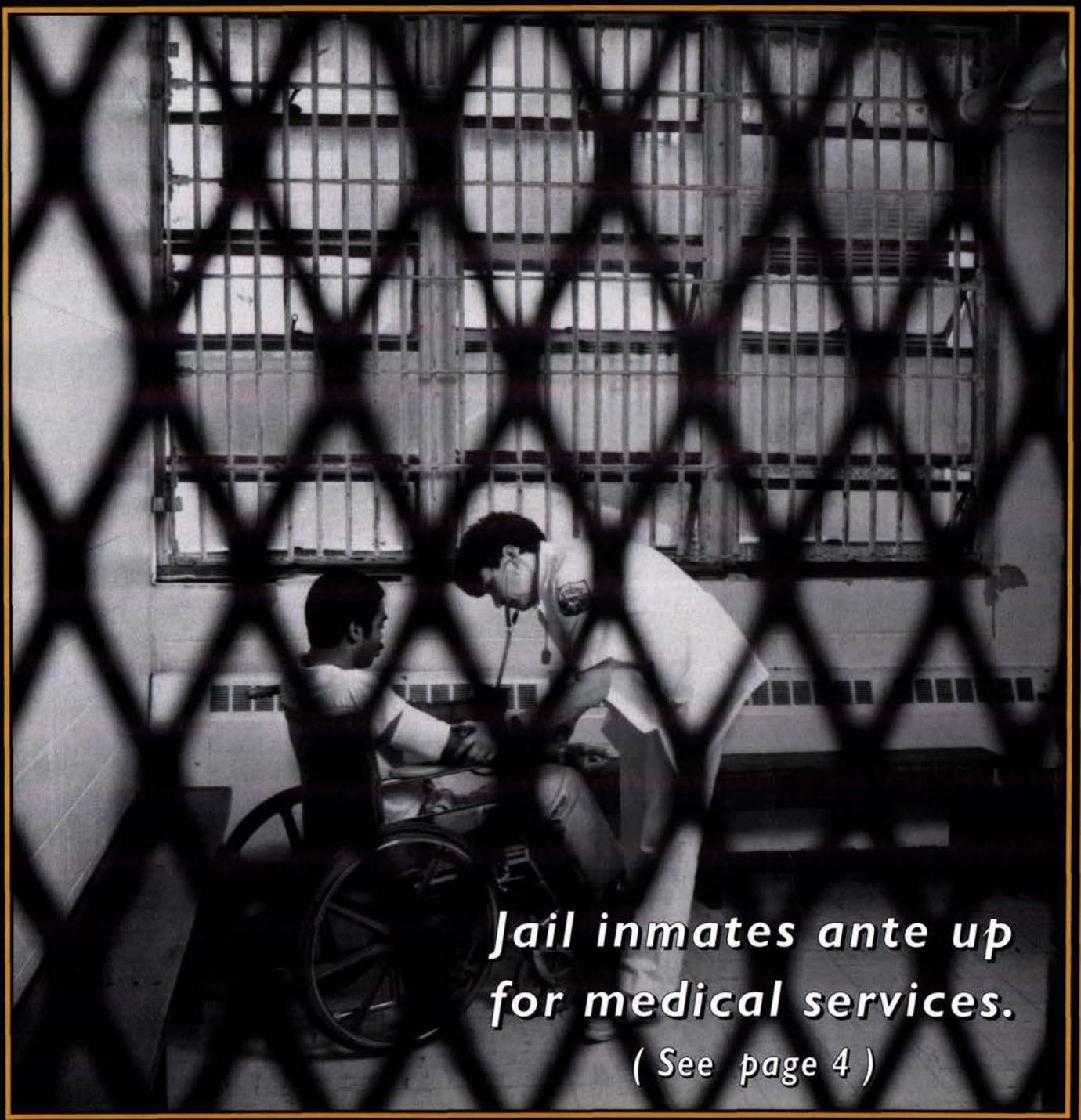


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Citizen Observer Patrol aids Sheriff in nation's fastest growing county

BUNNELL — To maintain peace and tranquility in Flagler County — recently tagged by the U.S. Census Bureau as the nation's fastest growing county — Sheriff Robert McCarthy needs all the help he can get.

And, he's getting it from volunteers who have enlisted in a new Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) designed to give him extra eyes and ears.

Started in July, the COP is expected to recruit more than 50 trained observers who will cruise selected areas on the lookout for crimes and other emergencies. Before going on patrol, the volunteers will be taught what to look for, and how to radio information to the Sheriff's dispatchers. They will not have arrest powers.

"If they see someone breaking into a house, I don't even want them to stop, just radio it in," said Maj. Pete Reid, who will train and command the group. He said he wants to avoid any possibility that the volunteers might get hurt.

The COP volunteers will ride in high mileage, well maintained cars that have been retired from active duty and have a distinctive yellow and green color scheme to distinguish them from regular patrol cars. At least three



Sheriff Robert McCarthy (left) and Maj. Pete Reid with one of the distinctively marked Citizen Observer Patrol cars.

volunteers will be needed per shift — two as driver and observer in a COP car, and one to man a base station for radio communication.

