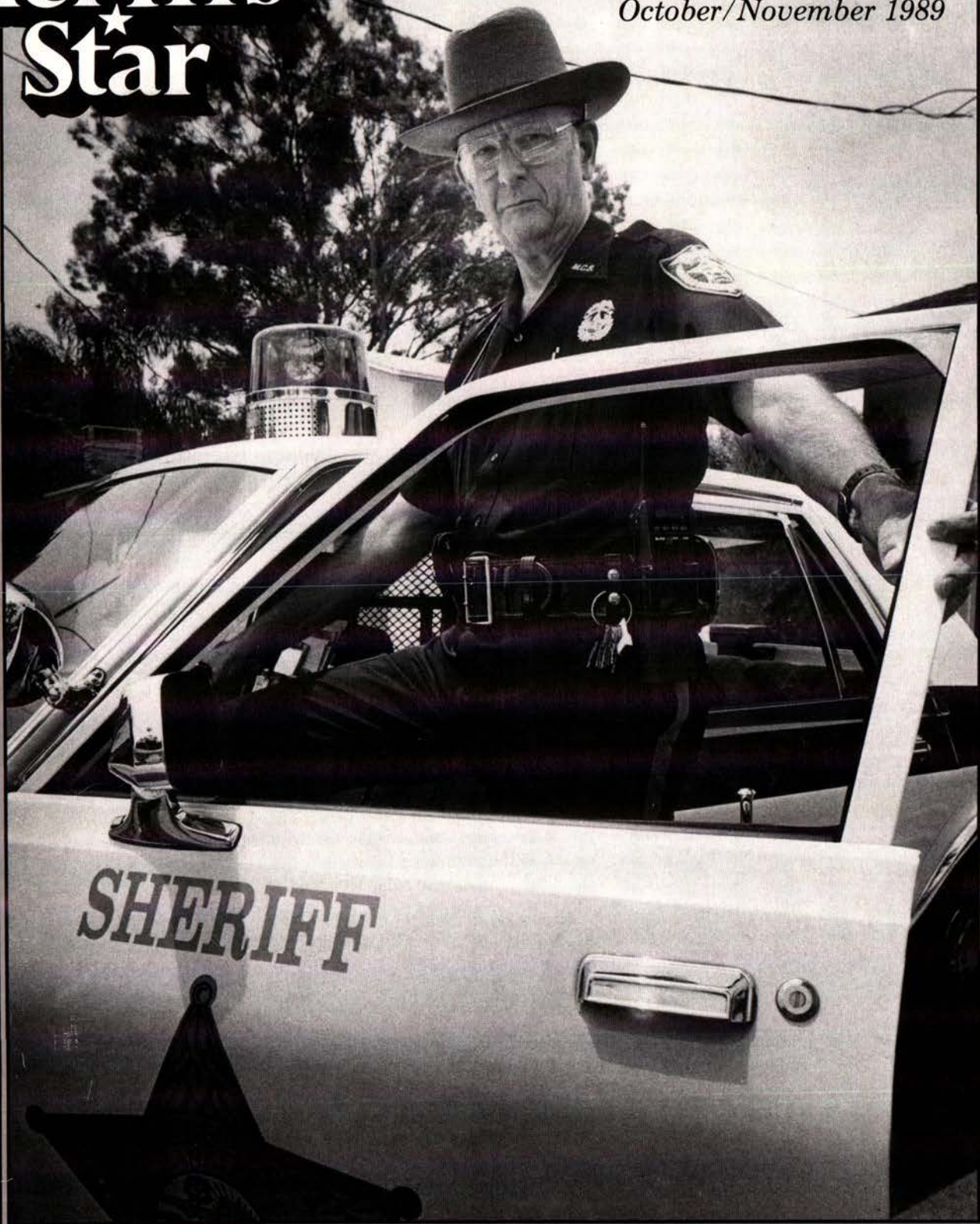


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To find out why, see page 2.

His buddies call him “Doc” – naturally

BRADENTON — Manatee County Deputy Sheriff Alfred Arwe would like to be called “Al,” but his buddies insist on calling him “Doc” — and there’s a logical reason. He may be the only person who has ever switched careers from the medical profession to law enforcement.

Formerly a chiropractor, Arwe began the career change when he joined the Sheriff’s Mounted Reserve (formerly the Sheriff’s Mounted Posse) in 1981 as a non-paid volunteer. He closed his medical practice and became a full-time paid deputy in 1986, and the wisdom of his decision was confirmed recently when he was voted “Policeman of the Year” for 1989 by Anna Maria Post 8199 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Meanwhile, Deputy “Doc” seems to be as enthusiastic about wearing a badge as he once was about manipulating a stethoscope.

“I used to get excited when I helped a patient to get well,” Arwe told a newspaper reporter, “and I still get excited when I do my present job well and help someone. The Sheriff’s Office is a natural extension of my desire to help the community.”

The camaraderie of law enforcement appeals to Arwe. “The brotherhood is very strong,” he said. “We’d do anything to help each other. It’s something I didn’t feel in my other professions.”

Arwe started his chiropractic practice in Hinsdale, Illinois, in 1976, and before that was the director of drug regulatory affairs for Beatrice Scientific Co. and Winthrop Products Inc. He also served as clinical research administrator for Vick Chemical Co.

Because he is 61, Arwe is kidded about his age by his younger colleagues, but he takes it in stride and respects the experience of younger buddies. “I learn something every day,” he said. “I might be a lot older



COVER PHOTO: Deputy Sheriff Alfred “Doc” Arwe was voted “Policeman of the Year” for 1989. (Bradenton Herald photo by Grant Jefferies)

than my fellow officers, but most of them have been on the street a lot longer than me and have a lot to teach. I can’t run like the young folks can, but . . . I feel better than I did when I was 20.”

