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Cynthia Pall named FSA's 1998 Correctional Officer of the Year

ST. AUGUSTINE - Have you ever been anyone's "supervisor" at work? If you have, no matter your chosen field, I'll bet that you can still name those precious few employees that you wish you could have cloned.

They're the ones who, day in and day out, have always got a smile. They know your operation better than everyone else; they're always looking to solve problems rather than tell you about them; and they're constantly figuring out new and better ways to carry out the mission of the organization.

Well, in January, Lt. Cynthia Pall of the Hillsborough County S.O. was named the FSA's 1998 Correctional Officer of the Year for all of those reasons and many, many more.

Although she has worked in various capacities within Hillsborough County Detention Division over the last 21 years, Lt. Pall is currently the commander of the Transportation Section, a specialized component that is made up of a total of 40 inmate transport deputies.

As we all know, with Florida's gigantic size, inter-county prisoner transportation is a major consideration. In 1997 alone, Hillsborough County's Transportation Section



Lt. Cynthia Pall and National Sheriffs Association President, Dan Smith.

logged over 700,000 miles delivering and retrieving inmates to courtrooms, and from jails and prisons located in every corner of the state.

Previous to her assignment in Transportation though, Lt. Pall served as a Shift Commander in Central Booking at the Orient Road Jail, one of the nation's largest county jail facilities. Their booking desk processes over 60,000 inmates a year!

"As shift commander, Cynthia's in-depth knowledge of the complexities of the booking process, her understanding of agency policies, and her ability to accurately interpret the laws which apply contribute to the many successes she enjoys," said Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson in his nomination.

In the recent past, Lt. Pall initiated three major programs that stand out as shining examples of her ability

and willingness to tackle and solve major problems.

In the first instance, the speed required to handle the high volume of bookings was causing numerous data entry mistakes to be made during the booking process. "Mistakes during the booking process are a recipe for disaster," noted Col. David Parrish, the jail's commander.

After careful thought, Lt. Pall established the "Booking Clerk Course," a tailor-made, one-of-a-kind training course specifically designed for all newly assigned booking clerks. The result of the course was a drastic drop in the error rate, and a more productive shift operation. Pall planned and developed the course on her own time, then presented much of the training herself, despite her other supervisory duties.

The second problem she solved actually had its roots back in 1995, when Hillsborough was faced with an inordinate increase in the number of misdemeanor arrest warrants and bookings into their jail.

In fact, the number was more than their booking clerks could handle, and more arrest warrants (90,000) than the agency's warrants division could reasonably be expected to serve as well.

In response to the dilemma, Pall developed the "Self-Arrest Program." Now, on misdemeanors and some felonies, defendants are given

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Sheriff Henderson

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an opportunity to telephone the jail and "make an appointment to be booked." Then, at the appointed time, the defendant might actually be allowed to resolve the charge on the spot, avoiding an on-street arrest. Conversely, the sheriff's office benefited by substantially decreasing the number of unserved warrants.

Lt. Pall also established the "Satellite Booking Program" in an effort to expedite and streamline the booking process. She designed a system that allows the arresting officer to initiate the booking process while still in the field. A booking clerk is assigned to the sheriff's office substations, and is responsible for entering the arrested person's information into the master computer system. Upon arrival at the back door of the jail, approximately 90% of the data essential for booking is already in the system. The bottom line result was that arresting officers could go back to their patrol duties in record speed.

"Cynthia is a visionary, capable of assessing today's issues and preparing us for tomorrow's solutions," noted Sheriff Henderson.

As 1998's winner, Lt. Pall was presented a handsome plaque, and a check for \$1,000 at the banquet of the FSA Mid-Winter Conference.

Two runners-up are also named

In addition to the big prize, FSA also names two runners-up for the award. Here they are.

Sgt. Beverly E. Morrison of Palm Beach County

One of the two runners-up is Sgt. Beverly Morrison, a woman who serves as the event coordinator for the Palm Beach County Jail. "What in the world is an event coordinator in a jail?" Well, in Palm Beach County, it involves a host of things.

In many jail systems, particularly the larger ones, there is an array of activities that the jail is involved in that do not necessarily involve holding inmates in the cell-block, and that's where Sgt. Morrison comes in.

