IN MONROE COUNTY...

Pigs in the pokey

Back in February, the new $31 million Monroe County Jail on Stock Island came on line. (Stock Island is one island up from Key West.) About that same time, Deputy Becky Herrin, the sheriff’s office media spokesperson started to notice a problem in the neighborhood.

“After the jail opened, I started seeing little ducks smashed on the road,” Herrin said. “The new jail is built up on concrete pilings, and is situated just across the street from Key West’s public golf course. Many Muscovy ducks which formerly lived on the golf course began moving closer and closer to the jail as construction ended. They were sleeping, sitting or crossing the road — and the cars would come around the corner and, in a flash, they’d be duck meat,” Herrin says.

Monroe Sheriff Rick Roth said, “Becky sent me E-mail messages, called me on the phone and saw me in person, and she’d take every opportunity to make mention of the ducks who were getting killed. Like Becky, I thought we might be able to help . . . but little did I know at the time what we’d be getting ourselves into,” concedes a grinning Roth now.

Inmate trusties captured 30 ducks and began caring for them in the open space under and around the jail building. That’s where it was supposed to end.

But, the Key West Citizen ran a story about Roth housing inmates and ducks “in jail.” Soon thereafter, K Mart donated plastic kiddie pools, a local company offered concrete, and inmates built a permanent pond. Herrin placed a duck donation jar in the jail’s employee cafeteria, and collected $150 in two days.

Later, when Key West animal control workers asked the jail to hold two Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs, and the jail officials said okay. Since then, the jail has since okayed five more pigs, as well as goats, rabbits, chickens and a horse.

Herrin announced in a recent newspaper article that they’d welcome a few peacocks if any happened to show up — now they have three. At last count, more than 150 animals resided at the jail.

Maj. Jerry Enos, Monroe County’s jail’s director admits he was a little leery at first, but “this thing has blossomed into a real success story in many ways,” he notes.

Sunday, November 13 marked the opening of the “Monroe County Sheriff’s Animal Park,” a petting zoo for area children to enjoy. “We had nearly 400 people show up for the grand opening,” noted Enos, “and we’ll be open for a few hours every Sunday from now on.”

Sheriff Roth is quick to point out that the animals aren’t costing taxpayers anything, since the food and housing items are derived from donations of money and materials, and inmates provide free labor to care for

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Domestic Violence Task Force

On June 19th, at 11:43 p.m., Cheryl made one of the most important phone calls of her life... she dialed 911. When deputy sheriffs arrived at Cheryl’s house, she was able to provide an accurate physical description of her attacker — including a recent photo — because Cheryl was assaulted by someone she knew — her husband of five years.

Cheryl is not alone. Last year, more than 100,000 incidents of domestic violence were reported statewide. Every 36 hours, a person in Florida is killed as the result of family violence. Last year, 234 people were killed by a family member. Domestic violence is a learned behavior; often passed from one generation to the next. Children who grow up in abusive households are 43 percent more likely to perpetuate the cycle of violence — many of these children are likely to end up in Florida’s prisons.

In response to this epidemic, Governor Lawton Chiles established the Governor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence in September, 1993, which released its first report in January of 1994. Within the report are 225 recommendations needed for Florida to better cope with this crisis. The recommendations included sweeping changes geared towards increasing awareness, as well as providing better methods of education, treatment and prevention of domestic violence in the state of Florida. As part of this effort, Governor Lawton Chiles launched a 12-month statewide campaign in October, which was designated “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

A vital domestic violence package was passed during the 1994 session. Some key components of this legislation include: stricter penalties for abusers; limited visitation and custody rights of convicted abusers; establishment of a statewide registry; for those who have outstanding domestic violence injunctions; tougher enforcement of injunctions.

Sheriffs are essential to the success of this new legislation relating to domestic violence injunctions and their service. Maury Kolchakian of the Association will also be active in the upcoming Domestic Violence Implementation Task Force.

Other vital implementation efforts also include the establishment of a statewide toll-free domestic violence hotline: 1-800-500-1119, as well as a new training curriculum for law enforcement officers.

For more information on the statewide domestic violence response, please contact:
The Governor’s Implementation Task Force on Domestic Violence 210 The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Glock developing special barrel to mark bullets

Glock Inc., a manufacturer of law enforcement weapons, said it will start making handguns that will make it easier to determine which gun fired a particular bullet.

Responding to concerns raised by Miami PD, the company is working on a new design nicknamed the “Miami Barrel” that will provide a “unique signature” on bullets fired from Glock handguns.

The new type of barrel would make it easier for investigators to determine which Glock gun was used to fire a particular bullet, the company said on July 14.

Ballistic experts have complained in the past that it is difficult, if not impossible to match bullets to the Glock guns that fired them. In fact, after experts were unable to determine which of two officers killed a bystander during a shootout, Miami police said they were reassessing whether or not to stick with the Glock weapons.