Located on the east coast, Flagler County maintained a growth rate of 207.7 percent to reach a total population of 33,578 between 1980 and 1992, according to a Census Bureau publication. This made it the fastest growing county in the nation ahead of Douglas County, Colorado, 191.4 %; Camden County, Georgia, 181.7%; Matanuska-Susilna County, Alaska, 152.2%; and Hernando County, Florida, 146.5%.

Strong believer donates \$900 to bicycle patrol

ORLANDO — Because he has a strong belief that bicycle patrols are important in the war against crime, Philip Chandler (left) donated \$900 to the Orange County Sheriff's Office Bike Patrol for the purchase of new bikes. Sheriff Kevin Beary accepted the gift; and Barbara Rowe, Central Florida Coordinator for Stop



Turning Out Prisoners, was so impressed with Philip's benevolence that she matched it! Philip is the 17-year-old son of Ocoee Police Detective Jim Chandler, and a crime victim with horrible memories of a July, 1993, carjacking. He was found near death, after the carjackers locked him in the hot trunk of his car, then drove around for hours before dumping him.

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A master of modesty

SARASOTA — Sheriff Geoff Monge is a master of modesty. Asked recently how the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office fared in the 27th Annual Florida Law Enforcement Olympics, he merely said "we did well."



Probing revealed that 80 employees returned from the Olympics with 58 gold, 50 silver and 35 bronze medals, after capturing second place among the state's largest law enforcement agencies — those with more than 250 sworn officers.

Monge, who was born April 2, 1945, and will reach the big "five oh" in 1995, set a fine example by winning gold medals in the 1600 and Sprint Medley Relays, Javelin, High Jump and 200 Meter Run; and silver medals in the 400 Relay, Shot, Hurdles and 400 Meter event.

Held in Tallahassee, the Olympics involved 3,500 certified officers from 142 city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Monge-led men and women placed first in 1986, 1987, and 1988 when Sarasota County was in Division II, com-

peting against agencies with less than 250 sworn officers. After graduating to Division I and competing against larger agencies in 1989, the Sarasota S.O. advanced from fifth place that year to second place in 1994. Yes, Geoff, well done!

Fax Circuit alerts merchants

TAVARES — Lake County merchants are less likely to get ripped off now that the Merchants Intelligence Unit of the Sheriff's Office is feeding information into a countywide "fax circuit."

To keep the circuit up and running, Detective Nick Pallito gathers information about crime trends, scams and ripoffs, then warns merchants by sending out facsimile messages. The information comes from law enforcement agencies in and around Lake County, and from the merchants themselves.

For example, when banks in other counties were being hit by fraudulent scams, and thieves were stealing nitrous oxide from dentists, the bankers and dentists in Lake County were duly warned. From Pollito's point of view, forewarned is forearmed.

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by Tom Berlinger
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“You’re takin’ away all our benefits,” a somewhat miffed prisoner recently told Pasco County Sheriff Lee Cannon, “whatta ya gonna do next, charge us for toilet paper?”

In what appears to be a growing trend, a number of Florida’s Sheriffs are now starting to charge jail inmates for certain types of medical treatments which were traditionally paid for by the taxpayers.

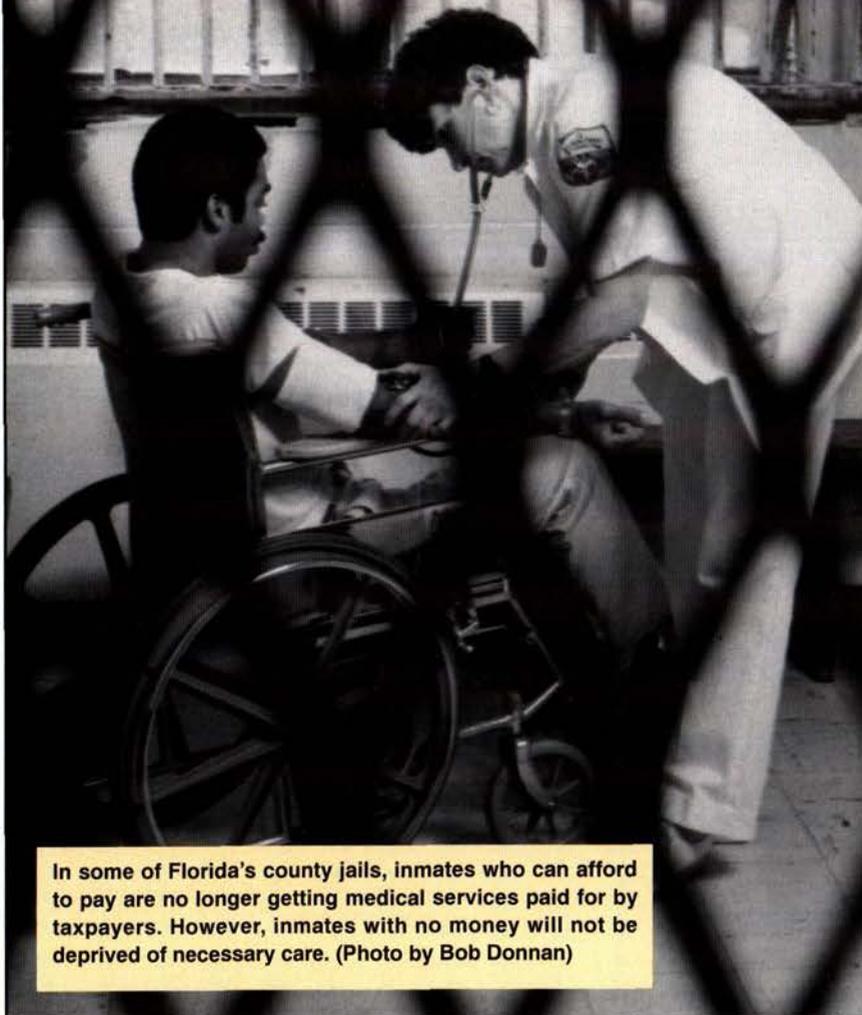
But, as Sheriff Cannon noted, “state law