The motto of the Sheriff’s Office, “Courtesy and Service” has been adopted by Arwe as his approach to law enforcement. “Most of what all of us do is a service to the community,” he said. “Most of the problems we respond to are domestic. There are a lot of people problems that need to be sorted out. This job teaches one to be patient.”

— This was excerpted from a
Bradenton Herald article by Matthew Sauer.

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Former FSA President dies

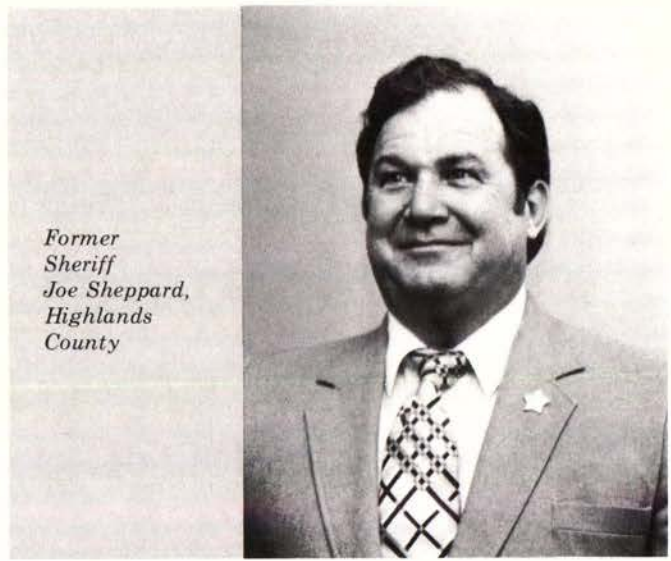
SEBRING — Former Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard, 55, suffered a fatal heart attack on September 9 while he was in New Mexico on a hunting trip. Funeral services were held on September 15, at Lake Placid.

Sheppard had a 28-year law enforcement career which included 12 years as Sheriff of Highlands County, 11 years as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, and five years as a Florida Wildlife Officer.

While serving as Sheriff he held numerous offices in the Florida Sheriffs Association, including Sergeant-at-Arms, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Vice President (1986) and President (1987).

He was also an enthusiastic supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., and served as Chairman of its Board of Trustees. The Florida Sheriffs Association awarded him a Lifetime Honorary Membership in recognition of distinguished service rendered to progressive law enforcement and the child care programs of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

A native of Sarasota, Sheppard attended Florida State University and served four years in the U.S. Navy submarine service before he began his law enforcement career. In 1981 he received an Outstanding Police Officer Award from the American Legion



Former
Sheriff
Joe Sheppard,
Highlands
County

and the Florida Citrus Mutual Crime Unit.

Sheppard's professional affiliations included the Regional Planning Council Advisory Committee; the Governor's Agriculture Crime Committee; the Sebring Research and Development Board; and the State Technical Committee for Public Service Education.

"Operation Rock Pile II" was successful

By Nick Navarro
Sheriff of Broward County

On August 24th and 25th, 1800 Florida deputy sheriffs and other law enforcement officers from the Panhandle to the Keys staged "Operation Rock Pile II", the state's second combined enforcement effort against crack cocaine.

I have been privileged to serve as statewide director of both of these operations, having been elected by my colleagues in the Florida Sheriffs Association as Chairman of the Statewide Crack Task Force.

Operation Rock Pile II was a success by any standard. Even though it was conducted on a Thursday and Friday we made 300 more arrests than in the first operation which was staged on Friday and Saturday, always the most active days for crack sellers and users.

More than 1200 dealers were arrested and more than ten-thousand crack rocks seized, tripling the number of rocks taken off the streets in Operation

Rockpile I June 30th and July 1st. Deputies also seized 103 weapons, 403 vehicles and more than \$108,000 in cash during the 48-hour crackdown.

The Florida Sheriffs Association was fortunate to have the assistance of not only dozens of municipal law enforcement officers around the state, but also support from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and U.S. Customs.

The operation was observed by representatives of police agencies in North Carolina and Tennessee. It is becoming apparent that Florida's statewide anti-crack efforts will serve as a model for other states.

Under its current president, Sheriff R. T. "Tim" Dobeck of Indian River County, the Florida Sheriffs Association has declared its commitment to increasing the pressure on crack dealers and users in every corner of the state. The two statewide enforcement operations have proved that drug involvement is no longer just a problem of urban areas, but reaches into the rural parts of our state as well.

We plan to continue these widespread enforcement actions and, hopefully, to witness a reduction in drug activity in future years. The Florida Sheriffs Association commends the actions of every deputy sheriff, police officer and state or federal agent who contributed to the success of Operation Rock Pile II.

“Operation Alert” targets underage drinking

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — It happens all too often. A group of teenagers out for a good time pool their money and send the oldest looking one to buy a case of beer. If the buyer is lucky, he will be turned down by the store clerk because he is underage. If he is unlucky, he will make the purchase and he and his friends will run the high risk of being killed or severely injured in an alcohol-related traffic accident.

National surveys show that 96 percent of all high school students have tried alcoholic beverages, and law enforcement officials in Clay County are persuaded that the trend is the same here. A recent Clay County survey showed that 68 percent of the high school students drink alcoholic beverages at least once a month. These are not just seniors, but a cross section of all high school students.

The problem is severe, and something is being done about it. Clay County Sheriff C. Dalton Bray and Capt. Mark Willingham, from the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Department of Business Regulation, have organized “Operation Alert,” a four-phase program that combines retail vendor training, student and parent awareness, and law enforcement action to reduce alcohol consumption by youths under 21.

Phase one involves warning retailers that laws prohibiting sales of alcoholic beverages to underage customers will be rigorously enforced. The retailers are reminded to require proof of age from youthful customers. They are also told to be on the lookout for forged or altered I.D.s.

