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Will's Message: Your newsletter is back

By Will Bush, director



PHOTO BY LIZ GRANSEE

Welcome to *Connections*, our quarterly newsletter for employees.

We brought back the employee newsletter to help us all share information, to learn about each other and our roles here at DGS and to celebrate our accomplishments. By keeping connected and getting to know each other better, I believe we can unite around our common goal to serve our customers as efficiently, expediently and thoroughly as possible.

These pages are the place to tell others about interesting projects you work on, what best practices you use, how you do your part to “green” California, how you help our customers and more. *Connections* is also the place to share some personal interests—what you enjoy away from DGS.

Although you will hear from me from time to time in *Connections*, the focus of this newsletter is you and the information that you will find useful in your career here at DGS, such as benefit programs, employee-focused events and upward mobility tips.

I’d like to thank the divisions that selected “correspondents” to help keep us informed of what’s going on in their offices. Any topic suggestions can be submitted through the link on the “DGS Announcements” intranet page.

I look forward to all of us in the DGS family getting connected.

Enjoy! 🌿

► [Topic suggestions](#)



Please consider the environment

before you print. This publication is designed to be environmentally friendly and electronic only.

Helen Jenkins: Ups and downs at Capitol

For more than a quarter century, *Helen Jenkins* has served as an elevator operator in the historic west wing of the state Capitol.

As you might guess, she has plenty of stories to tell about the variety of folks who've boarded her car, like when the mother of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez asked her to watch over her son to make sure he didn't over stress about work. Then there was the time she caught the eye of the king of Spain—after riding in her elevator,



PHOTO BY MACE CORONA

he sent his aide back to find out if she was married. Other patrons have included actors Bruce Willis and Danny Glover, entertainers Sammy Davis Jr. and comedian Red Skelton, as well as Rev. Jesse Jackson and Bishop Tutu. One day Carlos Santana was admiring a portrait of Cesar Chavez she had, so she offered it to him in exchange for his autograph. She has also overheard plenty of unmentionables. "I'm the eyes and ears of the Capitol," she said. "But my lips are sealed."

DGS began using elevator operators after the Capitol's west wing was restored and it was observed that the cars were being vandalized and not receiving the respect they deserve. There are now five operators, who direct visitors to their destinations and lobbyists to committee meetings while monitoring the elevators for possible damage.

Helen's presence has helped keep the vandals at bay for more than 26 years. She wants to work for six more, then retire to write a book about her experiences. 🌿



Mystery Photo

Have you seen this before? If not, can you guess where it's located? Find out in the next issue of *Connections* as DGS commemorates the 10th anniversary of the Ziggurat building in West Sacramento (hint).

PHOTO BY MACE CORONA



On Call: Ready to respond 24/7

When public safety communications fail, it can mean loss of life or property. The longer communications are out of service the greater the risk to the public. That's where the Telecommunications Division's Office of Public Safety Communications Services comes in.

The office has a field workforce available 24/7, strategically located throughout the state to ensure rapid response to public safety communications needs.

Being ready to respond to problems is only one aspect of how this office works closely with public safety agencies during

emergencies. A critical part of emergency communications is planning and designing systems to minimize outages during emergency or disaster situations. Every communications site is designed with the customers' needs in mind to survive a disaster. Emergency power and redundant equipment are all major considerations during the design phase. The office also provides the public safety community with a statewide microwave system designed specifically for emergency situations. This service is capable of linking all public safety agencies in California to a system that has demonstrated its survivability of past natural disasters. During the Loma Prieta earthquake, when the public telephone network was not available, users of the state microwave system were able to communicate

and conduct emergency business when needed most.

The office also has worked closely with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop a group of trained technicians that can respond to a communications problem at fire camps and deploy with firefighters during an emergency situation. During the last fire season this office sent 39 technicians to 18 different fires in California. These technicians have spent more than 6,000 hours working with firefighters to provide reliable communications when needed most.