At that point, technicians at the Smyrna, Georgia company went to work on the “Miami Barrel.”

“We’re researching and developing a tool that will place a mark inside the barrel that will be different in each barrel, with no chance of duplication,” said Robert Gates, national sales manager for Glock. “This mark will then transfer its signature to a fired projectile.”

Glock is still testing the new barrel for accuracy, velocity, longevity and other factors, Gates said.

Courtesy of Crime Control Digest
EDITOR'S CORNER
By Tom Berlinger

Oftentimes, you can, as they say, “see the train coming.” Sometimes, though, it's not a train.

There are a few things that come to mind that have occurred in Florida's criminal justice circle in the past few years that once accomplished — would have predictably terrible results. Strangely enough, though, despite speculation to the contrary — the results went the complete opposite way.

The first such instance I recall occurred in 1987 when I was a deputy in Pasco County. To law enforcement’s collective astonishment, the legislature was considering passage of a law which would allow any and every “Joe Lunchbucket” who wanted a gun permit to get one, if only he met a few qualifications and sent the state a set of prints, a 2” by 3” photo, and a check.

We couldn’t believe it. I distinctly remember sitting among groups of deputies and bosses, and smirking about “those idiots in Tallahassee,” for even thinking about passing such a crazy law.

“We’re gonna be like the wild west,” one Lieutenant mused, “if this law passes, blood will be flowing in the streets,” he suggested. Nobody disagreed.

Last week, an official from Florida’s Department of State, the agency charged with the task of issuing gun permits, informed me that when you look at the number of permits issued (250,381) — then compare that number to the number of permit-holders who have gone on to be caught doing something stupid or unlawful with a weapon (409), it’s almost insignificant (.0016%).

The latest two examples involve county jails — particularly the move to go “smoke-free,” and the recent drive to remove T.V. sets away or strictly limit what's viewed by inmates.

Five years ago, I think most of us would have predicted that the jails would be reduced to rubble by riotous inmates after either of these items were removed from their menu. To the contrary, there is no widespread pandemonium, and I'm not aware of an instance of any major skirmishes at all.

Maybe there’s hope for us yet.

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FSA searches for the '94 Correctional Officer of the Year

Starting last year, the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) began a program which pays tribute to the “FSA Correctional Officer of the Year.” Thus, we recently issued a “Call for Nominations” to all Sheriffs who oversee a county jail, since their employees are the only individuals eligible to be nominated for the honor.

The winner receives a handsome plaque and a check for $1,000. Last year’s winner was C.O. Edward Pelissac of Brevard County.

Nomination forms and supporting documents are due in at FSA headquarters by no later than Friday, December 23rd. The winner will be presented his/her award at the Association’s Mid-Winter Conference on January 31, 1995. The conference will be held at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel in Tampa.

Questions? Call Tom Berlinger of FSA staff at (904) 877-2165.

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Youth and Alcohol Workshops: A Process for Solution

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The call comes in that you may dread the most . . . three, four or perhaps five young people have been killed in a vehicle crash . . . an alcohol involved vehicle crash. It may be your duty to notify the parents. You know the media will be involved, the school will need grief counselors, and the community will be torn apart by these deaths.

The Florida law enforcement officers who are participants in the Youth and Alcohol Workshops have been exploring ways in which to minimize, if not eliminate, these tragedies.

To date, 155 Florida law enforcement managers and practitioners from 46 city, county, and state agencies have been involved in the process of finding solutions to the problems of underage drinking through the Youth and Alcohol Workshops.

In 1993, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration developed a pilot workshop program to focus attention on the specific problem of underage impaired driving. One of the three national pilot programs was held in Jacksonville and

organized by the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM). Law enforcement managers from a wide variety of Florida agencies were invited to participate.

As a result of the tremendous success of the Florida pilot, IPTM, the Florida Office of Highway Safety and the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco combined efforts to offer these workshops to Florida law enforcement agencies.

Six counties were initially identified for the workshops because of their high youth/alcohol crash involvement. Workshops have been held in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Palm Beach, Brevard, Lee and Collier counties. Workshops are planned for fifteen to twenty additional counties starting in October 1994 and continuing through August 1995.

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“Buckle Mobile” hits the streets in Charlotte County

Citizens of Charlotte County are doing a double take at the “Buckle Mobile,” driven by Marsha Bradley. Students wave and proudly show their buckled belt when they see the Buckle Mobile, as Bradley is the Community Relations Officer for the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office.

“My mission is to increase the compliance rate of safety belt use among Charlotte County residents,” said Bradley, a popular person around local schools, hospitals, and day care centers throughout the county who conducts “Occupant Protection” programs.