Phase two is a training session for retailers and clerks that not only focuses on fake I.D.s and liability issues, but also covers theft and robbery prevention.

Phase three involves school officials and school resource officers in a campaign to warn students and parents about the tragedies that result from underage alcohol consumption, particularly around graduation time. Parents are also made aware of a new “house party law” that forbids hosting a party where alcohol is consumed by underage persons.

Phase four is a concentrated law enforcement effort, especially during the spring and summer months. This includes directed patrols and the use of underage youths to make “buys” from retailers who are the object of complaints received from parents and school officials.

“We are serious about enforcing the law on sales to minors,” said Sheriff Bray. He warned that alcohol is a “gateway drug” — one that forms a “deadly combination” when underage youths drink and drive.

SHERIFF BRAY



CAPT. WILLINGHAM

Clay County Sheriff C. Dalton Bray and Capt. Mark Willingham, from the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Department of Business Regulation, are the prime movers in “Operation Alert.”

“The high alcohol usage rate in our school age population is a direct cause of discipline problems and low achievement. It is also a major contributor to accidental deaths and suicide,” he added.

Loitering law targets drug trade

SANFORD — Seminole County has adopted a law permitting police officers to arrest anyone who loiters and exhibits suspicious behavior in places where drug dealing is prevalent.

Aimed at curbing the drug trade, the new law was requested by Sheriff John Polk and supported by many residents of high crime neighborhoods. It was passed by a 3-2 vote of the County Commission. A spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union said it threatens civil liberties and will be struck down in court.

The suspicious behavior that the law is designed to curtail would include running away when police arrive, frequenting a drug-infested area and exchanging packages for cash. Violators will face a possible 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Warning to parents: Kiddie stamps are drug-impregnated!

by Robert Lucas

Drug overlords, not satisfied with corrupting the adult population, have turned their sights on a new and as yet untapped market, children.

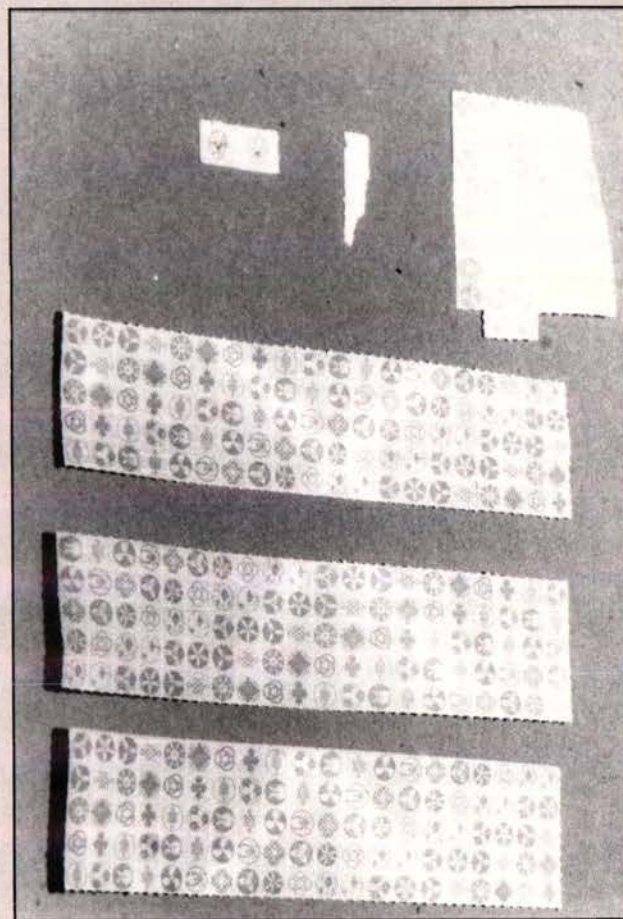
State and federal agencies have alerted law enforcement personnel to the fact that southern and central Florida have been the scenes of an influx of hallucinogens styled for juvenile consumption. The key word is "styled."

Recently Lt. Charles Brooks and Det. Sgt. Todd McKissack, both of whom work for the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the Leon County Sheriff's Office, displayed LSD impregnated paper known as "blotter acid." The surfaces were imprinted with faces of a clown and other childlike symbols, an obvious attempt to allay suspicion and to attract youngsters.

Brooks and McKissack said the Sheriff's Office investigated recent incidents involving high school students who used "blotter acid," but no reports involving younger age groups.

"It's sure to come our way," said Brooks, "but so far we have been spared. It is the beginning of the school year and we advise parents to warn their children against talking to strangers or from ever taking anything from strangers, even though it looks harmless."

McKissack said because of its chemical makeup it is difficult to know or to predict the extent of the side effects of LSD.



Although tiny, these drug impregnated stamps held as evidence by the Leon County Sheriff's Office can pack a terrific wallop.



Lt. Charles Brooks (standing) and Det. Sergeant Todd McKissack from the Leon County Sheriff's Office said incidents involving high school students who used "blotter acid" have been investigated, but as yet there have been no reports of younger users.

He said, "It's bad enough when it comes out of a lab operated by experts, but when amateurs, 'gypsy chemists,' start turning out LSD then anything can happen to the user and frequently does. I've talked to people who said they walked up walls, that floors breathed, colors flashed, things became magnified; and with others who said nothing happened worth remembering. It affects people in different ways. You or I might look at this little tab and say that one wouldn't be enough. But what do we know? The second tab could contain a much heavier concentration of LSD than the first and the two taken together could destroy our minds or perhaps kill us. Imagine how vulnerable a child is, accepting something that looks 'funny, amusing,' but that has the power to permanently impair a mind or even kill."

The so-called "hits" cost from \$3 to \$8 per tab. The more the customer buys, say 100, the cost per tab

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drops sharply to \$1 or \$2 per tab.

Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune recently received a letter from a parent who is a police officer in another county. The letter detailed the packaging and hype drug traffickers used when peddling LSD to school children.

There is a not-too-subtle attempt to make the packaging not only familiar but also tempting. For example, the "Blue Star Tattoo" is in reality not a tattoo, but LSD impregnated paper. Brightly colored tabs resembling postage stamps are not postage stamps, but LSD impregnated paper.

The tabs are sold in sheets of paper that have been literally soaked in LSD. There is no way the manufacturer can control the amounts of LSD in each tab, therefore the user places himself in jeopardy.

The stamps are decorated with eye-catching pictures of Disney characters, Superman, red pyramids, microdots and window panes — all designed to attract

children and to build up a clientele at the grade or middle school levels.

Fortune said none of the recent drug seizures in the county turned up any LSD blotting paper, but that he felt it was his duty to warn every parent with school-age children. He said symptoms exhibited by stamp victims ran the gamut from mind and nerve-shattering hallucinations to severe vomiting, uncontrollable laughter, mood changes, secretiveness and body temperature fluctuations.

Drug-impregnated stamps are said to be circulating in Florida and in most of the states. One trafficker was heard to say recently, "... kids are the new market. Get 'em hooked and we've got 'em. The pushers can make book on 'em if they don't OD. So they're ours until ... something turns 'em off."

—Robert Lucas is a free-lance writer who lives in Monticello.

Good correctional officers:

How you gonna keep 'em at the county jail when state prisons pay higher salaries?

Rural panhandle Sheriffs share the same problem when it comes to keeping correctional officers: How can they expect to keep 'em when the pay is \$4,000 to \$6,000 a year better at nearby state and federal prisons?

"I'm embarrassed to tell someone applying for a correctional officer job what I have to pay him," said Holmes County Sheriff John Braxton.

Braxton and his neighbor, Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel, start their new correctional officers at \$10,500. At nearby state prisons, the starting pay is \$16,677 and the certification requirements are identical.

Jackson County Sheriff John McDaniel is only a little better off. His correctional officers start at \$13,000, but the correctional officers at the federal prison at Marianna start at \$17,542.

County jail salaries cover a wide range. Dade County starts correctional officers at \$30,339 a year. In Bay County (a panhandle county) the Corrections Corporation of America, a private company operating the county jail, starts COs at \$15,781.

State and federal prisons have another advantage: health benefits for employees are more attractive.

"I hire 'em and send them through our basic certification course," said Sheriff Braxton, "and they turn around and go down the road to the [state operated] Holmes Correctional Institution ... and I don't blame them."

Most Florida Sheriffs pay road patrol deputies more than correctional officers. However, at least five Sher-

iffs pay rookies in both slots the same wage.

"Correctional officers' and patrolmen's salaries should be equivalent," said Sheriff Peel, "because corrections is a profession and a highly stressful job."

"Compare this to Los Angeles County [CA] where all enforcement officers rotate on a three-year cycle between patrolling and working in the jail."

Increased construction of state and federal prisons in northwest Florida has created a greater demand for correctional officers, and consequently a marked increase in the number of students attending basic recruit courses offered in vocational-technical schools.

3,405 jails held 295,873

The latest survey by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in the U.S. Department of Justice (completed in 1987) estimated that the nation's 3,405 local jails held 295,873 inmates, and overcrowding was an almost universal problem, particularly in the larger jails.

Included in the survey were 611 jails with at least 100 inmates as a daily average. Their overall occupancy rate was 111% of rated capacity. They had 26,838 inmates held for other authorities. Of these, 11,257 were being held because of crowding elsewhere, principally in state prisons.

Twenty-eight percent of the 358 jurisdictions surveyed had at least one jail under court order to limit population, and 33 percent were under court order to improve one or more conditions of confinement.

Editorial praises Operation Rock Pile

FORT MYERS — In an editorial praising Operation Rock Pile, the code name for statewide drug sweeps organized and coordinated by the Florida Sheriffs Association, the *Fort Myers News-Press* said taxpayers should demand more campaigns of this type; also more treatment and educational programs that reduce the demand for drugs.

Florida lawmen who participated in Rock Pile One and Two should be proud of their efforts, the editorial added. "Who knows how many innocent people they have saved from becoming the victims of crime or addiction."

Sheriff's concerned about disabled and elderly people who live alone

APALACHICOLA — For elderly and disabled people who live alone and are in danger of sustaining a disabling fall or a serious illness Franklin County Sheriff Warren Roddenberry has a new service.

Any of these impaired persons who want to be checked on daily can place their names on a list at the Sheriff's Office. They will be required to call the Sheriff's Office (toll free) between 8 and 10 a.m. daily. Any who fail to call will be checked on by a deputy.

Although the program is designed for the elderly and disabled, Sheriff Roddenberry said any person living alone or in an isolated area can use it.

He said the idea for the monitoring service occurred to him as the result of a personal experience involving an elderly family member. He made the service a plank in his 1988 campaign platform, and now he's fulfilling his promise.



Relief for the pain of medical expenses

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Guy M. Tunnell presents a check for \$2,385 to Deputy David Johnson (seated) after this amount was raised by the Fraternal Order of Police, Sheriff's Office employees and Bay County residents. The money was used to help pay for five bouts of brain surgery which Johnson underwent earlier. The Sheriff's Office reported Johnson had returned from a Pensacola rehabilitation center and was "doing well."

Hiring problems keep cells vacant

BARTOW — While Polk County continued to experience jail overcrowding and the regular release of many arrested prisoners, a wing at the new county jail annex with room for 96 prisoners sits unused.

Sheriff's officials say they can't find enough qualified corrections officers to open the wing, and they cite past drug use by job applicants as a main cause of the hiring problem.

