Manager for the Finance & General Government Group.

Last year, 303 walkers raised \$58,000.

According to the March of Dimes, the organization uses 77 cents of every dollar raised in March for Babies to support research and programs that help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives.

Bhasker urged employees to sign up now, set up their fundraising Web site and make the first donation.

"Based on my experience and the experience of other veterans, even if you intend to contribute, do that first because that really motivates other donors," he said.

At press time, 90 walkers had registered and raised \$4,000. Health and Human Services Agency was in the lead for walkers, with 37. But FG3 was first in fundraising, with \$2,200 in donations.

A contest to create the County team's t-shirt has generated about 20 submissions. Chief Administrative Officer Walt Ekard, Assistant CAO Helen Robbins-Meyer and the Deputy CAOs will decide on the winner. The deadline for entries is April 3.

There also will be a competition between the County's five main groups to see which can raise the most money and rally the most participants.

For more information, contact Suneel Bhasker, suneel.bhasker@sdcountry.ca.gov, or (619) 531-6070.

Registering is simple!

1. Visit www.marchforbabies.org.
2. Select the option, "join a team."
3. In the search box, enter "County of San Diego."
4. Click the "County of San Diego" link, and then select your team from the list (CSG, FG3, HHSA, LUEG, PSG).
5. Submit your personal information, personalize your page and make a donation to get the contributions going!

Protect Yourself and Your Plants from Unwanted Garden Guests

Remember the rainy days of February, always heading off to work with your umbrella tucked under your arm?

That wet weather could lead to more mosquitoes and other pests in your yard this spring.

"As we head into spring, we'll see more pests emerging from their winter habitats to feed on the increased plant growth caused by the rain," said County Entomologist David Kellum.

Common backyard pests in our region include snails, Argentine ants, honeybees, aphids and caterpillars. If you find a critter you can't identify, submit it to the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures so they can figure out if it's harmful to plants or humans. For more information, call (858) 694-8988.

County Farm and Home Advisor Office Shows How to Save on Food

Cardinal rule of grocery shopping: don't go when you're hungry. We all know this, right? When you're hungry, you buy food you don't need and you spend more than you intended.

But there are many more tricks to saving money on groceries and they don't have to involve coupons. It's all about being a smart and savvy consumer – knowing a good deal when you see one, and planning out your trip before you step foot inside the store.

"We make choices about how we spend our money across the board. And most of us have more choices than we think we have," said Patti Wooten Swanson, Ph.D, a nutrition, family and consumer science advisor with the County Farm and Home Advisor Office.

Getting the most for your money is more important than ever as grocery prices continue to rise while families face pay cuts and layoffs. Food and entertainment are often the two areas that families consider first when they cut their expenses, Wooten Swanson said.

Sometimes it's as simple (or difficult) as breaking old habits.

"It may be a matter of developing new skills: learning to use unit pricing, learning to comparison shop. We buy the things we've always bought, or we buy the things our mothers bought," Wooten Swanson said. "The biggest financial mistake people make is not comparison shopping." To cut costs,

- Buy canned goods at discount or big box stores. Know which stores have the best prices.
- Plan the week's meals around what's on sale. Know when a sale is really a sale, and not just a promotion with the item's normal price.
- Take a grocery list and stick to it. Plan not only for meals, but snacks, too.
- Leave your children and spouse at home.
- Emphasize plant-based foods in your meals rather than giving meat the center stage; fruits and vegetables are cheaper than meats.
- Canned and frozen vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh ones. So if there's a great sale on frozen corn, go for it!

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Click on the slideshow above for a closer look at common pests.

Agriculture officials often depend on the public to help them find out about new plant-damaging pests and monitor the spread of those already in the area, which can sometimes lead to quarantines. Current quarantines include: the diaprepes root weevil in the North County, the Mediterranean fruit fly in El Cajon, and the Asian citrus psyllid in areas of the county south of state Route 78.

The County is also working with several other agencies to manage a new pest called the gold-spotted oak borer. It is suspected of damaging or destroying thousands of oak trees in the eastern part of the county. (Continued on Page 5)

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How to Save on Food

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- Compare the unit prices on different brands of food. How does the cost compare per pound or per ounce?
- Stock up on staples such as canned beans, corn, mushrooms, tomatoes, olives, as well as pasta, rice and tortillas, that you can build a meal around in a pinch. Having these items in the cupboard might discourage you from dining at a restaurant.
- Don't buy cosmetics or cleaning and paper products at the grocery store. They are often cheaper at discount or big box stores.
- Understand the store's placement of

items. Products at eye level are often more expensive. Items on the end of aisles are being promoted and aren't necessarily the best price.

