

County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

END OF AN ERA

Last Jail Dairy to Shut Down

The dairy run by Peter J. Pitchess Honor Rancho inmates in Saugus will close after 60 years because it's cheaper to buy milk wholesale.

The dairy's 600 holsteins will be auctioned off and California's last major jail dairy will be history as of July 1, said Sheriff's Cmdr. Mike Nelson.

"It's a sentimental thing," Nelson said. "I'm going to miss it. It is just one of those things you have to do because of the money involved."

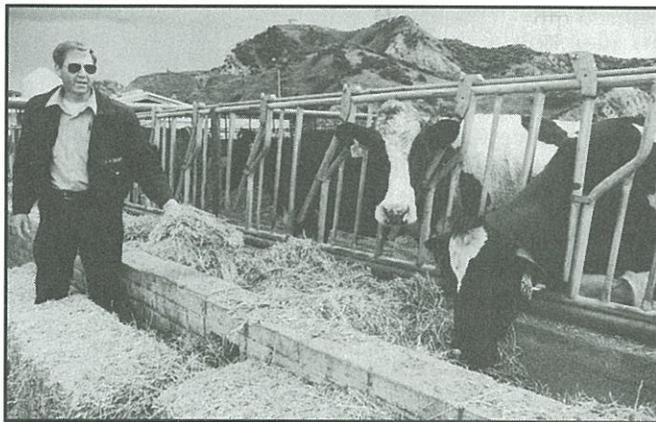
According to Nelson, it costs

about 15 cents to produce a pint of milk at the jail dairy, three cents more than what it costs to buy a pint.

Costly upgrades are also a factor.

New federal pollution regulations could force the jail to spend more than \$1 million to build retention ponds and a treatment plant to catch and purify rainwater that washes through the cow pens.

The farm was established in 1929



Supervisor Jim Peck, a Sheriff's Department employee, feeds some of the 600 cows.

by William Dunn as the private Dunn's Wayside Dairy. The County originally leased Dunn's acres, then bought the land and the dairy for \$150,000 in 1937. •

Board OK's Nurse Education Center at Olive View

Moving to create a steady corps of nurses in the County's hospital system, the Board of Supervisors has voted to establish a nursing education center at Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar.

Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who initiated a nursing scholarship program last year and developed a grant program to expand community college training programs, said the new facility "will nearly double the County's nurse-training program."

The center, which is scheduled to open in November 1992, will



An Olive View education center, scheduled to open in November 1992, will offer a wide range of nursing vocations.

house a generic school of registered nursing, a licensed vocational nursing school and a program of nursing anesthesia.

For information, contact the Olive View Nursing Education Department at (818) 364-3170. •

ARSON HOT LINE OFFERS \$10,000 REWARD

Employees with information about arsonists who set fires during the Los Angeles riots may call a toll-free arson hot line — and possibly get a \$10,000 reward.

"We cannot allow the act of arson to be viewed as an acceptable form of expression," said Supervisor Ed Edelman, in announcing the hot line in May.

Tipsters have until August 5 to call the (800) 244-2322 hot line and relay information about the fires that started April 29. The County Counsel, Sheriff and Chief Administrative Officer will review applications and make reward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. •

SOBRIETY CELEBRATION

15,000 Attend 20th Annual Al-Impics

Kurt Freeman, a 25-year County veteran, never dreamed an idea could snowball to such massive proportions.

But on May 16, he watched 15,000 recovering alcoholics, drug addicts and their loved ones compete in an event he started decades ago — the 20th Annual International Al-impics.

The event, held at College of the Canyons in Valencia, is a day of athletic competition with games ranging from darts to volleyball, weightlifting to cards.

Participants from as far away as Canada and Argentina competed this year.

Freeman, who organized the first Al-impics in 1973 as a research project for his master's thesis, now serves as



Kurt Freeman

executive director of the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers.

