

# the Sheriff's Star

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was not the answer to  
a criminologist's prayer  
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## Broward K-9 team best in the nation

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward County deputy sheriff and his canine partner were named the best K-9 team in the nation when they competed in the U. S. Police Canine Association National Trials, in Plymouth, Michigan.

Deputy Mike Clark and "Champion" won first place overall in obedience, tracking, handler protection, agility and gunfire reaction; also in timed performances involving an obstacle course, apprehension of a suspect, and locating a credit card hidden in a field of tall grass.

Clark and Champion were paired during the early part of 1984 when the part husky, part shepherd dog was donated to the Sheriff's Department. He was trained by Clark in the skills that gave him a national championship rating, and he also became certified as a Police Narcotics Detection Dog.

Clark's previous partner was Buck, from 1977 to 1984. During that time they were honored as the top K-9 team among 198 in Florida, and ranked 16th in the nation.



Deputy Sheriff Mike Clark and "Champion."

### Oldest member has been loyal for 25 years

BUSHNELL — Sumter County Sheriff James L. "Jamie" Adams, Jr. (left), presents a Distinguished Service Award to John Hayes for 25 years of loyal support to the Florida Sheriffs Association. Mr. Hayes recently celebrated his 93rd birthday, and is the oldest honorary member of the Sheriffs Association in Sumter County.



### Loyal members receive 25-year awards

KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes (second from left) expresses his appreciation to three of his constituents who have been loyal honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association for 25 years. They are (from left) Mrs. Frank Poffenbaugh, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. "Bus" Quirk.

# the Sheriff's Star

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# Florida law will expedite control of "designer drugs"

A wave of new, extremely dangerous "designer" drugs could potentially sweep the nation and the State of Florida in the near future. Such drugs are so named because they are "designed" by the clandestine chemist to be chemically similar to, but distinctly different from, a presently controlled drug and still retain the desired pharmacological effect.

Because such drugs are chemically different from existing controlled drugs, they are not illegal under Florida's Controlled Substance Law, Chapter 893, Florida Statutes.

What is more, the clandestine chemist with access to pharmaceutical literature and relatively unsophisticated equipment could with relative ease manufacture new "designer drugs" faster than they could be controlled by annual legislative action. Thus, manufacturers and pushers could not be prosecuted under Chapter 893 F.S.

Fortunately for Florida, the recent wave of designer drugs has been confined to the west coast. There, over fifty deaths have been attributed to these drugs. Researchers have estimated that the potency of some forms of the primary parent drug, fentanyl (known as "China White"), is 2000-5000 times that of heroin.

The inherent dangers of such drugs are:

1. lack of knowledge of the short and long range medical effects on the user;
2. the presence of a potential multitude of toxic impurities and by-products from sloppy synthesis;
3. extreme potency of some of these drugs leads to frequent overdoses;
4. the high profit potential, ease of manufacture, and legal status will attract many individual and organized crime opportunists.

In recognition of the potential hazards of these drugs to the public safety, the 1985 Legislature enacted Chapter 85-242. This law provides for administrative process to rapidly control newly-encountered noncontrolled "designer drugs." Specifically, the Attorney General is delegated the authority to:

1. Promulgate rules to add, delete or reschedule any drug or substance to appropriate schedules of Chapter 893, Florida Statutes based on actual abuse, or potential for abuse;
2. Promulgate by emergency rule action to control any new drugs requiring Schedule I status based on a finding of imminent hazard to the public safety.

However, without a comprehensive intelligence network among law enforcement agencies, crime laboratories and medical examiners to collect information on new drug encounters, problems could easily go unnoticed for long periods of time.

Accordingly, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is attempting to coordinate the gathering of information about encounters, seizures, overdoses and deaths associated with any new non-controlled drugs. State and local law enforcement agencies have been asked to report any encounters of noncontrolled drugs or apparent "negative" clandestinely prepared substances to the nearest FDLE Regional Crime Laboratory. Once new drugs have been encountered and a threat to the public safety has been established, this new law will permit rapid control.

*The foregoing article was submitted for publication by Robert R. Dempsey, Commissioner, Florida Department of Law Enforcement.*

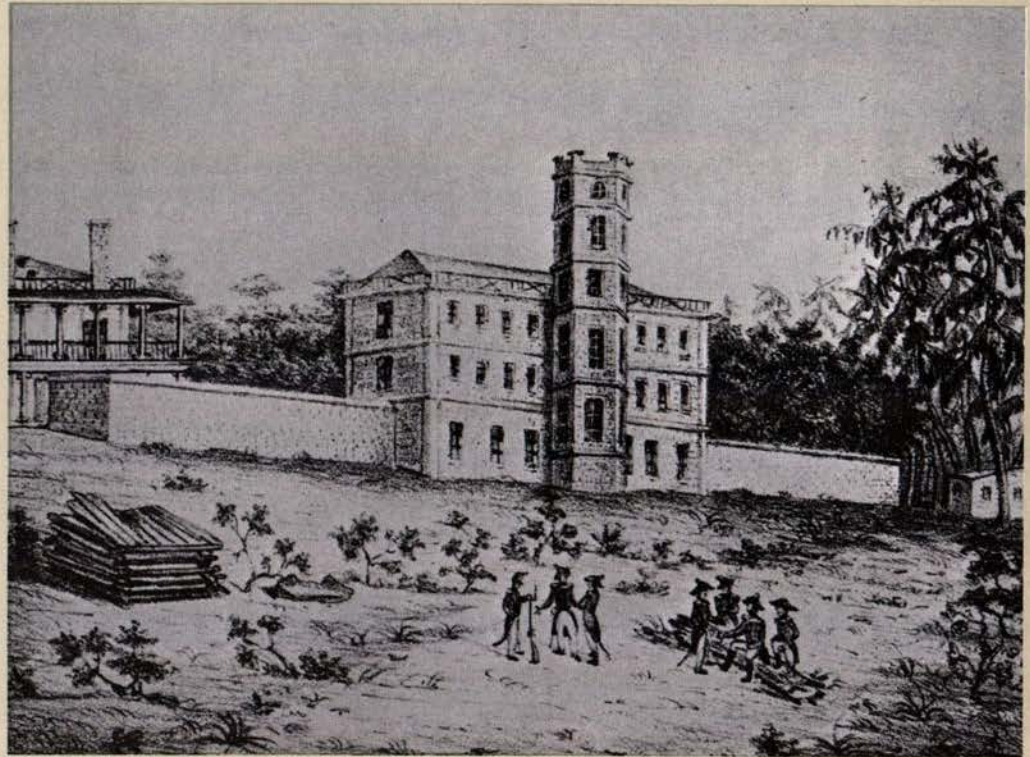
## For the benefit of child abuse victims