Telecommunications technicians are also trained in snow survival and snowcat operations to ensure they can access remote communications sites in all types of weather any time of year. 🌱

Senior Telecommunications Technician **Jim Sorrentino** (left) and Telecommunications Technician **Steve Koi** (right) work on towers that range from 60 to 200 feet above the ground.



PHOTOS BY RON MORGAN

Kudos

. . . to the Procurement Division from **Srini Iyengar**, an applicant for small business certification, who stated in a thank-you e-mail that “the application process was extremely simple and quite efficient. My experience with this interface is much more superior to any other application process with government agencies. I hope every other department/ agency follows this approach.”

▶ [View “Helping Victims Every Day”](#)

Video Victory: Double gold for TV team

The Video & Multitmedia Unit of the Office of State Publishing was honored not once but twice at the recent State Information Officers Council for two projects which involved its whole team: **Stella Garin**, director of Television Communications; **David Gerberding**, television specialist; and **Tony Arias**, television assistant.

One award recognized a 14-minute video titled “Helping Victims Every Day,” produced for the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB). It received top honors – or the “gold” award – in the “Audio-Visual Production, Video: Education, Outreach, or Marketing” category.

The video informs victims of violent crime about the Victim Compensation Program and the benefits and restitution that may be available to them, and encourages service providers such as law enforcement as well as emergency, medical and social workers to share this valuable information with victims.

The video piece is a collaborative effort between OSP and VCGCB and was produced in cooperation with the Sacramento Sheriff’s



PHOTO BY LAUREL GODDARD

(Left to right) Television Communications Director **Stella Garin**, Television Specialist **David Gerberding** and Television Assistant **Tony Arias** set up a recent project shoot.

Department, Kaiser Permanente, Sacramento County Victim/Witness Advocates and Valley Community Counseling Services. Its production relied heavily on the willingness of five victims of violent crime to share what happened to them and how the Victim Compensation Program helped them.

The unit’s other “gold” was for an awards show video titled “Media Access Awards 25th Anniversary,” produced for the Employment Development Department (EDD), which won in the “Special Projects” category for events. 🍀



Handcrafted and custom-built

When you first set foot in the DGS Central Shop’s carpentry room you’re greeted with the delightful smell of freshly cut wood. The pleasing scent is coming from the beautifully handcrafted hickory cabinet doors atop a workbench and the huge custom-built cabinets nearby.

Whether building a hutch, repairing a door frame, engraving an office sign, fixing a legislator’s window or hand painting a huge California state seal, the maintenance mechanics that work out of the Central Shop are called into action for a variety of specialized jobs that include carpentry, engraving, painting, plumbing, electrical and general maintenance.

They are each well-versed in at least three trades, which is helpful since the shop—part of the Real Estate Services Division’s Building and Property Management branch—is called upon to fulfill a large number of requests—as many as 1,200 a month. And yes, they do lots of projects for the governor, from building hutches for his staff to special requests such as installing a tabletop in his office so he has a place for fruits, snacks and beverages for his guests.



PHOTOS BY MACE CORONA

You rarely see them, but you know that they’ve been there. That’s how the Shop folks prefer it, as well as building tenants. They often do their work under cover of night, long before regular office hours, to prevent disruption, noise and mess. An exception was the governor’s tabletop. “He wanted it as soon as possible so we had to do the work while he was in there,” said *Jerome Wooley*, a nine-year Central Shop employee. “He was very nice about it and very understanding. He told everyone to give us room to work and let us do our jobs.” 🌿

(Top left) Maintenance Mechanic **Jerome Wooley** works on custom cabinets for the Ziggurat mailroom.

(Top right) With precision, Maintenance Mechanic **Terry Connitt** cuts a new shelf for a custom cabinet.