says I have to provide medical treatment, but nothing prohibits me from trying to recoup some of the financial burden we place on local residents who are forced to pay the bill through their property taxes.”

There are no steadfast guidelines counties will follow in seeking reimbursement. Generally, though, co-payments (deductibles) are paid by inmates who can afford to pay, but “inmates with no money will not be deprived of necessary care,” said Charlotte County Sheriff Richard Worch, after instituting the reimbursement program in Punta Gorda on July 1.

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Jail inmates ante up for medical services.



New Policy

Health care paid for by taxpayers will include:

- * Dental screening upon admission
- * Physical screening upon admission
- * Follow-up visits required by medical personnel
- * Medical emergencies as determined by medical staff

Services paid for by inmates:

- * Sick call at inmate’s request \$8-10
- * Dental visits \$8-10
- * Visits to the doctor \$8-10
- * Prescription handling fee \$3

In some of Florida’s county jails, inmates who can afford to pay are no longer getting medical services paid for by taxpayers. However, inmates with no money will not be deprived of necessary care. (Photo by Bob Donnan)

Early on in the process, some jurisdictions were challenged in the courts when they tried to charge inmates for sick calls, but the courts have sided with the Sheriffs.

"They can do it (make inmates pay) as long as they don't deny treatment to an inmate who can't afford it," said Robyn Blumner, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, longtime proponents of inmate rights.

Inmate complaints of medical ailments have plagued jail managers for decades. Frequently, though, the "sickness" is no more than a ploy to get some "out of cell time" for prisoners who were sick and tired of looking at the same four walls day after day.

And, "getting reimbursed is only one side of the story," notes Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, another Sheriff who decided to make inmates pay for their care.

"Now that they (the inmates) have to make co-payments for their care, there have apparently been some miraculous healings...because a lot of inmates don't claim to be ill anymore," said Wells, grinning as he sat in his Bradenton office. "Taxpayers should not have to carry the financial burden associated with inmate medical care if the inmate can afford to pay."

Sheriff Cannon summed up the feelings of most of his counterparts when he remarked, "I'd charge that guy for toilet paper, too, if the courts would only let me . . ."

A stranger in her house!

TALLAHASSEE — This is a true story about a young woman who walked into her home when a burglary was in progress. However, her name has been changed to Annie to protect her identity.

Arriving home in the early afternoon, Annie unlocked the kitchen door, walked toward the family room, and, as she glanced toward her bedroom, saw a man there. Because of his build, and the way he was dressed, she thought it was her husband, but when he turned around she realized he was a total stranger burglarizing her house.

Screaming, she ran back toward the kitchen, then slipped and fell near the kitchen door while the stranger was running close behind her. Stark terror gripped her as she thought of being raped or murdered, but the teenage burglar jumped over her, bolted out the door and disappeared.

Shaking and filled with fright, Annie dialed 911, then ran outside to await the arrival of deputies after she realized there might be another stranger in her house.

She began to calm down after the deputies searched the house and reassured her that it was unoccupied.

However, she was also embarrassed when they showed her that the burglar had entered through an open bathroom window.

After the deputies gave her some basic pointers, they urged her to ask the Sheriff's crime prevention unit for a home security survey, and she took their advice. Many suggestions were made during the survey, and most of them added up to one basic principle. "Make your house difficult to break into!!!"

Annie thought she would never be at ease in her house again, but, after making some simple changes she said she began feeling more secure, and "like my home is mine again."

— From *Crime Watch*, a publication of the Leon County Sheriff's Office

Home security checklist

- **Install key-operated deadbolt locks on your doors.**
- **Leave some lights on inside and outside the house when you go out at night.**
- **Lock all windows when you go out.**
- **Don't leave a key under the doormat or anywhere else outside.**
- **When you are away on vacation, don't let newspapers and mail accumulate outside your house.**
- **Leave a radio or TV on when you go away from your house.**
- **Make sure your house numbers can be clearly seen on the house or mailbox.**
- **Keep trees and shrubbery cut low around the house, and particularly at the windows.**

Scooters on patrol

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County deputies patrol in helicopters, patrol cars, four-wheelers, bicycles, boats and scooters.

Scooters???

Yes, starting last summer they began cruising neighborhoods on quietly humming Honda Goshi scooters capable of traversing parks, back roads, vacant lots and areas where patrol cars can't go.

The scooters are stored at neighborhood fire stations, and used when deputies want to enhance their contacts with neighborhood residents. For example, if a deputy sees that people are out in the street and in their yards, he can park his patrol car at the fire station, hop on a scooter, and get better acquainted with the folks he is protecting.