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery (in uniform) and Child Abuse Investigator Julie McCall accepted with gratitude a gift of 50 "Good Bears" donated by Gainesville Moose Lodge #1140. They are pictured with representatives of the Lodge. The teddy bears will be given to child abuse victims as a source of comfort and solace.





The U. S. Arsenal at Chattahoochee as sketched around 1838 by Francis, Comte de Castelnau, a French artist. It became the State's first prison in 1869.



## *Historical Flashback:* Florida's one-cell penitentiary was not the answer to a criminologist's prayer

In 1872 the Florida State Prison had only one cell in which 43 prisoners ate, slept, argued, interacted, prayed, fought, plotted and bellyached.

The cost of housing this motley crew of 23 laborers, five house servants, three farmers, two cooks, two sailors and eight assorted tradesmen for an entire year was only \$20,078.38.

It was quite a cozy and economical arrangement to be sure — especially when compared to the present Florida Department of Corrections with its thousands of cells, almost 27,000 prisoners, and annual expenditures approaching \$300 million.

But . . . the one-cell "penitentiary" was not exactly the answer to a criminologist's prayer, and Warden M. Martin would have been among the first to admit it.

"In every report made by me since the establishment of the Penitentiary I have urged in the most earnest manner the erection of cells," Martin told State Prison Inspector John Varnum at the end of 1872, "[but], up to this, nothing whatever has been done."

Martin warned that, since the prisoners were herded together in one common dormitory on a wooden floor, "it is to be wondered that they have

not succeeded in making an outbreak.

"Aside from this," he added in his annual report, "all the efforts of officers to reclaim the criminal, all the advice and instruction given them, is destroyed. The young and inexperienced are brought in contact with the most vile criminals, who, as a matter of course, contaminate them. It requires the most constant energy of the officers to guard against this great evil.

"If there was no other reason than the avoidance of such misfortune, it should be sufficient reason for the immediate erection of at least 20 cells in which the worst criminals could be separately confined."

Martin pointed out that since the Prison was housed in the former U.S. Arsenal, at Chattahoochee, and cost the State nothing, "the State should at least do this much towards making it a fit place to confine criminals."

The need for cells was not his only beef. He was also pleading for higher walls, heat and some schoolroom slates.

"The present wall should be removed at least 40 feet out from the buildings," said Martin, "and raised to the height of 20 feet. As it is now situated it is no prevention to the escape of prisoners.



## Florida's State Hospital, Chattahoochee, Fla.



A 1913 photo of the U. S. Arsenal at Chattahoochee after it had become the Florida State Hospital for mental patients.

"There is no means of heating the Prison," he continued, "and during the cold snaps in winter the prisoners suffer severely. Last winter, when the thermometer was down to 16 degrees above zero for several days at a time, the suffering was almost unendurable. Should this winter turn out to be as cold as last, we can expect like hardships unless some means of heating the building is furnished."

He said prisoners were teaching each other to read and spell, but the supply of books was limited. "Had we slates," he added, "many of the prisoners would make considerable progress in arithmetic, but while our finances are in their present condition we can expect but little improvement. . ."

On the brighter side, Martin reported that the total cost of maintaining the prison in 1872 had been only \$20,078.38, compared to \$43,554.12 in 1871. He said it would have been whittled down to \$12,977.36 if the prison's bills had been paid with cash instead of with Comptroller's warrants discounted at 38 percent.

Deducting the year's earnings of prisoners, which totaled \$5,395, would have dropped the net cost of operating the Prison still further to \$7,582.36.

In this era, prisoners were leased out to corporations and individuals to work on railroads, in pine forests and in phosphate mines.

Martin's 1872 report shows that the prisoners worked on the railroad near Chattahoochee during January and February, and when this work was

finished they went into the woods to cut cross-ties and clear land.

"We have now ready for market over 5,000 cross-ties," said Martin, "and have about two hundred acres of land open and ready for cultivation as soon as we can get teams to work it. I am satisfied that a sufficient number of the best-conducted prisoners can be guarded with a small number of guards to raise sufficient bread and vegetables for the Prison." At that time cross-ties were selling for five cents apiece.