As a woman "of extraordinary energy," according to Palm Beach County Sheriff Bob Neumann, Morrison is involved, among other things, with the responsibility of "proactively addressing juvenile crime" in their community. Towards that end, Sgt. Morrison made numerous presentations to area youth and provided tours of the jail facility to "at-risk" kids.

Despite her own active family life, Morrison is usually "the first to arrive and last to leave" the jail facility each day. She coordinates and supervises many field trips in conjunction with the Palm Beach County School System, the courts, and the local Juvenile Justice offices.

On a daily basis, Sgt. Morrison displays a keen sense of commitment to those kids who are considered borderline delinquent. So much so, in fact, that she often comes in at night after her normal working hours, and counsels one-on-one with them.

"Beverly gets involved in more community service projects than any one person I know," notes Hal Wilber, the director of Palm Beach County's jail system, "We couldn't be more proud of her accomplishments than we are."

Maj. Martin Stephens of Alachua County

Martin Stephens was first employed by the U.S. Army as an M.P. in 1957, thus beginning a lifetime of public service. Three years later, Stephens was hired by the Ocala PD. Then, in 1964, he joined the Marion County S.O., rising through the ranks to achieve the rank of Major. He retired from Mar-

ion County in April, 1997 with more than forty years of law enforcement behind him.

So what has any of this got to do with winning an award reserved exclusively for correctional officers?

Well, six months after his retirement, Alachua County Sheriff Steve Oelrich was faced with a challenge.

For over a decade prior to 1997, the county commission was operating the Alachua County Jail as a county department rather than having it as a part of their county sheriff's office operations. The commission voted to give the jail operation back to the sheriff. So, they negotiated with Oelrich to reassume its command. Then, needing an interim jail commander to take charge during an extremely difficult transition period, Stephens took the sheriff up on an offer.

"Maj. Stephens inherited a jail system that was lacking in leadership, was fifty correctional officers short, was suffering from a high sickness and absentee rate, and was sky-high in overtime costs to make up for the deficiency," noted the sheriff.

"In one year, Maj. Stephens was able to turn the tide. He transformed the jail into a well-run facility - one which now abounds with professionalism and pride," noted a smiling Sheriff Oelrich.

"And, as a bonus, through Stephens' leadership and the hard work of many very dedicated employees, I was able to return \$491,294 to the county taxpayers at the end of that first year!"

Then, on November 26, 1998, Maj. Martin Stephens quietly slipped back into retirement, confident that he had fulfilled his obligation and promise to handle the transition in a professional and orderly manner, and save almost a half-million dollars in the process!

EDITOR'S CORNER

By Tom Berlinger



Chance meeting stirs the emotions of a bygone era

A year or so ago, I wrote an article about Nat Glover, Jacksonville's sheriff who donated about \$240,000 of his own money to fund scholarships for needy youngsters. Glover, the first African-American to be elected sheriff anywhere in Florida in this century, recently recalled an event from his childhood. A bizarre twist of fate occurred 35 years later. Read on.

The story begins when Glover was a struggling 17-year old in the early 60's. He worked at Morrison's Cafeteria in downtown Jacksonville. After completing a shift one particular Saturday, he walked along the perimeter of Hemming Park toward his home - and directly into the path of an angry mob of white segregationists, many of whom were armed with ax handles.

Members of the mob were taunting Glover when, out of nowhere, he

felt a telling blow across the shoulder. The ax handle glanced off his shoulder and struck him in the head. Seeking refuge, he ran towards a police officer who was stationed a short distance away. But, instead of arresting the lawbreaker, the officer told Glover, "...Get out of town, before they kill you."

"If I live to be a thousand, I'll never forget those words," notes Glover.

After reaching his home, Glover recalls weeping, not for his injuries, but because the very wise and rational act of running away seemed, in his youthful mind, to be somehow cowardly.

Move the clock forward over 35 years later, to the year 1996. It was the year after Glover was elected sheriff. And, as every sheriff is called upon to do, he was speaking before a neighborhood gathering of residents.