"It makes us more approachable," said one of the scooter riders, and that's what community policing is all about.

— From *The Fort Pierce Tribune*

In just one year TRIAD and SALT have made a positive impact on the lives of Polk's elderly

BARTOW — Although the Polk County TRIAD is barely a year old, it has many accomplishments to its credit. Its purpose is to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly, enhance delivery of law enforcement services to this segment of the population, and to set up an exchange of information between law enforcement agencies and retirees. When it was founded on September 28, 1993, it brought together the resources of the Sheriff's Office, 14 police departments and the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons.

On July 25, 1994, a progress report revealed the following accomplishments:

- * The Polk County Sheriff's Office (SO) has initiated a toll-free "Senior Crime Hot Line" for reports of frauds and scams against the elderly, and law enforcement action has been taken on numerous cases.

- * The Lakeland Police Department and the SO have designated Elder Service Officers to facilitate law enforcement services for the elderly.

- * The Fort Meade Police Department has developed a Telephone Reassurance Program that maintains contact with homebound seniors.

- * The SO is using several volunteers recruited through its outreach into the senior community. Active as a support group, Polk County's SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Working Together) has been instrumental in helping TRIAD to extend its range of accomplishments.

The Council is made up of representatives from the agencies that founded TRIAD, as well as numerous government agencies, criminal justice agencies, and community service organizations. Its active involvement with TRIAD has resulted in the following accomplishments:

- * Through the initiative of FBI Agent Tony Saleme, a SALT member, the Council applied for and received a \$3,500 grant from United Way of Florida.

- * SALT has underwritten the expenses of members attending conferences on criminal victimization of the elderly.

- * A "Seniors and Crime" brochure providing crime prevention advice has been developed and distributed.

- * Extensive news coverage has confirmed that SALT and TRIAD are active, dynamic organizations committed to enhancing the quality of life for retirees.

Cellular phones issued by Sheriff Eslinger make community policing more effective

SANFORD — Community policing took a giant step forward in Seminole County when Sheriff Donald Eslinger began providing cellular phones for letter carriers and domestic violence victims.

Purchased with funds derived from drug busts, the cellular phones are programmed so that they can only be used to call the 911 emergency number, or a non-emergency number in the communications division of the Sheriff's Office.

Traditionally letter carriers have always been alert volunteers providing law enforcement with extra eyes and ears, but their effectiveness has been hampered by the time it takes to find an available phone when they want to report an emergency or suspicious activity.

Now, with the 35 cellular phones provided by the Sheriff, they can make instant reports. "This is a blessing," said one letter carrier when he was given a phone. "I could have used it the other day when a car ran into a



pole and two teenagers were seriously injured. Someone went to the nearest store to call 911, but by the time the ambulance arrived one teenager was dead. Precious time was lost getting to a telephone."

In a brief training class carriers were told what to do if they saw a child in trouble, spotted evidence of a burglary, or saw strangers hanging around a neighborhood. They were cautioned to never take the law into their own hands.

Soon after the training session letter carrier calls started coming to 911 and the Sheriff's Office. One carrier reported a man who had fallen and needed immediate medical attention. Another used his cellular phone when mail began stacking up at an unoccupied house and water was running out of the garage. A third call informed Sheriff's deputies that a stranger was lurking around behind homes of people who were at work. In each case, emergency or law enforcement assis-

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TALLAHASSEE — Representative Robert Trammell (right) accepts his award from Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, who was the Sheriffs Association's President for the 1994 legislative session. Rep. Trammell is from Marianna.



BROOKSVILLE — Senator Ginny Brown-Waite accepts her award from Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander, Vice President of the Sheriffs Association. She is from Brooksville.



TAMPA— Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson (left) presents an award to Representative Brian Rush.

Legislators receive awards for outstanding support given to FSA legislative program

Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Awards are being presented to state senators and representatives who gave outstanding support to proposals sponsored by Sheriffs during the 1994 sessions of the Florida Legislature. Although most legislators support law enforcement legislation in general, the award recipients "went the extra mile" by sponsoring anti-crime bills and becoming active advocates of measures designed to enhance public safety. Pictured here are lawmakers who were among the first to receive awards. Other award recipients will be pictured in future issues.



TALLAHASSEE — Representative Carl Littlefield (third from left) accepts his award from three Sheriffs Association officials. They are (from left) Maury Kolchakian, General Counsel/Legislative Director; St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry, Chairman of the Board; and Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel, Immediate Past President. Rep. Littlefield is from Dade City.

tance was dispatched.

Called CARE (Carrier Alert Residential Emphasis), the phones-for-carriers program is a cooperative effort involving the Sheriff's Office, local post offices, the National Association of Letter Carriers, and the Florida Rural Letter Carriers Association.

CARE is designed to make neighborhoods safer and speed up the reporting of emergencies. DVH (Domestic Violence Help) has similar goals for the protection of domestic violence or stalking victims, and it too enhances community policing.

An eligible victim is given a cellular phone for 30 days while steps are being taken to file a protective injunction

and arrange for a safer environment. The phone can only be used to make 911 emergency calls, but enables the victim to summon help immediately while at home, at work or out in the community.

