



DIGEST

April 29, 1988

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



(L to R.) Chairman Deane Dana, Donald Kanallakan, Employee of the Month, his wife Terri, son Timothy, and John Englund, Fire Chief.

Kanallakan Honored As 'Mr. Public Fire Safety'

In recent Board Room ceremonies, Donald Kanallakan, a Fire Fighter Specialist in the County Fire Department, was honored by Chairman, Supervisor Deane Dana as the March, 1988 County Employee of the Month.

Donald has been a County employee for nine years and is assigned to the Fire Department's Prevention and Conservation Bureau. He is known as "Mr. Public Fire Safety" to residents of the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.

Employee of the Month

As a public education officer in North County, he is responsible for disseminating fire and earthquake safety information, primarily at schools and community groups.

In 1987, he creatively directed his fire safety program for the very young by capturing their

interest through the use of puppets, including a talking fire plug. Donald also creatively secured funding for this program from the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale.

Don's short, simple, and upbeat presentations have been made to a younger age group than has heretofore been reached. "Stop, Drop, and Roll" and "dial 911" are his consistent themes. As many as 75 schools are targeted for his visits.

Donald has also been responsible for maintaining a fire safety information booth at the Antelope Valley Fair. Through his efforts, the booth was designed and built and then staffed, largely by volunteers. The volunteers are being trained to supplement Don's efforts in disseminating fire and earthquake safety information. The success of his efforts has led to an increasing number of invitations from all over the County for his participation in public information projects, including the County Fair during "School's Week."

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Public Employees Saluted May 2 - 6

"On behalf of the County Board of Supervisors, I wish to thank our employees for a job well done."

Chairman, Supervisor Deane Dana

The County Board of Supervisors will host a week long celebration May 2-6 in the County Civic Center Mall from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. daily.

The week long event saluting public service employees will feature entertainment by the Assessor's Civic Center Choir, DPSS talent show artists, a Mariachi Band, and local high school bands.

Monday's opening ceremonies, officiated

by Chairman, Supervisor Deane Dana will include the presentation of the 1988 National Public Service Excellence Award for local government by Joan Keston, Executive Director of the Public Employees Roundtable, Washington, D.C. This national prestigious award will be presented to the Mental Health Skid Row Program.

All employees are cordially invited to attend this 5-day event.

Spaugy Appointed Agricultural Commissioner/ Director of Weights And Measures

On March 15, 1988, E. Leon Spaugy was appointed to the position of County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, effective April 1, 1988.

Prior to the appointment, Spaugy, 51, was Agricultural Commissioner and Director of Weights and Measures in Riverside County where he had held that office since 1982.

In assuming his new position, Spaugy said, "I'm excited about it. It's a tremendous challenge," adding that Paul Engler "left a well-running department."

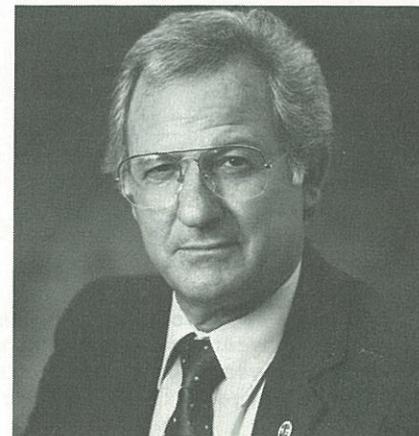
Born in Oklahoma, Spaugy moved with his family to Blythe, California when he was five years old. After graduating from high school, he worked at the California Department of Agriculture's Blythe border station. He began his career with the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's office in 1962 as a field biologist in the Coachella Valley. He was appointed Riverside County's Assistant Commissioner in 1973 and succeeded Robert Howie as Commissioner in 1982.

Mr. Spaugy has a bachelor's degree from California State University at San Bernardino. He is active in the California Agricultural Commissioner's Association and is currently its Second Vice-President.

Known by his friends as Leon, he and his wife Patty, have five children and two grandchildren.

Spaugy succeeds Paul Engler who recently retired as Los Angeles County's Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

A hearty welcome and best wishes, Leon!



