

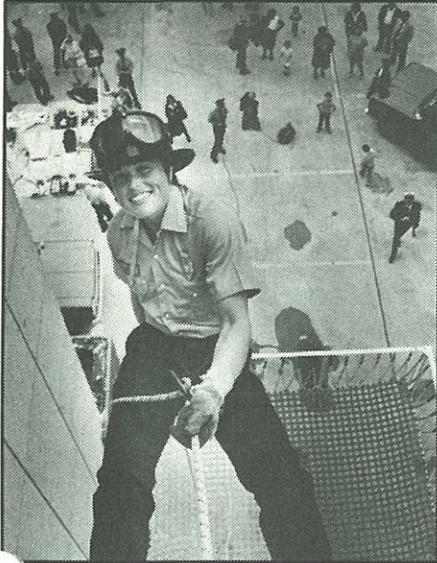


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She Dared To Dream



Cindy Fralick, County Firefighter.

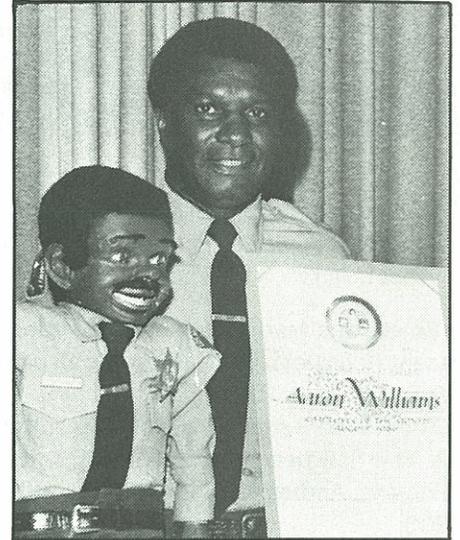
Cindy Fralick, the subject of a recent film titled "Firefighter," dared to dream of becoming a Los Angeles County Firefighter and in 1983 succeeded!

"Firefighter," a two-hour television movie shown last week on KCBS Channel 2, is the true story of Cindy's personal challenge and quest to become a member of the greatest firefighting team around.

During the period that she was a campus traffic-control officer, Cindy was strongly impressed by the abilities and actions of firefighter/paramedics at the scene of an accident she witnessed. So forceful was their impressive work, that Cindy applied for admittance to the

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Aaron Williams



Sergeant Aaron Williams, August, 1986 Employee of the Month and his assistant "Deputy Freddie."

If an ounce of prevention saves a pound of trouble, Sergeant Aaron Williams' contribution to the prevention of crime, drug use, and other unsafe activities can be measured in megatons!

Sgt. Williams, the August 1986 County Employee of the Month, is assigned to the Administrative Division of the Sheriff's Department, and works as the Safety Education Field Deputy. Beginning his career with the Sheriff over three years ago, his current assignments involve delivering crime prevention, safety and anti-drug presentations to various public groups, including schools, libraries, and senior citizen assemblies.

Williams is a talented ventriloquist and uses wooden personalities—"Deputy Freddie," "Grandpa Ike," and a miniature robot patrol car, dubbed "LPC" to enhance his safety presentations. The LPC's capabilities include remote control steering, broadcasting live and recorded messages, and winking eyes.

They are in great demand! During a one-year period, Sgt. Williams made over

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Top County Blood Donors Honored

Outstanding multigallon lifetime blood donors: James Allen, 14 gallons; John Mitchell, 13 gallons; Vern Berkompas, 13 gallons; Keith White, 12 gallons; Mary Ann Bewley, 12 gallons; and Bruce Palmer, 12 gallons, were honored during pre-game ceremonies by the American Red Cross at Dodger Stadium recently.

Mike Scioscia, Dodger catcher, and Supervisor Pete Schabarum praised County

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Dodger Mike Scioscia congratulates Vern Berkompas, as (L to R) Judie Lecesne, James Allen, and John Mitchell look on.

Latino Adoption Fiesta Week



From (L. to R.) Supervisors Michael D. Antonovich and Deane Dana; Robert L. Chaffee, Department of Children's Services Director; Eileen and Mark Neudorff; Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum; Helen Ramirez, Deputy Director; Supervisors Edmund D. Edelman and Kenneth Hahn.

Emelia and Mark Neudorff, proud adoptive parents of five children, were present at a recent Board ceremony declaring September 21-27, 1986 as Latino Adoption Fiesta Week.