- If a store is out of a sale item, ask for a rain check to buy the item when it's back in stock.
- Coupons save you money if they're for items you normally buy.

For more ideas on how to reduce your expenses, check out the Federal Trade Commission's "66 Ways to Save Money," at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/general/gen14.shtm>

Employee Assistance Program is There to Help

The County of San Diego, in partnership with the Employee Assistance Program, wants to remind you of a valuable resource during these difficult times.

The current economy and housing market, mixed with everyday issues may cause you to feel a sense of hopelessness.

Fortunately, there's somewhere to turn – to the employee assistance program (EAP). The EAP provides confidential, professional counseling, education, and referral services to you and your family members. You can contact the EAP 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, by simply calling one toll-free number: (866) 208-0436. You can also visit www.achievesolutions.net.

Unwanted Garden Guests

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Some pests may be harmful to humans, such as mosquitoes which can spread West Nile virus. A record-number of human cases was reported in the county last year.

"There's no way to predict what kind of season we will have this year, but people can help prevent the disease by getting rid of standing water around the yard. Rain-water may still be sitting in the bottom of pots, children's toys, birdbaths and even old tires. These are perfect breeding sites for mosquitoes," said Chris Conlan, Vector

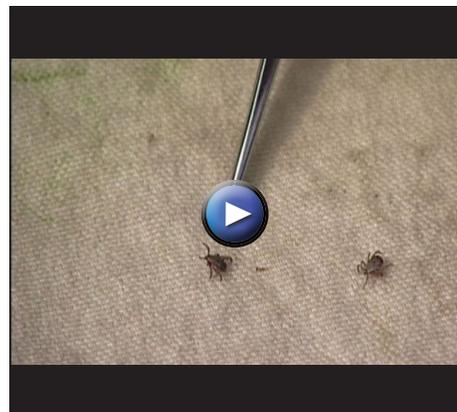
Ecologist with the Department of Environmental Health.

You can also protect yourself by: wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts when you are outdoors; using repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535 on clothes and skin; and making sure screens on windows and doors do not have holes.

Learn more about West Nile virus prevention at www.SDFighttheBite.com.



We talk to Charles Robinson about the Master Gardener Program in San Diego County.



Ticks are common in San Diego, November through April. Learn what to look for and how to stay safe.

Generous County Employees help to Exceed Blood Drive Goals

County employees made a positive difference in the region in 2008 by exceeding our Blood Drive goal of 1,000 pints of blood. Thanks to everyone's efforts, a grand total of 1,270 pints were collected. As expected, April was the best month in 2008, with a whopping 691 pints collected that month alone.

Year-round collaboration between the County and the San Diego Blood Bank has contributed to the addition of more donation opportunities, including a special code for County donors (SD99) and more frequent blood drives at the highest generating County sites.

To meet the needs of local hospitals and patients throughout the county, the San Diego Blood Bank must collect 400 pints of blood every day. The County, with 17,000 employees, has become the third largest donor organization, after the Chargers and Comic Convention Blood Drives.

This year, the County will celebrate our 25th Anniversary by hosting 25 County employee blood drives at 25 County sites. Join in this April, and all year, by making a donation. Bring a friend, make a difference and save a life!