In the weeks prior to this particular public appearance, Glover had related the story of his childhood encounter with the unruly mob of white thugs to a local newspaper reporter. He used the story to show just how far the racial situation had progressed in Jacksonville between then and now. The story was published in the paper. As the victim of this vicious attack, Glover had as much of an appreciation for how history ultimately played itself out as anybody.

"After I gave my presentation, a gentleman approached me and asked if he could speak with me privately. I told him that I'd be glad to talk with him as soon as I was done with the others who had cornered me to chat. He stood off to the side waiting patiently for the rest to leave..."

"It took quite a while, but he diligently waited until everyone else was done before he again approached me. He then told me that he had read the recent newspaper story that chronicled my recent retelling of the encounter with the angry mob some 35 years before. Then he told me, with tears in his eyes, that he was one of the members of the mob that day. Voice trembling, he asked for forgiveness for what they did to me."

"He was visibly shaken... so I told him that if in any way my forgiving him would vindicate him from the emotional trauma he was feeling for being a part of that... I wanted him to know that I forgave him. He seemed relieved."

"This chance meeting was emotionally traumatic for me as well," Glover noted in a somber tone.

"But as I reflect on that incident, and see how I've been able to come from where I was — to where I am now, I have to think that somehow God allowed me to experience that awful day... to make me a better and more sensitive sheriff."

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Hillsborough and Martin sheriff online with novel ideas

You might call it neighborhood policing, Internet-style.

At Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in Tampa, the web page has just gotten a little more interesting lately... A person can click in and find out whether they're wanted by the cops, or even if their next door neighbor or friend has been booked into the Hillsborough County Jail according to a recent story in the Tampa Tribune written by Darlene McCormick.

Is traffic a concern? Accidents throughout the county are updated in real time, and websurfers can find out which intersections suffer the most accidents every month.

Residents can also plug in their home address and find crime statistics within blocks of their home. The information online includes the types of crime and whether the number is high, low or average.



The website address: <http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us> made its debut in early February, and over 5,000 persons logged to check it out in the first 24 hours of operation!

The site was in the works about 3-4 months and was "Designed with citizen users in mind," said Sheriff Cal Henderson, "It's a lot of work to keep up, so you've got to make it interesting if you want people to use it."

Jail bookings promise to be a big draw since the files will include local warrants, bail information, and it will tell people what to do if they show up as "wanted" on the website.

"We're open to suggestions," notes Sgt. Al Frost of Hillsborough Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Bureau. "If it's a needed item and it's possible, we'll do it."

And in Martin County

Keeping tabs on Martin County sheriff's deputies is only a mouse click away, thanks to some recent technology.

In late January, their agency debuted something that will amaze most of you... a page that's updated every minute that allows internet users to track units responding to any and all incidents across the county.

"We've had citizens listening to us on police radio scanners since radios were invented," noted Sheriff Bob Crowder, "So why not provide what amounts to a printed 'police scanner' live on the internet?"

The page can be accessed at: <http://www.martin.fl.us/> at the link they call "Sheriff Scan."

"It's the wave of the future as far as everything being publicly available over the internet," says Sgt. Bill Sprague. "This give the public a little bit of a feel for what we're doing."

Some details do not appear on the site such as the site of serious car crashes.

"We had to research the legality of what we could release in a live format and still protect certain victims under the law," said Sprague, who joined the sheriff's office some 27 years ago.

"We have also excluded all prisoner transports from the website out of concern for officer safety," notes Sprague.

Last count showed that the Martin County site was receiving several hundred visitors to the website each day, a number that's surely to grow in the months and years ahead.

Hostage negotiators set annual meeting

The Florida Association of Hostage Negotiators has scheduled its second annual training seminar and



conference. It will be held at the Delta Resort in Orlando beginning on June 8th. Although not yet finalized, the conference agenda will include high-risk incident review presentations and smaller group workshops. For additional information, call Lt. Clyde Hendrick of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (727) 582-6301, OR Investigator Chris Summers of the Tallahassee Police Department (850) 891-4552.



Traffic law summaries available free on internet

Now there is a quick and easy way to find summaries of the most recent court rulings on traffic related issues. Simply click on :

<<http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/Intranet/Bulletins>>

These summaries are prepared by the Florida Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Office of the General Counsel, to alert FHP and other local law enforcement officers of legal issues and analysis. The summaries are generated from the Attorney General's Criminal Law Alert and Appellate Alert and reworked to fit the needs of the Department. Each case has a topic reference, so you can target cases on topics which interest you the most.