Accompanying the Warden's report was a year-end wrap-up from W.Q. Skull, the Prison Surgeon, lamenting the complete lack of hospital facilities in the prison and outside the prison.

"Another 12 months have passed away," said the melancholy medic, "and no action has been taken... to remedy this absolute want."

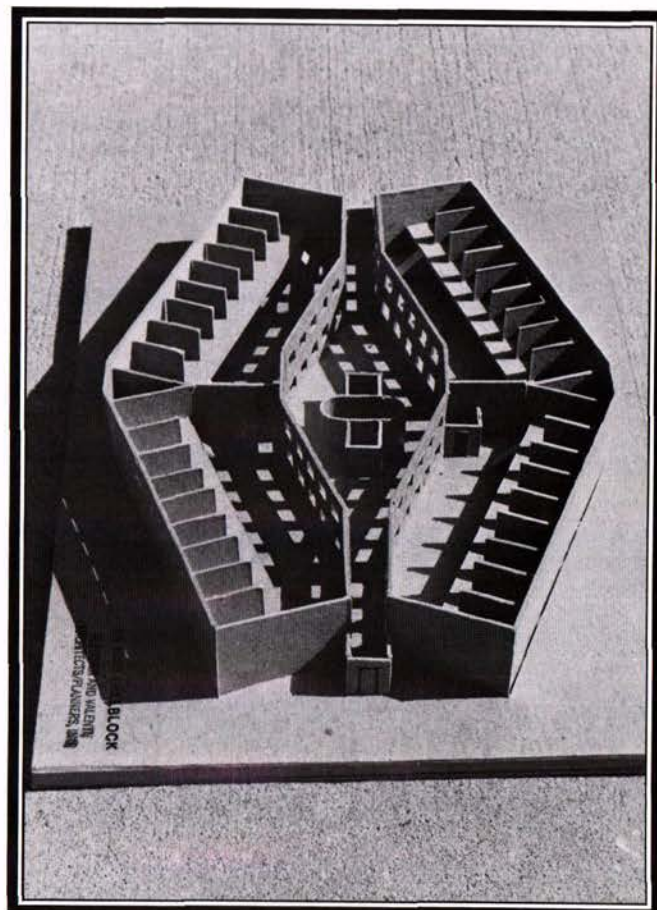
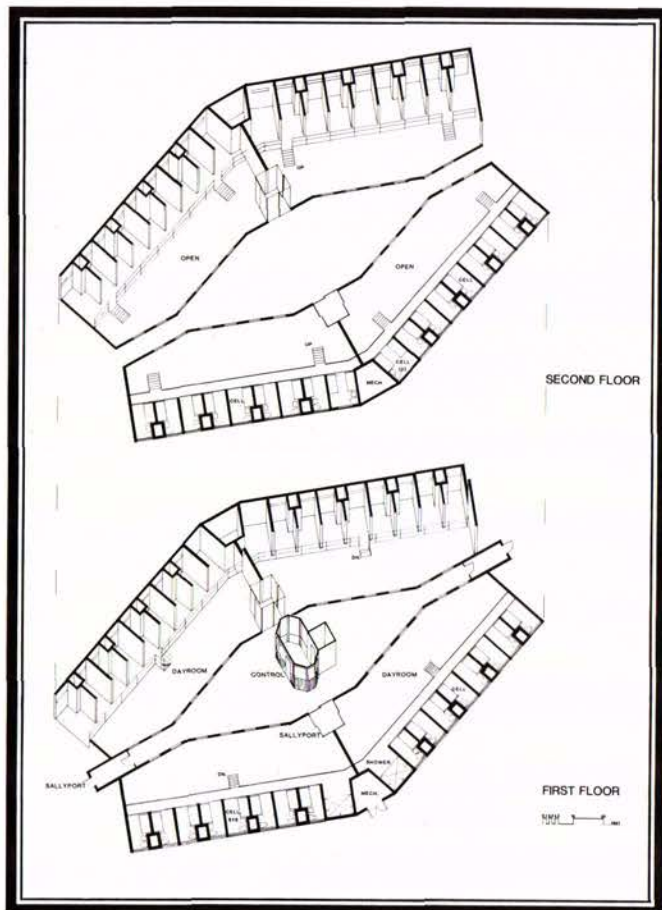
He warned that further inaction would result in unnecessary suffering, and would cause him to hide in shame whenever visitors came to inspect the Prison.

There were only three deaths during the year, and very little absenteeism due to illness. "This immunity I do not attribute to the fatherly care of the Legislature," Skull added, "but to the wisdom, prudence and judgment of the Warden in enforcing such hygienic measures as were at his command."

Three prisoners were serving life sentences — one of them for murder, one for rape, and one for

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Drawing and architect's model show details of the "elongated round" concept.

*Shape is unique:*

## Many virtues are said to abound in jail that's "elongated round"

PALATKA — Some are square, and many rectangular. A few are round, and others strangely angular. Looking at jails, many shapes we do find, but the one in Putnam County will be one of a kind.

Now under construction, the \$4.2 million facility will feature unique cell "pods" that resemble an oval and are called "elongated round" ("ER" for short).

The designers of this new concept, Fletcher, Valenti, Chillura & Puglisi, Inc., a Tampa firm of architects and planners, claim that it is economical to construct and operate, with special features that promote efficiency and security.

A spokesman said ER cuts jail construction costs in half — averaging less than \$20,000 per prisoner — and permits minimum staffing.