The Neudorff adoptions, a direct result of their participation in the 1982 and 1985 Fiestas have now been finalized for David, 10, and Adrian, 7½. Brothers Marcel (7), Richard (5½), and Andrez (4) were subsequently and officially placed in the home in April, 1986.

During the Board Ceremonies love, affection and enjoyment were quite evident as family members interacted with each other and individual Board Supervisors. The children asked Board members many questions and Mr. Neudorff gave high praise to the efforts of the Department of Children's Services Bureau of Adoptions and Community Services. He especially praised the Fiesta concept, which enables prospective parents to meet prospective members of their family in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

We hope the following retirees who are leaving County service after more than 30 years of service will enjoy their well-earned leisure time:

- Art Museum:** Edward McGowan, Jr.
 - Chief Administrative Office:** Jack R. DaMate
 - Facilities Management:** Paul R. Enochs
 - Fire:** David J. Wilson, Jack Garrett, James R. Taylor, Thomas R. Faulkner
 - Forester & Fire Warden:** Joseph J. Welding
 - Health Services:** Melvin J. Fleming, Luther Keyes, Mildred C. Neal, Reginald Talley
 - Probation:** Gordon K. Pedersen
 - Regional Planning:** Robert B. Kinkead
 - Sheriff:** Dorothy J. Roberson, Harold B. Saint, Kenneth R. Wilson, David Demerjian, Richard J. Brehm
- Best wishes are also extended to the following employees who are leaving after more than 25 years of County service:
- Agri. Comm./Wgts. and Measures:** Frank Alvelais
 - Children's Services:** Richard G. Davis
 - Chief Administrative Office:** Almetria Ivory
 - District Attorney:** Sherwin D. Podolsky
 - DPSS:** Mamie L. Bell, Bessie G. Faulk, John Uchimiya
 - Facilities Management:** Ernest F. Hall, Paul J. Stavish
 - Fire:** Paul E. Ouellette, Albert W. Todd
 - Health Services:** Lucye Williams
 - Municipal Courts:** Robert V. Mathews
 - Probation:** Barbara P. Alcorn
 - Public Works:** Iver C. Boyum, George L. Burt, H. Lynn McGowan
 - Sheriff:** Paul A. Courtright, Raymond S. Ely, Harold J. Slagle, Bob L. Briley, Sr., Richard Kryger, Terrel D. Richmond

Commission for Women Awards Luncheon

The County Commission for Women is holding a Second Annual Awards Luncheon on Monday, October 20, 1986, at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.

Local community organizations, women's groups, and the private sector will join in acknowledging the hard work and dedication of outstanding County citizens. These men and women are being honored for their commitment to improving the quality of women's lives and significantly contributing to or actively supporting the recognition of all women. The keynote speaker will be Roxani Gillespie, Insurance Commissioner, California Department of Insurance.

For tickets or other information call the Commission's Office - (213) 974-1455.

Commission on Disabilities Sets Community Meeting

In an effort to make their meetings more accessible to the public, the County Commission on Disabilities is hosting a community outreach meeting at Cal-State University Northridge (CSUN) on Thursday, October 16, from 2-4 p.m. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Computer Technology/Special Education/Rehabilitation Exhibit, sponsored by the office of Disabled Student Services at CSUN.

For more information call (213) 974-1053 or TTY (213) 974-1707 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEW AND RE-REGISTERED VOTERS!!

In order to vote in November 4, 1986 General Election You must take action by **OCTOBER 6**

Re-registration is required if you have MOVED, had a NAME CHANGE or wish to change party affiliation. For information call (213) 721-1100

Cultural Diversity Week Observed



Photojournalistic exhibit now on display in the Hall of Administration.

The first week in October will provide the first comprehensive celebration of the Countywide Cultural Diversity Week. In 1985, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed an annual observance in a resolution which urged all County residents to "reflect upon the richness and uniqueness of opportunity that is available to us because of the multiplicity of cultures."

More people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds reside in the Southern California area than any other place in the world. Los Angeles County is now being referred to as the "New World City" with Armenians, Chinese, Filipinos, Iranians, Japanese, Koreans, Mexicans, Salvadorans, Vietnamese, and many smaller ethnic groups, as well as large

numbers of European immigrants all living and working together in Los Angeles.