PHOTO BY ERIC LAMOUREUX

Re-hanging history at the Capitol

DGS' Capitol Region and Central Shop staff *Terry Connitt*, *Miguel Lopez* and *George Soffos* (above), recently hung the portrait of Gov. John Weller in the Capitol while Building Manager *Vito Sgromo* looked on. Several governors' portraits were removed during the restoration of the Capitol's grand staircases. For more than six months from September through February, DGS oversaw the restoration, repair and staining of the historic staircases, which had not undergone a major restoration since 1980. DGS staff re-hung 10 of the nearly 36 portraits weighing between 100 to 300 pounds throughout the Capitol. 🌿

Stephen O'Brien: 50 years keeping it green

The year was 1958, and traffic shared the bottom deck of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge with trains, the Giants had just moved to the city from New York, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) didn't exist, and DGS' *Stephen J. O'Brien* was hired as a groundskeeper for the Transbay Terminal.

The city has undergone many changes since then, and Stephen, who completed 50 years of state service recently, has been around to see them all. For half a century, he has been the building's one and only groundskeeper, maintaining the 50,000 square feet of walkways and landscaping in and around the Transbay Terminal, which was built at First and Mission streets as the city's terminus for the electric commuter trains which ran along the lower deck of the Bay Bridge. It now serves long-distance and transbay buses from San Francisco to several Bay Area counties and houses several transit agencies.

After working in the construction industry for many years, Stephen wanted something more steady. He launched his state career as an intermittent employee

with the Office of State Printing serving as a machine mechanic, then moved to the parks department for several years.

He said he loves the challenge of his work. "There's always something different to take on," he said. "It keeps you going physically and mentally."

And at age 78, he's not ready to quit. "Not as long as the Transbay Terminal building continues to stand," he said. 🌿



PHOTO BY ISRAEL DEVERA



Awarding excellence in RESD

By Mace Corona, media assistant

The Real Estate Services Division held its annual Deputy Directors Award ceremony recently, presenting a total of 214 awards recognizing 197 individuals across 14 unique groups for amazing accomplishments in teamwork. Awards for both “Individual Merit in Leadership” and “Team Leadership” were presented as well.

One such award was presented to staff from the Capitol Historic Region and Central Shop. They received a Team Leadership Award for an outstanding cleanup effort and a quick response to the severe winter storm in the Sacramento area earlier this year.

Another 17 awards were given to commemorate individual members for their extraordinary displays of leadership and innovation. One such award was given to *Dennis Corelis* (photo far right), an assistant branch chief from the Professional Services Branch, who was recognized for his outstanding management of the Stanford Mansion Fuel Cell Demonstration Project. With the help of his leadership and management skills in negotiating with the



Members of the Elihu M. Harris Building team in Oakland await their award presentations. (Left to right) Eddie Gonsalves, Dan Kiernan, Danilo Serrano, Ruben Rodriguez, Mario Matabilas.

PHOTOS BY MACE CORONA

governor’s administration, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the Office of State Historic Preservation, this project is now coming to fruition.

The award recipients were chosen by a Governance Council within RESD that was responsible for collecting and evaluating all award nominees recommended by each division’s managing supervisor. 🌱



Dennis Corelis received an award for his excellent management of the Stanford Mansion Fuel Cell Demonstration Project.

▶ [View the awards image gallery](#)

▶ [View the list of winners](#)



DGS Bikers: Gas pedals to bike pedals

Finding greener ways to travel is a goal many of us share at DGS. During the month of May, many DGS employees pushed bike pedals instead of gas pedals.

A multitude of government agencies and groups sponsored “May is Bike Month,” which promoted bike riding not only for fun and exercise but for alternative transportation as well.

Bike enthusiasts participated by registering online and logging commute, errand and recreational miles in a collective show of support for the effort.

At press time, DGS riders had ridden more than 10,000 miles. More than 1,000 of those were logged by DGS Building Manager *Bob Yates*. In addition, Telecommunications Engineer *Zia Tabaie*, Technology Acquisitions Section Supervisor *John Marengo*, CSA VII *Jim Kirstein*, Associate Architect *Michael Chordas*, Associate Real Estate Officer *John Whelan* and Carpenter *Steve Matzke* all covered more than 500 miles each. 🌿

▶ [View the challenge results](#)

Fast Fact

Last year, the DGS Surplus Property Program sent 319 tons of material, including paper and “e-waste” (technology with no reuse potential) to local recyclers.



