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Captain Coram Congratulated

Bay County Sheriff's Department Captain Joe Coram (left) is a man of action accustomed to being in tight spots, but the limelight made him uncomfortable when he posed for newspaper and television photographers with Governor Bob Graham and Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts (right). The photo session was arranged after the Florida House of Representatives passed a resolution naming Coram as Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. "He begged me not to submit his name," said Pitts. The Sheriff, however, felt Coram should be recognized for

bravery and professionalism. A selection committee and the Florida Legislature agreed; so, on May 2, the House of Representatives passed a resolution commending Captain Coram. Later that day Governor Graham signed the resolution and presented the officer with a Smith and Wesson revolver. Coram is head of the Sheriff's Office Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team and is Chief Investigator. The award is sponsored each year by Tallahassee dentist and former member of the House, Dr. Miley L. Miers II, and Capital Realty Associates.

For Technicians: There's More to Life than Bombs and Blazes

FORT LAUDERDALE — The four technicians on the Broward County Sheriff's Department's Arson and Bomb Squad don't sit around waiting for something to burn up or explode.

Far from idle, these experts fill in the time between assignments by upgrading their expertise in seminars, holding training sessions at the local police and fire academies, and making speeches to business, school, and professional groups about fire and explosive safety.

Each month they average about 25 fire investigations where arson is suspected, and about six callouts involving explosions or suspected explosive devices. They constitute the only full time arson and bomb unit in the country, and are frequently called upon to assist the county's many fire and police agencies.

When ranking U.S. Government officials or foreign dignitaries come to Broward County, the squad is frequently called upon to screen VIP cars and aircraft for possible explosives.

Squad members Michael McDermott, Dennis Regan, Sgt. Jim Walkup and Detective Frank Carnetta received their basic training at the Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Alabama, and are recognized as leaders in their field. Last year they were one of the first bomb disposal units in the nation to acquire "robots" equipped with TV cameras so that suspected explosive devices could be handled with a greater margin of safety. (For more details see October-November, 1982, issue of *The Star*.)

This Lad Really Needed an ID Card

LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) presented a Junior Deputy badge and identification card to four-year-old Gered Bates, just in case Gered gets the wanderlust again. Deputy Sheriff Mike Gardner (left) thought it was a good idea. He found Gered after the youngster had started a nine-mile walk through city traffic from his grandparents home to his own home. After the excitement was over Gered explained he had gotten a little homesick and just took off, not knowing his parents were out of town.



The First Poppy Sale Customer Was a Pushover

FORT MYERS — When the Disabled American Veterans kicked off their annual fund raising poppy sale, Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka bought the first poppy from Mathew Morgan Saltzman, the poppy sale mascot.



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Teenagers were congratulated by Sheriff LaVelle Pitts (seated) and Sgt. Frankie Winchester (second from left) after they won first place in state competition for an outstanding community project. They are (from left) Kim Bel, Kim Messer, Lakiktha Thompson and Jeff Burch.



Teenagers Give a Lift To Crime Watch Program

by Patricia Thibodeau

PANAMA CITY — The campaign against crime in Bay County has gotten into the hands of teenagers.

Last year, members of Mowat Junior High School's Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA/HERO) Club started things off by organizing "Crime Prevention Through People Power" as a school project.

Since then, in cooperation with the Bay County Sheriff's Department, they have volunteered hundreds of hours to promote community awareness and crime prevention programs. They have also gotten impressive results.

The original objective of the teenagers was to organize a community project they could enter in state FHA/HERO competition. Someone mentioned Neighborhood Crime Watch after seeing it on television. Then club member Jeff Burch called Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts, who was delighted with the students' interest and turned them over to Sgt. Frankie Winchester.

The idea of using teenagers to promote crime prevention, community awareness and safety appealed to Sgt. Winchester, and she promptly put them to work. Appearing on radio and television, the young folks urged citizens to report any suspicious activities they saw in their neighborhoods, without risking personal injury.

They also granted a newspaper interview, displayed posters, distributed pamphlets and manned crime prevention booths at a shopping mall and at the county fair.

All this activity produced a strong public response. Many people gave the club members their names and addresses and said they were interested in starting

Crime Watch programs in their neighborhoods. Phone calls to Sgt. Winchester also increased. People were asking her about the work that was being done and how they could help out.

"I was drowning in requests for Crime Watch programs," she said later — obviously pleased with the results. At that point she was giving Crime Watch instructions in 42 neighborhoods. Sheriff Pitts was pleased too, and awarded a public service plaque to the students.

The Mayor proclaimed "Crime Prevention Through People Power Month," and the youngsters achieved their number one goal by winning first place at the state FHA/HERO convention for the "outstanding community project" in the junior high division.

As a bonus, the FHA/HERO Club members also learned a lot about making their homes secure, and they proved that teenagers can serve their community as responsible citizens.

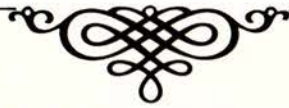
Said club member Kim Bel, "We wanted to prove that we care about our community. We care about the crime rate. We care about if it happens to us or not. We don't want it to happen."