The Sheriff's Office has the money to hire more officers, but only about one job applicant in seven meets the minimum qualifications, said Steve Hulse, the Sheriff's Civil Service Administrator.

He said the largest groups of rejected applicants are those who have admitted using illegal drugs recently or have lied about past drug use.

"The other big area is people who admit to thefts in the past," Hulse said.

The Sheriff's Office does hire people who admit having used drugs in the past; but it won't accept applicants who have used marijuana or other non-narcotic drugs within the past year, or who have used harder drugs such as heroin or cocaine within the past five years, Hulse said.

Among the rejected applicants are those who, after taking a polygraph test, are suspected of having lied about the extent of their past drug use.

— From the *Lakeland Ledger*



Pasco County SRO's chosen "the best"

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (right, foreground) congratulates his School Resource Officers (SRO's) after they were chosen as the "Agency of the Year" during the annual state conference of the Florida Association of School Resource Officers. Opposite the Sheriff is Sgt. Brian Moyer, supervisor of the Pasco County SRO's. The other SRO's are (from left) Deputies Cosimi, Vorbeck, Bock, Spitzer, Brown, Wells, Smith, Burnite and Davenport. Gillum said the Pasco County SRO's are teaching and counseling in nine schools with a combined total population of 10,000 students.



Departing Sheriff's Star staff member honored
TALLAHASSEE — Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr. presents an appreciation plaque to Denise Dickey in recognition of her achievements as a Sheriffs Association staff member. She was employed as Production Assistant for *The Sheriff's Star* before she resigned in September to accept a position as officer manager for Michael R. Givens, Tallahassee CPA.

Destroyers of the environment beware !! Task force aims to halt your crimes

KEY WEST — There's good news for environmentalists down here in the ecologically sensitive Florida Keys. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has teamed up with the State Attorney's Office, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Florida Marine Patrol, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation and the National Marine Sanctuary Program to declare war on the vandals responsible for environmental waste and destruction.

Sheriff J. Allison DeFoor II, said the sole purpose of this multi-agency task force will be to investigate and prosecute major environmental crimes in the Keys.

"There are several agencies tackling such crimes administratively," he said, "but until now there has been no one group going after the violators from a law enforcement standpoint. This is an important first."

The task force has announced its intention to concentrate on crimes such as illegal dumping and filling, large scale destruction of mangroves, oil spills, illegal hazardous waste material, large scale air and water pollution, major cases of illegal dumping, large scale destruction of sea grass beds, and destruction of corals and marine life.

"Unless otherwise directed," said DeFoor, "the task force will not routinely investigate minor violations of laws regarding wildlife, marine life, boating, traffic, drugs, trespassing and infraction dumping. However, the resources of the task force will always be available to assist any law enforcement agency upon request.



Happy ending — a check and a handshake
OCALA — The Michael Ely O'Neal drug case reached a happy ending when U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Stan Morrissey (second from left) presented \$28,500 to the Ocala-Marion County Narcotics and Vice Task Force. The check represented a portion of the forfeited proceeds. The Task Force, which assisted the DEA in the O'Neal Case, was represented by the heads of the three participating agencies. They are (from left): Ocala Police Chief A. L. McGehee, Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland and Belleview Police Chief Bob Howie.

"The environment is our major asset and heritage and we must act to protect that asset from malicious and deliberate destruction."

The task force is made up of one officer from each of the participating agencies. Several major violations are already under task force investigation.

Sheriff's labmen reach DNA milestone

FORT LAUDERDALE — Researchers in the Broward County Sheriff's Crime Lab said they have reached a milestone in using genetic "fingerprints" to identify criminal suspects.

George Duncan, a labman, was quoted as saying that the Broward facility is the first police department lab in Florida to take DNA testing through its entire process, from isolating it in evidence, to using radiation to see what it looks like.

Duncan and Jeff Ban began isolating the genetic blueprint deoxyribonucleic acid from blood, semen and other substances a year ago. They hope to prove its reliability so it becomes an accepted tool to positively identify — or rule out — crime suspects.

The Sheriff's Office decided to set up its own DNA testing rather than send evidence to other labs in order to save time and money. The FBI, which is currently working on a dozen sexual assault cases from Broward County, has 400 cases on its waiting list.

No cases using DNA as evidence have come to court in Broward County yet, though it has been used to help convict a rapist in Palm Beach County.

— From the Miami Herald

Anonymous tips trigger 3,396 arrests

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro said his CrimeStoppers Program, which offers cash rewards to anonymous tipsters, has accounted for 3,396 arrests in nine years and is one of the most productive crime deterring activities of its kind in the nation.

Since it began in 1980 the program has paid out \$522,000 in rewards and has been responsible for recovery of stolen property and narcotics valued at over \$200 million. Rewards as high as \$1,000 are paid to tipsters by the CrimeStoppers Board of Directors.

"Contributions are always needed to maintain the reward fund," said Navarro. "CrimeStoppers depends largely on business, industry and local government for financial help."

Navarro said it was a source of satisfaction to him that many tipsters turn down rewards and say they are only interested in doing something to help law enforcement — particularly in the war against crack cocaine.

Coffee bean burglar wasn't smart

FORT LAUDERDALE — Who would steal 40,000 pounds of coffee beans?

Some jerk who didn't know beans about the coffee market. He went to a coffee broker and offered the beans for sale, explaining that he had them in a stor-

age warehouse in Dade County. His asking price was so far above the current market price that the broker became suspicious and called the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's deputies traced the beans to the warehouse and began a search for the coffee bean burglar. The recovered loot was said to be worth \$19,000. It was stolen from Port Everglades.

Purloiners are pilfering propellers

SARASOTA — The sky is a blanket of blue. The breeze is balmy. You climb aboard your boat, carrying your bait and tackle. Life can be beautiful — until you start the motor and discover someone has stolen your propeller.