PHOTO BY LAUREL GODDARD

(Left to right)
Sue Teranishi of the Travel Green policy staff, Senior Architect **Sharon Burke-Polana**, Technology Acquisitions Section Supervisor **John Marengo** and Associate Real Estate Manager **John Whelan** head home from work.



DSA Academy: Making the grade

The Division of the State Architect oversees design and construction for K–12 schools and community colleges and develops and maintains accessibility standards and codes used in public and private buildings throughout the state. It also has its own school: the DSA Academy.

This popular program came to fruition from concept to launch in just six months through the diligent efforts of State Architect *David Thorman* and retired Academy Director *Deborah Furlow*. By providing centralized training, the DSA Academy promotes consistency and quality in the design and construction of educational facilities and other governmental buildings in California.

DSA Academy opened for business in April of 2006 with four classes and trained more than 600 students in its first year. To meet customer demand, it doubled its classes the following year—and consequently—registrations, which currently stand at nearly 2,500.

From start to finish, many people are involved in a school building project: school employees, private architects and engineers,

DSA staff, construction managers, project inspectors and others. The DSA Academy brings these individuals together and trains them on California’s codes and regulations —as well as their application—with the goal of creating consistency among all parties. The result is safer schools that are built more quickly, efficiently and cost-effectively.

The DSA has many instructors who cover a variety of topics:

Raul Cadotte
Oakland

David Casey
Headquarters

Chris Christakos
San Diego

Edward DeCossio
Oakland

Jeff Enzler
Headquarters

Don Fenlason
San Diego

Michael Fretz
Oakland

Michael Green
San Diego

Jim Hackett
Sacramento

Tom Haltom
Sacramento

Hans Henneberque
State Fire Marshall

Rodney Higgins
Sacramento

Jay Kinhal
San Diego

Ron LaPlante
San Diego

Nathan Larson
San Diego

Diana Licon
Headquarters

Robert Liu
Los Angeles

James McCarthy
Sacramento

Tony Monarrez
Sacramento

Aaron Noble
Headquarters

Lynn Palmer
RESD

Karen Roberts
San Diego

Craig Rush
San Diego

James Schaible
San Diego

Howard “Chip” Smith
Sacramento

Bill Staehlin
Sacramento

Karen Van Dorn
Oakland

Eddie Vasquez
Riverside

Jim Vitale
Riverside

Steve Hamill
Sacramento

Fast Fact

The DGS Office of Administrative Hearings handles 12,000 to 14,000 cases a year.





PHOTO BY KEN HUNT

Green Team member **Ken Hunt** has traveled the world extensively and has beautiful, unique photographic images to prove it, such as the Buddhist prayer wheels (above) shot in Paro, Bhutan, in the Himalayas. He has also artfully captured some of Sacramento's landmarks on film.

Showing an artistic flair for charity

DGS hosted a fund-raiser in April to benefit the California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) in the Ziggurat atrium in West Sacramento showcasing the creativity and talent of employees—all for a good cause. More than \$450 was brought in to benefit local charities by the exhibitors, who generously donated all or a portion of their proceeds.

“The campaign gives state employees an opportunity to give to a nonprofit organization of their choice through payroll deduction,” said event coordinator and CSECC Chair *Paula Rogers*, who works in the Telecommunications Division. “Every individual is affected by some nonprofit organization in some kind of way, whether it's education, health, safety or self-sufficiency. My mission this year as campaign chair is to not only raise money for the campaign but to also educate DGS employees on where their dollars are going.”