LIFE SAVING Events

San Diego Blood Bank

County of San Diego
Blood Drives 2009

to schedule an appointment go to:
www.sandiegobloodbank.org

<p>Thu., 11/23/09 12:30pm - 5:30pm Fullerton Community Center - Community Room 501 Highland Ave., Fullerton, 92833 County Contact: Candace Stone (760) 728-1671 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Tues., 4/7/09 10:00am - 12:00pm Behavioral Health Services - Parking Lot 1255 Camino del Rio S., San Diego, 92123 County Contact: Theresa Vazquez (619) 563-2743 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 2/9/09 North County Regional Court - Parking Lot 125 S. Main St., Vista, 92083 County Contact: Annette Wise (760) 798-3227 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Wed., 4/8/09 HHS - Cal Works N. - Parking Lot 4750 San Marcos, San Diego, 92121 County Contact: Maria Miglia & Sherie Martin (619) 224-6264 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Thu., 4/9/09 9:30am - 3:30pm Northwest Family Resource Center - Parking Lot 500 7th Street, San Diego, 92101 County Contact: Bob Skinner (619) 594-2536 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 3/9/09 County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 3/9/09 10:00am - 3:00pm HHS - Aging & Independence Services S Region - Parking Lot 780 Bay Blvd., Chula Vista, 91910 County Contact: Ellen Mc Nair (619) 476-6225 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/13/09 10:00am - 3:00pm HHS - Aging & Independence Services S Region - Parking Lot 780 Bay Blvd., Chula Vista, 91910 County Contact: Ellen Mc Nair (619) 476-6225 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/13/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Chula Vista - Parking Lot 780 Bay Blvd., Chula Vista, 91910 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 knorris@bloodbank.org</p>	<p>Thu., 4/16/09 11:00am - 3:00pm San Diego County Dept. of Purchasing and Contracting - Parking Lot 1000 Willow Creek Rd., Suite 150, San Diego, 92131 County Contact: Tony Parkhurst (619) 571-2510 SDBB Contact: Robert Nussman (619) 530-9677 rnussman@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 3/9/09 San Diego County Sheriff's - John F. Duffy Administration Center 9621 Balboa Rd., San Diego, 92123 County Contact: Kristina Norris (619) 857-2099 SDBB Contact: Robert Nussman (619) 530-9677 rnussman@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm San Diego County Superior Court East County Division - Parked Along Court 20055 Via San Jose, #2, Escondido, 92029 County Contact: Madeline Adams (760) 436-4276 SDBB Contact: Madeline Adams (760) 436-4276 madad@scsd.uscourts.gov</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Mission Valley - North Parking Lot 1315 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, 92161 County Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/20/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Health & Human Services - Downtown - Parking Lot 115 Union Plaza Court, Oceanside, 92054 County Contact: Chela Lillias (760) 764-3216 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p>	<p>Mon., 3/9/09 County Operations Center Annex - Parking Lot 5201 Ruffalo, San Diego, 92123 County Contact: Gina McElroy & Cong Mc (619) 494-3400 or (619) 494-3228 SDBB Contact: Robert Nussman (619) 530-9677 rnussman@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Fri., 4/24/09 10:00am - 3:00pm County Operations Center - Parking Lot 5555 Overland, San Diego, 92123 County Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 SDBB Contact: Robert Nussman (619) 530-9677 rnussman@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Mon., 4/27/09 8:00am - 12:00pm County Health & Human Services - Chalmers - Parking Lot 6000 Chalmers, San Diego, 92111 County Contact: Paula Conway (619) 494-5406 & Anny C. Ober (619) 494-5414 SDBB Contact: Lillian Gonzalez (760) 891-4727 lgonzalez@bloodbank.org</p> <p>Thu., 4/23/09 9:00am - 2:00pm County Health & Human Services - Chalmers - Parking Lot 6000 Chalmers, San Diego, 92111 County Contact: Paula Conway (619) 494-5406 & Anny C. 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Dog Team Sniffs Out Destructive Pest

The Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures' detector dog team intercepted a 7-pound package of Rambutan fruit, also known as Hairy Lychee, while conducting a routine parcel inspection at a Federal Express facility on February 12.

The fruit had been shipped from a commercial establishment in Hawaii to a private citizen in San Diego. Upon inspection of the shipment, inspectors found a live destructive pest known as Armored Scale. This exotic insect pest is not found in California and has not previously been known to exist in Hawaii. The Hawaii Department of Agriculture was immediately notified in order to initiate trace-back activities to determine the exact origin of the fruit; meanwhile, the fruit was destroyed.

The detector dog team, featured in February's edition of County News, was instrumental in intercepting this pest that has the potential to adversely impact San Diego County's agricultural industry and the environment.

Annual Property Tax Sale Auction

The Treasurer-Tax Collector's Tax Collection Division held the annual Property Tax Sale Auction at the San Diego Convention Center on February 25. There were 108 properties offered for bid, which consisted of 22 unimproved properties and 86 timeshares. As a result of the auction, 38 total properties were sold (19 unimproved properties and 19 timeshares).

The event is quite popular with the public, with approximately 500 people in attendance, of which 189 were registered bidders. Funds from the annual auction are used to recover outstanding property taxes.

Going Paperless with the CalWIN Imaging Project

In an effort to shift from paper to virtual case files for public assistance and welfare-to-work programs, Health and Human Services has taken on the major task of reengineering eligibility processes at Family Resource Centers (FRCs) throughout the County.

