

# County DIGEST



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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## MARSHAL TURNS 40 Looking Back on L.A.'s First Lawman

**W**ho was Los Angeles' first crime fighter? Forget about the police chief. And scratch the mayor off the list. Samuel Whiting, who patrolled the streets after Los Angeles became a city in 1850, served as the first lawman and answered to a frontier title—marshal.

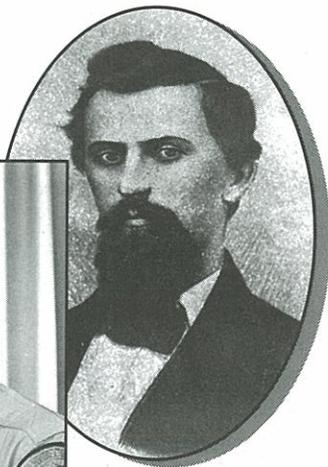
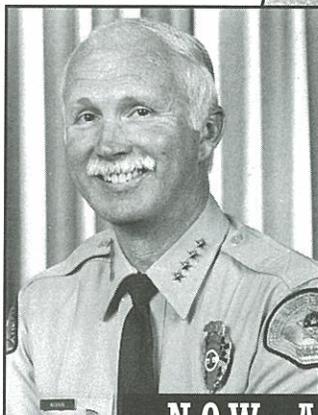
Today, the marshal's still around and it's a County department with more than 700 sworn officers. This year, along with taking over all security duties at six County courthouses and a wide range of other duties, the department celebrates its 40th birthday.

As the Marshal's Office enters its fifth decade, it's time to run down the department's tasks and examine its history.

In 1876, the city marshal era ended when Jacob Cherkins took over the new chief of police post. But in 1923 a new State law called for a municipal court for any city with 40,000 or more residents. To protect these courts, the State Legislature created new law enforcement officials and bestowed the age-old title—marshal.

In 1950, Californians voted to reform the courts. Soon afterward, Santa Monica Marshal James Markey devised a plan to consolidate the eight city marshals into one County marshal. After some debate, the plan passed and

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### NOW AND THEN

**Today's County Marshal Robert Mann and William Warren, who took office in 1865 and served longer than any other city marshal.**

## Regional Planning Starts Four-Day Work Schedule

Continuing the battle against traffic gridlock and air pollution, the Board of Supervisors has approved a four-day workweek for the Regional Planning Department.

On March 16, the department's 125 employees started the 10-hour-a-day, Monday through Thursday work schedule.

Under the one-year pilot program, the public gets extended service hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Offices are closed on Fridays, except for the Antelope Valley and Arcadia branches.

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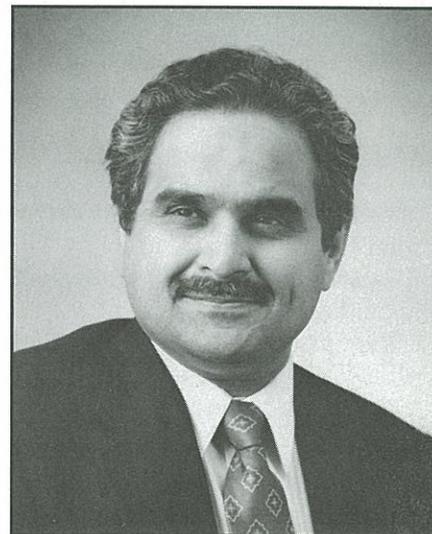
## New Coroner Moves Into Office

**A**fter a yearlong nationwide search, the Board of Supervisors has named 15-year County veteran Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran as the new Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner.

"I am fortunate because of the Board of Supervisors' confidence," he said. "I am enthusiastic about my new duties and I will work hard to gain the public's respect and confidence."

Sathyavagiswaran, who formally served as the office's chief of forensic medicine, said the department is one of the world's best forensic science centers, staffed with "many dedicated, well

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**Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner.**

## Marshal Turns 40

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the Los Angeles County Marshal's Department formed.

Today, the department stands as the largest civil law enforcement body in the U.S. and functions as any other police-type organization. But differences exist.



Appointed by the County's Municipal Court Judges, the marshal is the Municipal Court's law enforcement officer, responsible for enforcing court orders, serving as bailiffs, providing courthouse security and protection for judges.

Finally, the department's Warrant Division travels the County in unmarked cars serving arrest warrants. **Happy 40th!** •



Marshal deputies Alma Ross, left, and Rene Cendejas give Magnolia Avenue School children in Los Angeles a department glimpse during a career day.

## Basketball, Volleyball Leagues Need Team Players

The County's basketball and volleyball leagues are accepting applications for the spring-summer season. All league games are played at the Weingart Urban Center YMCA, 9900 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, 90044, and take place on:

**Monday:** Adult Men Basketball Open League (18 and up)

**Tuesday:** L.A. County Employees Basketball League

**Wednesday:** L.A. County Coed Adult Volleyball League

**Thursday:** 35-and-up Old-timers Basketball League

**Saturday:** Youth Basketball League

For more information, call Michael Williams after 5 p.m. at (213) 754-3191. •

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

## Jay Kimball THE MALIBU SLEUTH

**C**at burglars beware: stay away from Jay Kimball. As a Sheriff's Deputy Investigator and February's Employee of the Month, Kimball cracked a \$3 million Malibu residence jewel heist in 1990. In the end, all suspects and associates were identified and the story made it to "America's Ten Most Wanted" TV show.

