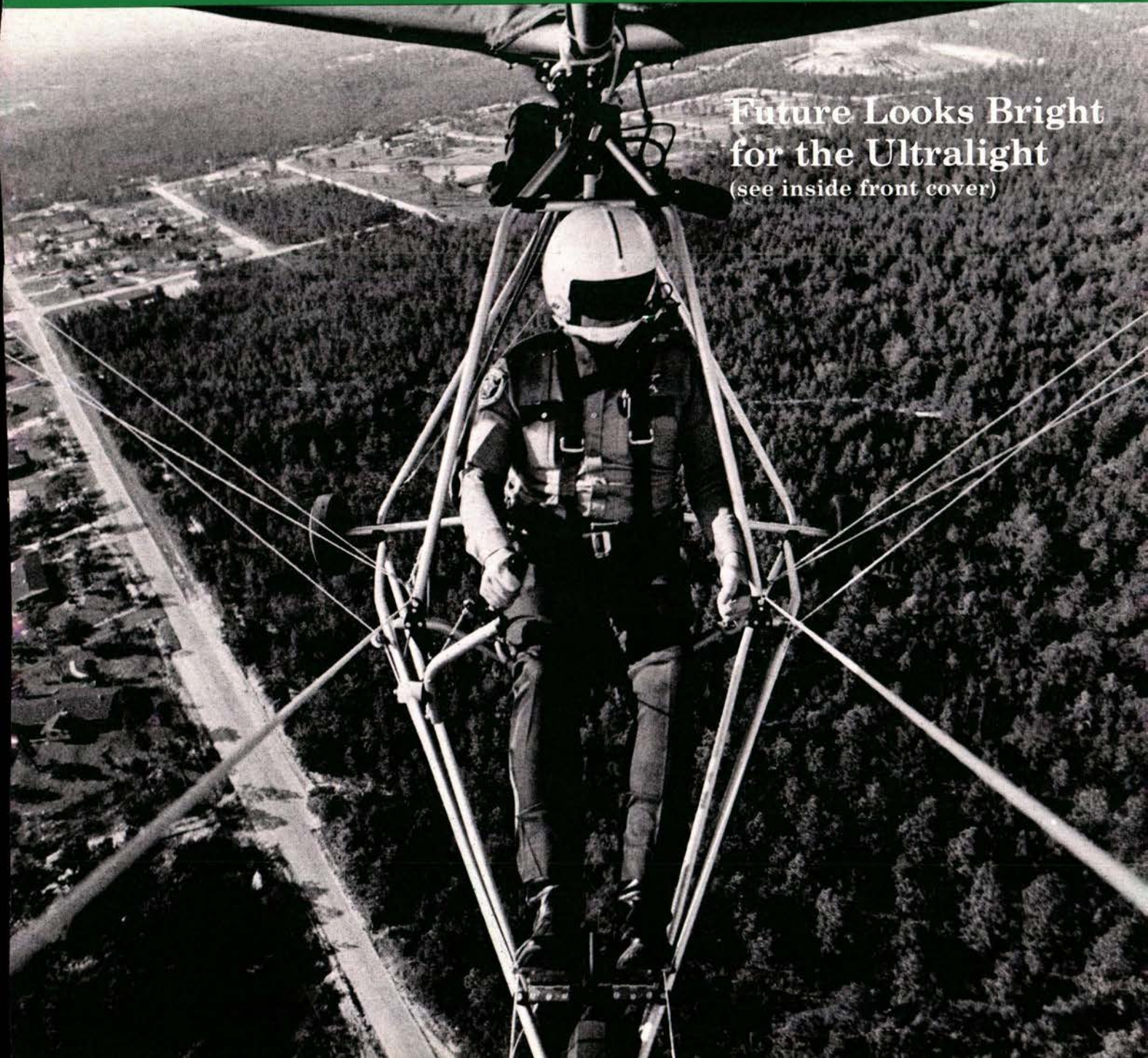


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**Future Looks Bright
for the Ultralight**
(see inside front cover)



Cover Story:

Future Looks Bright for the Ultralight

CRESTVIEW — Until recently the ultralight airplane was just a plaything . . . nothing more than a flimsy motorized hang glider . . . a sort of flying moped that gave timid middle-aged men macho thrills and terrorized their wives.

But lately law enforcement officials have been seriously considering the possibility of using these fabric and tubing contraptions as law enforcement tools.

Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert is one of the pioneers in this newest version of airborne police work. Other Florida Sheriffs are interested and have been calling him.