At last report, Kim was getting her wish. No major crimes had been reported in neighborhoods where residents had organized a Crime Watch and had posted Crime Watch signs.

But, what about the neighborhoods that are not participating?

"Unfortunately," said Sgt. Winchester, "crime prevention works best *after* something has happened. You give people the information, then when something happens they'll realize the importance of it."

Legislative Report, 1983



New Law Will Require Inmates to Pay Their Own Medical Expenses

Bills passed by the Florida Legislature during its 1983 session included one that will give relief to Florida taxpayers and help Sheriffs with their budget problems.

Sponsored by Sen. George Kirkpatrick and Rep. Carl Selph, this landmark bill will require inmates to pay their own medical bills while they are held in county jails — an expense previously borne by taxpayers.

A recent survey of limited scope indicated that medical services for county jail prisoners have been costing taxpayers millions per year. One county alone reported bills totaling \$100,000 last year. There have also been reports of individuals deliberately breaking the law so they could get free surgery and other medical services while in jail.

These abuses are not likely to continue in the future. The 1983 bill requires arrestees to pay the costs of medical treatment for pre-existing illnesses or injuries, and for injuries incurred during arrest proceedings, as well as for medical treatment required during incarceration.

If an inmate does not have health insurance and cannot pay his bill, the county commission or city commission will be required to pay it, and it will not come out of Sheriffs' or city police budgets. City commissions will be required to pay when the inmate is being held for violating a city ordinance.

Other criminal justice bills passed by the legislature included the following:

Traffic Accident Investigations

Requires the filing of traffic accident reports by law enforcement officers only if the accidents involve death, injury, DUI charges, or leaving the scene of an accident charges. In accidents where one or more vehicles must be towed away, the officer will be allowed to use his discretion about filing a report.

When no accident report is filed, officers will hand out Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles forms to be filled out by the drivers.

Sponsored by Sen. Malcolm Beard and Rep. Spud Clements.

Certification of Officers

Allows corrections and law enforcement officers who meet the necessary standards to be concurrently certified so that they can be used interchangeably by a single employing agency. This will be a boon to small Sheriff's Departments where it is highly desirable to have officers qualified for double duty.

Sponsored by Sen. George Kirkpatrick and Rep. Bobby Brantley.

Administering Oaths

Authorizes law enforcement and corrections officers to administer oaths in connection with their official duties, and eliminates the necessity of using a notary public for routine procedures such as preparing arrest affidavits. This will save time and money. In criminal investigations, officers will be permitted to administer the oath to witnesses but not defendants.

Sponsored by Sen. Jeanne Malchon and Rep. Bobby Brantley.

Explosive Ammunition

Prohibits the manufacture, possession, sale or delivery of armor-piercing or exploding ammunition in Florida. Makes violation a felony. Exempts sales to law enforcement agencies. Introduced by Rep. Dexter Lehtinen and Rep. David Lehman.

Barracks Type Jails

Allows counties and cities to hold misdemeanants with no history of aggressiveness in barracks type facilities that provide reduced custody housing.

Introduced by Rep. T.M. Woodruff.

Bicycle Safety

Amends safety regulations for bicycles with regard to hand signals, yielding right-of-way, riding on sidewalks, etc.

Introduced by Rep. Patricia L. Bailey and Rep. Helen Gordon Davis.

Metals Dealers

Requires dealers to retain possession of precious metals they have purchased for at least 72 hours, and to keep detailed records on the seller. Prohibits purchasing precious metals from minors unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Introduced by Rep. Marilyn Evans-Jones.

Arrest Without Warrant

Allows a law enforcement officer to make an arrest without a warrant when the person arrested has violated a county ordinance in the presence of the officer, and the arrest is made immediately, or in fresh pursuit.

Introduced by House Criminal Justice Committee.

Burglary Penalties

Increases the penalties for attempting, soliciting or conspiring to commit a burglary.

Introduced by Rep. J. Keith Arnold.

Bingo Regulations

Provides rules for conducting Bingo games. Provides penalties for violations.

Introduced by Rep. Tim Deratany.

Drug Sniffing

Spells out the drugs and chemicals that it is against the law to inhale, and prohibits driving while under the influence of these substances.

Introduced by Rep. Beverly Burnsed.

Capacity of Prisons

Limits the capacity of the state prison system by establishing a required ratio of inmates in relation to the general population of the state. Provides procedures for reducing the prison population when the legal limit is exceeded. Allows the placing of offenders in community control programs as an alternative to sentencing or probation. Provides workmen's compensation benefits for inmates in work programs.

Introduced by Rep. James G. Ward.

Confidential Files

Specifies conditions under which confidential files relating to complaints against law enforcement and corrections officers may be opened to the public.

Introduced by the House Judiciary Committee.