This CalWIN Imaging Project integrates the retrieval of imaged documents into the State CalWIN database. San Diego County, through its use of innovative technology,

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Be Cautious When Searching for a Helping Hand

Millions of Americans are currently in debt. If you're one of them you've probably looked into a debt counseling program. You may have asked yourself: What can a debt counseling program do for me? Amid the often misleading ads, hype and outright scams, it's important to know the truth about credit counseling.

What a good credit counseling agency does is look at your case from a professional perspective and offer you options for resolving your debt issues. You're expected to provide all details about your finances including credit, debt and income, as well as your short-term and long-term personal financial goals. This is to provide you with the best possible option(s) to suit your situation and lifestyle.

The first thing you need to do is find a reputable credit counseling service. This can be challenging because there are a lot of dishonest and untrustworthy companies. Many experts in this field recommend choosing a non-profit agency. Whomever you choose, make sure you research the company thoroughly before signing up for anything.

Here are some red flags to look out for when shopping for a credit debt counseling program:

- Charges upfront fees. Most legitimate credit counseling agencies will not ask for a fee before talking to you.
- Claims to make you debt free today. It takes time, even with the best help in the world.
- Promises to erase, or cut your debts by 50 percent or more. If an agency promises to erase or cut your debts by a huge percentage, this is likely to be a debt settlement plan which can potentially cause more problems for you.
- Charges a high monthly fee based on your total debt. If you enroll in a continuous program such as debt consolidation and/or educational program, you can expect a monthly fee on top of paying off your debt.
- If the agency's employees work on commission, run!

Lowering debt and being more financially sound can provide peace of mind for you and your family and even improve your credit score. For more information on free counseling services offered by San Diego County Credit Union visit www.sdccu.com, call (877) 732-2848, or visit one of the 25 branch locations.

Splash Pads to Solar Power, County's Getting Greener

From a re-circulating water filtration system that zaps harmful bacteria at an aquatic playground to the "cool roof" and solar panels on a new long-term care facility, the County of San Diego is finding more ways to protect the environment and save taxpayer money.



Hilton Head County Park in El Cajon

The County has long been a regional leader in reducing its fuel and energy usage, and now the California Center for Sustainable Energy is honoring the County with a San Diego Excellence in Energy, or SANDEE, Award for organizational achievement.

"This exciting acknowledgment recognizes the amazing array of sustainability efforts at our many diverse facilities," said Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dianne Jacob. "Our energetic and forward-thinking conservation team is the secret behind our success," Jacob said.

The SANDEE Awards recognize projects and activities in San Diego County that result in significant energy savings through the implementation of energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy or transportation measures.

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Chairwoman Jacob accepted the County's award at the 5th Annual SANDEE Award Reception on Thursday, March 26, at the Omni San Diego Hotel in downtown San Diego. Among the County's innovations:

- The county's only free water playground at Hilton Head County Park in El Cajon, where a re-circulating water filtration system uses broad-spectrum ultraviolet and chlorinated disinfection to kill harmful bacteria, such as cryptosporidium and E.coli. Savings: \$9,217 annually.
- The replacement of six 45-to-80-ton rooftop air conditioning units with gas-fire heating at the Health Services Complex with a 500-ton modular, ultra-efficient, all-variable speed chiller. Savings: \$220,000 a year; \$260,000 one-time utility incentive.
- The new Edgemoor Skilled Nursing Facility, featuring climate control and

energy efficient technology, including occupancy sensors, solar panels and extra insulation. Savings: \$207,000 a year on utility bills, \$4.1 million on annual operational costs; \$75,000 one-time incentive payment.



We pay a visit to the Water Conservation Garden in El Cajon to get some tips to save water in our gardens.

has converted more than half of its 84,000 existing paper case files to virtual files, with the remaining files to be converted by September 2009.

As files become virtual, the "no wrong door" objective for customers of the FRCs is fully realized. Families and individuals can initiate applications at a FRC close to home and may return to any FRC with required documentation and for benefits determination.

The North Central Family Resource Center (formerly Kearny Mesa Family Resource Center) is now fully virtual and will be piloting other components of the Eligibility Business Process Reengineering beginning this month.

The Cost of Mailing a Letter

When mailing a letter, greeting card, or bill from home we put a 42 cent stamp on it and drop it in the mail box. Whether mailing across town or the County, the cost is the same.