Activities, displays, and events will be staged by agencies, institutions, and organizations to highlight the contributions of our multicultural population. Some highlights include:

September 23 - October 11

— A photojournalistic exhibit in the Hall of Administration's second-floor entry hall sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and the County Commission on Human Relations. Different ethnic and racial groups at work, play, and in ceremonials will be highlighted.

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"We Will Not Forget"



(L. to R.) Carl Williams, Eric Jacobsen, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Frank De Santis.

Fire Fighter . . .

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County Fire Department training program as one of over thousands of applicants.

History was made when Cindy successfully completed all phases of the grueling training program with flying colors and graduated from the academy to become a full-fledged firefighter. She officially began County service on February 13, 1983 and is now part of our heroic firefighting team, responding to greater alarm fires and emergency medical calls.

As the County moves forward in its search for highly-qualified employees, we are pleased to report that there are now other female firefighters in Los Angeles County.

During a recent screening of the "Firefighter" film, in response to a question regarding her status as the first female firefighter, Cindy replied, "When I decided to become a firefighter, it never occurred to me that I would get all this attention. I only saw a lifesaving team that I wanted to be a part of and focused on succeeding."

Asked if she had a message for other women who might want to join the County Team, Cindy stated, "If you think you have the mental and physical ability and the dedication to our community necessary to succeed, then go ahead and set your sights on a dream. With hard work and determination you, too, can have your dreams come true!"

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn recently discovered that David Jacobsen, one of the four Americans who have been held hostage in Lebanon for over one and one-half years, was once a Los Angeles County employee.

Pictured on the left are Carl Williams, Associate Director of Hospitals, Eric Jacobsen, son of American hostage David Jacobsen, Supervisor Hahn, and Frank De Santis, President of the Research and Education Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, who met to urge President Reagan to continue working for the release of all the Americans being held hostage in Lebanon. On the right can be seen the "We Will Not Forget" poster that the

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Sgt. Williams

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300 appearances addressing over 63,000 people. With such a schedule, he often works evenings, weekends and on his own time, demonstrating a strong commitment to his department and a high degree of personal involvement.

Loyalty to his craft has motivated him to experiment with marionettes and hand puppets as possible additions to his presentation. He also has applied his skills and abilities to create a "Sheriff's Safety Award" for presentation to school classes on safety habits and courtesy. He also developed a "Junior Safety Deputy" identification card for students and children.

Sgt. Williams also appeared on national television this past autumn in an episode of **Different Strokes** on child kidnapping. Portraying himself and wearing his uniform, he and "Freddie" delivered a message to viewers, especially children, about the potential dangers posed by strangers. It provided excellent advice for youth and presented a positive County image for the Sheriff's Department.

And now Sgt. Aaron Williams has been selected for the high recognition and County esteem associated with our "Employee of the Month" Award!

To the newest member of our "County Hall of Fame," congratulations!

Red Cross Salutes County Employees



Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum at microphone from center (L. to R.) Mike Scioscia, Dodger Catcher, Evelyn Gutierrez & Judie Lecesne (CAO) with super blood donors James Allen, John Mitchell, Vern Berkompas, Mary Ann Bewley, Keith White and Bruce Palmer.

American Hostages

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Board of Supervisors ordered placed in all County buildings to remind the public of the plight of the hostages.

David Jacobsen began working for the County in 1958 as an Administrative Trainee for the Board of Supervisors and left County employment in 1964, as Executive Assistant at Harbor Medical Center.

Hahn noted that recently the American journalist Nicholas Daniloff was released from a Soviet prison after negotiations by the Reagan Administration and expressed hope that the same might be done for the hostages in Lebanon.

Top Donors Honored

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employees for their donations of over 6,500 units of blood and commended County employees for their outstanding community spirit as 22,000 fans applauded.



Supervisor Peter F. Schabarum receiving an autographed baseball from Dodger catcher Mike Scioscia.

Cultural Diversity

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October 5, Sunday

— An invitation to India – An Afternoon of the Arts Museum of Natural History – 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, North American Mammal Hall.

Live performance of classical dance and music; lecture about paintings on exhibit – "The Heritage of India;" and a fashion show of beautiful saris.

October 12, Sunday

— An American Indian Awareness Festival, at West Hollywood Park. Contact Paula Starr (213) 484-9898

October 19, Sunday

— A presentation, "Asian-Indians – A Different Immigrant Experience" at the Museum of Natural History.

The County Public Library, Juvenile Court, schools, State and local museums, and various municipal and community agencies have also planned multicultural activities.

For further information, call (213) 974-7621 or 974-7611.

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