Sheriff Eslinger said deputies arrest an average of ten domestic violence abusers per week, and Seminole County has experienced its share of deaths resulting from domestic violence.

"The DVH program does not guarantee the safety of the victims or their children," he added, "but it does provide immediate assistance in the event of a confrontation."

Public and media applaud, inmates wail when Sheriffs pull the plug on TVs in jail

Responding to public opinion that inmates are too coddled and pampered, a growing number of Sheriffs up and down the Florida peninsula are pulling the plug on television sets in county jails.

According to a recent Florida Sheriffs Association / *Florida Times-Union* survey, TV screens have been blacked out in seven county jails, and TV viewing has been sharply restricted in ten others.

Initially, the public reaction and newspaper editorial comments were overwhelmingly favorable, and additional blackouts are anticipated.

Predictably, outraged wails have been heard from TV-starved inmates who are seeing their privileges being taken away one by one. Smoking privileges were among the first to go several years ago when Sheriffs began establishing smoke-free jails. Weight rooms for body building have also been closed down in some jails, having been viewed by critics as an inappropriate activity for violence-prone lawbreakers.

News reporters have given Marion County Sheriff Ken Ergle credit for sparking the TV clamp-



down. They say he lit the fuse in the fall of 1993 when he eliminated all programming except the Discovery Channel, CNN, educational programs, and inspirational programs. Later, he closed down all of the TV sets in his 888-bed jail, and a trend was born.

One by one other Sheriffs got into the act — some eradicating TV viewing, and others adopting drastic restrictions — and by the time Sheriffs gathered in Naples July 10-13, for the 82nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, banning the boob tube was a prime

time topic for discussion. Numerous Sheriffs went home persuaded it was time to take action.

In August — without intending to — Sheriff Scott Lancaster became a national celebrity by yanking 13 color TV sets out of the Clay County Jail. After the *Associated Press* reported his actions nationwide, newscaster Paul Harvey gave him a moment of fame, and CBS put him on its *This Morning* show.

"We've had dozens of phone calls and letters from people all over the country, including radio stations in California, Illinois and Louisiana," Lancaster said. "We never

"These steps are long overdue"

Commenting on the current crackdown on television in county jails, the *Tampa Tribune* declared that "these steps are long overdue," then added:

"Career criminals have come to regard jail and prison as rest stops — places to have their teeth checked by a dentist, get three square meals, kick back in front of a television set and bulk up with some weights.

"Some of these indulgent practices developed as a result of the way inmates were mistreated in some jails and prisons in the past. But the courts have gone much too far in protecting the rights and comfort of inmates. It is an insult to taxpayers . . . and especially to the victims of crimes."

The *Tribune* pointed out that Pinellas County's jail is under a federal court order that includes giving inmates access to television as one of its provisions.

"Turn the jailhouse TVs off," said the *Tribune*, then added: "Jail has become so cushy that Robin Leach ought to do a show called *Lifestyles of the Pampered and Incarcerated*."

anticipated this kind of response. It just seemed the right thing to do, and apparently we tapped into a very strong feeling."

In Jacksonville, Sheriff Jim McMillan restricted TV viewing to educational, inspirational, drug counseling, and self-help programs. "If people want to watch football on TV this fall," he said, "they better not get arrested."

When Sheriff Taylor Douglas removed ten TV sets from the Putnam County Jail, he told news reporters: "If the inmates want to watch TV they'll have to stay out of jail. There is no constitutional right to a TV."

Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, long an advocate of reasonable restrictions, has been allowing inmates to watch local television and educational channels such as PBS and Discovery. "We decided it would be smarter to wean them off it," he said, "than to jerk it out completely."

St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry began restricting TV viewing after he discovered that much of what inmates were watching contained graphic violence and sexual scenes. He said movies, news and soap operas were the prime offenders.

After Sheriff Ray Geiger removed TV sets from the Nassau County jail, news reports pointed out that inmates had alternatives to watching the tube such as participating in a voluntary work crew that cleans up roadside trash, playing board games, or playing basketball in a fenced outdoor exercise area.

While popular with taxpayers who are fed up with crime problems, the spreading TV crackdown was not applauded by everyone. An associate professor of criminology and criminal justice said it will make inmates harder to control and make the jobs of jailers more difficult.

Sgt. Dan Smith, Public Information Officer at the Clay County Sheriff's Office, did not agree. A *New York Times* report quoted him as saying: "We had more problems when we had the TVs because inmates would get in fights and arguments over what channel to watch and what show they wanted to watch."

Jails are full of soap opera junkies

After praising St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry for pulling the plug on jail TVs, and quoting him as saying the jail is full of soap opera junkies, the *St. Augustine Record* had some frothy fun with soap opera titles.

"Incarceration is meant to be Another World," said the *Record*. "The ban will probably be tough on The Young and Restless inmates. But, they really only have One Life to Live. And if Perry can offer some kind of Guiding Light for troubled inmates, all the better.

"Seriously though: Jail time is meant to be a bad time. We have forgotten that for too long."

"We literally feed their frenzy!"

The *Winter Haven News Chief* said Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow had the right idea when he turned off violent programs inmates were watching in the county jail.