*Courtesy of Carla Oglo, Staff Attorney,
Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association*

Florida Sheriffs Associations

1999 Annual Administrative Management Training Seminar

Come May, Sheriffs and their Administrative and Command Staff members throughout the State of Florida will assemble at the Indian River Plantation Marriott Resort in Stuart for the Florida Sheriffs Association's 1999 Annual Administrative Management Training Seminar.

This three-day comprehensive training program is designed for Sheriffs Offices administrative and command staff personnel whose responsibilities include such areas as finance, accounting, budgeting, data processing, personnel, human resources, training, labor relations, legal, purchasing, records management, law enforcement or jail administrative management, etc.

While this program is designed to benefit all levels of management and agency employees, this program should be required training for admin-

istrative officers and command staff personnel who have any level of involvement with the development and/or enforcement of their agency's policies and procedures and are responsible or training to become responsible for the management and supervision of others.

This course may be approved for up to 20 hours towards mandatory retraining credit and the expenditure of local dollar funds at the discretion of the participant's agency head or their designee. This program is approved for 20 hours of credit for the Sheriff's Salary Supplement Program.

Complete details regarding seminar registration and hotel information will be mailed to the Sheriffs Offices. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact either Gary Perkins or Peggy Goff at (850) 877-2165.

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Date & Time	TRACK I	TRACK II	TRACK III
TUESDAY MAY 25, 1999	PERSONNEL & HUMAN RESOURCES	ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	COMMAND STAFF
8:00 - 5:00 pm	Trade Show Setup for Sponsors' Exhibits	Trade Show Setup for Sponsors' Exhibits	Trade Show Setup for Sponsors' Exhibits
8:00 - 5:00 pm	Seminar Registration	Seminar Registration	Seminar Registration
1:00 - 1:15 pm	General Assembly	General Assembly	General Assembly
1:15 - 1:35 pm	Keynote Speaker - Florida's Drug Czar	Keynote Speaker - Florida's Drug Czar	Keynote Speaker - Florida's Drug Czar
1:35 - 2:35 pm	Secrets to Being Successful	Secrets to Being Successful	Secrets to Being Successful
2:35 - 2:50 pm	Break	Break	Break
2:50 - 3:45 pm	Continuation of . . . Secrets to Being Successful	Continuation of . . . Secrets to Being Successful	Continuation of . . . Secrets to Being Successful
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break	Break	Break
4:00 - 5:30 pm	Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice in Florida	Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice in Florida	Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice in Florida
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall

Date & Time	TRACK I	TRACK II	TRACK III
WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 1999	PERSONNEL & HUMAN RESOURCES	ACCOUNTING & FINANCE	COMMAND STAFF
7:30 - 8:15 am	Coffee & Danish Break	Coffee & Danish Break	Coffee & Danish Break
8:15 - 9:15 am	Psychological Paychecks	Internet Resources for the Finance Officer	Keeping the Tarnish off the Star
9:15 - 9:30 am	Break	Break	Break
9:30 - 10:30 am	Workers Compensation for the Law Enforcement Human Resource Professional	The Nuts and Bolts of Federal Asset Forfeiture	Certification of Integrity
10:30 - 12:00 noon	Violence in the Workplace	The Development of Community Based Performance Indicators	The How of Character Training
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	FMLA . . . A Model Approach	Florida Retirement System Update	Healing Fractures Between Police & Community
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Break	Break	Break
2:15 - 3:15 pm	The ABC's of Law Enforcement Recruiting	How to Prepare/Survive a COPS Audit	Continuation of . . . Healing Fractures Between Police & Community
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Break	Break	Break
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Continuation of . . . The ABC's of Law Enforcement Recruiting	Records Management	Reduce Complaints: Meeting Public Expectations in Traffic Stops
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Break	Break	Break
4:45 - 5:30 pm	Strategies for Appealing Unemployment Claims	Budget Strategy - Knowing the County's Budget	Continuation of . . . Reduce Complaints: Meeting Public Expectations in Traffic Stops
6:00 - 7:00 pm	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall	Hospitality in Exhibit Hall
THURSDAY MAY 27, 1999			
7:30 - 8:15 am	Coffee & Danish Break	Coffee & Danish Break	Coffee & Danish Break
8:15 - 9:15 am	Labor Law Issues	Using Business Plans to Set Strategic Direction	Developing Managers & Supervisors for the New Millennium
9:15 - 9:30 am	Break	Break	Break
9:30 - 10:15 am	Continuation of . . . Labor Law Issues	The Specifics of Lease Purchase/Capital Budgeting	Continuation of . . . Developing Managers & Supervisors for the New Millennium
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break	Break	Break
10:30 - 12:00 noon	Personnel/Human Resources Roundtable Discussion	Finance/Accounting Roundtable Discussion	Electronic Music Festival - A.K.A. A Rave
12:00 - 1:00 pm	End of Program	End of Program	Lunch - On Your Own
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Special Note: Participants who wish to receive 20 hours towards their mandatory retraining credit and Sheriffs who wish to meet their 20 hour Salary Supplement requirement MUST ATTEND THIS 1:00 - 4:30 P.M. SEGMENT.		Tour & Overview of Martin Co. S.O. Dispatch Center & CAD System; JOTC Boot Camp & Interview Cadets