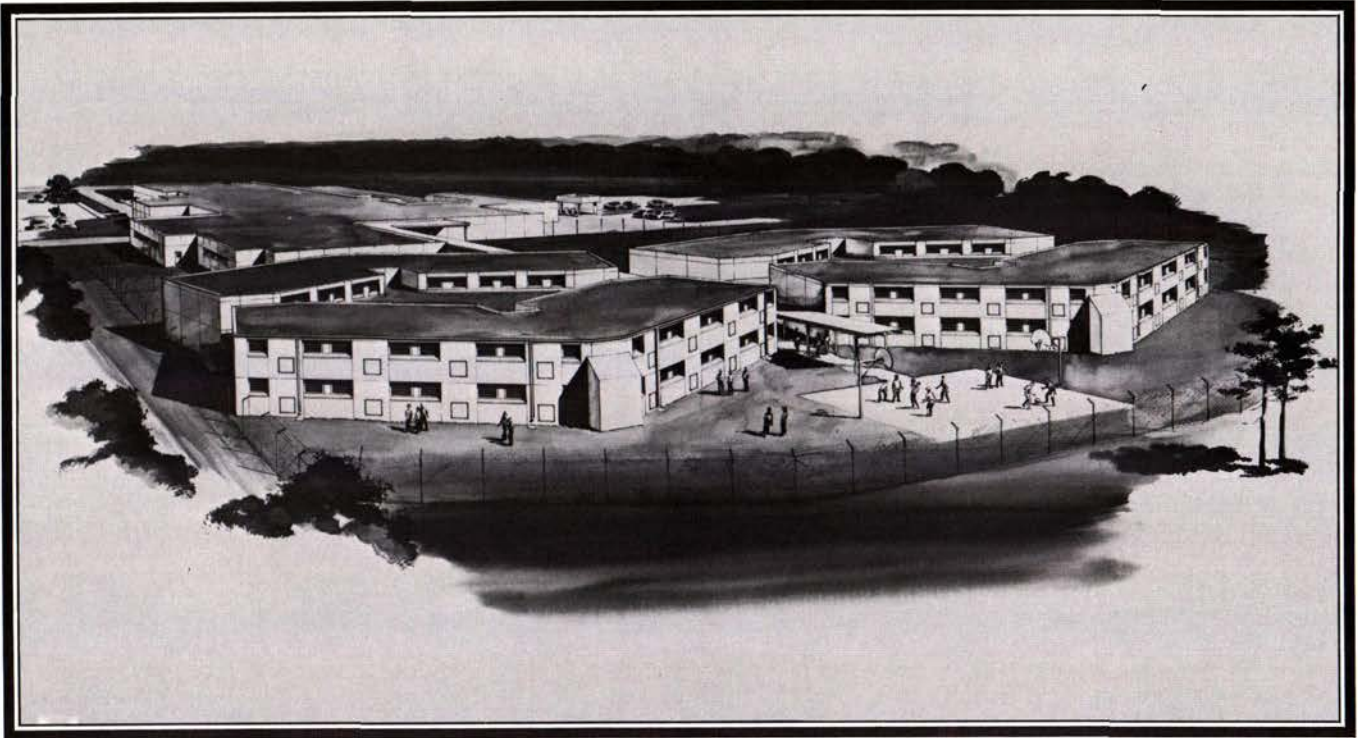
Each of the two ER pods in the Putnam County facility will have a capacity of 64 inmates, and will

be divided into four cell blocks visually controlled from a central corridor. This corridor will be elevated sufficiently to allow correctional officers to observe two tiers of cells, and thus the number of officers required per shift will be reduced to a minimum.