The County of San Diego is able to reduce the cost of postage significantly due to its high mailing volume. These savings reduce postage cost for all County departments.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers postage discounts to high volume business mailers, such as the County of San Diego, who partner with them in a work share program. The County has participated in this work share program for more than 30 years. The DGS Mail Services unit employs a mail sorting machine that applies postal barcodes and sort letters by zip code before sending them to the post office.

During fiscal year 2007/2008 Mail Services sorted more than 7 million letters, saving County departments more than \$550,000.

You can help reduce expenses by using standard business envelopes whenever possible to mail County business correspondence; address envelopes using complete mailing addresses including apartment or suite numbers, and zip codes. If you are unsure of a particular zip code, visit USPS.com, a zip code search engine. Envelopes larger than 6x9 are not eligible for cost savings.

Here's a money-saving mailing tip:

Effective May 11, the postage rate for first class stamps is increasing from 42 cents to 44 cents. Buy the forever stamps at the current rate of 42 cents and they are worth 44 cents after May 11.

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Governor Appoints County Chief to State Mining Board

Brian Baca of the County Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) has been appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve on the California State Mining & Geology Board.

The appointment will mark the second tour of service on the board for Baca, a geologist and chief with DPLU's Project Planning division. Baca previously served on the board from 2001 to 2005.

Baca said he's looking forward to serving again.

"Yes, this is an interesting thing," Baca said. "I get to see geology and projects all over the state, so it's kind of fun in that regard."

The nine-member mining board sets the state's policies regarding seismic hazard mapping, to help protect the public from the dangers of earthquakes, and represents the public's interest in developing and restoring mining lands. The board also represents the state's interests in geology and acts as the final arbiter for miners, counties, cities and other "lead" jurisdictions when there are disputes about mining projects.

Each of the mining board's members serve four-year terms and represent a specific field of expertise or group, including geology, the environment, local government and the public at large.

Baca applied for the mining board in December after the registered geologist's position became available. The board meets 11 times a year in Sacramento.

Edgemoor Medical Director Named AMDA's 2009 "Medical Director of the Year"



Edgemoor's Medical Director Dr. Rebecca Ferrini has been named "Medical Director of the Year" by the American Medical Directors Association. An interdisciplinary panel chose

Ferrini from over 50 nominees for her work as a physician leader, educator, patient advocate, and clinician.

In making the announcement, AMDA Executive Director Lorraine Tarnove said, "Dr. Ferrini exemplifies the passion, com-

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Richard Longman (Public Defender) was commended for *“his honesty, his gentle and truthful manner, and his extremely helpful way of saving an errant person (that would be me) from his current problems with the law.”*

“He presents the character of his client with his ‘Best Foot Forward’ for which I am very grateful. Richard Longman has given me a renewed sense of hope and will to make my life better in every way possible. I look forward to each new day in a positive way.”

Leann Carmichael (Planning & Land Use) helped an organization *“resolve a complicated land use issue in the Campo area.”*

“On behalf of all the volunteers and members of the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Leann Carmichael. Leann researched the issue for us over several weeks, speaking with various County staffs working toward a resolution. After all this work, we were indeed able to resolve our issue.”

Monica Parks (Health & Human Services Agency) *“should be a role model for all nurses in the County Health Department.”*

“Me and my husband are grateful to the County Health Department, the Clinic, and especially to Monica Parks. She implements their great care and medicines in a professional and caring way, which I really need in these trying times. It’s obvious she goes the extra mile.”

The County’s Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), and especially **Rebecca Lafreniere,** were acknowledged for *“the process review by the LEA in first seeking cost reductions before increasing fees.”*

“As a family owned and operated company, EDCO commends the County of San Diego for pursuing an enlightened, fiscally responsible culture that seeks additional efficiencies and re-evaluates costs, before simply increasing revenues.”

Richard Delgado and the staff of the Spring Valley Road Station (Public Works) were thanked for *“all of their hard work and the public services that they provide to those of us in the East County.”*

“Every time I have put in a request it is always handled with true professionalism. The work is completed in a timely manner and is done correctly. The County has a lot of area to cover and I would like to personally thank Mr. Delgado and his staff for keeping our streets and sidewalks clean and safe.”