She added thanks to the *Business Services Office* for helping to coordinate this and other CSECC events. *(continued on p.12)*





Karyn Gil, a staff information systems analyst with the Information Technology Services Division, bought her first camera five years ago, learned some color tinting techniques and let her passion for photo art take it from there. Her creations come from a process using black and white gelatin film printed on archival fibre-based papers that are then hand tinted with photographic oils.



Jennifer Margedant, an office technician with the Office of Administrative Hearings, began drawing with markers on index cards as a means of relieving stress. Her talent grew into vibrant, eye-catching paintings.



PHOTOS BY MACE CORONA

What began as a creation for his daughter can now be heard on children's radio stations nationwide. **John Gouveia**, a project manager with the Office of Public School Construction, released his "Kids are Great!" CD in 1993. It's an upbeat collection of "catchy" tunes (so says "Billboard" magazine) which he wrote himself. 🌿



Kudos

... to Senior Federal and State Reuse Specialist **Dan Larsen** for receiving a community service award from Mountain Fire and Rescue for continuing service in providing surplus federal property to this rural fire district, which serves the town of Mountain Ranch in Calaveras County.



Chartering the Future: \$463 million for kids

In May, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the allocation of \$463 million in Proposition 1D funds for new construction and modernization projects for 29 charter schools statewide. DGS organized a special event at one of the nation's leading charter facilities, the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, to commemorate the boon for education.

School funds are awarded monthly by the State Allocation Board, which is staffed by the Office of Public School Construction.



PHOTO BY LIZ GRANSEE

The OPSC staff behind the charter school funding includes Executive Officer *Rob Cook*, Deputy Executive Officer *Lori Morgan*, Project Management Supervisor *Juan Mireles*, Staff Services Analyst *Wendy O'Donnell*, Office Technician *Rebecca Kirk* and Project Manager *Barbara Kampmeiner*.

“I am thrilled to award the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center more than \$6 million that will provide seven additional classrooms and many new opportunities for its students,” the governor said. “I know we can create more action by rebuilding our state and I will do everything I can to ensure that the California of the future reflects the brilliance we want for our children.”

The Office of Public Affairs was instrumental in the success of the event, and OPA event organizers and attendees *Beth Mills*, assistant deputy director, and *Liz Gransee*, public affairs associate, reported that the celebration drew more than 1000 people and a half dozen media outlets. 🌿

Dr. Yvonne Chan, principal of the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, discusses the charter school's improvement plans—recently fueled by an allocation of state funds—before the governor, dignitaries, students and community members.

▶ [View coverage of the event on the DGS YouTube page](#)



Almost as cool as “Craig’s List” and cheaper than eBay, the “DGS Classifieds” are your free, one-stop shop for selling, buying, announcing events, reporting items lost or found and more. Having a garage sale this weekend? Need to rent a room? Hosting a retirement party? DGS’ *Liz Gransee* from the Office of Public Affairs created the DGS Classifieds and can help get the word out about what you are selling. E-mail your information to her below.

[View DGS Classifieds](#) ◀

[Submit a classified](#) ◀





Videoconferencing cuts costs

Office of Administrative Hearings Judge *Jonathan Lew* was recently highlighted in a KCRA television news story about efforts underway by state agencies to reduce work-related travel, especially in light of the Interstate 5 construction in downtown Sacramento. 🌿

▶ [KCRA television news story](#)

Rosa Parks honored in San Bernardino

In recognition of Women’s History Month, the Real Estate Services Division office in San Bernardino coordinated a ceremony commemorating the renaming of the State of California Government Center in honor of Rosa Parks, a key figure in both women’s history and civil rights. The name was unveiled by Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter who was joined by Regional Manager *Loren Mollner* and Associate Architect *Maria Gassoumis* from DGS. 🌿

(Left to right) Associate Architect **Maria Gassoumis** and Assemblywoman **Wilmer Amina Carter**



PHOTO BY AMOS YOUNG



Swapping supplies for the environment

The Business Services Office (BSO) marked the one-year anniversary of its popular Green Exchange in December 2007. The Exchange is a centralized method and location for DGS offices to share surplus office supplies among each other. During its first year, the Exchange recycled 1,007 binders, 667 folders, 724 boxes of paper clips and 4,102 miscellaneous items such as writing tablets, pens, pencils and hanging files. In May alone, nearly 200 items were swapped. Managed and monitored by BSO Manager *Donna Carey* and Office Assistant *Mike Hays*, the Exchange not only reduces office supply costs, but also the amount of materials sent to landfills. It also serves as a model for school districts and other state departments looking to launch their own centralized swap.