"Sitting in our jails," added the *News Chief*, "are men and women whose actions have put them on the wrong side of the law. While they do their time, we allow them to watch morally destructive TV shows which emphasize the very crimes they have been arrested for. We literally feed their frenzy!"

Sometimes watching TV in jails pays off

PENSACOLA - An Escambia County jail inmate watching the television show "America's Most Wanted" recognized that the person featured on the tube was a fellow inmate, John Patrick Kravec.

Wanted by New York authorities on several charges, including attempted murder, Kravec was being held in Escambia County on an auto theft charge.

Presumably Sheriff Jim Lowman will think twice before pulling the plug on television sets in the jail.



After two years — pot flows no mo from Mexico

PALATKA — Irvin J. Lightcap, Resident Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville DEA Office, presents an appreciation award to Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (center) and Drug Unit Commander Chuck Whaley for the roles they played in helping to smash a Mexico-to-Massachusetts drug smuggling ring. The investigation was begun by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office in 1992 and soon became international in scope. It involved the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), as well as enforcement agencies in Texas and Massachusetts. The results included eight drug conspiracy and possession arrests, confiscation of more than 500 pounds of marijuana, and confiscation of property valued at over \$210,000.

FSA awards three \$1,000 scholarships

Each year the Florida Sheriffs Association awards three scholarships of \$1,000 each to sons or daughters of Sheriffs' Office employees. The recipients are required to be planning a criminal justice career. This year's winners are:

Dawn Melissa Moore, daughter of Alachua County Deputy Sheriff Julia V. Moore. Dawn is a senior at Florida Atlantic University, and has been maintaining a 3.93 grade point average while majoring in psychology. Her long-range plans include getting a law degree and seeking a career with the FBI.

Bart A. Brooks, son of Leon County Sheriff's Captain Charlie Brooks. Bart is a junior at Florida State University, and is maintaining a B average while majoring in criminology. He was the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter in high school, and was an alternate nominee to the U.S. Naval Academy. He is working his way through college in a retail sales job.

Kimberly Marie Yaeger, daughter of Lee County Sheriff's Office Major and Mrs. Tom Wallace. Kimberly is a freshman at Edison Community College. Her goal is to obtain a master's degree in psychology as a prelude to working in the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI.



Mr. Sealey (left) and Mr. Donaldson

Law enforcement veterans retire

BONIFAY — Willard Sealey and Wallace Donaldson, law enforcement veterans with over 50 years of combined public service, recently received appreciation awards when they retired from the Holmes County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Donaldson began his public service as the mayor of Bonifay, then worked with the Bonifay Police Department as a dispatcher, and the Holmes County Sheriff's Office as a civil process deputy. His public service spans more than 30 years.

Mr. Sealey served as town marshal in St. Marks, FL, before he became the Police Chief in Cottondale, and he also served with the Holmes County Sheriff's Office under three administrations. He is retiring with 20 years of law enforcement experience.



It's not a speedster, but it gets kids' attention

BUNNELL — This "beetle" may not be the speediest vehicle in Flagler County Sheriff Robert McCarthy's patrol car fleet but it attracts the attention of youngsters when Deputy Leta Knight (left) and Sgt. Paul Mercado use it in the Sheriff's youth programs. "Here comes the beetle" is a rallying cry on Flagler County school grounds. (Photo by John D. Lorenzen)

Special fund raisers become special deputies

VERO BEACH — Sheriff Gary



C. Wheeler (pictured in the rear of the group) recently awarded special deputy status to the board of directors of Fight Drug Abuse in Indian River County, an organization that sponsors golf tournaments and other events to raise funds for drug awareness and prevention programs. The board members are (from left) Maurie Martel, Burnley Carnes, Clyde McQuirter, Robert Bond, Samuel Tierney, William Duryea and Patti Morris. Sheriff Wheeler said the Fight Drug Abuse organization has donated over \$70,000 during the past seven years to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office.

Pinellas keeps "top cop" trophy

LARGO — The Chief's Trophy for the 1994 "Top Cop Charity Challenge" held at Sunshine Speedway will stay in Pinellas County thanks to the driving skills of Pinellas County Sheriff's Major Jim Coats, who is pictured being interviewed by cable TV. Sheriff Everett Rice, who won the race last year, was favored this year, but had to bow out due to car trouble. Then, with just two laps to go, Coats saw an opening, took the lead and kept it. Pinellas Sheriff's Office drivers had a good day, finishing first in six out of 12 scheduled events. "Top Cop" proceeds will benefit Tampa Bay area charities, including the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Armed combat results in two awards

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby"



Knowles (center) awarded the Combat Cross to Sgt. Dennis Smith (left), who captured an armed robber; and Deputy Steve Bustin, who broke up an armed robbery. The Sheriff's Technical Services Unit headed by Detective George Miller, and also staffed by Bobby Cregg, Nick Bradian and Lisa Robinson, received a unit citation for excellence in crime scene investigations.



Cars of convicted drunken drivers ain't goin' nowhere, no how, no time

VERO BEACH - Now that Florida law requires the vehicles driven by convicted drunken drivers to be impounded or immobilized for ten days or more, Indian River County officials have come up with a procedure that not only carries out the requirements of the law but also helps to finance DUI enforcement efforts.