You can’t miss the Buckle Mobile with graphic designs of “Buckle Bear says Buckle Up,” and Vince & Larry saying “Don’t Be A Dummy, Buckle Up,” and of course, “Don’t Drink and Drive.” Sheriff Richard Worch is very proud of the program and considers the van an instrumental part of his department’s traffic safety efforts.

Support funds were obtained by the sheriff’s office through the Florida DOT Safety Office to purchase the a Ford Aerostar van, a vehicle utilized as a “rolling billboard” for spreading the safety belt message along the roadways of the SW Florida community.

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The participants in the workshop are exposed to current trends and data which explore the nature and extent of underage impaired driving. A number of proven as well as innovative programs designed at limiting access to beverage alcohol are explained.

The workshop provides extensive discussion of the use of underage “stings” aimed at reducing access to beverage alcohol from retail establishments as well as exploring the differences in the reasons, places and times underage persons drink.

One of the most important aspects of the program is the multi-agency problem solving approach that comes from the two breakout sessions. In the first session the participants identify the places and times underage persons drink as well as the obstacles they face for effective enforcement of underage drinking laws. In the second session, the participants use all the tools and ideas learned in the workshop to develop a plan to address the problem of underage drinking, reduction of access to alcohol from licensed dealers and impaired driving in their community.

The workshops are designed for middle and upper level managers with special attention to those who supervise some aspect of traffic law enforcement. The involvement of the Florida Marine Patrol with their emphasis on underage impaired boating, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission with their involvement with underage drinking in rural areas and the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco tie in additional aspects of the underage drinking problem.

The Youth and Alcohol Workshops have the benefit of bringing city, county, and state resources to bear on a problem that is contributing to the death and injury of the public every year. The participants in each workshop have expressed their belief that this concept will really make a difference in solving this problem.

If you would like to participate in one of the workshops or are interested in obtaining additional information concerning future workshops contact Mr. Doyle Morrison, at IPTM, 4567 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32224, phone 904/725-0750.

Sheriffs attend diversity training

Tampa - Fifty-five students, including thirty-five Sheriffs recently attended the state mandated course on Human Diversity and Domestic Violence, a course required for all law enforcement officers.

The twenty-hour course was sponsored by FSA, and taught by Capt. Royce Decker and Sgt. Eddie McConnell of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office.

Elected Sheriffs themselves are exempt from the “40-hours every 4 years” training requirement by law, but they are required to attend this block if they want to collect career incentive monies like regular law enforcement officers.
Prevention and Special Operations Division

By Deputy Hank Bruce
Hillsborough County

AMP — The Hillsborough County SO (HCSO), in cooperation with Dr. Richard Kane of Care Animal Hospital in Brandon, are working together with a new process of animal identification called “Micro-chipping.”

A small chip approximately the size of a grain of rice is implanted under the skin of a host animal and can be detected via the use of a hand-held radio scanner which displays a specific number for each individual microchip.

The process was first introduced to HCSO in March of 1994 by Dr. Kane who demonstrated the procedure by implanting chips in the horses of their sheriff’s office Posse.

Kane is a graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida, a member of the Florida Veterinarian Association and a representative of AVID (American Veterinary Identification Device).

The application of the chip takes just a few seconds and is safer than tattooing or branding. Once implanted the microchip cannot be manipulated or changed. Implanting animals is a major breakthrough for law enforcement officials in the agricultural and animal control industry. The implant enables the investigator to make a positive identification of lost or stolen pets and livestock and quickly return animals to their owners.

Dr. Kane has donated an AVID hand held reader to HCSO and it is currently being utilized as a valuable crime prevention tool.

Hillsborough Sheriff Cal Henderson is totally supportive of the micro-chipping program and has given support to the agriculture unit not only in the investigative aspects, but has directed the unit to lead the way in educating the agricultural community in this advanced technology.

There are several microchip identification companies in existence today. Anyone interested in obtaining more information on micro-chipping or the procedure should contact Agricultural Enforcement Section, Hillsborough County SO, P. O. Box 3371, Tampa, FL 33601 or call 813/247-8995.

Jail inmate nails TV ‘wanted’ suspect

Some in Pensacola think that Sheriffs who have pulled the plug on jail television may want to rethink their policy after a TV watching inmate tattled on a cellmate wanted for attempted murder and other charges.

The video informer recognized a fellow inmate in the Escambia County Jail — John Patrick Kravec, 36 — as a suspect being sought by New York authorities after he was featured on a recent episode of “America’s Most Wanted.” Kravec was being held at the jail on a local auto-theft charge when the fink pointed him out.

In recent months, Sheriffs in several counties have pulled televisions completely or limited viewing to educational, religious, and all-news stations in an effort to make jail more like “jail” which was originally intended to be.
Letter carriers as crime-fighters

Neighborhood policing took a giant step forward recently when Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger began providing programmed cellular phones to letter carriers.