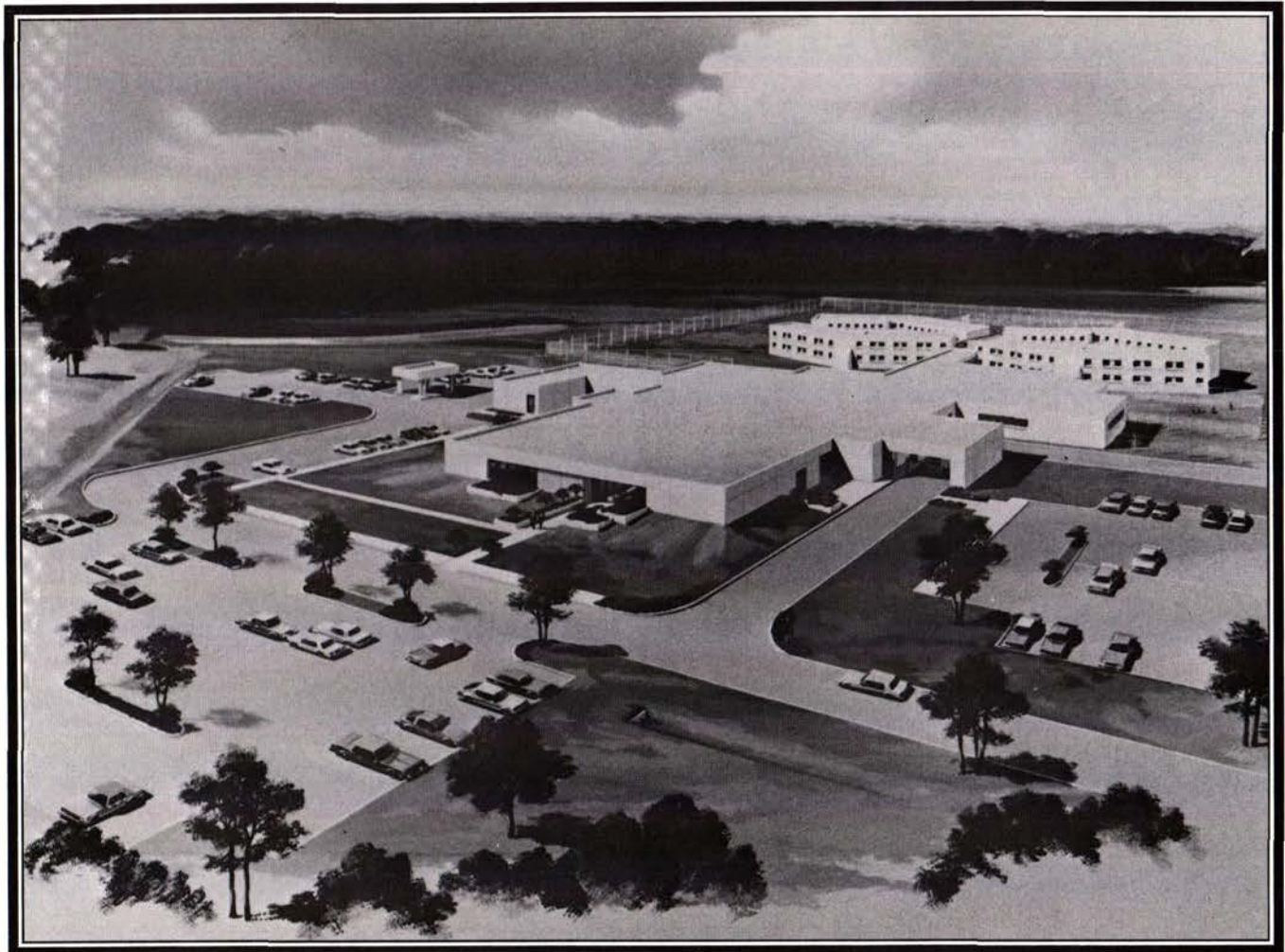
In addition to the ER pods, the jail complex will also include an intake/administrative center that will house the Sheriff's Department, prisoner intake and holding areas, and a "swing pod" unit designed to hold 52 prisoners classified as trustees in a dormitory-type setting. A modern kitchen and laundry, and multi-purpose areas for inmate activities will also be provided.

The intake/administrative center will encompass 24,000 square feet of space and consolidate the Sheriff's functions in one location. The entire complex will have an inmate capacity of 180.





Drawing of Putnam County Jail Complex, with "elongated round" pods in the foreground.  
Jail complex with the intake/administrative center in the foreground.







# We Salute!



## Lawson Lamar

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Lawson L. Lamar received a special award during the 11th Annual Attorney General's Help Stop Crime! Commission meeting for implementing an innovative program that gives special recognition to deputies who become certified as Crime Prevention Practitioners.

The Sheriff's Crime Prevention Section was a finalist in competition for the "Outstanding Crime Prevention Unit of the Year" award; and Orange County Deputy Nancy White was one of the top candidates for the "Outstanding Crime Prevention Officer" award.

## Al Luis

TAMPA — Sgt. Al Luis, from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, received the annual Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council Award for saving a two-year-old child from drowning.

## Jimmie Jones

KEY WEST — Lt. Jimmie Jones, from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, was graduated from the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia, at the conclusion of the Academy's 142nd session. His graduating class included officers from 50 states and 12 foreign countries.

## Joe Kudla

BROOKSVILLE — Andrew Jackson American Legion Post 99 has honored Hernando County Deputy Sheriff Joe Kudla as the "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year."

## Carol A. Burns

NAPLES — Collier County Deputy Sheriff Carol A. Burns has been selected as a District Direc-



LARGO — When Pinellas County Sheriff's Department Detective Howard C. Owens (second from left) retired recently after 23 years with the Department, he was given a "send off" by (from left) Captain Dennis Neal, former Sheriff Bill Roberts and Sheriff Gerry Coleman.

tor of the Florida Peace Officers Association. She formerly worked for the Sheriff's Department as a patrol deputy, and is currently with the Warrants Division.

## Butch Stamp

TITUSVILLE — Sgt. Butch Stamp, from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department, was awarded a medal of commendation and "Deputy of the Month" honors after his long, persistent investigation solved a rape case that had caused consternation among Sherwood Estates subdivision residents for almost a year.

According to news media accounts, Sgt. Stamp worked nights and weekends on the case for 11 months, while panic-stricken citizens shared wild rumors and became convinced that there was "a mad rapist on the loose."

## Barbara Berry

MARCO ISLAND — Deputy Sheriff Barbara Berry was praised for her dedication to the Collier County Sheriff's Department and the residents of this community when the Rotary Club chose her as "Deputy of the Quarter."

## David Paeplov

LAKE PLACID — The Kiwanis Club of Lake Placid chose Highlands County Deputy Sheriff David Paeplov as Highlands County's "Law Officer of the Year," and gave him the annual D. D. Cunningham Award.

## Sharon Solomon

FORT LAUDERDALE — "This lady has been everywhere and done everything on behalf of children," said a spokesperson when the Early Childhood Development Association named Sharon Solomon as its "Child Advocate of the Year."