Sheila Lagayon (Code Enforcement/DPLU) was commended for doing *“an excellent job for our community”* facilitating the clean-up of a property where *“the landlord had allowed drug activity and unsightly trash to accumulate.”*

“Through her efforts the trash on the property has been hauled off, and the aging structure has been deemed uninhabitable/unsafe and boarded up. This has pretty much eliminated the community concern that it would once again be a haven for narcotics activity. Ms. Ligayon and your office have our deepest appreciation for the way this situation was handled.”

Stephen Rea (Office of Emergency Services) was complimented by the District Attorney’s Office for the *“great job he has done to help us with our emergency response systems improvement project.”*

“In addition to general guidance, he has recently provided WebEOC and Alert San Diego training for our staff. Stephen has made subjects that could be dry, easy to understand and interesting. Staff commented after the trainings that they learned a lot and that they were looking forward to implementing the new tools.”

Jackie McKibben (Environmental Health) *“is a rich asset and a valued member of your team and I appreciate good quality customer service, as do we all!”*

“Jackie was very kind and took the time to explain the course of action necessary for making changes to the Business Name and Mailing Address for the Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Centers. Jackie ruled the day!”

Paul Parisi (Public Defender) *“brings to the Public Defender’s Office a level of integrity, dedication, intelligence and passion that can’t be equaled and should be recognized by his peers.”*

“I was immediately impressed by his enthusiasm and passion for taking on my case. He also recognized the potential for making good law and setting a precedent. The amount of research that he produced was incredibly thorough and complete. He was able to locate an expert witness whose qualifications and statement were absolutely instrumental in educating both the judge and the prosecutor. I will never be able to express the depth of gratitude that I feel to Paul.”

Linda Graves (Sheriff) was *“extremely patient, knowledgeable and helpful. I didn’t expect to be treated so well at the sheriff’s office today. Thank you!”*

Debbie Lewis (Housing & Community Development) received a touching letter from a client going through an especially difficult time.

“Thank you so much for helping me stay a while longer. Sometimes I feel like I’m in the twilight zone because of my tragedy. Being able to stay longer at this unit really is helping. Once again, thank you for going above and beyond to help me.”

Nick Vent and Mike Vissier (Environmental Health) responded to a public health emergency that affected both sides of the border after a mercury spill occurred at a Calexico High School. By the time it was reported the mercury had spread and contaminated 12 classrooms, 184 students, 23 homes in Imperial County and 2 in Mexico.

“To this date, what Nick Vent and Mike Vissier did was one of the most selfless acts I’ve seen in my career of protecting the public and the environment. I am very proud to say I know them.”

Officers Ken Amerige, David Joralemon, Clint Armitage, Stuart Carey and Patrick Hernandez of the Warrant Service unit (Probation) were thanked by a detective from the SDPD Street Gang Unit for *“their help in the apprehension of a defendant who had been hiding for five months.”*

“Without the help of your team, (he) would have been on the run still. I appreciate the working relationship we have and hope it continues. It is very important that two agencies can work together in this manner, especially since I am the detective with the largest gang in the City of San Diego. Again, I thank you.”

Tim Manzano (General Services) was recognized for *“the excellent service that he provided to the Department of Housing & Community Development.”*

“The project was the installation of 59 energy efficient AC units at a predominately senior public housing development. The project required a great deal of coordination due to the fact that the units were all occupied. Tim was able to coordinate all of the elements of the project and complete it ahead of schedule and under budget.”

Roy Joseph (Agriculture, Weights & Measures) received an enthusiastic expression of approval from a customer in Lakeside who *“wanted us to know that he was a nice, nice inspector.”*

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"Roy Joseph has been coming by and checking my lemon tree for bugs. I have been treating that tree for scale and he took in a diseased lemon. Your laboratory tested it out and he brought back a report on what was wrong with it and also gave me some info on how to treat the tree. I just want to thank you so much for this."

Diane Day (Public Works/Carto Services) did a courtroom exhibit for the DA's office and the Deputy DA called to say that it was "phenomenal!"

"What a wonderful job you did on this exhibit. All the DA's are looking at it, saying how great it is. I wanted to thank you very much. I know you must have put a lot of time into it – Good job! It's really going to help in this prosecution."

Toi Bradley (Children's Services/HHSA) received a note from a grateful parent for her assistance in obtaining dental coverage.

"I wanted to thank you for managing all the paperwork and contacting me to help my daughter keep her coverage. I'm sure you have a lot of claimants and I just wanted you to hear from one mom and daughter who appreciated all your hard work. We wish you a successful career helping other children."