Gilbert "took the plunge" recently when he bought an ultralight for a trial run, and by the end of the summer he expects to know a lot about its possibilities as a patrol vehicle.

During the coming summer months when Okaloosa County's beaches are thronged with bathers, the ultralight will be on patrol looking for troublesome public nuisances who litter indiscriminately, tear up the sand dunes with their four-wheel-drive buggies, and allow their pets to roam free.

Deputies "pockata-pockating" along at a few hundred feet above the surf will also be on the lookout for emergencies, and will be equipped to summon assistance by radio.

Gilbert could mount a similar patrol with a full-size conventional airplane or a helicopter, but on paper the ultralight seems to have tremendous advantages over these alternatives.

Economy is a big factor. Gilbert paid less than \$5,000 for his ultralight. A new fixed-wing conventional airplane could cost almost ten times that much, and a helicopter could have an even higher price tag.



Cover Photo: Deputy Sheriff Dick Driskell at the controls of Sheriff Larry Gilbert's ultralight airplane. (Daily News photo by Larry Vaughn)

To operate the ultralight costs only about \$5 an hour, but Gilbert would have to pay a rental fee of between \$40 and \$50 per hour for a full-size airplane, and around \$150 an hour for a helicopter.

In addition to its virtues as a low budget item, the ultralight seems to be ideal for surveillance work such as spotting marijuana patches, lost children, fleeing fugitives and stranded fishermen.

It can fly at treetop level, and poke along as slow as 25 miles an hour. It can come down almost anywhere, and requires only about 100 feet for take-off and landing. Its noise is unobtrusive and not likely to upset sensitive citizens.

Powered by a 35-horsepower engine, the ultralight has a top speed of 55 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 40 mph. Its normal flying time without refueling is three hours, but Gilbert plans to add an auxiliary fuel tank that will double the range.

The Sheriff recognizes that his ultralight has several limitations. It is essentially a fair weather craft, and could not be used during storms or in high winds. It also provides an easy target for armed desperadoes — a drawback that is only partially remedied by a bullet-proof plexiglass shield below and on the sides of the pilot's seat.

This vulnerability didn't seem to bother Deputy Dick

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Driskell when he took the 225-pound bird up for a trial flight. "People shoot at us when we are in our cars or getting out of our cars," he said with a shrug.

Asked about the view from up there, Driskell said "spotting was real easy."

That helped to convince Sheriff Gilbert that he should give the ultralight a thorough test run as soon as the sun and fun season gets into full swing on Okaloosa County's beaches.

Full view of the ultralight with its Sheriff's Department markings.



Sheriff Durkis:

"I can't think of a better way to spend the dopers' money."

LaBELLE — When Hendry County Sheriff Bob Durkis brought David Toma here for an anti-drug crusade, it didn't cost the taxpayers a cent. The expenses were paid from a trust fund into which Durkis puts money received from the sale of equipment confiscated in drug arrests.

Toma is a former Newark, N.J., policeman who left the force to wage war on drug abuse by working with young people. The television series "Baretta" was based on his life.

During the Hendry County crusade Toma talked to students in the daytime, and to hundreds of parents at night. He also provided counseling.

"There is no doubt," said Sheriff Durkis, "that this crusade has made an impact that will be felt for years to come. I can't think of a better way to spend the dopers' money than on educating our kids and hopefully drying up the market so pushers will feel the pinch."

In addition to financing the crusade, Durkis has used drug seizure funds to build a 1,000-square-foot investigative office building; to bankroll a six-month drug "sting" that netted 61 arrests; and to purchase a new airplane, cameras, electronic recording equipment, and night vision devices.



The check handed to David Toma (left) by Sheriff Bob Durkis came from a special trust fund, but drug law violators were actually paying the bill.

One Hero and Three Admirers

PUNTA GORDA — For helping to solve a vandalism case at Peace River Elementary School, Junior Deputy Daniel Lake, 10, received a Distinguished Service Award from Charlotte County Sheriff Glen Sapp (right). Assisting in the presentation were School Principal Cecil Ball (left) and School Resource Deputy Jim Jacobs.



Sheriff Harvey (second from left) with his advisory council. The council members are (from left) Jean Dykes, Laura Ford, Joe Barbree, Rufus Williams, Gates Scoville, John Hunt (Chairman), Leo Lovell, Fred Oliver, George Green, the Rev. Isaac Allen, Kate Brimberry, and Sherida Crum (Sheriff's Secretary).