But the case involved more than scanning Los Angeles. Most of the jewels ended up in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where Kimball recovered and brought them home to the Malibu owner. And when the thief tried to re-enter the U.S., Kimball made the arrest.

According to County officials, this five-year Sheriff's Department veteran is a top-notch investigator.



Deputy Jay Kimball, center, receives congratulations from Sheriff Sherman Block, left, and Supervisor Ed Edelman.

Other folks agree.

Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates thanked him in 1989 for helping capture five robbery suspects who held up a mini-mart. And the Franklin, Louisiana, District Attorney honored Kimball for work that convicted a murderer in that state.

Detective work, however, doesn't complete the picture.

Fluent in Spanish, he developed an English-Spanish court appearance and procedure guide for the public's use. In addition, he reactivated, organized and got new uniforms for the Malibu Station softball team. •

## New Coroner: 15-Year County Veteran

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qualified pathologists.”

As head of the department's medical section, the new coroner said he is working closely with Ilona Lewis, the department's director, to establish “protocols for all nonmedical support services.”

In July 1990, the Board of Supervisors voted to split the task of running the office into two positions: one an administrative manager, the other a forensic pathologist.

A native of India who is licensed to practice medicine in California and New York, Sathyavagiswaran has performed 2,000 autopsies. He holds a medical degree from the University of Madras in India and holds six board certifications, including internal medicine and infectious diseases, by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

“He has the respect of the doctors in the community and the funeral directors,” said Board Chairman Deane Dana. “He seems to pull the office together.” ●

## Regional Planning Goes On A Four-Day Workweek

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**James Hartl, Regional Planning Director.** The department's employees now work a 10-hour-a-day, Monday through Thursday workweek.

## FIRST IN THE NATION Auto Clerk Rolls Into Long Beach Court

Long Beach Municipal Court jumped into automation's fast lane in February thanks to Auto Clerk, a first-in-the-nation 24-hour automated teller that lets the public pay traffic and moving violation fines.

Similar to an automated bank teller, Auto Clerk lets folks carry out routine traffic court business seven days a week, 24 hours a day, without waiting in long lines.

“The Municipal Court has always been known as the people's court, and our job is to make the court system easy for people to deal with,” said Long Beach Municipal Court Administrator James Weaver.

Two of the automated kiosks are located outside the main courthouse entrance at 415 W. Ocean Blvd. and offer touch screen operation with instructions in Spanish and English. ●



**James Weaver, Long Beach Municipal Court Administrator, left, and Supervisor Deane Dana unveil the Auto Clerk kiosks February 6.**

## Overdue Tickets? Pay Now, Save 30%

Do you have one or more overdue traffic citations? If you do, there's a deal in store.

Through April 30, a one-time amnesty program for most delinquent traffic citations received in the County prior to April 1, 1991, is offered by the Municipal Courts of Los Angeles County.

Paying 70 percent of the total amount owed on traffic tickets will clear the outstanding violations. Exceptions to the amnesty program are citations for reckless driving, parking violations and driving under the influence.

More than one million tickets are due before April 1 in the County.

For more information, call (213) 744-4017. ●

# PROGRAM LETS WORKING ADULTS COMPLETE COLLEGE EDUCATION

**D**reams of completing a college education can turn to reality thanks to an updated program for full-time working adults.

Called the Project for Adult College Education, the PACE program lets adults earn four transfer-credit classes each semester by attending college only one night a week.

In addition, students must view instructional TV at home two hours a week and attend nine Saturday conferences each semester.

The five semester, 61-unit curriculum meets entrance requirements for junior standing at all 19 State University campuses as well as many private universities.

With additional classes, the program covers requirements for the University of California campuses.

In addition, adults can also complete an associate of arts degree.

The program is offered at the following community colleges. For more information, call:

**East Los Angeles College**  
(213) 265-8719

**Harbor College**  
(310) 522-8200

**Mission College**  
(818) 364-7677

**Pierce College**  
(818) 719-6485

**SouthWest College**  
(213) 777-2225

**West Los Angeles College**  
(310) 287-4389

## Community Support Campaign Reminder

Community Support Campaign coordinators and employees are reminded that 1992 Spring campaign activity ends April 17. Employee participation is strictly voluntary and there will be no adverse employment consequences if an employee does not participate in charitable giving or program activities. •

### NEW CAFETERIA BENEFITS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY LOCAL 660

Election packages for the new "Options" Cafeteria Benefits Plan were mailed to all eligible permanent, full-time employees represented by County Union Local 660. Employees are responsible for correctly filling out and returning their form by April 21.

Employees with questions should phone the "Options Hotline" at (213) 887-2233. •

## 1992 County Holidays

With three holidays gone, there's still eight left. This list can help you plan future events.

New Year's Day	Jan 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Jan 20
Washington's Birthday	Feb 17
Memorial Day	May 25
Independence Day	Jul 3
Labor Day	Sep 7
Columbus Day	Oct 12
Veterans Day	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 26
Friday after Thanksgiving	Nov 27
Christmas	Dec 25

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