

County DIGEST



May 29, 1992

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Mental Health Advocate Named 1992 County Volunteer of the Year



(L. to R.) Supervisor Mike Antonovich, Mental Health Director Areta Crowell, Jean Sanchez and Board Chairman Deane Dana.

For 38 hours a week, Jean Sanchez helps the mentally ill build new lives. Yet the Los Angeles native doesn't pick up a paycheck.

As a Department of Mental Health volunteer, she's donated about 2,000 hours a year since 1985 and built a reputation as a mental illness spokesperson and expert.

A paycheck of sorts, however, arrived last month: Sanchez won

the 1992 County Volunteer of the Year honor.

"I'm overwhelmed," she said, during an interview after the 10th annual County Volunteer Awards Ceremony April 29 at the Music Center. "I didn't think it was possible to compete and win this type of honor." According to the judges, Sanchez's track record made it more than possible.

In addition to involvement in all levels of the mental health system, she testifies before local, state and federal governments on mental illness legislation.

Her greatest achievement, she says, was developing a volunteer-staffed review program that monitors nearly 100 residential mental health facilities under contract with the Department of Mental Health. To date, volunteers have made 140 site inspections. ●

Stamping Out Illiteracy, Costales Style

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

— Sir Richard Steele, 1672-1729

While Cindy Costales never met British essayist Richard Steele, he sure tapped her psyche.

Costales, a 16-year County veteran and April's Employee of the Month, helps hundreds of folks learn to read while working as the Public Library's literacy coordinator.

Due to her efforts during the

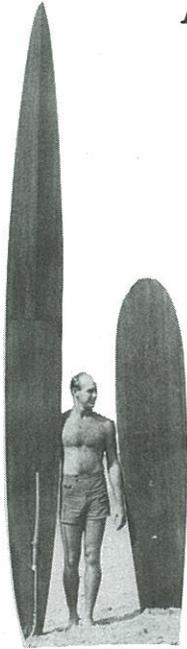
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JOINING FORCES

Jim Benjamin, a Public Works building inspector, supervises the May 7 demolition of a Western Auto store that was looted and burned during the Los Angeles riots. As cleanup efforts continue, the County is offering a wide range of assistance to citizens and businesses. "Los Angeles County is using its varied resources in helping the city and those citizens victimized by the rioting and destruction," Board of Supervisors Chairman Deane Dana said. "We will continue working with city officials to help them overcome the senseless violence and destruction."



Junior Lifeguard Program Set for Summer; Applications Now Available



The late Pete Anderson, legendary Santa Monica lifeguard, displays two radically different ocean boards in this circa 1948 photograph. Area youth can get a taste of the beach tradition with the County's Junior Lifeguard Program.

Applications for the County Junior Lifeguard Program, scheduled June 29—August 1, are now available at all main ocean lifeguard stations.

Open to boys and girls 10-17, the Department of Beaches and Harbors operated program will be conducted weekdays at nine beach locations: Cabrillo, Torrance, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, Venice, Santa Monica, Will Rogers and Zuma.

Instruction is provided by County ocean lifeguards in swimming, water safety, body and board surfing, lifesaving and rescue techniques, first-aid CPR, physical conditioning, and water-related competitive skills.

In order to be eligible, youngsters must meet time limits based on age for swimming a 100-hundred yard course.

For more information, call (310) 577-5712. •



Cindy Costales and Board of Supervisors Chairman Deane Dana.

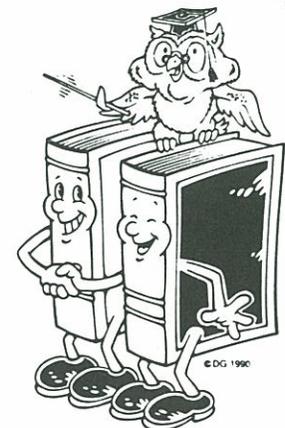
Cindy Costales: April's Employee of the Month

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past three years, tutor volunteers and adult students increased 100 percent.

She also helped form hundreds of literacy partnerships with adult schools, colleges, business and community organizations. And when funding is needed, Costales gets the job done. She's tapped a wide range of sources, including the County Public Library Foundation, the State Library, the Coors Foundation and the federal government.