The staff of the Department of Housing & Community Development, along with the staff in Supervisor Cox's office was

thanked for their "very professional, prompt and courteous response" in resolving a housing issue.

"Just as unhappy persons are willing to complain, the professional, fair and prompt response should also be noted. (We) are happy to have our county in the good hands of professional people who are sensitive to the needs of the community and able to work together as you have demonstrated."

Luisa Schuster and Gloria Espinoza (Environmental Health) were recognized for their excellent customer service.

"I wanted to let you know that two of your people were very helpful. Luisa offered to do some research to help me, and yesterday, Gloria walked me through a small issue on the paperwork. They were both friendly and proactive in trying to get this done; too often, it is the other way around. Again, thank you all."

Nars Sabat (General Services) was thanked by the employees at the Hall of Justice for straightening out a problem they were having regulating the temperature in their building.

"As soon as we contacted Nars Sabat we saw an amazing improvement. He is extremely courteous and informative. We are all very pleased after having to deal with these issues for a while that someone has paid such attention to our concerns and made our work environment comfortable."

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mitment, and leadership abilities that we see among our members. She has embraced challenges and tackled them head on. She makes a difference everyday and touches the lives of residents, staff, family members, and her medical colleagues. We are proud to have her as our 2009 Medical Director of the Year."

Edgemoor Administator Gwenmarie Hilleary, along with Edgemoor Director of Nursing Nancy Beecham, nominated Dr. Ferrini for the honor. They lauded her ability to get the job done every day.

"She's like the Energizer Bunny. She talks fast, reads fast, and thinks fast," said Beecham.

"She can size up a situation quickly. If there is an upset patient or someone who doesn't understand something, she can calm them down and make them feel better in minutes." Ms. Hilleary added. She further noted, "She zips through things, she's very productive, and she has a photographic memory. At the same time, she brings her heart and soul into the practice of medicine; and we all benefit from that."

Among Ferrini's accomplishments are efforts to enhance quality. She worked with her team to develop a robust quality assurance and improvement plan that resulted in Edgemoor becoming a restraint-free facil-

ity. She also led development of a poster campaign called "Skin Is In," which helped reduce pressure ulcer incidence from 35% to 5%. Ferrini also is an enthusiastic educator. She educates medical students about Huntington's disease and is working on a handbook about how to deal with the long-term effects of this illness.

Improving Health Outcomes & Providing Cost Effective Health Care

With the support of Supervisors Ron Roberts and Greg Cox, and unanimous approval by the Board of the healthcare safety net action plan, San Diego was one of 10 counties awarded a federal demonstration project titled, the Health Care Coverage Initiative (CI).

The primary focus of CI is to enroll low-income adults with the high-cost medical conditions of diabetes, hypertension and/or high cholesterol into a cost-effective chronic disease management program. These adults must meet citizenship, residency and other eligibility criteria.

The chronic disease management program includes the provision of comprehensive services at select health care clinics that have been designated as "medical homes." These services reduce dependence on hospital

emergency departments for primary care and untreated conditions.

The CI exceeded enrollment targets and current enrollment is 3,403 patients, 90 percent of which are below 165 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Having met the enrollment target, the focus has shifted to measuring outcomes and quality of care. The project will continue through August 2010.

"Movies in the Park" Series Wins State Award

On February 25, the Department of Parks and Recreation was recognized by the California Parks and Recreation Society with the 2008 Achievement Award in Recreation Programs for the Movies in the Park series.

This award is given to an agency for outstanding and innovative achievement in development and implementation of a project.

The Movies in the Park series was selected for supporting several aspects of the mission of parks and recreation - predominantly, strengthening community image and sense of place, and strengthening safety and security. In addition, the Department was also recognized for successfully collaborating with six other agencies to provide movie events to over 11,500 community members in 13 communities.

Retirements

Pamela A. Albergo (Superior Court)
 Stephen A. Algya, Jr. (District Attorney)
 Leonard E. Angle (Sheriff)
 Sarah Barker (Child Support)
 Betty N. Berger (Facilities Management)
 Tyrone A. Berlanga (Public Works)
 Clark F. Bixby (Agriculture, Weights & Measures)
 Sheldon D. Bleiweiss (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Connie L. Clark (Probation)
 Patricia J. Coughlin (Human Resources)
 Rolando T. Deleon (Probation)
 Linda L. Dreher (District Attorney)
 Howard S. Duff (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Alma Q. Esquivias (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Gordon M. Evans (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Catherine L. Glance (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Frederick J. Gradwohl (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Robert L. Hudson (Sheriff)
 Linda P. Hughes (Public Defender)
 John K. Humphrey (Animal Services)
 Fatemeh M. Kamali (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Ginger R. Lane (Superior Court)