The Green Exchange is located in the Ziggurat basement and is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please be sure to log your swapped items. 🌱



PHOTO BY LAUREL GODDARD

Donna Carey (right) and **Mike Hays** (left) help Communications Assistant **Katie TenHave** (center) swap some supplies.

Kudos

. . . to San Diego State Garage Manager **Max Ballesteros** for being "wonderful and . . . extremely courteous and pleasant" in resolving a constituent's parking spot issue.





Visiting the Zig . . .

Riverview Café Espresso Bar

Forget the long lines at the coffee house drive-through and enjoy your favorite espresso drink beside the river or take it to go!

Served up piping hot and fresh by Steve, our own in-house espresso expert.

Open Monday – Friday:

6:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday:

9–11 a.m., bring a friend and get 10% off any blended drink.

Thursday/Friday:

Extra shots are FREE. Buy any espresso drink and put some PEP in your STEP!



Now offering real fruit smoothies!

Need Help or Support? EAP is there for you

By Connie Gon, performance consultant

The Employee Assistance Program is a confidential service designed to assist you and your family members in managing life’s challenges. Now and then everyone could use a little legal advice, someone objective to talk to about a problem at work or home, or some financial advice, and EAP can provide help—starting with just a simple phone call.

Managed Health Network (MHN) is the state’s provider for EAP services. This network can refer you to professional counselors and services that can help you and your eligible family members resolve a broad range of personal problems affecting your emotional health, family life and work life.

All DGS employees are eligible to receive three free visits of face-to-face counseling services every contract year (July 1– June 30). Spouses or domestic partners and children under the age of 23 are eligible to share three free visits of face-to-face clinical counseling services, including:

- Substance abuse
- Marital and family issues
- Emotional, personal and stress concerns

In addition to the counseling services, there are a variety of work and life services that are available through over-the-phone consultations and are absolutely free and unlimited! These include:

- Child and elder care assistance
- Financial guidance
- Federal tax assistance
- Pre-retirement planning
- Organizing life’s affairs
- Legal services
- Concierge services

You can call toll-free for assistance 24/7 at (866) EAP-4SOC or (866) 327-4762. Visit the Web site at eap4soc.mhn.com and register with the access code “soc.”

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Connie Gon, departmental coordinator, at (916) 376-5376 or cgon@dgs.ca.gov. 

▶ [Visit the EAP Web site](#)





PHOTOS BY ERIC LAMOUREUX

Hollywood at the Zig

There was a little bit of Hollywood at DGS headquarters recently as a film crew for the upcoming romantic comedy “The Ugly Truth” brought their camera to the Ziggurat. The Office of Public Affairs’ *Eric Lamoureux* stayed with the crew into the early evening as they filmed the downtown skyline from an 8th floor balcony on the iconic West Sacramento building. The film, starring Gerard Butler and Katherine Heigl, takes place in Sacramento and is due in theaters next year. 🌿

▶ [View photos from the filming](#)

California’s 911 heroes honored

Daphne Rhoe, chief of the California Telecommunications Division’s 911 Emergency Communications Office, participated in the “2008 California State 911 Heroes Awards Ceremony” last month, which recognized bravery of kids who used the emergency call system to successfully summon help for a loved one. Daphne’s presentation included a lesson on using 911 for visiting students present in the audience. (Below, left to right: former Oakland Raiders player *Tim Brown*, *Daphne Rhoe*, award recipient *David Paschke*, former model and presenter *Kathy Ireland* and *Charles Cullen*, President of the California Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association.) 🌿



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DGS News Digest

Here are some topics you may have read about before on the intranet . . .
We thought we'd mention some of the people behind the projects.