Solomon is the community involvement liaison for the Bro-





TITUSVILLE — Seldom has so much politeness been assembled in one photograph!! These are some of the "Most Courteous Deputy Award" winners in Brevard County for 1985. Pictured from left are: deputies Tomothy Pemberton, Michael Homer, William Cabrera and Scott Pikus; Darrell Hardister, the sponsor of the awards; Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller, who presented the awards; and Deputies Scott Nyquist and William Johnson.

ward County Sheriff's Department. A residential program for emotionally disturbed boys was named the Sharon Solomon Center in honor of her activities as a children's advocate.

A news writer described Solomon, 41, as "a problem teenager who had a straight-D average in high school" more than 20 years ago, then cleaned up her act and went on to receive a degree in education from the University of Georgia, and a Masters Degree in Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

**Robert Townsend**  
**Rose Haslup**  
**Carl Price**  
**Monica Taylor**

LAKE CITY — Four people from the Columbia County Sheriff's Department were among those honored when the Lake City Moose Lodge held its Ninth Annual Law Enforcement Awards Banquet. They are: Deputy Robert Townsend; Crossing

Guard Rose Haslup; Correctional Officer Carl Price; and Monica Taylor, who is a Sheriff's Department dispatcher, and a co-sponsor of Sheriff Tom Trammel's Explorer Troop.

#### Mike Lannon

KEY LARGO — Monroe County Sheriff William A. Freeman awarded a Certificate of Commendation to School Principal Mike Lannon, after Lannon

helped to rescue a teenager who was threatening to commit suicide by jumping from a tower strung with high tension power lines. He talked the girl out of it, but when she was climbing down from the tower she set off an electrical explosion that injured her and Lannon.

"Few people would take such a risk or care so much," said Sheriff Freeman.

#### Leagues pleased

TAMPA — The Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues, represented by Wali Shabazz (left), presented an award to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, represented by Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, to express appreciation for the support Heinrich and his staff gave to a crime prevention project aimed at combating black-on-black crimes.





## Florida's one-cell penitentiary continued

"unlawfully and carnally knowing and abusing a female child under the age of 10 years." H. Miller, a black lifer who had served two years, eight months and 16 days for murder, was pardoned during 1872.

Also among the 24 black and 7 white prisoners pardoned that year was Jane Pinkston, a white woman who had served three months and 29 days of a one year sentence for adultery.

Two prisoners died during the year, one from "dropsy," and the other from "diarrhoea" (sic). Among the others who departed, 14 had their sentences commuted; five served out their sentences; and nine escaped. Twenty-six new prisoners were booked into the Prison.

There were no "death row" prisoners, since the State was not responsible for executions at that time. Prisoners sentenced to death were held in county jails and Sheriffs were required to orchestrate jail yard hangings attended by large crowds of spectators.

The cost of feeding prisoners averaged 20 cents a

day in 1872, and presumably dropped below that in subsequent years if the prison farm proposed by Warden Martin actually materialized.

According to a state prison history compiled by the Florida Department of Corrections, Governor Harrison Reed obtained the U.S. Arsenal at Chatthoochee for use as the State's first prison in 1868. Prior to this convicted felons were locked up in primitive county jails.

In 1869 the Legislature passed the Penitentiary Act placing the Commissioners of Public Institutions in charge of the prison. It opened that year with 14 guards and nine inmates. Six months later the population escalated to 42 inmates, including persons who had been ruled insane.

Eventually a new state penitentiary was established at Raiford, Florida, and the arsenal property at Chattahoochee became Florida State Hospital for treatment of mental patients.

## "The Florida Way" intrigues Louisiana Sheriffs

TALLAHASSEE — A delegation from the Louisiana Sheriffs Association visited the Florida Sheriffs Association recently to study first-hand what services the Association provides for its members.

They were particularly interested in the Association's self-insurance program that protects Sheriffs against liability risks; and, upon returning to Louisiana, voted to study the feasibility of setting up a similar program in their own state.

They said they were also impressed with the Florida Association's computerization, legal services, child

care projects and fund raising.

"Your programs are certainly top level," said Bucky Rives, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association. "Our group was very impressed with the professionalism of your entire staff."

In return for the courtesies extended by the Florida hosts, the visitors gave a demonstration of Cajun cooking which led some observers to speculate that Louisiana might have an edge over Florida in the culinary arts.



Participating in the Florida-Louisiana workshop were: (back row) Florida Sheriffs Don Moreland and John Polk; Louisiana Sheriffs Wayne McElveen, Sonny Powell, Tony Falterman and Harold Tridico; (front row, from left) Berwin Williams, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Florida Sheriff Larry Gilbert; Louisiana Association Secretary Aline Thibodeaux and Executive Director Bucky Rives; and Florida Sheriff Harrell Revell.



Florida Sheriffs Association staff member Otha Reddick (seated) and Florida Sheriff David Harvey (standing at right) explain Florida Association's computer programs to Louisiana Sheriffs Association Executive Director Bucky Rives (left) and Louisiana Sheriff Harold Tridico.



# 5-year plan will upgrade automation and computerization in Polk County

BARTOW — A broad, comprehensive five-year plan to upgrade the automation and computerization of the Polk County Sheriff's Department had been announced by Sheriff H. E. "Dan" Daniels.

"The overall objective of this plan," said Daniels, "is to increase operational and administrative efficiency and effectiveness, ultimately resulting in cost effective management and operation."

To implement the plan, Daniels has signed an order to purchase a NCR "Star" Automation System similar to the ones that are already in operation in six other Sheriffs' Departments in Florida. He said the system will cost \$508,000, and initial funding of \$250,000 was from the sale of an airplane confiscated in a drug bust.