A New Concept: Alert Citizens Help Sheriff Monitor the Public Pulse

CRAWFORDVILLE — Sheriff David Harvey has a unique way of keeping his finger on the public pulse. Four times a year he sits down with an advisory council of Wakulla County citizens to exchange information.

They give him a sampling of public opinion — a sort of grassroots evaluation of his performance as the county's chief law enforcement officer. They also point out problems and trouble spots that might have escaped his attention, and they help him make decisions about proposed new projects and procedures.

In return, Harvey gives the council members an inside view of the complexities involved in running a Sheriff's Department.

"My goal," said Harvey, "is to educate them about the office of Sheriff. I want them to know all about jail procedures, civil process, law enforcement, the whole bit, so that if a citizen comes to one of them and says something about the Sheriff's Department that is wrong, the council member can correct it."

This two-way flow of information is an unusual concept in the annals of Florida law enforcement, and it seems to be working. Harvey is enthusiastic. Council members seem to be eager to learn.

"They have enabled me to zero in on a number of problem areas," Harvey said. "If they receive complaints about the Sheriff's Department, they pass them on to me."

When Harvey was speculating about putting Youth Resource Deputies in the school system, council members encouraged him to go ahead with the project. He said he did not use them as a pressure group, but nevertheless their enthusiasm helped him sell the proposal to the school board and the county commissioners.

For Sheriff Harvey the benefits of having an advisory council are obvious.

But what about the council members? What motivates them to take time away from business, family and other responsibilities to study the anatomy of the Sheriff's Department?

"I actually enjoy it and look forward to the meetings," said Council Chairman John Hunt, who is in the electronics business. "I've discovered that citizens can make a difference if they are willing to get involved. People will ask one of us a question that they might not ask the Sheriff."

Hunt cited, as an example, the citizen who complained to him about the Florida Highway Patrol's handling of a traffic accident investigation. Hunt said he took the complaint to the Sheriff, who checked on the incident and was able to provide an explanation



At a recent meeting Sgt. Donnie Crum, from the Sheriff's Department, gave committee members a liberal education in the finer points of drug enforcement techniques.

that satisfied the person who complained.

Benny M. Lovel, who runs a restaurant and motel, was equally enthusiastic about serving on the council. He said he had become better informed about jail conditions, Youth Resource Deputies, drug investigations, and other aspects of the Sheriff's Department operations.

"It has broadened our perspective," said Kate Brimberry, a retired Federal Management Analyst.

Rufus Williams, a retired School Superintendent, confessed that he was amazed at the complexity of county jail procedures. "It seems to me," he said, "that there is no enticement for an officer to put a man in jail."

Other members said they were surprised to discover how great the Sheriff's burden of responsibility is.

During a recent meeting there were no signs of boredom as council members listened to Sheriff's Department Sgt. Donnie Crum describe drug enforcement activities. Afterward he was bombarded with questions. It looked as though the session was going to run into overtime until someone announced a coffee break.

Sheriff Harvey organized the Wakulla County Citizen's Law Enforcement Advisory Council three years ago, and appointed members to represent a cross section of the county. Its roster of 15 citizens includes senior citizens, high school students, a preacher and businessmen.

Only one member, Fred Oliver, Sr., is a law enforcement professional. He retired after 30 years in the law enforcement business, including 20 years as Chief Dep-



Chairman John Hunt, Leo Lovell and Fred Oliver discuss the quality of marijuana samples confiscated by the Sheriff's Department.

uty in the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department. The art of Sheriffing is an old familiar story to him, but he seems to share the enthusiasm of the other Council members.

Sheriff Harvey has been careful to make the Council appointments so that all areas of the county are represented. He is pleased with the results, but one thing worries him just a little bit. He doesn't want the Council to get involved in politics. "This is not a political group," he said, "and I don't want to see that happen."

This is the Florida Sheriffs Association "team" that in 1982 completed the first full-scale revision of the Florida Sheriffs Manual since 1970. Seated is Consultant Iven Lamb, who was responsible for the 1970 revision and still fills the role of Manual editor. The others are (from left) Jim York, Director of Legal Services; Rodney Doss, Director of Operational Services; Cindy Green, Receptionist/Secretary; Chris Moore, Legal Counsel; and Berwin Williams, Executive Director.



In Retrospect:

1982 Was a Good Year

for the Florida Sheriffs Association

WINTER HAVEN — Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham ended his one-year term as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving a brief review of 1982 accomplishments.