This fisherman's fiasco has been happening frequently in southwest Florida. Some propellers have been stolen from boats in marinas, others from boat dealers, from boats moored along inland waterways and even from boats parked in back yards.

Some propeller pilferers take the whole motor, others purloin only the propeller, according to a newspaper quote attributed to Capt. Dario Valente, from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Valente said the thieves could be pawning the propellers. "There's a big market for them because they're so expensive," he explained.

Stainless steel propellers, which cost \$300 to \$500 apiece, are the favorite targets of the propeller pirates.

One marina reported six propellers stolen in one night. Some of the boats from which the propellers were taken were in the water, others were on land.



Sheriff's admirers say it with a plaque

PORT RICHEY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (center) accepts a plaque awarded to him and his deputies by Pete and Fran Graffagnino, owners of Brooklyn USA Sandwich Shop. The inscription on the plaque said "for outstanding service to the residents and business community in Pasco County." The Graffagninos have also established a monthly "professionalism and courtesy" award which is presented to outstanding deputies. The award recipient receives a plaque and two free "hero" sandwiches.



Deputy's crime solving leads to award

KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Jon Lane (right) presents an "Employee of the Month" award to Detective Michael Arthur. The Sheriff said Arthur was instrumental in arrests involving three suspects in an attempted murder case and three suspects in a drive-by revenge shooting. The following week, according to Sheriff Lane, Arthur apprehended an individual suspected of three burglaries and assaults on young children.

Coupon clipper gets five years

A Coral Springs man who masterminded a \$12 million coupon fraud scheme that cheated manufacturers nationwide was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to pay \$750,000 in restitution.

Circuit Judge Leroy H. Moe also sentenced Lawrence L. Krasnick to five years' probation to follow his prison term, and ordered him to pay \$25,000 in investigative costs.

Police said Krasnick, 45, collected more than \$1 million from the scheme. He pled guilty to 43 felony counts. His wife, Carmen, 45, pled guilty to theft and fraud charges and was sentenced to five years' probation. The judge ordered her to help her husband pay restitution and investigative costs.

Investigators said the coupon case had more defendants (62 people and 81 businesses in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties) than any other white collar crime case in the country.

During a five-year period defendants bought billions of coupons from charitable groups that clipped them for payment, then the defendants sold them to stores which turned them in to at least 100 manufacturers without selling any products, investigators said.

"They made \$12 million ten cents at a time," said Broward County Sheriff's Detective Jim Layman. "The people who ultimately suffered were the consumers, because manufacturers hiked the prices of products to compensate for what they lost."

Sixty defendants pled guilty to various fraud and theft charges, and one couple chose to go to trial.

The judge sentenced four defendants to prison terms and dozens to probation or community control. Most of the defendants were ordered to pay restitution totaling more than \$2 million, the prosecutor said.

— from the *Sun Sentinel*, Pompano Beach

Keeping 870 vehicles rolling is challenge for Fleet Control Unit

FORT LAUDERDALE — They never make an arrest, solve a crime or locate a missing person, but Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro would be in one heck of a mess without the people who work in his Fleet Control Division.

These mechanics, technicians and socket wrench specialists are responsible for repair and maintenance of the Sheriff's patrol cars, unmarked cars, vans, station wagons and special use vehicles — a fleet that currently totals around 870 units and is growing at the rate of about 100 units per year.

The 16 people on the staff, including 11 experienced mechanics, service about 175 vehicles per week. They are open for business 17 hours a day Monday through Friday, and 16 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Navarro said Sheriff's Office vehicles logged roughly 9.5 million miles during the last fiscal year. "The nature of a deputy's job means many hard miles for our motor vehicles," he added, "but we are able to get five years' service and more than 100,000 miles from each unit through our preventive maintenance program. Each vehicle is routinely checked every 3,000 miles with the aid of specialized equipment such as the diagnostic vehicle analyzer and computerized alignment and balancing devices."

One of the real strengths of the Fleet Control Unit is the seniority accumulated by the staff, Navarro said. Director Hal Osborne has been dealing with Sheriff's Office motor vehicles for 15 years, and more than half of the mechanics have been on the job eight years or more.

"The justice system is unraveling and we're losing the war on crime"

JACKSONVILLE — Commenting on President George Bush's promise to get tough with criminals, State Attorney Ed Austin told *The New York Times*:

"It's important for the President to do something. He sets the tone; but we're losing the war on crime in the streets at the local level because the justice system is unraveling and we haven't made a fundamental commitment as a society.

"We have all the good diversion and help programs you can imagine to save people who get a high school diploma; but none of this is going to work without the credible threat of real and certain punishment, and we don't have that."

Austin said his office sent 1,167 people to prison with sentences of at least one year, most for considerably longer, in the first six months of 1988; and within five months 712 of those inmates had been released early due to overcrowded prisons, many having been sent directly to work release programs without spending a day in a cell.

By March 18, 1989, he added, 359 of the 712 had been arrested for serious new felonies.

"Now we catch them on the average of every third or fourth crime," said Austin. "So that's 1,000 or more felonies committed when they were supposed to be in prison. If the President or Governors are going to get serious about crime, it's going to take more than mirrors or rhetoric."

Another high-tech development

According to news reports, a company called Finger-matrix, Inc., of North White Plains, N.Y. has developed a fingerprint identification system for law enforcement patrol cars that works as follows:

When a deputy sheriff apprehends a suspected fugitive, the suspect's fingers are placed on a scanning device in the officer's patrol car. The scanner makes an electronic copy of the fingerprints and relays it

by radio and phone to state and national crime files.

If the electronic fingerprints match any on file, the central computer sends back a "mug shot" of the fugitive, a summary of the suspect's arrests and convictions, and a list of any outstanding arrest warrants.