An in-house Project Evaluation Committee appointed by Daniels developed the five-year plan after making an in-depth study of existing Computer Aided Dispatch System, and Automated systems for fiscal, jail and records management in other departments.

After the study had been successfully completed, Daniels announced that Lt. M. L. Lawton would serve as Automation Project Director to coordinate implementation of the plan. Development of Phase One, a Computer Aided Dispatch System, is already under



Polk County Sheriff H. E. "Dan" Daniels (center) discussed final details of the five-year plan with (from left) William Henry and H. P. Whitney, Jr., from NCR; Col. Earl Jacobson, Jr., Director of Administration and Management for the Sheriff's Department; and Lt. M. L. Lawton, Automation Project Coordinator.

Computer Aided Dispatch System, is already under way, and is expected to be completed by January 1, 1986.

Subsequent phases will produce automated systems for records, jail and fiscal management. Automation will also be extended to fleet maintenance and fuel management. The final phase, scheduled for 1990, will expand appropriate features of the "Star" System Network to District Substations; and it will also include upgrading the "Star" System equipment configuration.

## The latest in choppers

ORLANDO — The newest addition to Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar's fleet of aircraft is a new 1985 Bell 206 LongRanger III helicopter equipped for law enforcement duty as well as air ambulance emergencies.

Its features include a 30-million-candlepower searchlight, an external cargo winch, and a state-of-the-art radio system capable of contacting any law enforcement agency, fire department or emergency medical system in the state.

It is capable of transporting two patients and medical personnel to provide emergency treatment while enroute to a hospital.

## Sertoma Club is a "first"

BARTOW — Because it is an in-house organization in a law enforcement agency and includes both men and women in its membership, the Sheriff's Sertoma Club is a first for Polk County. However, law enforcement-

sponsored Sertoma Clubs have also been organized in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties.

Sheriff Dan Daniels said he helped to form the Polk County club because he believes Sertoma's objectives of service to mankind are closely akin to those of law enforcement. He announced that the primary service goals will be activities that help children, particularly those with speech and hearing difficulties.

At the club's first banquet meeting, Tampa Mayor Bob Martinez was the guest speaker. He was commissioned an honorary colonel in the Sheriff's Department by Sheriff Daniels.

## Motorists be warned!

Recent statistics compiled by the National Automobile Theft Bureau reveal that the Broward-Dade County area accounts for 57.2 percent of the vehicle thefts in Florida's 67 counties. Each month the Broward Sheriff's Department handles about 1,800 vehicle-related cases, including stolen, abandoned or derelict vehicles.



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund *Honor Roll*



## *Roster of* Lifetime Honorary Members Home towns eliminated

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.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Abrahamson  
Al-Mack Farm Supply  
John Arameni  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Barr  
Mrs. Frances Beat  
Ms. Stephanie Blais  
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Browning  
C. H. Barco Contracting Company  
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Carter  
Cory J. Ciklin, Attorney  
Henry W. Csere  
Mrs. Jolene Cummings  
Stanley O. Dassing  
Franklin Packaging  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gates  
Martin F. Greenberg  
Ms. Eileen Hayman  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Head  
Mrs. Alice G. Hill

William E. Holler, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Kaiser  
Kiwanis Club of Boca Ciega, Inc.  
Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Lee  
Gordon Mason  
Mrs. Grace McIntosh  
Aguilino Melo  
Ms. Lily Nolt  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Ries  
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell R. Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick R. Snyder, Sr.  
The Humane Society  
Mr. & Mrs. Ray A. Throop  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #2380  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #10095  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #10177  
Mrs. Dorothy Wagner

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Fund. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new 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.



LaBELLE — Hendry County Sheriff Sermon Dyess (center) accepts a Boys Ranch contribution from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, represented by Post Commander Joel Sasser (left) and Post Adjutant Charlie Clemmons.



KISSIMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith.





WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille (left) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to K-Mart store #3550, represented by Mr. Barker; and to the Air Force Sergeants Association, a group that has qualified for a five-star plaque through gifts in excess of \$25,000.



Air Force Association



LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Lester Weekes; and to the Auxiliary of VFW Post 4256, represented by Mrs. Barbara McEverley and Mrs. Florence Cooper. In the presentations he was assisted by Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard (left). The Weekes membership was issued to Mr. Weekes and his wife.



VFW Post



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., (left) assisted by Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Terry Knox, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Tina Herlong.



MOORE HAVEN — Glades County Sheriff C. Russell Henderson, left, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Loyd D. Witt.



## Youth Fund Honor Roll continued . . .



**GAINESVILLE** — After McGilvray's Fish Camp held its 4th Annual Ernest B. Wigglesworth, Sr., Small Fry Fishing Tournament for the benefit of the Youth Fund, Mrs. Ernest Wigglesworth, Sr., and Ernest Wigglesworth, Jr., presented proceeds totaling \$4,500 to Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery (second from left) and Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (right).



**CLEARWATER** — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left), assisted by Youth Fund Regional Directors Fred "Mac" Stones and Bill Biebuyck (right), accepts a generous gift for the Youth Fund from the Sea Gulls Club, represented by Mrs. Jane Dickman, President. Mrs. Dickman was presenting the proceeds from the Club's spring fund raising event.



**PENSACOLA** — Escambia County Sheriff Vince Seely displays a replica of the check he presented to the Youth Fund from the proceeds of the annual Sheriffs Bay Front Run.