Addressing a banquet audience at the annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Association, January 25, he said that one of the big events of the year was moving into a new office building owned by the Association after 72 years of using rented office space.

He also cited the following highlights:

- Establishing an in-house computer system;
- Hiring Jim York, former Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, as the Association's first full-time Director of Legal Affairs, and Ms. Christiana T. Moore as his full-time assistant;
- Publishing an outstanding special edition of *The Rancher* magazine commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch;
- Completing the first full-scale revision of *The Sheriff's Manual* since 1970;
- Developing a computerized uniform accounting system that is being used by seven Sheriffs' Departments in North Florida;
- Cooperating with the Governor's Office to pass a constitutional amendment which increased the state sales tax and will provide more funding for local government;



After making his "swan song" address, Past President W. A. Woodham (right) received a past-president's plaque from his successor, President Jim Hardcastle.

- Installation of a Florida Sheriff, Walt Pellicer, as President of the National Sheriffs Association, and the installation of Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director Berwin Williams as Chairman of a prestigious National Sheriffs Association committee composed of presidents and executive directors of state Sheriffs' associations.

"I've been to several of the National Sheriffs Association meetings," said Woodham, "and Florida Sheriffs do not have to take a back seat to any of the other states."

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Woodham said he had sincerely enjoyed his year as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and he was grateful for the help he had received from the Association staff.

"However," he added, "I am really, sincerely glad it's over tonight."

And, with that, he turned the gavel over to Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle, the newly-elected President for 1983.

Sheriffs' Neighborhood Watch Programs Strongly Endorsed by Senate President

WINTER HAVEN — The Neighborhood Watch programs that Sheriffs have been organizing throughout Florida for many years, received a strong endorsement from Senate President Curtis Peterson when he addressed the annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, at Cypress Gardens, January 24.

To emphasize the importance of involving Florida citizens in crime fighting at the neighborhood level, Peterson pointed out that Switzerland has the highest rate of criminal apprehensions in the world because most apprehensions are the result of citizen involvement.

"We just cannot expect to have a great apprehension rate without people being involved," he declared.

Crime fighting has been a top priority item in the Florida Legislature since 1978, Peterson said, and this has led to an 80 percent increase in funds appropriated for criminal justice purposes.

"We have increased the crime control budget by \$236 million," he said, "and 4,291 people have been added to the [criminal justice] payroll as a result of this increase."

But, he expressed doubts that the money pumped into law enforcement, parole and probation, and the state's court system is producing the full results that were anticipated.

He said the Senate Appropriations and Criminal Justice Committees will be trying to determine "why the enormous increases in the budget . . . are not as effective as we were promised. We hope that through this method of accountability we can find out if the system is . . . performing the way it should."

Peterson also confessed concern over the current per-

formance of Florida's education system.

"Florida has the second highest dropout rate in the nation," he told his audience. "Forty percent of our students don't finish high school. We are way below average in merit scholars, the top scholars of the nation. We don't have enough students qualified to fill enrollments in engineering schools in Florida. We only graduate one out of four needed engineers in the State of Florida. In the last 18 years the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores have been declining in Florida and in the nation."

Budget cutbacks were one-third less for education than for other functions of government, Peterson said, but some schools responded by eliminating very essential courses in math and foreign languages.

"In China, Japan, and Germany, and Israel, and all over the world kids are learning to speak English, but our kids aren't learning their languages," he said.

"Three percent of our high school kids are taking calculus, while 100 percent of the high school kids in Russia are taking calculus.

"In Japan, 97 percent of their students complete high school, and here in Florida it's a little over 60 percent.

"Forty-three percent of the community college students in Florida have to be remediated, mostly in English, math and science, because they didn't learn it in high school.

"We're allowing them to take too many frivolous courses. We are allowing them to fritter away a lot of time they spend in school, rather than to take their school seriously.

"I think we can do better," Peterson said. "There are people all over Florida, in classrooms, and in neighborhoods, and in school boards, and other places that are interested in doing something about it."

In the final portion of his speech, Peterson offered his audience some standards by which public officials can measure their success.

How well are we doing what we were elected to do? That is the first question we should answer to ourselves," he said. "And, how well we serve those who elected us, I think, is probably the second most important criteria.

"But, the most important thing a Sheriff, or a member of the House of Representatives, or a Senator, or any other elected official should use to measure their ability, their success and their service, and their duties is leadership.

"Leadership is a sort of nebulous thing to measure," Peterson admitted, "but the measure of leadership, I think, is the ability to persuade.

