Halloween around the County

If you got a flu shot from a vampire or met up with a witch in a county building lobby, it must be Halloween at the County.

Costumes make our jobs all the more fun on October 31st, many offices showcased some very creative dress up ideas.

Scroll through the photos and check out how your colleagues channel their inner ghoul or favorite character, plus check out the winners from some of the department costume and pumpkin carving contests.
The Clerk of the Board’s annual Halloween costume and pumpkin carving contest seems to draw some of the most interesting ‘characters from throughout the County. Here are some of the best looks this year, and a list of winners.
Pumpkin Carving Contest:
1st Place - Margarita Arista: Chimney Pumpkin Blazing a Cozy Fire with S’mores
2nd Place - Jane Surbeck: Disorderly Inmate Pumpkin in Handcuffs
3rd Place - Claudia Link: Ninja Turtles Saving the Day

Costume Contest

Funniest Costume
1st Place - Joy Willett: Charlie Chaplin
2nd Place - Margarita Arista, Claudia Link: Domino's Pizza
3rd Place - Gricelda Rodriguez: Where is Waldo?

Original
1st Place - Fabiola Nguyen: Corpse Bride
2nd Place - Maegan Ignacio-Ruiz: a Jabawaki
3rd Place - Susan Blitch: Brexit

Scariest
1st Place - Michelle Karim: Zombie

Best Group
Tax Collector Office: the Pink Ladies and Greasers

Best Duo
Carmen Rosales and daughter: Strom Trooper and Wookie
Health
Child Support Services held a costume contest and here are the winners!

(l-r) 1st Place: Danny Ow, ‘Aladdin;
2nd Place: Frank De La Torre and Alexis Robinson, ‘Betty and Barney Rubble’ and 3rd Place: LaShanda Hall, ‘Georgia Peach.’
Department of Social Services

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Sheriff
Schilling Place Jack-O-Lantern and Costume Contest

Halloween

Best Department Representation, Shane Ederbee, RMA

Best Overall, Lupe Covarrubias-Martinez, Public Health

Honorable Mention, Monique Kokimoto, RMA

Most Creative, Michael Bollinger, ITD

Best Group, Star Wars, Elections

Scarcest, Ayna Gutierrez, Elections

Best Carved/Decorated Dina Northcutt – RMA – Tarantula

Most Creative, Gretal Arevalo, Elections
Animal Services

Probation

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Employees Get Creative with Giving Campaign Events

The Employee Giving Campaign continues with fun activities around the departments.

Department Campaign Coordinators have been working ‘overtime’ putting together some unique events and there are a lot more taking place in the next few weeks. Of course, all participation in the campaign is voluntary; be sure to check out the happenings in your department and the campaign event calendar.

Monterey County Administrative Office
Superheroes served up tostadas during an event at the Auditor Controllers Office. Some brave employees shared baby pictures as part of a fundraiser at the Recorder’s Office: employees try to match the baby photo to the adult - organizers say staff loves this challenge! The person with the most correct matches wins a prize.

Elsewhere, it might be “All about the Benjamins,” but Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson are helping add up donations.

*Embrace your Cape* has become a theme of the Giving Campaign. Staff is having fun showing off their own capes in the Assessor-Clerk-Recorder’s Office (left) and Information Technology (right).
At Treasurer-Tax Collector, there is a ‘Spare Your Change’ event going on with strategically placed piggy banks around the department for donations. Up on the third floor at the Government Center on Alisal, the CAO, County Counsel and Human Resources are holding a spare change competition to see which department contributes the most small change.

The CAO’s office also held a delicious Ice Cream Sundae sale.