Law enforcement officials and county judges spelled out a proposed procedure initially. Then the County Commission enacted it as an ordinance, and volunteers began helping to carry it out. Here's how it works:

Any person convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is required by court order to call the Sheriff's office and initiate the immobilization procedure. Then Sheriff's Office volunteers immobilize the convicted person's vehicle by installing a widely used anti-theft device called "The Club."

An odometer reading is recorded, and checked periodically. A sign is also placed on the windshield to show that the vehicle is under DUI immobilization, and the owner is charged a \$60 fee. The fee goes into a DUI Trust Fund which is used by law enforcement agencies to purchase equipment for DUI enforcement.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers helped to implement



Sheriff Gary Wheeler (left) presents an anti-theft "club" to Joe Gray, one of his community service volunteers, and sends him out to immobilize a convicted drunken driver's vehicle.

the immobilization procedure by donating 14 clubs, and the first one was installed on May 6, 1994. Ten weeks later Sheriff Gary Wheeler announced that 21 clubs had been installed, and fees totaling \$1,260 had been placed in the DUI Trust Fund.

PARTNERS

Progressive business and professional leaders give generous support to the many anti-crime activities of the Florida Sheriffs Association

Progressive business and professional leaders have always been major supporters of strong law enforcement, but until recently they remained in the background as "silent partners." Now the Florida Sheriffs Association is giving them special recognition by enrolling them as Business Members. Bronze members pay dues of \$50 per year;

Silver \$250; and Gold \$500. Each member receives a distinctive wall plaque, a plastic identification card, an office window decal, and a subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. To apply for a business membership, please write to Florida Sheriffs Association, P. O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519; or call (904) 877 -2165.



MILTON — Santa Rosa County Sheriff Jerry Brown (left) presents a Gold Business Membership to Orville Beckford of Orville Beckford Ford/Mercury dealership.



FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Ron Cochran (right) presents a Gold Business Membership to Jay Johnson of Johnson Beauty Supply.



GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS



MR. MACELUCH



COOK-WHITEHEAD

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (left) presents Gold Business Memberships to Keith Maceluch, representing his father, Dr. John Maceluch; and to Cook-Whitehead Ford, represented by General Manager Elvin Pool and Public Relations Director Cecil Dykes.

New jail is a wise investment

MARATHON — Statistics compiled by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office appear to confirm that building a new jail was a good investment, according to an editorial in the *Florida Keys Keynoter*.

"Arrest records reflect that the number of arrests in the county have decreased about one-fifth," said the *Keynoter*, "and Sheriff's officials say the decline is due — at least in part — to the fact that people convicted of crimes are now serving full sentences rather than being released early due to overcrowding."

This lends credence, the *Keynoter* said, to claims that the same lawbreakers were formerly being arrested and convicted

repeatedly due to the "revolving door" system created by lack of adequate jail space.

Boot camp for females

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Lawrence Crow told county commissioners he is seeking funds to double the size of the juvenile boot camp now under construction, and plans to use some or all of the extra space for female offenders. If he is successful, this boot camp will be the first in the state to house girls.

Crow said the average number of women in the county jail has increased from 30 to 200 since 1987, indicating a "tremendous need" for a program serving female juveniles.

— From *The Tampa Tribune*



MR. BECKWITH



MR. McAvoy



MR. SMITH

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster (right) presents a 30-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Henry H. Beckwith; and 25-year Certificates to Thomas B. McAvoy, Sr., and Charles Smith.



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff George E. Knupp, Jr., (left) presents a 25-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Reginald M. Shaver.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more; and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger (right) presents a 25-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Edward Baxter.



PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Joe Walker.



SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger (second from left), assisted by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (left), presents a 25-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Swieda.



MR. KOLMETZ

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell presents a 30-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Henry H. Kolmetz; and 25-year Certificates to Ormond Holley, James Mitchell, Robert H. Forbus, Henry L. Rayburn, Raymond Gilbert and Harold Naeseth.



MR. HOLLEY



MR. MITCHELL



MR. FORBUS



MR. RAYBURN



MR. GILBERT



MR. NAESETH



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Honor Roll

*Home towns eliminated
from Roster of*

Lifetime Honorary Members

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.

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 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.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

Ms. Debby Arcuri
Ball & Shoe Sports Center
BellSouth Telecommunications
Treasury Department
Mrs. Maureen Benner
Miss Kathryn Bishop
Mr. Jack Blake
Mr. Claude B. Blakley
Blue Mountain Cake Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bodrey
Ms. Susan Bouldry
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chesterfield
Mr. Randy Christophersen
Mr. Wallace Alan Coffman
Collier County Sheriff's Office
Mrs. Mary Ann Collier
Mr. Edward Cottrell
Dr. Daniel Davis
Mrs. Muriel M. De Carle
Ms. Lottie Lee DeBerry
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Driggers
Mr. and Mrs. John Edens
Mr. and Mrs. Hans O. Faass
Ms. Julie Fancelli
Mr. and Mrs. James G. Flynn
Free and Accepted Masons
Jackson Lodge No. 1
Mr. Al Gibbs
Mr. Edward Goetz
Mrs. Louise Greig
Mrs. Florence S. Griffith
Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Guroy
Mr. Ray D. Hall
Hamilton County Jail
Mrs. Lee Y. Hart
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce E. Haslett



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille (right) to Mrs. Dee Addis and Mr. Gene R. Lally.