Thousands honor fallen deputy

On March 8, Deputy Sheriff Steve Roberts was laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Fort Pierce. Thousands of friends, fellow law enforcement officers and total strangers came to say goodbye to somebody that many never knew - except in spirit.

About a month before, on February 11, Roberts, a 14-year veteran of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office who rode motorcycle patrol, was on his way to the scene of a car accident when he, himself, was involved in a terrible crash.

"In the weeks between Steve's horrible accident and the day he was buried, we witnessed a showing of public support for our profession, the likes of which have never been seen before in this entire region," noted a somber "Bobby" Knowles, now serving in his 4th term as St. Lucie County Sheriff.

The deputy's accident made statewide news over the stretch of several weeks because of the freakish nature of what happened. In an effort to save his life, surgeons were forced to amputate both of Roberts' legs. They didn't know it then, but the fight to save his life had only just begun.

"Steve needed more units of

blood than probably anyone I've ever known about, said Sheriff Knowles, "And from the extensive news coverage, we had hundreds of fellow officers and citizens come from all around to donate in his behalf."



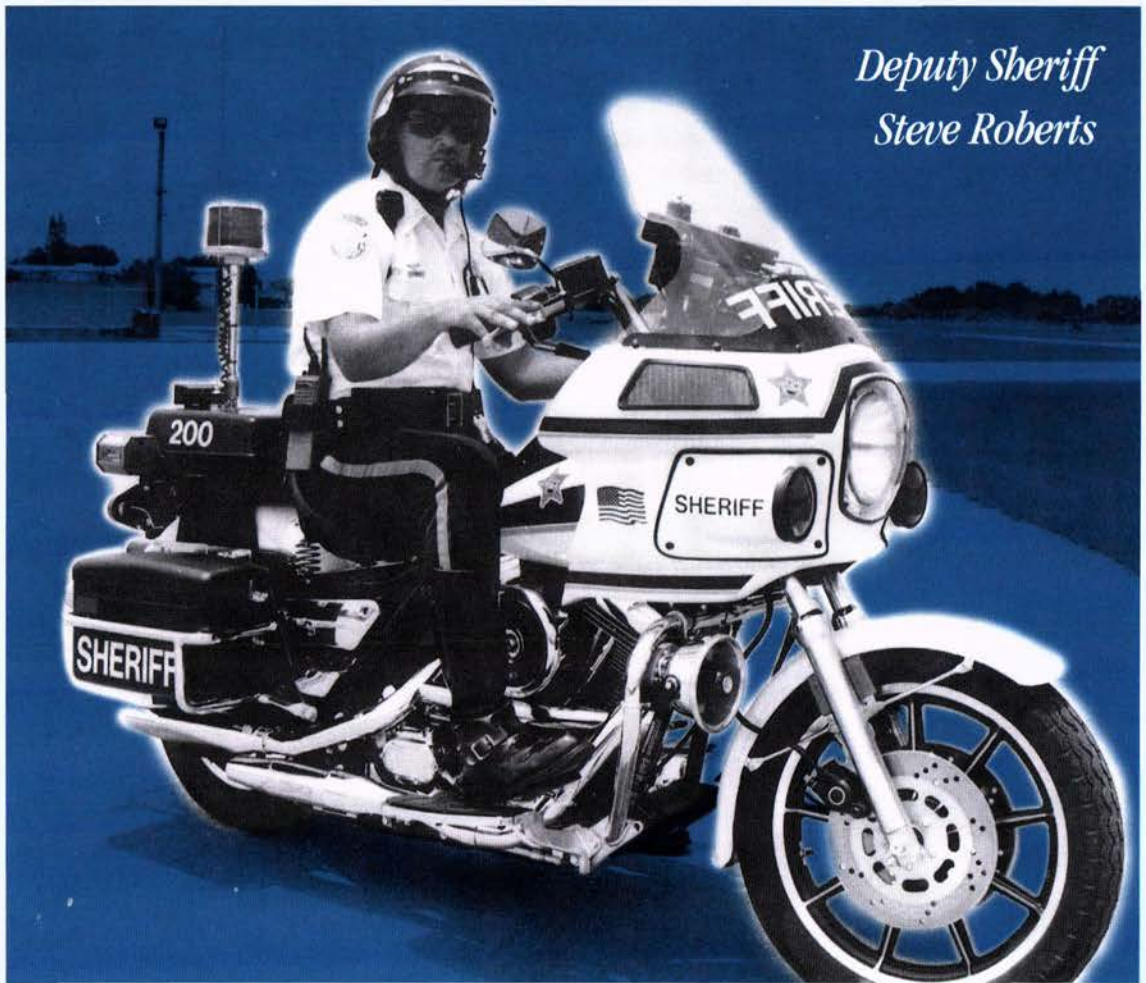
Sheriff Knowles

"In the end, though, the many medical complications that besieged him made the job of keeping Steve alive an insurmountable task."

The throng which came to the memorial service held for Deputy Roberts was so large that it had to be held in the St. Lucie County Civic Center.

A relative few of us met you, Steve. But we all feel like we knew you...

*Deputy Sheriff
Steve Roberts*



JAIL POPULATION DATA IS ON THE WEB

Need data on Florida's county jail populations? Well, the Florida Department of Corrections has added that information and updates it regularly.

Check out the site at:
<<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/executive/research/jails/index.html>>