Abusing Elderly Persons

Provides that any person who knowingly or wilfully abuses, neglects or exploits an aged or disabled person

and, in so doing, causes bodily harm, permanent disfigurement or permanent disability is guilty of a felony. Any person who knowingly or wilfully abuses, neglects or exploits an aged or disabled person is guilty of a misdemeanor. (No disfigurement or disability need result under the misdemeanor section.)

Introduced by Sen. Edgar M. Dunn, Jr.

Child Pornography

Makes it a felony to employ or induce any child to engage in any sexual conduct in a performance, motion picture, play, dance, or photograph.

Introduced by Sen. Robert B. Crawford.

Burglary and Battery

Provides that burglary is a first degree felony if battery is involved, and a second degree felony if it is not.

Introduced by Sen. Peter M. Weinstein.

Death Benefit for Officers

Provides a death benefit of \$50,000 for the survivors of any law enforcement officer or firefighter "intentionally and unlawfully" killed in the line of duty. Also provides that the state will pay education expenses of the children of slain officers and firefighters.

Introduced by Sen. Edgar M. Dunn, Jr., and Sen. John A. Hill.

Obscene Materials

Amends the law that prohibits distribution of obscene materials to minors by changing the definition of "minor" from "anyone under 17 to anyone under 18." Also broadens definition of obscene to include material that is "considered as a whole, without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for juveniles."

Introduced by Sen. William G. Myers and passed as a Judiciary-Criminal Committee substitute.

Sentencing Guidelines

Provides authority for the Florida Supreme Court to develop statewide sentencing guidelines which will be periodically evaluated by a Sentencing Commission. Provides that a person sentenced after the guidelines are adopted can be released only (1) upon expiration of his sentence; (2) upon expiration of his sentence as reduced by accumulated gain time (time off for good behavior); or (3) as directed by an executive order granting clemency.

Introduced by Sen. Robert B. Crawford.

Nation's Sheriffs Applaud Pellicer

NASHVILLE — When the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) held its 43rd Annual Informative Conference here June 19-22, Sheriff Walt Pellicer, from Putnam County, Florida, received praise and applause for completing a successful year as president of the national organization.

Among the Florida delegates on hand to give Pellicer a rousing send-off were Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle, President of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and Berwin Williams, Executive Director.

During conference proceedings Williams was re-elected chairman of a committee composed of presidents and executive directors from state Sheriffs' Associations across the nation. Sheriff Richard Elrod, from Chicago, was elected President of the NSA to succeed Pellicer, and was installed on the final day of the conference.

In a resolution of commendation, the NSA praised Sheriff Pellicer for his "unlimited dedication to the



From left, Walt Pellicer, Jim Hardcastle and Berwin Williams.

highest ideals of professionalism in law enforcement." The resolution also cited him for the loyalty and zeal he demonstrated during his term as president. It stated that his example would "serve as a model for others who would aspire to this distinguished position."

Pellicer received a life membership in the NSA, a badge and a plaque as mementoes of his term in office.

Newspaper Honors Four Brave Law Enforcement Men

FORT MYERS — The Fort Myers News-Press recently presented Outstanding Public Service Awards to a pair of deputy sheriffs who were gunned down in the line of duty, and two policemen who risked their lives in an attempt to save young boys trapped by a cave-in. Here is a brief account of the incidents that led up to the presentations:

Ronald Lee Fewell

On the evening of March 16, Lee County Sheriff's Department Cpl. Ronald Lee Fewell drove his patrol car to the scene of a domestic disturbance involving a man who was reported to be firing a gun. As Fewell stepped out of his car, he was struck by a blast from a 16-gauge shotgun and died before he reached a hospital. He was 24.

A. Q. "Med" Howell III

Thirteen days later in neighboring Collier County, A. Q. "Med" Howell III, a corporal in the Sheriff's Department, was gunned down as he tried to stop a convenience store robbery in Immokalee. He was 33.

Julius "J.R." Rowell* *Dave Stadelman

Two boys were digging a tunnel under a bridge, and were trapped by a cave-in. Cape Coral Patrolman



Flanked by Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (right) and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fewell, parents of Ron Fewell, News-Press Executive Editor Ron Thornburg presents the newspaper's Outstanding Public Service Award to Teresa Fewell, the widow of Ron Fewell. Wanicka said Ron Fewell was "a man who loved his job and his family, and was exceptional in both roles."

Julius "J.R." Rowell went to the rescue and entered the crude tunnel. "I knew it could cave in again, but there wasn't time to think about it," he said later. "A minute

or two could have made the difference, and I was after that minute or two."

Patrolman Dave Stadelman arrived and also entered the tunnel, where Rowell was frantically using his hands and a broken shovel to uncover one of the boys.

Stadelman pulled Rowell out of the small opening, feet first, while Rowell dragged the boy and turned him over to waiting paramedics. Then the two patrolmen went back into the tunnel, and, although hampered by a shortage of oxygen, were able to rescue the second youngster.

Unfortunately, the two boys died, but Rowell, who is 28, and Stadelman, who is 30, were chosen from among several nominees to receive the News-Press Award because of their heroic actions. Each received a plaque and a check for \$50.