More E85 fueling stations available for flex-fuel vehicles

DGS has identified additional stations where state employees can fuel up their E85 flex-fuel vehicles in Tulare and Los Angeles. With these stations now available, a state employee can drive from Sacramento to San Diego on E85 fuel and help reduce the impact on the environment. Visit the Office of Fleet and Asset Management Web site for more information about E85 stations that accept the Voyager card. DGS is committed to expanding the use of more eco-friendly vehicles and has provided links to maps for alternative fuel stations including E85, CNG, biodiesel and propane on its Office of Fleet and Asset Management Web site. 🌱

- ▶ [Office of Fleet and Asset Management](#)
- ▶ [Alternative fueling map 1](#)
- ▶ [Alternative fueling map 2](#)



PHOTO BY KATIE TENHAVE

Pool Attendants **Nick Polyakh** (left) and **Omar Onia** (right) from the Office of Fleet and Asset Management fuel a vehicle with E85 at the State Garage in Sacramento.

Capitol Area East End Complex gets 'gold' for going 'green'

Earlier this year, DGS announced that four state-owned health services buildings located at what's called the Capitol Area East End Complex have earned a "Gold" rating from the U.S. Green Building Council for energy-efficient building operations and maintenance practices. In addition, DGS was honored with a Green Leadership Award in the "Green Building" category for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification efforts at the complex.

The dedicated team of DGS employees that worked to secure the gold plaques includes the following Real Estate Services Division employees: *Fred Cordano; Linda McMullen; Jeff Henninger; Laura Patton; Lance Lister;* (continued on p.19)

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Charl Sanchez; Dianne Hill; John Munoz; Vincent Paul; Justina Huffman; Ryan Welch; Gerald Watson; Jeffery Strickler; Brenda Waltman; Lorrie Urribe; Terry Counts; Janine Juliff; Stuart Carter; Cindy Dangles; Jeff Tsuruoka; Dave Brown; Paul Hyponarowski; and Teresa Kaneko, as well as all the DGS field staff at the four building complex. DGS Green Team members Theresa Townsend and Steve Nowell also were key in bringing home the gold. 🌱

DGS and HP partner for printer cartridge recycling

Hewlett-Packard and the state of California have implemented the largest-ever collaborative state agency print cartridge recycling and environmental printing effort.

The program provides an easier, more efficient way to recycle and reuse toner cartridges while earning PurchasEdge points with HP to buy new, more energy efficient (ENERGY STAR-rated, duplex printing) printers. DGS has already earned three new printers! The state could also save big both environmentally and economically: 100 tons of cartridges diverted from landfills, reduction of 500 tons of greenhouse gas emissions (associated with older, less efficient printers) and \$2 million from energy savings and paper costs. Eventually, materials recovered from recycled cartridges can be made into new products such as HP ink cartridges, fence posts, roof tiles or coat hangers.

Special thanks to *Brad Morgan, Donna Carey, Gilbert Labitoria and Bahia Abdallah* of the Business Services Office as well as *Jessica Quezada and Akiko Morita* from the Division of the State Architect who are helping to make the program a success. 🌱

Share the love . . .

Customer satisfaction is what DGS is all about. "Kudos" allows us to share what our clients are saying about us. Complimentary e-mails, words of praise or thank-you notes from external contacts are all fodder for "Kudos." Please send us your submissions!

[Submit your Kudos](#) ◀



Service Milestones

Congratulations to all the DGS employees who reached service milestones for the time period of Nov. 1, 2006 – March 31, 2008. Below are those who've logged 25 years or more.