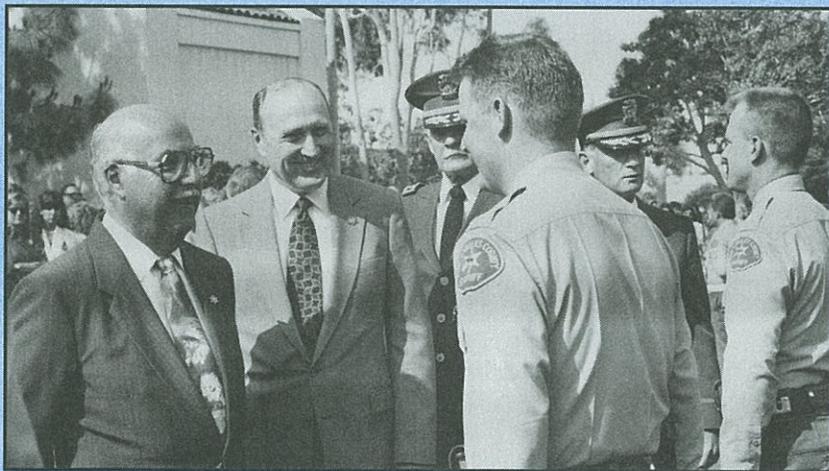
"I felt I needed to provide activities, both physical and social, to enhance self-esteem for alcoholics to get addicted to," Freeman said. "Some have participated in the games since the inception and the Al-impics has



Members of the Acton Rehabilitation team show their colors May 16 during the 20th annual Al-impics at College of the Canyons in Valencia.

played a vital role in their recovery."

The event started with a parade of those in recovery and was followed by speeches and the events. •



TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Sixty-one men and women from the Sheriff's Department, along with 40 officers from other law enforcement agencies, graduated from the Department's training academy recently. Sheriff Sherman Block, left, and Undersheriff Robert Edmonds congratulate the deputies.

INCOME PLANS GET AN UPDATE

Participants and retirees of the County's Deferred Income Plans should receive by June 20 an information packet in the mail announcing a change in administration.

Starting July 1, Bankers Trust Company of California will take over administering the Deferred Compensation and Thrift Plan (Horizons), the Savings Plan and the Deferred Earnings Plan.

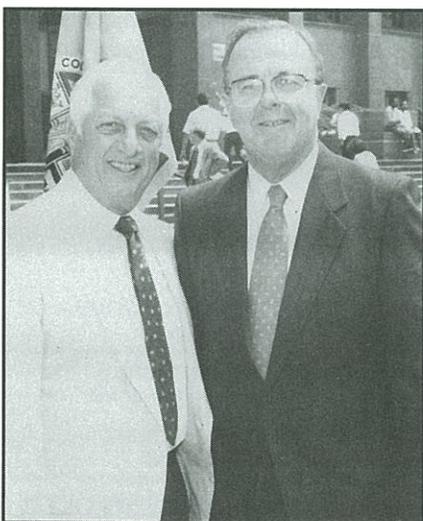
If you do not receive the information or if you need information about joining the plans, call the Bankers Trust Company Participant Service Center at (800) 669-2069. •

DODGERS FAMILY NIGHT TO WRAP UP BONDS DRIVE

To wrap up the 1992 U.S. Savings Bonds Campaign, the County will host a Family Night at Dodger Stadium on September 12.

Reserved tickets are \$8 for the 7:35 p.m. game against San Francisco and are now available through departmental savings bonds coordinators or by calling (213) 974-2172. During pre-game ceremonies, the top six County Savings Bonds coordinators will be honored.

Tickets purchased before July 3 include a free Dodger 30th anniversary pin, good seats in the County cheering section and a chance for a photo with a Dodger player. •



Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda, left, meets with Board Chairman Deane Dana during the County's Savings Bonds kickoff party April 29 in the civic center mall.

SCALING BACK

Fire Fighters Lower Lights, Get Rebate

While busy saving lives and property, the County Fire Department also works on another type of savings — money.

Southern California Edison recently handed over a \$32,072 rebate check, refunding the Fire Department's cost for installing new energy saving lighting controls.

Working with Edison energy specialists, Fire Department Program Director Dan Dingillo helped the controls get installed in

92 fire stations. As a result, the department will save 124,359 kilowatt hours and \$15,172 a year.

"Edison was honored to be able to help this vital public agency at a time when everybody is keeping a closer eye on the bottom line," said James Hornbuckle, Edison Regional General Manager. "And increases in energy efficiency help everybody by saving vital natural resources." •



Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, right, gets a rebate check from Southern California Edison Manager James Hornbuckle.