The money was used to add more staff and buy materials for the Library's 13 literacy centers. •



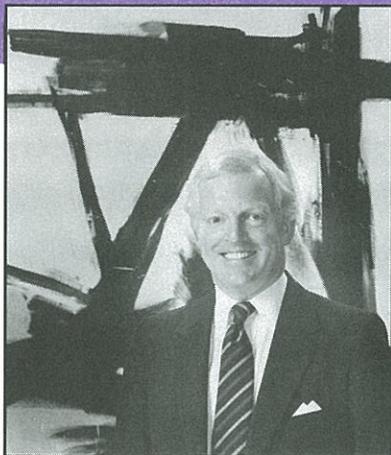
MOVING UP

Director to Leave L.A. for National Gallery

Earl "Rusty" Powell, Director of the County Museum of Art since 1980, has been named to head the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Powell, who transformed the County museum into an urban showcase, will assume his new position September 1, becoming only the fourth director in the museum's 51 year history.

"The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has achieved inter-



Earl Powell

national stature under Rusty Powell's leadership," said Robert Maguire, president of the museum's board of trustees. We are now "on a level with the finest institutions in the country."

Powell will succeed J. Carter

Brown, an art world titan, who served as the National Gallery's director for nearly 23 years. He announced his retirement in January. •

New Change OK'd for Deferred Income Plans

Bankers Trust Company of California, a national leader in benefit plan administration, will take over administering the County's Deferred Income Plans July 1, the County and unions representing its employees have announced.

Under the change, participants will get enhanced services, including a telephone system that offers timely, cost effective and confidential transactions. In addition, all current investment options will remain the same.

Bankers Trust Company of California, with IBM, the State of California and Phillips Petroleum as clients, replaces The Holden Group.

Information detailing the change will be mailed in June to current participants and retirees of the Deferred Compensation and Thrift Plan (Horizons), the Savings Plan and the Deferred Earnings Plan. •

Children's Services Fund- Raiser — June 18

All for the Love of Kids, a Department of Children's Services fund-raiser featuring films, dinner and celebrity guests, takes place June 18 at Edwards Theater in Alhambra.

Hosted by Supervisor Mike Antonovich and endorsed by the 14 San Gabriel Valley city mayors, the 6 p.m. event features a Chinese dinner and continues with feature films. Proceeds go to abused and neglected children.

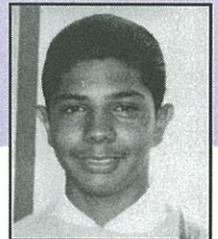
A tax deductible \$25 donation covers dinner, movies and parking. To purchase tickets, call Alicia Clark at (213) 351-5780; for more information, call Lily Chen at (213) 351-5744. •

Bughouse Bonanza



Art Evans, Natural History Museum's Insect Zoo Director, carefully handles a West African emperor scorpion for some fascinated Vermont Avenue School fourth graders. The Ralph M. Parsons Insect Zoo, which includes about 3,500 live insects and related animals as well as displays about the insect world, opened April 25. For more information, call (213) 744-3558.

Youth Volunteer of the Year: 'Toy Power' and the Culver City Housing Project



Florencio Orozco, Jr.

Around the Mar Vista Gardens housing project in Culver City, drugs, gangs and violence plague the streets.

Yet 15-year-old Florencio Orozco, Jr., this year's Youth Volunteer of the Year, knows a way out. It's with "toy power."

Since 1987, the youth has worked in the Toy Loan Library, a Department of Public Social Services program, where youngsters can meet, learn and play in a safe environment.

"I volunteer because of the joy I get of seeing the children's smiling faces when they borrow toys and play," he said, adding that he was once a toy loan patron.

During the past five years, Florencio has helped more than 12,000 children by checking out toys, supervising activities and cleaning the grounds.

In addition, he's developing a computerized inventory control of all toys. •

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

Congratulations are in order for Joseph Miles and Solomon Wolfus, Public Works, for over 40 years of dedicated service to the County of Los Angeles. We hope that Joseph and Solomon enjoy their well-deserved leisure time. Warm wishes and congratulations are extended to the following employees who are retiring with 30 years or more of County service:

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Best wishes are extended to the following retirees with 25 years or more of County service:

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TWO-PERSON CARPOOL TO SAN DIEGO

Interested in ridesharing your way to a weekend in San Diego? Then get ready to complete the rideshare matching form. All County employees who request a carpool partner list by completing a matching form by June 12, 1992, will be entered in a drawing for a weekend trip for two to San Diego. Contact your Department Transportation Manager for details.



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