The information comes out of a printer in the officer's patrol car and quickly nullifies any coverup the fugitive might have attempted by changing his looks or carrying false identification.

It was reported that the FBI is asking Congress for \$77 million to upgrade its computers, including \$1 million to make the fingerprint identification system operational.

Meanwhile, the system is being tested in the Santa Barbara, California, and the Aurora, Colorado, police departments.

Good news for newsmen

WEST PALM BEACH — News reporters who cover catastrophes and major crime scenes welcomed the news that the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is adding a mobile emergency command center to its fleet of vehicles.

The mobile unit is a surplus rescue van formerly used by the county's fire-rescue squad. It is being equipped with its own generator and will have telephones and a fax machine to speed information directly from the scene. It will also provide a VCR and a videocam. A computer will eventually be added so that records in the Sheriff's Office can be accessed from the field.

Once the command center is in operation, media reporters will be able to place calls directly to officers who are on the scene instead of getting information relayed to the Sheriff's central communications center. Reporters on the scene will also be able to communicate directly with their editorial offices.

One reporter recalled that area law enforcement agencies were not prepared to handle the dozens of reporters who descended upon Palm Bay after William Cruse murdered six people and held police at bay for eight hours in 1987.

"We don't want a Palm Bay or a major airplane crash to happen in the future and not be able to handle it from a news standpoint," a Sheriff's Office spokesman said.

583,000 convicted of felonies

Using 1986 statistics, the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released what purports to be the first nationally representative survey of sentencing in state felony courts. It reveals that:

*State courts throughout the U.S. convicted 583,000 persons of felonies and sentenced about 46% to state prisons. (Felony offenses are widely defined as crimes that have the potential of being punished by more than one year in prison.) The 583,000 total is greater

than the population (1980 census) of Jacksonville or Boston.

*An estimated 110,000 persons were convicted of a violent felony; 103,000 of burglary; and 76,000 of drug trafficking. Together these crimes accounted for an estimated 289,000 persons, or about 50% of the 1986 total.

*The nation's 75 largest counties have 37% of the nation's population, but about half of its reported crime, and an estimated 42% of the felony convictions in state courts.

*Only 37% of those convicted of drug trafficking in state courts were sentenced to prison; 27% to local jails; and 35% to straight probation.

*Based upon sentence reductions for good behavior (good time or gain time credits) and parole, it is estimated that felons sentenced in state courts in 1986 will serve an average of two years and nine months.

*Average estimated times served for specific crimes are as follows: murder, seven years and two months; rape, five years and six months; robbery, four years and nine months; burglary, two years and seven months; and drug trafficking, one year and ten months.

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Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll

Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

Home towns eliminated

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

Drs. John P. and
Rebecca Alford
Mrs. Isabel C. Brown
Mrs. Margaret Cope
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H.
Coulson
Ms. Sharon Daniels
Ms. Bonnie Drain
Mr. Tom Evinrude
Dr. David E. Foss
Mr. Lou Ginesi
Ms. Judy Grossbard
Hailey & Company
Mr. Martin
Higgenbotham
Mr. James Howard
Indian River Transport
Co.

Mr. Clifford C. Koebel
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Kreft
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marpole
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mayer
Ms. Leslie McCall
Ms. Ruth Menor
Mrs. Irene F. Moreth
Dr. and Mrs. Patterson
Moseley
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J.
Pedone
Mrs. Clara S. Peeters
Polish American Pulaski
Association, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J.
Riess
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Riggs
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ticino



NEW PORT RICHEY — Presented by Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (right) to John Ross, owner of AARO Excavating, Inc.

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques — one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.



CLEARWATER — Presented by Fred "Mac" Stones, Youth Ranches Regional Director (right), to Bill Wooster.



WINTER PARK — Presented by Terry Knox (left), Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, to Major General John K. Rice.

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) to Marion Brown. (The membership was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brown.)



Mrs. Marti



Henbest

WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille to Donald Henbest, representing Builder's Square; and Mrs. Karen Marti.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Lex Webb. Mr. Webb is a former staff member of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.



Drummonas



Caponey

Presented by Bob Haag, Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart P. Drummond, Jr., Boynton Beach; Michael C. Caponey, Davie; Audie Sumner, Fort Lauderdale; Lloyd Docktor, Parkland; and Ms. Trina Chicvara, Miami. (Vice President Haag is pictured with Audie Sumner.)



Sumner



Docktor



Ms. Chicvara



VERO BEACH — Presented by Terry Knox (right), Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving, to Indian River County Sheriff R. T. (Tim) Dobeck, the President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



CRESTVIEW — Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry E. Gilbert to Mrs. Sybil Lebherz.

Farewell to former FSA executive who helped to launch new era for Sheriffs

TALLAHASSEE — Edward R. "Eddie" Hafner, who served as Field Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association from 1954 to 1957, died on October 13 while playing golf at the Capital City Country Club. He was 81.

During Hafner's tenure as Field Secretary the Sheriffs Association opened its membership to private citizens. This produced additional revenue which led to the founding of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, the first child care facility of its kind sponsored by law enforcement officers.

The Boys Ranch was founded in 1957 and has since evolved into the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., a statewide network of child care facilities and services.

Prior to Hafner's time only Sheriffs were eligible for membership in the Association. Allowing private citizens to enroll as honorary members ushered in a new era which placed Sheriffs at the forefront of progressive law enforcement. During that era they standardized uniforms and patrol car markings; led a campaign to create minimum standards for law enforcement officers; and nurtured the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a statewide crime fighting agency that eventually evolved into the present Florida Department of Law Enforcement. (The Sheriff's Bureau was actually created in 1955 by a Sheriffs Association-sponsored act of the Florida Legislature, but had little impact on law enforcement activities until the 1960s.)