TALLAHASSEE - In a statewide press conference and awards ceremony held March 29 at the state Capitol, MADD honored all Florida law enforcement officers who achieved the milestone of arresting 100 or more DUI offenders in calendar year 1998.



When the tally was in, a total of 101 law enforcement officers were awarded a plaque recognizing them as the leaders in capturing DUI offenders and bringing them to justice. Of that total, we are proud to announce that 60 (59%) were deputy sheriffs from one of our sheriff's offices; 33 were city police officers; and 8 were troopers of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Since FSA's primary focus is sheriff's offices, here is a listing of deputy sheriffs who were honored:

MADD honors the 100+ Club

BREVARD COUNTY

Robert F. Wagner
Susanne M. Ravn
Linda L. Murray

BROWARD COUNTY

Ignacio Vila
James E. Herbert
Terence R. Hanstein
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Keith Ierubino

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Sam Ivey

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Gregory Williams
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Jackie Brock
Jerry Harris
Dale Hyder
Donald Kersh
Jacques Girard
Paul Shute

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R.W. Nader
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R.D. Williamson
K.O. Barron
W.J. Wollery
C.E. Jarrell

MARION COUNTY

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Bryan Irvings

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Bill Hardman

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership

The Fiscal Year 1999 Appropriations Act, Public Law 105-181, provides \$25 million for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of the act is to protect the lives of law enforcement officers by helping states and units of local government equip their law enforcement officers with armor vests.

The CEO of each eligible jurisdiction will coordinate the vest needs among all law enforcement agencies within that jurisdiction. Federal payment will cover up to 50% of each jurisdiction's total costs, including taxes, shipping, and handling charges.

