



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
CAO Weekly Report

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SPECIALREPORT



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County Staff Mark Denim Day

Denim Day is gaining acceptance as way to draw attention to sexual violence prevention and to support survivors. This year, many County employees took part.

April 27th is acknowledged as Denim Day, a day to wear jeans as a symbol of protest against harmful attitudes about rape. It was sparked by an Italian Supreme Court ruling in 1999 which overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans. The court's ruling included the comment that it

could not have been rape as the woman would have had to help her attacker take the jeans off.

Advocates began a campaign to protest lingering myths about sexual assault which has earned global support.



On April 27th this year, County staff from various departments showed their support by wearing jeans to work, making denim more than a fashion statement.

You can find out more about Denim Day at <http://denimdayinfo.org/>



Images from Monterey County Denim Day: Monterey County Free Libraries marked the day by dressing Monty the Library mascot in denim (top); Assistant CAO Manny González, CAO Lew Bauman, Assistant CAO Dewayne Woods and County Counsel Charles McKee dress for the cause (left) and staff at Sheriff's Office show their support (right).

Probation Employee Earns Best of Show

There is a lot of 'hidden talent' among our county staff, but in the case of **Cindy Brown**, Supervising Office Assistant for the Adult Division, it is only hidden if you don't look at the walls in her office.

Brown is an avid quilter and her office walls feature quilts she has made. While she has worked for Monterey County for 34 years, Brown has been quilting for much longer and her skill and dedication

to the craft earned her Best of Show honors at the Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild's Quilts by the Bay quilt show last month.

Quilting is a unique American art form and Brown's winning quilt, named "Rocky Road to Fall," features a complex traditional quilt block which creates the 'X' design in the center. The quilt took two years to complete, starting out as a small project to which Brown kept adding sections until it was big enough for a queen size bed. Her friends describe the project as something similar to the Winchester Mystery House.

Quilts entered in the peninsula quilt show were judged by professional quilters and Brown earned rave reviews from these experts such as "exciting visual image" and "color distribution is well done."

Of her talented employee, Probation Chief Marcia Parsons says, "Cindy's quilts simply reflect the inner beauty of this wonderfully creative person."

Congratulations Cindy!



Cindy Brown and her winning quilt.

Public Service Recognition Week Brings Thank You's to Staff

County Executives and Supervisors gave county employees a public thank you and big shout out during the Board of Supervisors meeting this week, as the Board proclaimed this week as Public Service Recognition Week.

County Administrative Officer Lew Bauman presented the proclamation and Assistant CAO Manny González read a long list of commendations recently received by employees, evidence of the level of expertise and service county employees provide.



Supervisor Jane Parker says those mentioned as well as all 5,500 county employees play an important role in the lives of county residents.

"Public employees are the heart and soul behind our community programs," says Parker. "In your delivery of public services, you embrace the responsibility of creating a safe, successful community for all of us. I am so proud of the excellence demonstrated by these recognized employees and departments. You have gone beyond the call of duty to support County residents and uphold the County as a first-rate government agency."

The proclamation thanks county employees for their outstanding service and commitment and reads in part:

"WHEREAS these employees work to maintain and improve the County's infrastructure, ensure the health and physical safety of Monterey County residents, preserve the natural beauty of county's environment, and support and encourage the diversity of the county; and WHEREAS County employees strive to provide superior and courteous services to our community for the people of

Monterey County."

The resolution encourages Department heads to support Public Service Recognition Week by recognizing the outstanding service of employees within their departments. Some of those

'thank you's' for outstanding service can be seen here!