Mrs. Doris S. Hatcher
Ms. Carol Higgins
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Hill
Mr. Henry Hodde
Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Joyce
Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee King
Miss Ann Minette Kirn
Kiwanis Club of Sebring, Inc.
Mr. Craig E. Knight
Knights of Columbus – Pinellas
Father Lopez Council 5737
Mrs. Peggy Kuhn
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry N. Lacefield
Ladies Auxiliary Post #3
Dr. and Mrs. Louis J. Marchetto
Mr. and Mrs. Carl McCall
Mr. Bill McCleddy
Col. and Mrs. Robert W. McEvoy
Mrs. Martha D. McFall
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce D. Meeks, Sr.
Mrs. Janet Meisenbach
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Michaud
Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller

Mobil Foundation
Mothers Helping Mothers
Mrs. Barbara Mullins
Mrs. Marion G. Naughtright
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odom, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Osteen
Paisley United
Methodist Church
Dr. Arlene M. Palazzolo
Mr. Charles Patac
Ms. Paula M. Perry
Ms. Oddie P. Phillips
Mrs. Mary W. Powell
Mrs. Anne Prince
Mr. Gerard H. Rillstone
Dr. Carolyn Ritter
Rotary Club of Clearwater
S & S Ranch
Mr. and Mrs. Carl W.
Schmutzler
Seven Springs Civic
Association
Mr. Leland H. Shaw
Mr. Richard Shoaff

Showroom Traffic Master, Inc.
Mr. Michael S. Stone
Cmdr. Weston L. Stow
Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Taylor
Mr. William J. Terry
The Lighthouse Restaurants –
Ft. Walton Beach
Mr. and Mrs. Frank M.
Thullbery
Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Tritch
Mrs. Frances Wager
Mr. and Mrs. Reid R. Wager
Walgreen Store No. 1108 –
Palm Harbor
Mr. Ronald J. Whiting, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Wingo
Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. –
Madison
Ms. Jennifer Winton-Munch
Mrs. Lorene G. Wise
Woody and Sue Woodward
Yesterday's of Destin, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Kendall G. Yoder

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



MS. ANDREW

SILVER SPRINGS SHORES — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein to Ruth Byrne in memory of Daniel D. Byrne.



BEVERLY HILLS — Presented by Citrus County Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Beebe (left) to Friends of the Beverly Hills Library (from left) John Bleitzhofer, Lillian Birchard, Anne Marie Weber and Lucy Kikuchi.



OCALA — Presented by Marion County Sheriff Ken Ergle (right) to Gordon Hertell, Jr.



YULEE — Presented by Nassau County Sheriff Ray Geiger (center) to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hair, of Fernandina Beach.



PALATKA — Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Feagin.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Presented by Clay County Sheriff Scott Lancaster (right) to Joseph L. Fowler.



PANAMA CITY — Presented by Bay County Sheriff Guy Tunnell (left) to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lewis. Mr. Lewis is a former Bay County Sheriff.



JACKSONVILLE — Presented by Jacksonville Sheriff's Deputy Danny Griffis (left) to Capt. George W. Bains.



SHALIMAR — Presented by Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert (right) to Deputy Sheriff Robert Stewart, who was one of the charter members in the Sheriff's payroll deduction plan, and has also named the Youth Ranches as the beneficiary of his life insurance policy.



SANFORD — Presented by Seminole County Sheriff Donald Eslinger (center) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (left) to Harold Decker.



GAINESVILLE — Presented by Alachua County Sheriff Stephen Oelrich (right) to Bill Morris, President of WLUS 98 AM Radio, who was accompanied by his grandson, Patrick Quigley.



LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (right) to the City of South Pasadena, represented by Commissioner Joseph Catafamo and Mayor Fred Held, Jr.



Accreditation award received by Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

Leaders in the accreditation effort included (from left) Sgt. Darrell Stinger, Cpl. Roger Greenslate, Sgt. Robert Brongel, Sheriff Geoffrey Monge and Capt. Joseph Fontana.

SARASOTA — After spending almost two years elevating its operational procedures to meet or exceed 425 national standards, the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has received a three-year accreditation award from the American Correctional Association and the Commission of Accreditation for Corrections.

"We have become one of 2,387 accredited correctional facilities nationwide," Sheriff Geoffrey Monge noted upon accepting the award, "and we are one of only 108 local jails that have achieved this status."

"We have a facility we can all be justly proud of as we work toward reaccreditation in the future,"

he added. After praising the accreditation staff, Sheriff Monge singled out Sgt. Robert Brongel, Sgt. Darrell Stinger and Corporal Roger Greenslate for Meritorious Achievement Awards. He also presented an Exceptional Service Award to Capt. Joseph Fontana "for providing the constant impetus and motivation needed to get the job done."

American Correctional Association President Perry M. Johnson pointed out that accreditation is a peer review process based upon national standards that have evolved since the Association was founded in 1870. "Accreditation does not intend to create country club prisons," he added, "but is designed to ensure that all correctional facilities are operated efficiently in accordance with the best interests of the community."