Cancer Society Walk Takes Place June 20

Making Strides Against Cancer, the American Cancer Society's *move-along-a-thon*, takes place June 20 in Griffith Park.

Starting at 8 a.m., the event lets participants run, walk, skate or cycle along the 5K route while raising money for cancer research, service and

education.

Founded in 1913, the American Cancer Society is the nation's largest voluntary health agency and supplies the largest nongovernment source of money for cancer research in the U.S.

For more information, call Caroline Henry Purvis at (213) 386-6102. •

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

Congratulations are in order for Doris Jean Leonard, District Attorney; Walter T. Baker, Registrar-Recorder; and Ursula H. Neusom, Superior Court, for over 40 years of dedicated service to the County of Los Angeles. We hope that Doris, Walter and Ursula 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:

ASSESSOR: Charles Anton Casey, William E. Wilde
CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Carole Ann Wright
COMMUNITY & SENIOR CITIZENS SVCS.: Virginia Olive Adams, Herman M. Simmons
DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Robert Court, William Gustafson, Robert J. Lord
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN: Dal D. Graham, Donald R. McCormack, Neal Wagerle
HEALTH SERVICES: Josef Banuelos, Hazel Dare Brown, Milton Feinberg, Mary Dolores Herrera, Paul H. Johanson, Samuel Keyes, Darleen R. Powars, Olevia Richardson, Connie M. Williams
MUSEUM OF ART: George Kuwayama
PROBATION: Louie Duran, Robert M. Lynch, Rodger E. Smith, Adelina M. Vonner
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Richard D. Stewart
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Carmen Franzen, D. Jerald Hall, Mary D. Starr, Maurice Stotts
PUBLIC WORKS: Arlene Endo, Robert F. Fabbro, Donald Hays, Jesus G. Sanchez, Jimmie Trujillo
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK: James Matheny
SHERIFF: Durie Bailey, Jr., Renee L. Kramer, Larry K. Lucas, Joe Quintana, Ronald E. Worley
SUPERIOR COURT: Theresa DeAnde, John W. Dickey, Mary A. Kazner
TREASURER/TAX: Mary Jane T. Craig

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

ASSESSOR: Joan Audrey Monk, Dollie J. Smith
BEACHES & HARBORS: Terry M. Gordon
CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Robert R. Achterberg, Bettie L. Albrecht, Thomas Melican, Dave Oakleaf
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HEALTH SERVICES: Kenneth Ballard, Carmen J. Benn, Arthur D. Chambers, Robert E. Dion, Rose E. Gripper, Irving Kanner, Homer Knapp, Wayne M. Meinberg, Natalie Olivas, Augusta Sanders, Ora Lee Sanders, Lexie L. St. Amand, Theresa Woodard
INTERNAL SERVICES: Bill T. Farris, Robert L. Harvey, Jean Miller, Raymond T. Naito, Thomas A. Seelig, John B. Throne
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PROBATION: Frederick J. Brashear, Allen Collins, Marion J. Mouton, John Walsh, Kenneth White
PUBLIC DEFENDER: Edgar Gilmore, James P. McGarry
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Gloria P. Brooks, Loretta N. Jones, Mamie L. Parnell
PUBLIC WORKS: Chung Fat Chow, Jerry A. Kwan, Rafael Quintero
SHERIFF: Millard E. Bowis, Walter Faber, John B. Fernandez, Patricia M. Massey, Frances J. Nichols, Rosemary Nick, Donald Shaw, Carolyn Taylor

HELPING OTHERS

Phone Friends Needs Volunteers

Phone Friends, a new program where people reach out to the elderly over the telephone, needs volunteers.

Under the program, volunteers maintain weekly phone contact with some of the frail, homebound elderly under the Department of Mental Health Office of the Public Guardian's care.

Phone volunteers get six or eight people to phone on a weekly basis. Calls can be made from home or from the Public Guardian's office, 320 W. Temple St., in the downtown Los Angeles Hall of Records building.

To qualify, volunteers only need a little patience, spare time and a willing ear.

For more information or to volunteer, Call Chris or Joan at (213) 974-0400. •

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