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From the Director

by Ann Dugger

Frequently in this column (and elsewhere in the *Victims' Advocate*) we warn parents of the danger sexual predators pose to our children. A battle rages between citizens fighting for decency in the media and those who push for their "constitutional rights" to distribute obscene pornography – much of which is directed to our youngsters or exploits them in their vile trade. We must continue this fight. Go to the websites of such organizations as **Prevent Abuse Now** (www.prevent-abuse-now.com/contact.htm) and sign petitions they provide to let legislators know your stand on these vital issues.

An AFA Journal article in Sept. 2005 (www.family.org) states, "The possession of child pornography by child molesters is becoming a common phenomenon, according to a study released by the New Hampshire Crimes Against Children Research Center.

"After interviewing police investigators regarding a possible link between possessing child pornography and acting on it, researchers found 40 percent of porn users to be molesters. Once again, this trend of perversion is connected to the Internet.

"We have never found one case of child sexual abuse where the predator did not use or have in his possession pornography," said Phil Burress, president of **Citizens for Community Values**, who works with law enforcement to end pornography. Burress points out how important it is for parents to know that predators use the Internet to seduce their children. Therefore, parents need to monitor what their children do online. For example, he advises parents to prohibit Internet access in their children's bedrooms.

"In addition, the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is working to combat the rise in possession and distribution of child pornography – acts deemed illegal under federal laws. The DOJ has responded by funding the **CyberTipline**, found at www.cybertipline.com, and operated by the

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"It just wasn't my time to die"

Assistant Manager shot by elderly resident

By Shirley Shaw

The old man was waiting for Cindy Brannan when she and her manager, Royleea Noel, returned from lunch. Cindy had called him earlier that morning last June to remind him his lease was due for renewal, and he said he'd come by the office to sign the forms.

She asked him to wait while they unloaded some purchases from Sam's and stowed them in the fridge, then Cindy walked to her desk and smiled at the 84-year-old resident. "I'm sorry a one-bedroom unit has not become available," she told him.

Willie Hargrove had moved into the Rosalind Villas Senior Apartments the year before. "I want to tell you he was a lovely gentleman," Cindy says. "He cried a lot when he first moved in because he felt his family was dumping him, but he adjusted well and seemed happy and popular with his neighbors." He had requested a smaller apartment, but in the busy



Gunshots shattered the peace at this facility last June when an irate resident shot Asst. Mgr. Cindy Brannan

independent living facility none had been vacated.

"Mr. Hargrove had a J.C. Penney's shopping bag in his hand," Cindy recalls about that ill-fated day. "He set it down on the floor in front of my desk and said, 'Let me find my glasses so I can see what I'm signing.' I never thought a thing of it and started getting the paper work in

line.

"I just happened to glance up and he had a gun pointed at my face from a distance of, at the most, three feet. It was a Colt .45 – a large handgun – and I caught a brief glimpse of his face. His demeanor had changed; just in the instant I had

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Masters of the Sky

JSO's Air Unit patrols Jacksonville from above

By Gwen R. Rhodes

With someone watching from 500 feet above, it's hard for a bad guy to hide. "You can run, but you can't hide," states a poster in the office of the Sheriff's Aviation Unit at Craig Airport. When criminals try to flee, police can track them from the air. The JSO Airhawks give police a bird's-eye view of what's happening in and around the city, the county and along the coastlines.

On the afternoon I was invited to ride with the air crew, we were dispatched to the Northside where ground units were staking out a neighborhood in search of a robbery suspect. The chopper pilots were asked to see if a black Saturn was in the driveway of a certain address. It wasn't there yet, so we kept circling around, making aerial donuts, while unmarked patrol cars hid out in the neighborhood.

From the observer position in the aircraft it feels as if you are leaning precariously sideways while the overhead rotors seem to slow down. But it allows the pilots to view the situation as it evolves below.

The suspect's mother advised police when her son was coming home, and officers in marked patrol cars moved in and apprehended him. Mission accomplished, the



photo by Gwen Rhodes from JSO Helicopter

helicopter returned to its normal patrol of the city's more than 800 square miles.

Flying out of their home base at Craig Airport, the unit's job is to serve and protect from the air. A tight-knit, specially trained unit, all pilots are police officers drawn from within the ranks of the JSO. Started in 1970 with a handful of pilots and instructors, the unit has now grown to 10 pilots and one administrator. Four airframe and power plant

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