50 Years of Service

Stephen O'Brien, RESD

40 Years of Service

Sharyn Slivkov, TD
 Marlene Ehresman, TD
 Clyde McDaniel, RESD
 Carl Sterkel, OSP
 Michael Green, DSA

35 Years of Service

Linda Berlin, OSP
 Thomas Burton, PD
 Michael Cohn, OAH
 Freddie Daniels, EXEC
 Teresa Lee, PD
 Norman Miller, OSP
 Glen Nash, TD
 Robert Shepherd, RESD
 Ajamu Strivers, TD
 Melodie Cato, OSP
 Richard Rusk, RESD
 James Sawyer, TD
 Andrea Tijerina, RESD
 Douglas Boline, OSP
 Daniel Chambers, RESD
 Karen Miyao, PD
 James Ramel, OFAM
 David Stahr, RESD
 William Hoffman, RESD
 Donna Carey, BSO
 Leonora Corpuz, OFS
 David Escobar, RESD

Gerald Martinez, OFS
 Andrew Quock, OFAM
 Gerald Scoville, TD
 Kathryn Vestal, RESD
 Carol Wood, OTR
 Cheri Case, TD
 Gary Grootveld, TD
 Michael Langley, RESD
 John Maier, TD
 Darvin McCauley, RESD
 Ricardo Rangel, RESD
 Kenneth Relat, TD
 Larry Rowe, TD
 Francis Silva, RESD
 Michael Wright, EO

30 Years of Service

Peggy Adams, PD
 Bonnie Bahnsen, PD
 Robert Bell, RESD
 Debra Dykes, PD
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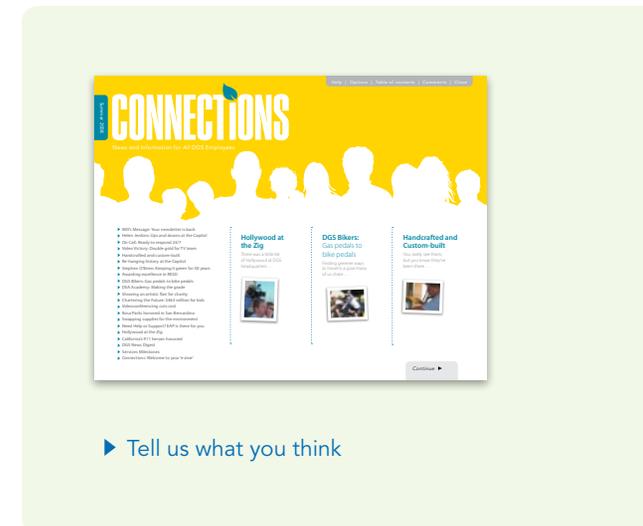
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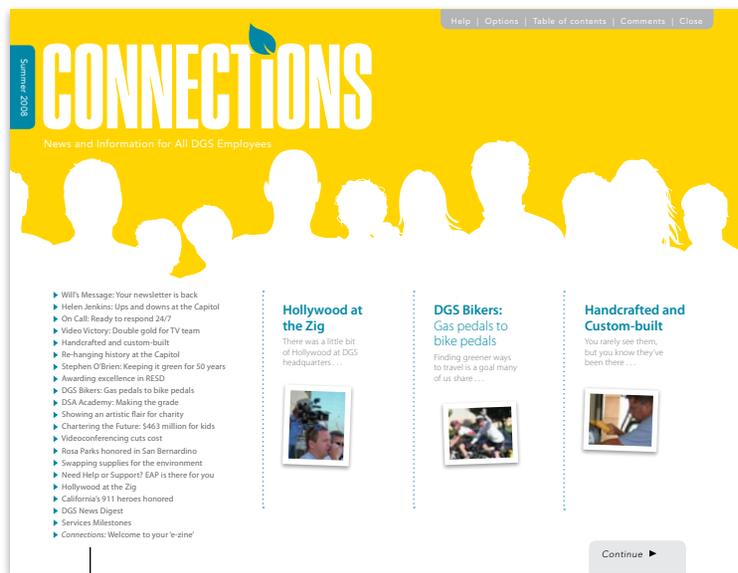


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