"So, the power to persuade people, the power to persuade your colleagues, the power to form coalitions and join together to do what . . . is the right thing to do, the ability to change, the ability to lead, to be out in front, is the definition of leadership, in my mind.

"There's a room full of leaders here," he added, "and that formula for leadership is a formula all of us will have to look at."

Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund



Honor Roll

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more.

Those listed as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

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CLERMONT — Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Russell.



VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff R. T. "Tim" Dobeck (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. James Turner.



The Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, a Pinellas County organization, has contributed over \$260,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa since the Villa was founded in 1970. This picture was taken in December when the women, represented by Mrs. Harry James, President, made their 1982 contribution of \$4,000. Accepting for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund were (from left) Harry K. Weaver, President of the Youth Fund; Lloyd Godwin, Resident Director of the Girls Villa; Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman; and former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

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KISSIMMEE — Lt. Buddy Shepherd (left), representing Osceola County Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy, Sr., presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Richard McConahay.



FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Pam Perona for contributions made through the Ken Perono Oldsmobile Golf Tournament, an annual event at the Indian Hills Country Club.



ARCADIA — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Desoto County Sheriff R. A. "Bob" Thomas and Mrs. Thomas.

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OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grant, representing VFW Post #8267, Fort McCoy; John S. McGee, Jr., representing Silver Springs Groves, Inc., Citra; and Mrs. Joyce Carper.



Mrs. Carper

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SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to August Tobler.



NEW PORT RICHEY — Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Scobie.



Club Members

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ziegler, of Lakeland; John Butler, General Manager, Wales Industries, Inc., Lake Wales; Lake Region Yacht and Country Club, represented by (from left) Edie Hensler, Peggy Spillane, Dot Thomas and Nubby Morrow; and Jerry Zastro, Plant Manager of Charles Hollenbach, Inc., Lakeland.



Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler



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KATHLEEN — Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Cullen Carroll, President of the Kathleen Lions Club.



SEBRING Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard (left) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to (from left) Carey Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Cole Danley, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Daniel; also a Builder Certificate to George Hurst.

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WEST PALM BEACH — Inspector Richard Sheets (left) representing Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to John J. Simons, Jr., Vice President, representing Mobil Land Development Corporation. Lifetime memberships were also presented by

Sheriff Wille to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Maxwell; Norton Zuckerman and his son David; Ms. Elaine B. Deacy, representing Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill and son.



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JACKSONVILLE — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (third from left) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gregory (left) and Mrs. Daisy T. Newton. Weaver said Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Newton are sisters, and this may be the first time sisters have received lifetime memberships simultaneously.

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Award Winner Didn't Lose Her Cool

ST. PETERSBURG — Because she did not lose her cool under fire, Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Pamela Baldwin was chosen to receive the Northeast Exchange Club's "Outstanding Deputy Sheriff Award" for 1982.

The award was presented after Deputy Baldwin pursued and helped to apprehend an armed motorcycle thief who fired a 12-gauge shotgun at her during the chase.

Her boss, Sheriff Gerry Coleman, said she "maintained control of the cruiser and successfully contained her pursuit of the suspect" after the windshield directly in front of her was hit by a shotgun blast.

Involved in the award ceremony honoring Deputy Sheriff Pamela Baldwin were (from left) Tom Whiteman, Exchange Club Treasurer; Steve Miller, President; Sheriff Gerry Coleman; and Dan Huber, Exchange Club President-Elect.



Tournament Will Benefit Junior Deputies

LAKELAND — Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims (right) may be the first Florida Sheriff to have a golf tournament named in his honor. It's the First Annual Louie Mims Golf Classic, which will be held in Lakeland May 28-30, for the benefit of the Sheriff's Junior Deputy League. Pictured here to help publicize the event are (from left) Deputy Sheriff Gordon Polk, and Junior Deputies Steve Cook, Leon Sloat, Johnson Anderson and Lori Lang.

We Salute:

FORT LAUDERDALE — This month's line-up of "good guys" is headed by Broward County Deputy Sheriff Robert Burke, who received the Red Cross Certificate of Merit (the top award given by that organization) for saving the life of a paraplegic who was choking to death.

First on the scene, Burke found that the 25-year-old man had stopped breathing. He cleared an obstruction from the victim's throat, and then resuscitated him.

Burke is a lifesaving instructor and has saved other lives, according to news reports.

Jack Strenge

BOCA RATON — Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff Jack Strenge, 27, was described as a man of ability and dedication when the Evening Exchange Club of Boca Raton honored him as the "Deputy of the Year" for the south end of Palm Beach County.