**BOYS RANCH** — Youth Fund Regional Director Bill Aust (right) accepts a generous gift for the Youth Fund from the Jackson County Sheriff's Posse, represented by Howard Cliburn.



**MAYO** — Lafayette County Sheriff Bobby McCray (left) presents to Youth Fund Public Relations Director Jim Mason the proceeds from a fish fry held for the benefit of the Youth Fund.



Villa Classic Check



Jaeb Tourney Check

**BARTOW** — Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels (left) accepts checks totaling \$23,000 from golf tournaments held for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. The Girls Villa Classic, held in Bartow, produced \$15,000, which was presented by Bartow Chamber of Commerce President Frank Johnson (center) and Tournament Chairman Frank Rouse. The Robert A. Jaeb Golf Invitational, held in Lakeland, raised \$8,000, which was presented by Rouse.



**LAKE CITY** — Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel (right) and Youth Fund Public Relations Director Jim Mason (center) accept a Youth Fund gift presented by Jerry Losey, representing Lake City Moose Lodge #624.



# This team trax crime scene fax

FORT LAUDERDALE — Questioned at the scene of his neighbor's murder, a man told officers he confronted the killer inside the victim's home and fought with him before the killer managed to escape.

But Broward County Sheriff's Department crime scene detectives used a blood spatter analysis to determine that the story was false, and the man himself was the prime suspect. Faced with this evidence, he confessed.

When a woman was sexually assaulted and murdered in a beachfront lifeguard shack, fingerprints lifted at the scene identified two suspects who were later apprehended in another part of the state.

So goes the day-to-day routine of the Sheriff's ten-member Crime Scene Unit, a well-trained and equipped team that spends much of its time on homicide investigations, but also gets involved in other types of cases.

"Most of our crime scene detectives have four-year college degrees, and are required to attend frequent seminars and special schools to keep up with continuing advances in their specialty," said Sheriff Nick Navarro. "Each investigator has had the benefit of programs offered by the FBI, Southern Police Institute, Kodak Corporation and the State of Florida."

Navarro said laser technology for fingerprint identification "has added a new dimension" to the department's crime scene investigation; and a "super glue" technique enables detectives to develop fingerprints from the skin of a victim — such as in a sexual attack where the victim was grabbed around the neck.

"In an area of police work as sensitive as crime

scene investigations," said Navarro, "professionalism and attention to minute detail are vital. These qualities are hallmarks of our Crime Scene Unit."

## The coyotes are coming!!

JASPER — Florida ranchers have many worries, but unlike their counterparts way out west, they have never been plagued with coyotes.

Well fellers, here's the bad news: It looks like the coyotes are coming! Yep, goat rancher Charles Cross can vouch for that. He called Hamilton County Sheriff Charlie Rhoden to report that some varmints — maybe a bobcat — had been killing his goats and he had lost 40 or 50 over a period of three months.

The Sheriff sent Deputy Albert Jones out to eliminate the killers, and Jones set some traps around the goat pen. Four days later — to everyone's surprise — a coyote was caught in one of the traps, and a few days after that — to no one's surprise — a bobcat was caught in another trap.

After some research, the Sheriff came up with an explanation. He said although coyotes are normally found in the west, south Georgia hunters imported some for sport — sort of a substitute for fox hunting. Apparently, the coyotes have been multiplying faster than the hunters have been killing them off, and they have begun to invade north Florida.

"They are a menace now, and they could get worse," said Deputy Jones.

"Goats and sheep are their favorite diet," said Sheriff Rhoden, after checking the encyclopedia.



**Sheriff congratulates volunteers**

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (wearing jacket) congratulates officers of the Veterans Village Security Patrol for their willingness to assist law enforcement. They are (from left) Commander Fritz Stoppelbein, Vice Commander Ell Fitting, and Adjutant Bob Bradshaw.



**Murrhee hires McGruff to get tough**

ORANGE PARK — Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (right) added McGruff, the famous "take a bite out of crime" dog, to his crime prevention program after the Orange Park Mall Merchants Association, represented by President Sandy Sorkin (left), presented him with a McGruff costume.





These photos show Mrs. Eugenia H. Bowden (the former Mrs. Eugenia Simmons) as she appeared in 1938 when she was appointed as Florida's first woman Sheriff, and as she appears today, at 90.

## Florida's first woman Sheriff is 90

OKEECHOBEE — Mrs. Eugenia H. Bowden, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, is a woman of distinction. She became Florida's first woman Sheriff in 1938, and she is now believed to be Florida's oldest living ex-Sheriff.

Governor Fred P. Cone appointed her following the death of her first husband, Claude E. Simmons, who had been Sheriff for five years, and the Governor is said to have made this historic move in spite of strong opposition from his staff.

While talking to a news reporter in the recent past, Mrs. Bowden recalled that the Governor had to mark through all references to "his duties" and insert "her duties" when he issued her commission. Apparently this did not bother him very

much, because later in the same year he appointed another widow, Mrs. Celia Adkinson, as Sheriff of Walton County.

Mrs. Bowden said she operated the Sheriff's Department with only one deputy, her brother-in-law, Cossie Simmons. "I never carried a gun or a badge or arrested anybody," she said. "My deputy was bonded to take care of all that."

Described as spry, attractive and diminutive, Florida's first skirt-wearing Sheriff celebrated her 90th birthday on October 25 in grand style. Helping her to mark the occasion were friends and relatives from many points in Florida, and from as far away as Texas.