Plaques and checks were also presented to the widows of Fewell and Howell.

It Was a Trashy Idea

DADE CITY — In the history of jailbreaks, this one dreamed up by James Hughes at the Pasco County Jail may be the trashiest.

Hughes put himself in a large plastic trash bag inside a garbage can, hoping he would be hauled away with the garbage, but his plan was a bummer from the beginning.

He should have realized that, because of his weight, the jail workers would have become suspicious as soon as they tried to pick up the can.

However, the great escape caper never got that far. When the morning roll call came up short, Hughes' name was called several times. Finally, there was a muffled "here" from inside the garbage can, and the hapless Hughes literally "blew his cover."

At last report he was back in his cell trying to figure out what went wrong.



Here's One Pooch Who Can Really Pounce

NAPLES — Coached by Deputy Sheriff Ed Gloucester, "Major," a K-9 deputy from the Broward County Sheriff's Department, demonstrates his amazing ability to clear a long span of hurdles. (Photo by Carl C. Hansen, Naples Daily News)



Just a Case of Mutual Admiration

QUINCY — Gadsden County Sheriff W.A. Woodham (right) likes country/western music, and Jeff Cook, a member of Alabama, the famous country/western band, likes to hang around with law enforcement types. So . . . it came to pass, when the two got together recently, that Woodham just naturally made Cook an honorary deputy and also enrolled him as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

"We Must Never Forget . . . to Live by Their Example"

FORT PIERCE — "We give thanks for the ideals of honor and faith which we have inherited from our predecessors in law enforcement," said St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell. "Also for the decency of purpose, steadfastness of resolve and strength of will, for the courage and the humility which they possessed and which we seek every day to carry forward as we enforce the laws of our community."

"We must never forget that the highest tribute we can give to our former officers is to live by their example."

It was Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Day, May 17, and, as the Sheriff finished his tribute before an audience of law enforcement officers and friends, his mother, Mrs. J.R. Norvell, offered a floral tribute.



Mrs. Norvell, who is the widow of the late Sheriff Johnny Norvell, was assisted by her daughter, Ann Norvell, and Cpl. Ron Wedekind, of the Florida Highway Patrol.

When Loneliness is Tinged with Terror

SANFORD — For some people, it's frightening to be old or handicapped and live alone. They worry about people breaking in and robbing them. They are concerned about the danger of fires; what would happen if they had an accident and couldn't get help; and how medical attention could be summoned.

Tragedies happen occasionally. The elderly and disabled who live alone have a right to be worried and many of them are; but some have found peace of mind and a measure of security through the "Lifeline" system operated by the Seminole County Sheriff's Department.

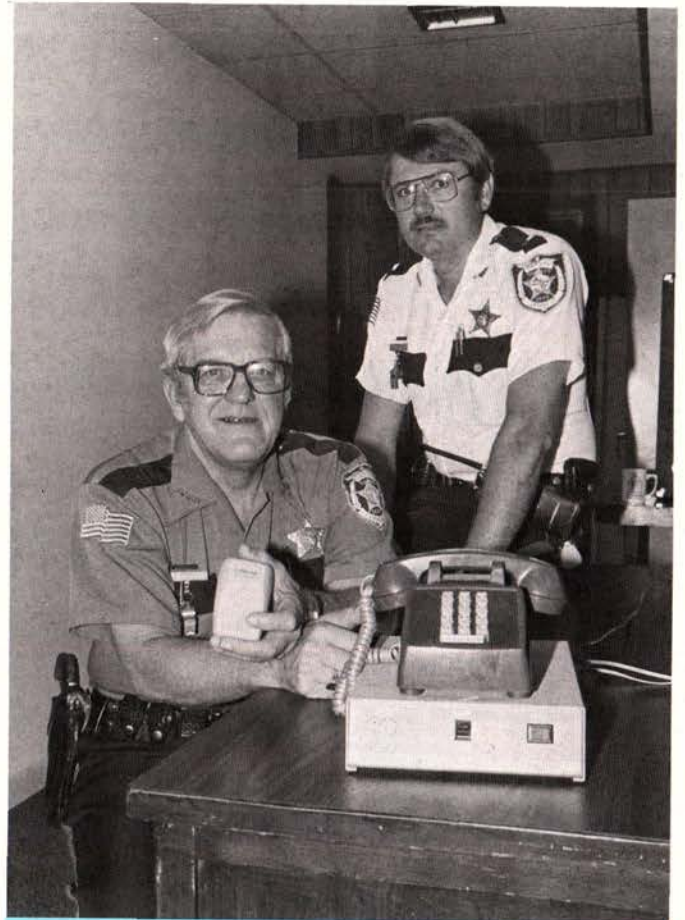
When an emergency occurs, help is just a pushbutton away for people who are tied in to the "Lifeline" system. It also checks up on them daily to make sure everything is okay.