E. Leon Spaugy



Judge James F. Nelson installs Chairman Angie Alvarez and Vice Chairman Ann Madden

Employee Advisory Committee Elects New Officers

At the Annual Meeting and Breakfast of the County of Los Angeles Employee Advisory Committee, held recently at the Music Center Pavilion, Angie Alvarez and Ann Madden were installed as 1988-89 Chairman and Vice Chairman. The installing officer was Judge James F. Nelson of the Los Angeles Municipal Court. Angie and Ann are both Deputy Clerks from the Los Angeles and Culver Municipal Courts.

At the Breakfast, Supervisor Deane Dana, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, presented a scroll of commendation to the outgoing Employee Advisory Committee Chairman, Evelyn Guenther. Chief Administrative Officer, Richard Dixon, commended the Committee on its continuing work to foster a good image of County government and its employees. Robert Chaffee, Director of the Department of Children's Services, was the morning's featured speaker.



Theirs Is A Lifesaving 'Inside Job'

(L. to R.) Carl Henderson, Elaine O'Connor, Gloria Laghari, Darryl Little, Debby Smith and Peggy McGowan. Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center, Neurology's Department Neurodiagnostic technicians are the core of a unit that strives to provide total quality patient care by their attendance at the 1988 Western Society of Electrodiagnostic Technologists 32nd Annual Meeting which was held in San Diego.

Congratulations, Retirees

The following retirees with more than 25 years of service will be missed and have our best wishes.

Children's Services: Thomas D. Marks, Jr., Bernice H. Shanin

County Counsel: Paul G. Seehusen

Data Processing: Willie J. Pryor

Facilities Management: Bolivar De La Torre, Donald K. Kirby

Fire Department: Ralph Leon Orr, Gerald D. Henery

Health Services: Irsye F. Bates, Frances Bussey, Margaret Collins, Clinton Cunningham, Dorothy DeHorney, Bobbie F. Gibbs, H. Arthur Martinez, Lena Purdy, Rita T. Rankins, Ola M. Bell

Mental Health: June Hamilton

Probation: Samuel Fellman, Elaine Marks

Public Social Services: Philip H. Freeland, Barbara L. Woessner, Philip S. Wright

Public Works: James R. Trotter

Registrar-Recorder: Charles E. Mowery

SCAQM: James C. Davis

Sheriff's Department: Frankie D. Lowe, Charles D. Marshall, Leonard H. McBride, Jr., Billy B. Wyatt, Vincent Miscone, Lawrence L. Richardson, Donald M. Wold, Alfonso D. Medina, Hubert W. Durley

Treasurer & Tax Collector: Patricia A. Martin

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM
May 18, 1988

THEME:

Impact of Growth Controls on Local Economic Development

LOCATION:

USC Davidson Conference Center
(corner of Jefferson Boulevard and Figueroa Street)

AUDIENCE:

Local government officials, business leaders and others interested in the economic vitality of Los Angeles County

For further information call Julie Cook or Elizabeth Ndubisi at (213) 974-6422.

Students Visit Los Angeles County

Each spring, students from 49 senior high schools and 41 option schools are invited to spend the day in the business, education, and government communities to introduce them to career opportunities in the Los Angeles area. Students who maintain high academic grades and who are active in their community are selected to meet with their elected officials and department heads.

As part of this educational outreach, the Board of Supervisors, along with the Chief Administrative Officer, County Counsel and

the Executive Officer, participated in the Los Angeles Unified School District Student Awareness Day Program on March 22.

Attending the Board of Supervisors meeting as student representatives were:

Victor Duenas, an eleventh grade student at South Gate High School, representing the First District. Victor is very interested in a math-oriented career, such as engineering or architecture.

Zorro Roberts, a senior at Gardena High School, was the Second District representative. His ambitions include law or the medical field and his dreams include becoming the first Black President of our country.

Fabiola Villaneda, representing the Third District, is a junior at Belmont High School, and has already established her commitment to a career in politics. She is currently working at the Los Angeles City Hall, Volunteer Center.

Jack Druskovich, a junior at San Pedro High School, represented the Fourth Supervisorial District. He is a member of the school's cycling team and is confident the team

will be the national champions this year. Jack also looks forward to participating in the 1992 Olympics.

Representing the Fifth Supervisorial District was Sue Park. She is a junior at El Camino High School and is presently Junior Student Body President. She has been a member of the Girls' League, Junior Statesman, and serves as a peer counselor in the IMPACT Program.