Thirty-five U.S. Postal Service letter carriers received mobile phones and training from the sheriff's office, giving residential carriers instant communications with police, fire, or medical services. The cellular phones, purchased with funds confiscated from drug seizures, are programmed to block all calling capabilities except 911 emergency, and a non-emergency telephone number to the sheriff's office communications center.

Eslinger announced the program called CARE (Carrier Alert Residential Emphasis) as a cooperative effort between his office, local post offices, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the Florida Rural Carriers Association that serve the Seminole County community.

One carrier said, "This is a blessing. I wish I had one of these the other day when a car with two teenagers ran into a pole. By the time someone ran to the nearest store and called 911 to summon an ambulance, one was dead."

Many carriers said that there were times when they observed suspicious activity but hesitated to spend the time to find a phone to call, because, "it might not be anything, anyway." Now, armed with a cell phone, carriers will act on their hunches and law enforcement will be more than glad to respond to check out the situation.

"This is a natural extension of things we've been doing for years," said Gary Wain, president of the 1,500 member central Florida chapter of the NALC. "Letter carriers are generally community-minded, and many have been recognized for acts of heroism or for helping someone in danger on their routes," said Wain.

For more information on the program, contact Ms. Barbara O'Hara, a sheriff's office planner, at (407) 330-6681.

Hillsborough hosts police car evaluation program

On October 6-7, Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson and his agency, in conjunction with the Florida Sheriffs Association, conducted the Third Annual Police Car Evaluation Conference.

About 100 law enforcement officers from throughout the southeastern United States attended the event which was held at the Marriott Westshore Hotel and the Florida State Fair Expo Park in Tampa.

The conference provides the participants the opportunity to test drive '95 model vehicles that have been designed for the unique and often demanding environment of law enforcement.

"Giving practitioners the opportunity to test drive police cars through a specially designed obstacle track and to hold face to face discussions with vehicle manufacturers and engineers is what makes the program unique," Sheriff Henderson said.

Conference participants get a hands-on look at the new vehicles before the bidding process and fleet purchases are made. It provides prospective buyers a "seat of the pants feel for the new police cars," said Col. Daron Diecidue.

In addition to the presentations by the manufacturers, the fleet managers from Hillsborough Sheriff's Office provided an overview of their "Vehicle Management Plan," As utilized by their agency, the plan extends the product life of the vehicle from four years or 80,000 miles to six years or 120,000 miles.
Sheriff questions DOC’s use of inmates for “bait”

St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles said he nearly fell out of his chair when he learned that Florida’s prison known as Martin Correctional Institute (MCI) was training their tracking dogs by using convicted murderers as “bait.”

Department of Corrections officials are investigating the incident and said it may have been “unwise” for MCI in Indiantown to let a convicted second-degree murderer who was sentenced to 200 years in prison loose in the woods in order to train a bloodhound.

Inmate David Graham, 39, wearing a blue uniform and orange vest was let loose in a desolate area and given a 30-minute head start before bloodhounds started tracking for him.

After searching for a half-hour, DOC called the sheriff’s office via 911 to report the lost inmate. A St. Lucie County deputy saw Graham coming out of the bushes - without his orange vest and bandanna, but with a screwdriver officials said he found.

He was sentenced in 1975 to 198 years for killing two people in Broward County, and he’s tentatively scheduled for release in May, 2076.

Aside from a rather lengthy term to go, he’s far from being a “model” inmate. He’s been disciplined in prison 55 times, with the most serious charge being possession of a weapon 10 years ago, yet he’s considered a minimum security prisoner. And, he’s been used for previous K-9 training exercises without incident, according to DOC.

“This whole thing defies common sense, it really does, to be using a convicted felon — a murderer — instead of an employee,” an angry Knowles told one his local newspapers, “this is the kind of stuff David Letterman talks about on his show. I can hear it now: ‘Now, I don’t make this stuff up, folks, this one comes from Florida.’”

DOC Chief Prison Inspector Gary McLain said, “it seems to me that a man who has been sentenced to more than 100 years should not be the one setting trails for the dogs.”

Cops & Computers Seminar Planned

The Florida Law Enforcement Property Recovery Unit is presenting a “Cops & Computers” training seminar at the Twin Towers Hotel in Orlando, May 10-12, 1995. For more information, contact Heather Hughes at 1-900-202-2807 or 407-297-2807.

Forensic Symposium to be held in Orlando

The Law Enforcement Forensic Advisory Committee (LEFAC) recently announced that it is sponsoring a national training symposium for prosecutors, defense attorneys, criminal investigators and laboratory technicians. The sessions will be held February 1-3, 1995 in Orlando. For additional information or a brochure, call (904) 527-1549.