Subscribers who use the "Lifeline" service have metal boxes called communicators attached to their telephones. On the front of each box is a "help" button. When this button is pushed, the communicator automatically dials the Sheriff's Department. Then the Sheriff's Department calls the subscriber to see what is wrong.

If no one answers, a "responder" (usually a neighbor or relative who has a key to the house) is called and requested to check up on the subscriber. When the responder arrives, he pushes a reset button on the Lifeline communicator box to let the Sheriff's Department know that help has arrived. Immediately the Sheriff's Department calls to find out the nature of the problem, and to determine if additional assistance is necessary.

When a responder is not available, police officers or deputy sheriffs are sent to the subscriber's house to check up.

Subscribers are coached to push the reset button on the communicator at least once a day. If this does not happen, and if no phone calls have been made from the subscriber's phone that day, the Sheriff's Department is automatically alerted by the Lifeline equipment and



Deputy Sheriff Hank Bierly (left) demonstrates a Lifeline hookup. The communicator box is under the telephone and he is holding the call box in his hand. Bierly installs and maintains the equipment for subscribers. Lt. Beau Taylor, seated behind him, is Commander of Special Operations in the Sheriff's Department.

contacts are made to find out whether or not the subscriber is okay.

It is not necessary for subscribers to stay close to the communicator box. Each subscriber carries a small call box with a push button, and can send out a call for help from any place within a range of 200 feet.

Lt. Beau Taylor, Special Operations Commander in the Sheriff's Department, said the Lifeline System has been very effective, not only in giving elderly and disabled persons peace of mind, but also in saving lives.

The Visiting Nurses Association provides the Lifeline equipment and selects eligible subscribers. The



Hope Hyrons, an intern, tests the Lifeline system to make certain all units are in working order. This test and update procedure is performed monthly.

Sheriff's Department operates the system.

Lifeline is just one of many ways that Sheriff John Polk has demonstrated his concern for the needs of the elderly and handicapped. About seven years ago he established "Project Concern," a system of daily telephone calls to check up on citizens who were living alone and might need help. The new Lifeline System, which monitors subscribers 24 hours a day, has diminished the need for Project Concern, but the old system is still in operation.

If, for instance, a man is recuperating at his home after serious surgery and is left alone while his wife goes to work, he would not be eligible for the Lifeline service, but Project Concern would check up on him during his wife's absence.

Lt. Taylor is enthusiastic about the benefits derived from Lifeline. So are the elderly and handicapped people who use it.

"When these people get one of the Lifeline communicators in their homes, they love it," said Taylor. "They polish it every day and demonstrate it to their friends. It's their lifeline. They know the importance of it. It's a real comfort."



Hazel Cash was formerly in charge of Project Concern, an earlier, less sophisticated system, that was partially phased out when Lifeline was established. Virginia Lawrence (whose picture we regret our photographer did not get) is presently in charge.

We Salute:

TAMPA — This month's line-up of "good guys and gals" is headed by Detective Perry Young, a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department detective who was recently awarded the Department's Medal of Honor for risking his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich said Young was rescuing a wounded deputy during a shootout when he was hit with a shotgun blast that caused him to lose his left arm just below the shoulder.

Young was one of 38 Sheriff's Department deputies recognized for outstanding accomplishments in a Law Week ceremony. His Medal of Honor is the Department's highest award. The other awards include Life Saving Bars; Silver Police Crosses for those who sustained serious injury on duty; Distinguished Service Medals for acts of courage involving risk of serious personal injury; and Gold Police Crosses (posthumously) for those who died on duty.

Ralph Brown

DELAND — "To have true respect for the law and law enforcement, the youth of America must have learning aids and adults willing to teach them properly, for the simple reason that no one accepts or respects anything he or she cannot understand," said Ralph Brown, a Volusia County Sheriff's Department Explorer, in his award-winning essay on "Respect for Law."

"The Explorer program offers young people an excellent opportunity to grow up in such an atmosphere, where they learn teamwork, leadership and responsibility," Brown added.

He also stressed the importance of developing self-respect "and the confidence to continue striving for excellence, to become what each individual wants to become, and to be the best that one can possibly be."

Sheriff Edwin H. Duff II said Brown has been a great asset to the Explorer Post, and has achieved distinction as a marksman in national competition.

Wayne Ladieu Brooks Sanderson

PENSACOLA — The Pensacola Exchange Club honored Escambia County Deputy Sheriffs Wayne Ladieu and Brooks Sanderson as "Officers of the Month" after they successfully completed an undercover "sting" operation.

Posing as pawnshop operators, the deputies recovered stolen property valued at \$720,000, and obtained evidence that resulted in some 300 arrest warrants for more than 100 suspects.

Robert Joye

PENSACOLA — Hats off to another Escambia County Deputy, Robert Joye, who received a Red Cross Merit Certificate for saving the life of a young man who drank 26 shots of tequila at a Pensacola Beach bar.