In a new twist, the entire application and payment process for the partnership will occur through the Internet. Beginning in mid-March,

1999, eligible applicants are able to register at the program's web site: <http://vests.ojp.gov>

There are some special program requirements that must be met, including a clause that requires that; "at least half the funds disbursed through this program must go to units of government serving fewer than 100,000 residents."

For further information on the grant act, pull up the aforementioned website, or contact the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1-800-421-6770 or (202) 307-1480.

NSA offers publication on courthouse security

The National Sheriffs' Association has recently released a research publication entitled, "The Unified Judicial System and it's Authority, Duties, and

Protective Issues Within the Court-house and Courtroom Setting."

"This research provides much useful information for the nation's sheriffs who, in most cases, have the primary jurisdiction for providing courthouse, courtroom, and prisoner transport services, as well as for the judicial, law enforcement, public safety agencies and private security companies," according to A.N. "Bubby" Moser, Jr., NSA's executive director.

"We realize that some individuals shall only review and use certain portions of this publication, and the publication was written with that purpose in mind," notes Moser.

The information is provided as a research service for readers and the researcher does not purport to furnish legal advice or assistance.

The cost of the 155 page is \$30, including shipping and handling, and you can order it by calling NSA at 1-800-424-STAR.

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Fugitive apprehension program exceeds expectations

TALLAHASSEE - FDLE announced that the Statewide Violent Fugitive Apprehension Program (SVFAP) recorded notable numbers during fiscal year 97-98. During this reporting period, the program resulted in 1,295 arrests. Of that number, 56% of the fugitives had violent histories and were wanted for crimes including murder, sexual battery, robbery and kidnapping.

One high-profile fugitive arrested during this time period was Juan Jesus Fleitas. Fleitas, along with four other inmates, was serving a life sentence at Glades Correctional Institution in Palm Beach County when the group escaped from the prison in 1995. Within days of the breakout, three suspects were recaptured, and one was killed. Fleitas was finally taken into custody in Mexico in September 1997.

The fugitive program enjoyed many achievements. Chief among them was that there were 722 FDLE assisted fugitive apprehensions; 10 training sessions held; 165 law officers were trained in apprehension techniques; and 7 apprehension task forces were established.

The complete Violent Fugitive Pro-



gram Annual Report, including regional summaries, statistics, goals and Florida's Most Wanted is available online, at <<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>>

Report says, "Marijuana is not Medicine"

Claims that marijuana may be smoked as a medicine were unsupported this month with the release of a long-awaited Institute of Medicine (IOM) report in Washington, D.C. The study was commissioned by President Clinton's anti-drug chief, General Barry McCaffrey, to review claims that smoking marijuana can be therapeutic in the treatment of AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, and other illnesses.

Leading doctors and researchers on both sides of the issue were asked to review all scientific data currently available to decide the issue. The conclusion: smoking marijuana is not medicine.

The report comes as good news to Terry Hensley, executive director of the Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. "This study says that if smoked marijuana is to be used as a medicine, it would have to be done under the supervision of the patient's physician. And then, only after all other medical alternatives are exhausted."

To learn more about the Drug Free America Foundation, visit their website at: <<http://www.DFAF.org>>



Sheriff Henderson spends 58 hours on perch

TAMPA - It's amazing what some people are willing to do for charity!

To raise funds for Special Olympics, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs have done a lot of things over the years. Some run in the annual "Law Enforcement Torch Run," while others bag groceries or act as servers in local restaurants, with "tips" being donated to Florida Special Olympics.

Instead, he decided to live high on a platform above the intersection of North Dale Mabry Highway and Waters Avenue for 58 straight hours!

Armed with a small tent, a cot, a reclining chair, a large umbrella, a wide-brimmed hat and a cellular phone, he was able to raise the tidy sum of \$27,840 for one of our favorite charities.

To answer the other question you're all wondering about, no, there was no bathroom facilities up on the platform. Part of the deal he made allowed him a 10-minute break every hour, and access to nearby facilities.

While in his temporary headquarters, the high-flyin' sheriff dined on a variety of take-out meals delivered to him by deputies.

"I might urge other sheriffs to do this, but if they do, I would hope that they do this voluntarily on their own rather than at my urging," the sheriff noted with a grin, "Otherwise, they'll want to kill me when they get down."

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