"I think we are very fortunate to have someone of this calibre coming into police work," said Chief Deputy Charles McCutcheon during the award ceremony.

James McQuaig

OCALA — Marion County Deputy Sheriff James McQuaig, who solved cases leading to recovery of stolen goods valued at \$100,000 was chosen Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Ocala Junior Chamber of Commerce.

McQuaig is a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea. He commands Sheriff Don Moreland's SWAT team, and is also active in the K-9 unit, and the Underwater Recovery Team.

He was wounded during SWAT team duty and received a departmental Medal of Distinction.

Thomas Madigan Timothy Bargo

PORT ST. LUCIE — The 10-13 Club of the Treasure Coast, whose members are former New York City police officers, presented "exemplary police work" awards to Martin County Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. Thomas Madigan, and St. Lucie County Deputy Sheriff Timothy Bargo for helping to solve the murder of Frances Julia Slater, granddaughter of Outboard Motor Manufacturer Ralph Evinrude and his wife, Frances Langford.

Duane Henderson

BRADENTON — Manatee County Deputy Sheriff Duane Henderson was credited with saving the life of a 44-year-old woman he rescued from a burning house. According to news reports, Henderson went into the house and found the woman in her smoke-filled bedroom crying for help. She was treated for smoke inhalation.

Ed Wyatt

DeLAND — Sgt. Ed Wyatt, of the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy. Prior to attending the Academy he received an AS degree in law enforcement from Daytona Beach Community College, and a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice from Rollins College.

David Patrick

VERO BEACH — Chosen because of the excellence of his work and his willingness to answer calls while off-duty, Indian River County Deputy Sheriff David Patrick received the Exchange Club's Officer of the Year Award.

William Arthur Slagle John Trevor Jonathan Shaw

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Deputy Sheriffs William Arthur Slagle, John Trevor and Jonathan Shaw placed first, second, and third respectively in the Florida Derby Festival Pistol Tournament. Slagle scored 274 points out of a possible 300.



Rewarded for Intercepting Horse Thieves

FORT PIERCE — Deputy Sheriff Joe Campbell (left) received a reward from the St. Lucie County Cattlemen's Association, represented by Bill Roy Hutchinson, and congratulations from his boss, St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (right), after he prevented the theft of two horses.



Andreu

Awards Presented to Deputies

PUNTA GORDA — Two Charlotte County deputy sheriffs recently received special recognition. William Andreu, a road patrol deputy, was named Lawman of the Year by the Port Charlotte Elks Lodge; and Agent Michael Gandy, from the Criminal Investigation Division, was chosen Outstanding Officer of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Gandy





Warrants or weights, Treeva proves she can handle either with equal skill as she takes dictation from Edward Fagan, a Lieutenant in the Warrants Division.



With Road Patrol Captain Roy Hughey as a witness, Treeva Pickelsimer demonstrates how easy it is to lift 250 pounds. Later she squat-lifted 275 pounds.

Treeva's Terrific!

SANFORD — They call her "Terrific Treeva" at the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, but not because Treeva Pickelsimer is pretty and petite and a terrific secretary.

This 100-pound young woman who stands all of 5 feet, 2 inches, earned her title the hard way by actually outlifting the big, brawny deputy sheriffs who tower over her in the Sheriff's physical fitness room.

It didn't happen suddenly, this shattering of male egos. In fact, the first time Treeva wandered into the Sheriff's body building emporium about a year ago, the only thing she tried to lift was a bar without any weights on it.

No one was impressed, but Treeva discovered that lifting weights gave her a psychological lift. Soon she was working out three times a week at the Sheriff's Department, and also several times a week at home

when she could steal time away from the responsibilities of tending to her husband and two children.

Friends and fellow-workers began to marvel as months went by and she continued to increase the weights on the bar; 120 pounds. . . 150 pounds. . . 200 pounds. At coffee breaks the people who wagered she had reached her limit continued to lose their bets.

Finally, in the early part of this year, word filtered through the Sheriff's Department that Treeva had squat-lifted an unbelievable 275 pounds! This was equal to a 250-pound man lifting 685 pounds, and none of the brawny deputy sheriffs could match that.

Treeva was an instant celebrity. In March she was the subject of a full-page article in the department's newsletter. Her fame traveled far, but fame was not what she was after — nor was she trying to show up the brawny males.

"I just did it because I enjoy it, and I'll continue to do it for that reason alone," she said.

"Terrific," said an awe-struck male, and the title stuck.