Bob Brongel Charles Stellwagen Robert Snell

SARASOTA — Three Sarasota County deputy sheriffs received special recognition for making a combined total of 43 arrests for felonies in progress. Bob Brongel was credited with 17, and received a \$100 award from Sheriff Jim Hardcastle. Charles Stellwagen was credited with 15, and Robert Snell with 11.

Robin Goodman

VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck announced that Robin Goodman, one of his employees, received the "Outstanding Student Award" when she completed a nine-week course to qualify as a Corrections Officer in the Indian River County Jail.

Ms. Goodman is a graduate of Florida State University, where she majored in home economics.

Tom Clements

Marion County Deputy Sheriff Tom Clements was praised for his outstanding work as an investigator, and for the administrative ability he demonstrated in reorganizing Sheriff Don Moreland's Special Investigations Unit, when the Ocala Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented him with a law enforcement commendation medal and certificate.

Gerrit "Gerry" Stip

BRADENTON — The Bradenton Elks Lodge selected Manatee County Deputy Sheriff Gerrit "Gerry" Stip to receive an "Officer of the Year" Award in recognition of his outstanding performance in the Criminal Process Section of the Sheriff's Court Process Bureau.



She Saved an Injured Deputy's Life

VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck (left) and Auxiliary Captain Donald McCall congratulated Susan Stegkemper, a registered nurse, when she was honored for saving the life of Deputy Sheriff Chalie Heath. The deputy had stopped breathing after his motorcycle was involved in a collision, and Stegkemper resuscitated him.

Jim Ellinor

DELAND — Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Jim Ellinor received an "Officer of the Year" Award from American Legion Post 6, at the Post's annual law and order dinner. Post officials said it was their way of saying "thank you for a job well done."

Pete C. Lenz

VERO BEACH — The local Hundred Club honored Indian River County Deputy Sheriff Pete C. Lenz as its "Deputy of the Year" in recognition of his general excellence as a law enforcement officer.

His career highlights include extinguishing a fire at the Sebastian Police Department, arresting two juveniles for burglarizing a local supply warehouse, and arresting two fugitives who were rape suspects.

He was described as a seasoned veteran with an excellent attitude who takes pride in his work.

Paul Usina

PALATKA — Lt. Paul Usina, a ten-year veteran with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, was recently graduated from the FBI National Academy. He completed courses in drug and arson investigations, advanced leadership, management, fingerprinting, constitutional law, stress management, firearms and physical fitness.

"I brought back a lot of practical information," said Usina, "and a vast majority of it we'll be able to use here."



38-Year Veteran Honored

ARCADIA — DeSoto County Sheriff Robert A. Thomas (right) presented a plaque to Lt. George Brown at a retirement banquet held in Brown's honor. The plaque cited Lt. Brown for over 38 years of dedicated and unselfish service to law enforcement in DeSoto County. Seated at left is Lt. Brown's wife, Earnestine.



Oldtimers Honored at Auxiliary Banquet

VERO BEACH — Three original members of the Indian River County Sheriff's Auxiliary were honored for their many years of faithful service when the Auxiliary held its annual banquet. Sheriff Tim Dobeck presented plaques to the honorees and Auxiliary Captain Donald McCall participated in the presentation. Pictured from left are William Myers, Angus McDougal, Dobeck, McCall and Bruce Edwards.



Zullo

Scholarships Awarded to Deputies

JACKSONVILLE — Deputy Sheriff Gary Zullo, from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, and Cpl. Ken York, from the Pasco County Sheriff's Department, received scholarships from MPH Industries, a radar manufacturing firm, to attend a Police Traffic Radar Instructor Course



York

at the University of North Florida's Institute of Police Traffic Management (IPTM). The scholarships were presented by Everett James, Director of Police Programs at IPTM. Butch Kramer, Director of Administrative Services at IPTM, witnessed the presentation.



Safety Patrol Members Marlon Blandin, Tyrone Tolbert, Brandy Spence and Gina Fulton

For Distinguished Service to Law Enforcement

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp presented Distinguished Service Awards to four School Safety Patrol members for taking charge of an accident scene at their school until deputies arrived; and to T.M. Gourley (accompanied by Mrs. Gourley) for helping solve a series of church burglaries.



The Gourleys

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.

Lifetime Honorary Members

GEORGE ALDRIDGE
Boys Ranch
MR. & MRS. NEIL S. ATKINSON, SR.
Sneads
DR. & MRS. DONALD AUERBACH
Clearwater
MRS. G. MARIE BETTS
Daytona Beach
THOMAS G. BOHN
Orlando
MRS. THELMA N. BRAFORD
Bradenton
JOHN N. BRANCH
Winter Garden
FRED J. BROCK
Estero
MRS. GAYE K. CIESINSKI
Lakeland
MRS. ANNA F. COE
Lakeland
JAMES COOK
Tampa
CALVIN A. FERGUSON
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Clearwater
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GOLD COAST VETTES, INC.
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GROVE PARK IMPROVEMENT
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RICHARD W. HARTER
Leesburg
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Ormond Beach
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Winter Haven
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Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard, of Sebring, while world class wrestling impresario Eddie Graham adds panache to the presentation. Graham has been a Lifetime Honorary Member for many years, and formerly served on the Youth Fund Board. Sheppard is currently Chairman of the Youth Fund Board of Directors.



BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Melvin Kelly (center) accepts a generous Youth Fund contribution from Jack Schorb (left) and Harry Gates, representing Brooksville Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, No. 1676.



INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles Dean (center) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Francis and Helene Stott.



STUART — Assisted by Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left), Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt (center) accepts a generous Youth Fund gift from Leon LaRoche, of Jensen Beach.



STUART — Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt (left) accepts a plaque and a generous Boys Ranch contribution from the Martin County Bar and Restaurant Coed Softball League, represented by Treasurer Al Broeg. The contribution resulted from a benefit game between league "all-stars" and a team from the Sheriff's Department.

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Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bues, long-time supporters and employees of the Boys Ranch and Youth Fund.



FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Matson and Mary Bronson.





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Mr. and Mrs. Bierbaum



Mrs. Welch

DeLAND — Volusia County Sheriff Edwin H. Duff II presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Rickey Abercrombie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum and Mrs. Mary E. Welch. (Mrs. Bierbaum and Mrs. Welch are sisters.)



Hummel

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Donald J. Hummel; and Builder Certificates to (from left) Charles O. Schaffer, Mrs. Fred F. Altpeter and Mrs. Nadia Sheffert.

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PANAMA CITY — Charlie Abbott (left), Administrative Assistant representing Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts, presents dual Lifetime Honorary Memberships. One went to Mr. and Mrs. Holton G. Harders and the other to Holton G. Harders Construction Company.



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr. (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Donal Davis, of Lady Lake.



FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff George A. Brescher (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Edward N. Wallen.

Wanted Lunch; Got Award

LAUDERDALE LAKES — When he came home for lunch, Permen Jones saw two men attempting to break into a neighbor's house. He dialed 911 and waited for the Broward County Sheriff's Department to respond.

When Deputy James McCray arrived, the two burglars ran in different directions. McCray caught one. Jones caught the other, and earned the gratitude of Sheriff George A. Brescher for his willingness to get involved.

During an awards ceremony in which Jones received a Certificate of Recognition, Sheriff Brescher praised him for his unhesitating response and urged other citizens to follow Jones' example.

He said all Broward County citizens can play a dramatic part in the total law enforcement effort if they become dedicated to security and safety.



Other Deputies Just Say "Yes Sir!"

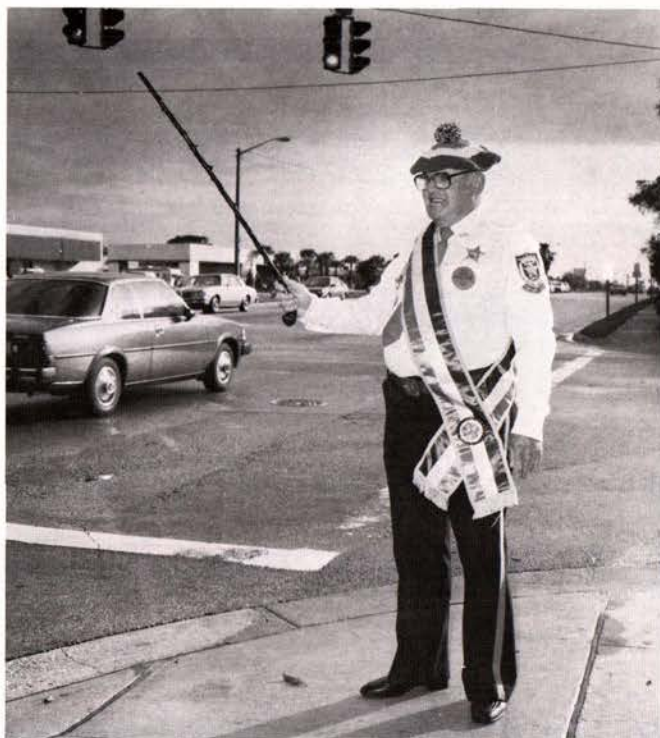
STUART — Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt doesn't get this kind of snarling response from his other deputies, but K-9 Deputy Rommel, a new member of the staff, has been trained to snap and snarl when approached in a menacing manner — boss or no boss. Holt wasn't upset. He's willing to take a lot of guff from Rommel as long as the K-9 does a good job tracking fugitives, attacking bad guys, and sniffing out hidden narcotics. (Palm Beach Post Photo by Jon Kral)

Long Distance Line-up

Recently a line-up was held in the county jail in Sacramento, California, and witnesses looked the suspects over carefully from a well hidden vantage point. Sounds pretty routine.