Hafner ended his tenure with the Florida Sheriffs Association in June, 1957, and became the Executive Secretary of the Florida State Association of County Commissioners. He retired from that position in 1979, ending a long career that included service as an administrative assistant to four Florida governors, and as

E. R. "Eddie" Hafner was the Field Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association from 1954 to 1957.



a special investigator for the Florida Securities Commission.

A native of New York City, Hafner had been a resident of Tallahassee since 1947. He attended the University of Florida in the 1920s, and was a pitcher on the University's baseball team in 1929. Last year, when the University of Florida played Florida State University of Gainesville, he was given the honor of throwing out the first ball.

Hafner was a long time member of the Masonic Lodge, a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Sheriffs Association, and formerly served as a board member of the Capital City Tiger Bay Cub. He is survived by his widow, Shirley; two sons, Tom, of Atlanta, and Ned, of St. Augustine; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Capt. Ned Hafner is the Jail Administrator with the St. John's County Sheriff's Office, in St. Augustine. Representatives from the St. John's County Sheriff's Office and the Leon County (Tallahassee) Sheriff's Office attended funeral services in Tallahassee on October 16. Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., represented the Sheriffs Association.



A graphic message about booze and boats

DADE CITY — A battered boat bearing a sign that says "Don't Drink and Sink" is being used by crime prevention, school resource and marine patrol deputies in Pasco County to deliver a strong message about the dangers of BUI (boating under the influence of alcohol). Sheriff Jim Gillum (right) is pictured with Ben Studer (left), who donated the boat trailer; and Gene Maraget, representing the Pinellas Park firm that donated the boat.

National award received by Sarasota deputy

SARASOTA — To his already impressive line-up of awards, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Detective Harold Sicks has added the national title, "Explorer Post Advisor of the Year for 1989" which was conferred upon him by the National Sheriffs Association.

In his dual capacity as a School Resource Officer and advisor for the Sheriff's Explorer Post, he has also received the following prior awards related to scouting: Live Oak Award, Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow; District Award of Merit; Scouters' Key in Exploring; Scouters' Training Award in Exploring; Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association State Advisor Award; and Wood Badge Award.

Sicks was named Deputy Sheriff of the Year in 1982, and deserves a large measure of credit for honors and recognition received by the Explorer Post during his eight years as its advisor. The Post placed first in crime scene search competition held during the 1988 National Explorer Conference.

For the past eight years the Post has earned the quality award unit and honor unit for ten tests of scouting. Several members of the post have held offices in the Florida Sheriff's Explorer Association during the past four years. The post has won three first-place ribbons and one third-place ribbon for its displays at the Sarasota County Fair.

Sicks became involved in scouting in 1966, attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1970, and has been involved in scouting at the Explorer level ever since that year. He has been on the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office staff for 13 years.



Accompanied by his wife, Marsha, Detective Harold Sicks (center) receives congratulations from Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge. Marsha Sicks has been an assistant explorer post advisor for eight years and is an employee of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

"It is obvious," said Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge, "that Detective Sicks has made a tremendous contribution not only to the Sheriff's Office, but also to the community in which he lives and works."

There's no monkey business here

TITUSVILLE — It looked as though Russ Cockriel was just monkeying around when he fingerprinted a baby monkey named "George," but it was a serious and necessary procedure for a program aimed at providing aid and companionship to severely handicapped people.

Monkeys participating in the program are trained to perform many helpful tasks. Quadriplegics, who are unable to use their arms and legs, rely on these animals to help them answer the phone and carry out simple household chores.

The insurance companies that insure the monkeys against loss or theft require that they be fingerprinted for future identification. Cockriel, who is a Criminalistics Agent with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, did the deed as a public service.



"George" was frightened and uncooperative, but Russ Cockriel managed to fingerprint him. Assisting Cockriel is George's temporary owner, Cathy Taylor, of Port St. John.

Interstate pile-up was a nightmare for Medal of Valor deputy sheriffs

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Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller (left) congratulates Deputy Sheriffs Robert Aoun and Larry Primavera.

TITUSVILLE — Somewhere in the darkness, tires screeched and brakes locked. The screams of unseen victims cut through the fog as Brevard County Sheriff's Deputies Larry Primavera and Robert Aoun climbed off their motorcycles and into the nightmare being played out on Interstate 95.

For what happened next, Primavera and Aoun were awarded the highest honor of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Medal of Valor.

Dispatched to assist with a series of fog-related traffic accidents north of Cocoa, Primavera and Aoun pulled onto the interstate west of Melbourne. Only minutes into the trip north, the deputies entered a fog bank. A car that had been northbound was now in the median facing south.

Stopping to help the woman in the car, the deputies heard the first dreaded sounds of the disaster to come.

Before quiet would return to the interstate, the chain reaction would claim 14 cars and trucks. The fact that all of the victims survived has been attributed largely to the actions of deputies Primavera and Aoun.

As the two men stood in the median, two tractor-trailers collided nearby. One slid into the median on its side. The other, fully airborne, landed atop the first.

The woman in the car, now hysterical, had to be moved and moved quickly. Unable to reason with the

terrified victim, Primavera forcefully pulled her from the car and carried her on his shoulder to safety.

Aoun, meanwhile, saw that the engine of the one truck had ignited and that fuel was leaking from the other. With one of the drivers still trapped inside, Aoun extinguished the flames before they could reach the leaking fuel.

During the long minutes before help arrived, Primavera and Aoun tended to the injured in as many of the 14 vehicles as they could reach.

In presenting the two men with the Medal of Valor, Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller said that "because of their quick, professional actions under very dangerous conditions, they prevented a more disastrous situation from happening."

Lt. Vernon Weekley, from the Sheriff's Selective Enforcement Unit said, "Being on a motorcycle makes it that much worse. There's no protection, nowhere to go."