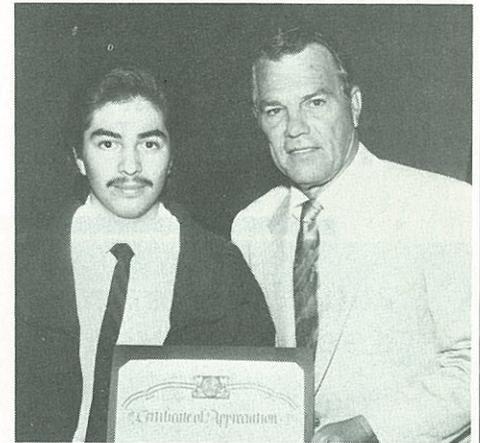
Supervisor Deane Dana and Jack Druskovich



Zorro Roberts and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn



Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Sue Park



Victor Duenas and Supervisor Pete Schabarum



Fabiola Villaneda and Supervisor Ed Edelman

DHS Employees Win Suggestion Awards



Robert C. Gates (second from left), Director of Health Services, presents Certificates of Commendation to three employees for their participation in the department's Suggestion Awards Program.

From left, the awardees (all from the Health Services Administration), and their winning suggestions are: Angela D. Brown, who recommended relocating HSA directory signs to conspicuous areas to assist employees and the public in determining the locations of various sections and divisions; Wendy F. Jai, who recommended acquiring a folding, labeling and stuffing machine to increase productivity; and Allan E. Zirkin, who recommended installing a coin-operated photocopier in the Vital Records area as a service to the public for duplicating birth and death certificates. In addition, employees could utilize the machine to duplicate their personal documents.

Volunteer Involvement Opportunity in Fire Department

The County Fire Department is looking for volunteers! You may be the person needed as part of a new volunteer Safety Education Group being established to augment an existing Education Unit with Safety Programs to civic and private groups in your community.

Volunteer training sessions will be scheduled in the near future focusing on Earthquake Safety and Preparedness. This training will not only be beneficial to you personally, but will be an asset to your own community. If you would like more information or would like to team up with the new group, please call the Community Relations Section, Terry Dillman, at (213) 267-2411.



Volunteer Team Keeps Children Smiling

The El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, Department of Health Services, is involved in a unique cooperative venture that brings together volunteer dentists, the Kiwanis Club, members from the local PTA and young children in need of emergency dental care.

Modeled after a similar project in Riverside County, Dentist Dr. Craig Smith, together with Steve Davis, president, and Bob Brown, past president, of the Kiwanis Club, encouraged their membership to participate in a volunteer community service project.

On February 26, 1988, 500 children from Cortada Street Elementary School were

screened by brothers, Drs. Craig and David Smith. Approximately 50 of these children needed immediate follow up care, which was then given at the El Monte CHC. Toni Saenz Yaffe, Administrator of El Monte, CHC, spearheaded this project, along with lead dentist, Dr. Estella Sanchez, who coordinated the operational and logistical components of this first-time project.

The Kiwanis Club contributed the \$2,000 to cover the \$25.00 administrative cost for each of the 50 children, whose families have limited incomes.

"Coordination and cooperation," reported Ms. Yaffe, "has been the key element to the success of the smooth running Dental Clinics. The overwhelming response from civic leaders and service organizations, working along side public institutions, has been a motivating experience. As a matter of fact, the New Lexington Elementary School has already been proposed as our next site."

Kanallakan Honored (Continued from page 1)

Not only was Donald commended for his professional skills and innovative ideas, but he, also, recently served as an ambassador of good will for five weeks in India representing the County Fire Department under an exchange program sponsored by Rotary International. He is past president of the Antelope Valley YMCA and an active participant in his church's program for youth.

His enthusiasm for the program and genuine love for the children he serves has inspired all who work with him.

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Expressing pleasure at the start of the program are (L. to R.) Pat Burrescia and Nancy Algood, Arroyo High School P.T.A.; Dr. David Smith, Volunteer Dentist; Mary Lou Nieto, Volunteer Dental Assistant; Estela Sanchez, DDS - Lead Dentist, El Monte Comprehensive Health Center (EMCHC); Toni S. Yaffe, Administrator, EMCHC; and Steve Davis, President El Monte Kiwanis.