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Ask the CEO



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News Briefs



OCLA III IS NOW IN SESSION

The third session of the Orange County Leadership Academy (OCLA) began February 4. The new class consists of 30 participants from various County agencies.

OCLA's mission is to provide new and improved concepts, tools, and techniques to help managers become leaders. The program's key fundamentals are com-

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Environmental Health... Protectors of OC's Life Line

The quality of the food we eat, the water we drink, the beaches and pools where we swim and the gas stations that fuel our cars depend on Orange County's Environmental Health Division. The Division inspects more than 35,000 businesses throughout the county. The services they check touch many aspects of our daily lives. In many ways, they are Orange County's public health law enforcement agency.

"We are a part of the Orange County Health Care Agency," said Mike Spurgeon, Deputy Agency Director. "We respond to emergency incidents, investigate complaints and enforce public health laws and local ordinances throughout the county. Our entire team is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Orange County residents and visitors. Every one of us takes pride in the job we do here."

Environmental Health consists of 12 programs including food safety, hazardous waste, solid waste, medical waste, water quality, public swimming pool safety, site mitigation and illness

prevention. Each program deals with specific issues that are monitored and regulated by County staff.

Specialists in the food safety division, for example, inspect more than 11,000 restaurants three times per year. Inspectors make sure that Orange County residents can go to restaurants and supermarkets that are clean and safe.

The public swimming pool safety program ensures that all public pools are free of safety hazards and risk of communicable diseases. Specialists in the water quality program aim to protect



Harriet Leavitt, Environmental Health Office Technician, organizes paper work at her workstation at the main reception area in the new facility.

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munication, teamwork, collaboration and leadership sharing.

The program includes interactive group discussions and hands-on exercises that help to unite the participants and to transform the theory into daily reality.

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public health and prevent disease in ocean and bay waters, ground waters and domestic waters. They also protect our drinking water supply from contamination.

Environmental Health often works closely with law enforcement on a variety of hazardous material incidents including any cases of bio-terrorism. If an unknown substance is found an inspector from Environmental Health's hazardous material unit will go onsite to investigate. They may also collaborate with the Fire Authority and Sheriff's Department to ensure the proper disposal of dangerous materials.

"Our goal is to protect the environment as it relates to the health and welfare of the public," said Janice Van Mullem, Hazardous Waste Specialist III. "What we do is very challenging, yet it is also extremely rewarding."

Concerning the disposal of hazardous waste including medical waste, bio-hazardous waste and chemical waste, Environmental Health makes sure that procedures are in compliance with State requirements. Gas stations, dry cleaners and even tattoo parlors are all subject to the periodic check-ups by Environmental Health staff.

The organization consists of 200 employees with various scientific, administrative and management backgrounds. The division is primarily fee supported. The Auditor-Controllers office provides staff to process the billing.



Environmental Health's new headquarters at 1241 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, is large enough to accommodate all the employees and has plenty of parking spaces available for both staff and visitors.

Recently, the entire Environmental Health team packed its bags and moved a mile and a half to new quarters at 1241 East Dyer Road in Santa Ana. The logistics of the move had been in the works for two years. Spurgeon, the Division's director, was pleased that the actual relocation only took two days without any down time. The move began on Friday and they were up and running on Monday morning. Employees flexed on that Friday, used vacation time or were out in the field.

"The move was greatly needed as we were running out of space and we had no room to grow," said Mary Price, Hazardous Waste Specialist III/Relocation Coordinator. "The City of Santa acquired the building at our previous location and we found a new home. We were very fortunate to have the support of the Board of Supervisors, the CEO's office, CEO Real Estate, HCA IT and Facilities."

The daily work being done by Environmental Health is a combination of public service and science. They monitor and work to correct harmful conditions in the environ-

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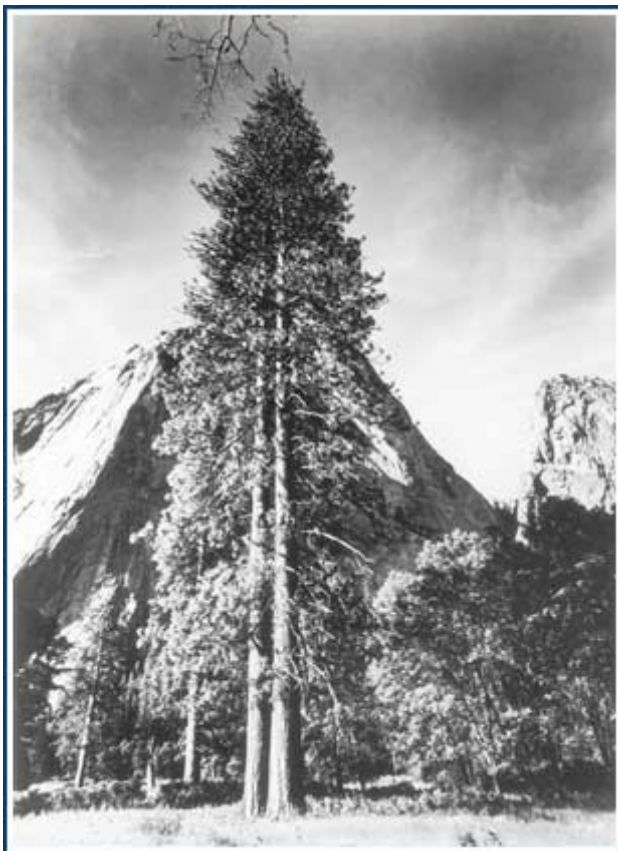
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ment. Their ultimate mission is to protect the public health and well being of all Orange County residents, workers, and visitors.