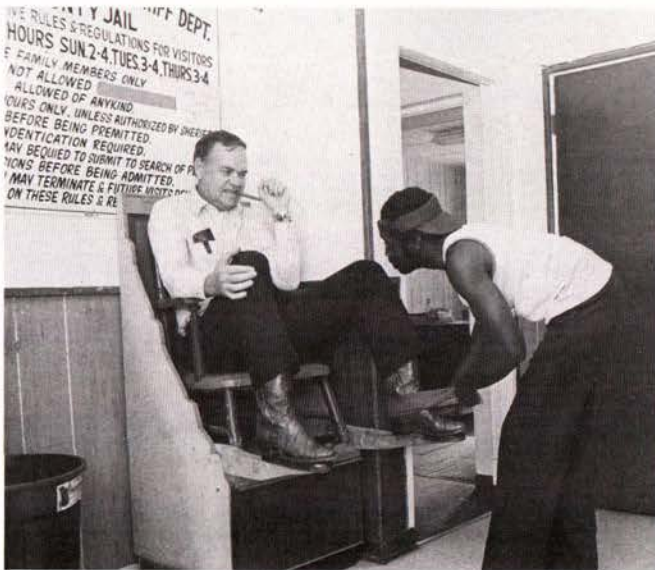
But wait. Here's the rest of the story: The line-up was beamed live by satellite to a studio outside Baltimore, and the witnesses watched it on a TV screen.

Baltimore County Assistant State Attorney Dana Levitz predicted it won't be long before witnesses will be able to scrutinize suspects anywhere in the country without leaving home.



Anything Goes on St. Patrick's Day

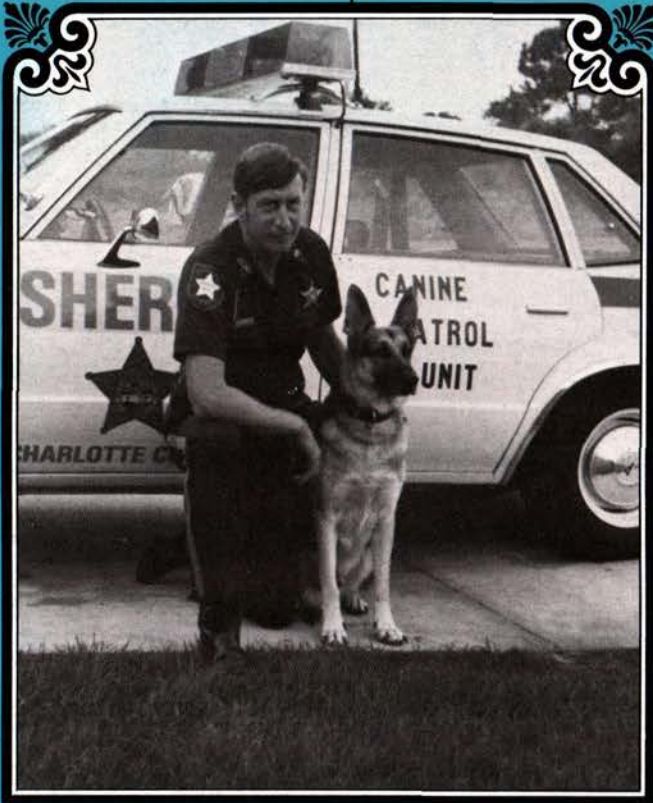
DAYTONA BEACH — It was St. Patrick's Day and Crossing Guard Jim McGloin, a son of the auld sod, couldn't resist an opportunity to pay tribute to his Irish heritage. Sheriff Ed Duff, who has been suspected of Scottish ancestry but is tolerant of Irish impetuosity, took it all in stride and did not discipline McGloin for embellishing his uniform. (News-Journal Photo by Jack Jessee)



It's the Lone Surviving Shoe Shine Stand

MADISON — In case anyone has wondered how Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy and his deputies manage to have such brilliant shines on their boots day in, day out, the answer is a shoe shine stand in the county jail manned by volunteer trustees. Peavy is shown here getting his daily shine. He said trustees welcome an opportunity to make some spending money by collecting 25 cents a shine, and there is never any shortage of volunteers. Officers from other enforcement agencies, as well as a few civilians, drop in from time to time for a buffing. After all, this is Madison County's last surviving shoe shine stand.

Fame Came to Nick with a Kick



Nick with his handler and best friend, Deputy Jim Soules. It was Soules who brought charges against the kicker.

PUNTA GORDA — Nick was just a hard working K-9 deputy in the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department until a man kicked him and made him a celebrity.

The kicking occurred when deputies were breaking up a brawl. Afterward the man accused of doing the dastardly deed was charged with battery on a police officer.

The State Attorney's Office backed up the charges, and pointed out that Nick was a certified police dog with the same status as a uniformed officer.

When the Associated Press sent the story coast-to-coast and beyond, news editors played it up. Playboy magazine also ran an article about Nick, and, while he didn't qualify for a centerfold picture, he did rate an artist's sketch of his famous profile.

Hollywood hasn't called yet, but Nick could not care less. He'll be remembered in law enforcement circles long after Lassie and Rin Tin Tin are names that mean nothing to nobody.