S. Rene Markley (Public Defender)
 George E. McCandless (Environmental Health)
 John J. McDonnell (Sheriff)
 Thomas M. Middleton (Fleet Services)
 Jeffrey S. Mitchell (Sheriff)
 Kevin M. Moehling (Sheriff)
 Thomas A. Morton (Sheriff)
 John E. Oliveria (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Manuel A. Pacheco (Probation)
 Wilfredo S. Paras (Sheriff)
 Brenda D. Price (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Enriqueta R. Quentin (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Ester Q. Reyes (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Katherine J. Reyna (Animal Services)
 Michael J. Reynolds (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Charles A. Spagnola (Air Pollution Control)
 Eduardo D. Tanciatco (Auditor & Controller)
 Judy L. Vickrey (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Teresa M. Villa (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Coleen K. Wilson (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Joan Wright (Sheriff)

In Memoriam

Cleopatra A. Acayan (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Agnes R. Arcilla (Superior Court) 12/08
 Andreana S. Chelpka (Health & Human Services Agency) 2/09
 Michael D. Considine (Parks & Recreation) 2/09
 John R. Corbett (Coroners Office) 1/09
 Cecile Dixner (Library) 1/09
 Lizbeth A. Dodds (Assessor) 1/09
 Dorothy S. Estes (Health & Human Services Agency) 12/08
 Edna F. Green (Purchasing) 1/09
 Alan G. Groves (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Wayne Harmon (Probation) 2/09
 Stanley Hill (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Christi M. Hussainy (Probation) 12/08
 Marcia A. Ingram (Housing & Community Development) 11/08
 Tamotsu Kida (General Services) 1/09
 Arthur R. Kilcrease (Sheriff) 1/09
 Cecil McBride (Sanitation) 12/08

Roger D. McGinnis (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 James McGuigan (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Charles D. Morse (Agriculture, Weights & Measures) 1/09
 Jack D. Noble (Environmental Health) 1/09
 Judy L. Paige (Health & Human Services Agency) 12/08
 Charles E. Parker (Education) 1/09
 William Perry (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Ralph E. Pine (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Irene F. Rapoza (Library) 1/09
 Virginia Ream (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Alice L. Snyder (Edgemoor Hospital) 1/09
 Carroll D. Tillis (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 John M. Vanatta (Sheriff) 1/09
 Michael H. Webster (Health & Human Services Agency) 1/09
 Robert M. Wells (Health & Human Services Agency) 12/08
 Edward H. Whitehead (Marshall) 1/09
 Norma L. Wood (Municipal Court) 2/09

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of active County employees David J. Sattler, Library, (2/09); Mark Suzukawa, Health & Human Services Agency, (1/09); Stephannie Vangaasbeck, Human Resources, (11/08) and Gilbert Villasin, Health & Human Services Agency, (1/09).”

Service Awards

30 Years

Sharon M. N. Breillatt (District Attorney)
 Mona M. Byrnes (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Jacqueline Charrier (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Debra A. McRae (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Beatrice M. Moniz (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Lynn A. Neal (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Raymond G. Padilla (Health & Human Services Agency)
 David L. Timber (Facilities Management)

25 Years

Michael P. Bohy (Probation)
 Richard A. Bolter (Sheriff)
 Glenn A. Braaten (Agriculture, Weights & Measures)
 Carlos L. Estolano (Sheriff)
 Patrick H. McBride (Purchasing & Contracting)
 Solita M. Medina (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Michelle M. Mitchell (Auditor & Controller)
 Sandra L. Murillo (Human Resources)
 Rosa Maria C. Pagala (Probation)
 Marisa R. Payton (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Henry Pham (Probation)
 Stephen R. Ron (Public Works)
 Regina T. Stanley (Health & Human Services Agency)
 Adam T. Truitt (Sheriff)
 Guillermo Vasquez (Public Works/Airport)

20 Years

Maureen Abare-Laudy (Parks & Recreation)
 Douglas E. Akers (Sheriff)
 Michael T. Andriso (Sheriff)
 Corazon C. Bermio (Child Support)
 Karsten S. Boone (Public Defender)
 L. James Bovet (Sheriff)
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