“The work we do directly benefits the residents of Orange County,” said Steve Wong, Director of Environmental Health. “We strive to contribute to our society and improve the quality of life for all of us. I am very proud of our top-notch team. They give it 110 percent every day and are dedicated to serving the public.”

For more information about the Environmental Health Division check out their website www.ochealthinfo.com/regulatory/enviro.htm.

Glance Through The Legendary Lens Of ANSEL ADAMS



Trees and Cliffs, by Ansel Adams, 1954, Gelatin silver print.

The work of Ansel Adams, one of America’s most beloved photographers, will be showcased at the Old County Courthouse Museum March 7 through May 2. The exhibition, Ansel Adams: Inspiration and Influence, features the work of Adams, the photographers who preceded him, his contemporaries, and the many photographers whom he influenced.

The exhibition consists of more than 80 photographs. Several of Adams’ images are paired with those by other important photographers. In addition to some of Adams’ well-known images of the American West, the exhibition also includes photographs by other renowned photographers including Dorothea Lange, Alfred Stieglitz, Eadweard Muybridge, Carleton Watkins, Edward Weston, Robert Adams and Judy Dater.

The Old County Courthouse Museum is located in the landmark Old Orange County Courthouse, at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in downtown Santa Ana. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free tours of the exhibit will be offered each Tuesday at 2 p.m. Group tours may also be arranged by calling 714. 973.6610. Admission to the museum

is free. For more information, call 714.973.6605 or visit the website

www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse/

March - Social Worker Month

Social workers will be honored at the March 15 Board of Supervisors meeting for their dedication to the profession of community service. Social workers provide the front line of defense in the system of services aimed at protecting children, the elderly and dependent adults from neglect, abuse and exploitation.



1. Orange County covers _____ square miles of land.

- a 502
- b 1,124
- c 798
- d 944

2. How many cities does Orange County have?

- a 38
- b 34
- c 31
- d 29

3. How many beaches are in Orange County?

- a 4
- b 7
- c 13
- d 9

4. There are _____ County library branches.

- a 33
- b 17
- c 25
- d 10

5. Which historic site was designed by the famed architect Stanford White in 1888?

- a The Old County Courthouse
- b South Coast Plaza
- c Arden Modjeska Home
- d The Crystal Cathedral

6. Orange County has the sixth largest population in the United States.

- a True
- b False

7. The County of Orange is the _____ largest employer in the county.

- a First
- b Second
- c Fifth
- d Seventh

8. Which city in the county has the highest population?

- a Anaheim
- b Fullerton
- c Santa Ana
- d Huntington Beach

9. Which city in the county was most recently incorporated?

- a Aliso Viejo
- b Rancho Santa Margarita
- c Laguna Woods
- d Laguna Niguel

10. Orange County has _____ acres of parks, historic sites and open space facilities.

- a 15,000
- b 26,000
- c 42,000
- d 35,000

11. Orange County is the second most populous county in California

- a True
- b False

12. What year was the County incorporated?

- a 1886
- b 1889
- c 1902
- d 1910

13. Orange County has _____ miles of coastline.

- a 26
- b 52
- c 38
- d 42

14. Orange County is divided into _____ Supervisorial districts.

- a 2
- b 7
- c 5
- d 4

15. What amount is the County of Orange's budget?

- a \$4.7 billion
- b \$1.3 trillion
- c 7.8 million
- d \$3.5 billion

16. The majority of land in Orange County is _____.

- a Agricultural
- b Residential
- c Open space
- d Commercial/Industrial

17. Approximately how many people does the County of Orange employ?

- a 25,000
- b 900
- c 11,000
- d 17,000

18. What is the largest crop produced in Orange County?

- a Avocados
- b Oranges
- c Nursery stock and cut flowers
- d Strawberries

19. There are approximately _____ acres of regional parkland in Orange County.

- a 38,000
- b 14,000
- c 26,000
- d 42,000

20. How many miles of trails and bikeways are there in Orange County?

- a 164
- b 382
- c 567
- d 241

21. Which movie was partly filmed in Orange County?

- a The Phantom of the Opera
- b As Good as it Gets
- c The Perfect Storm
- d Titanic

22. How many tourists visit Orange County each year?

- a 25.5 million
- b 12.7 million
- c 60.2 million
- d 177,234





35 Years

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30 Years

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Answers To OC Trivia

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