

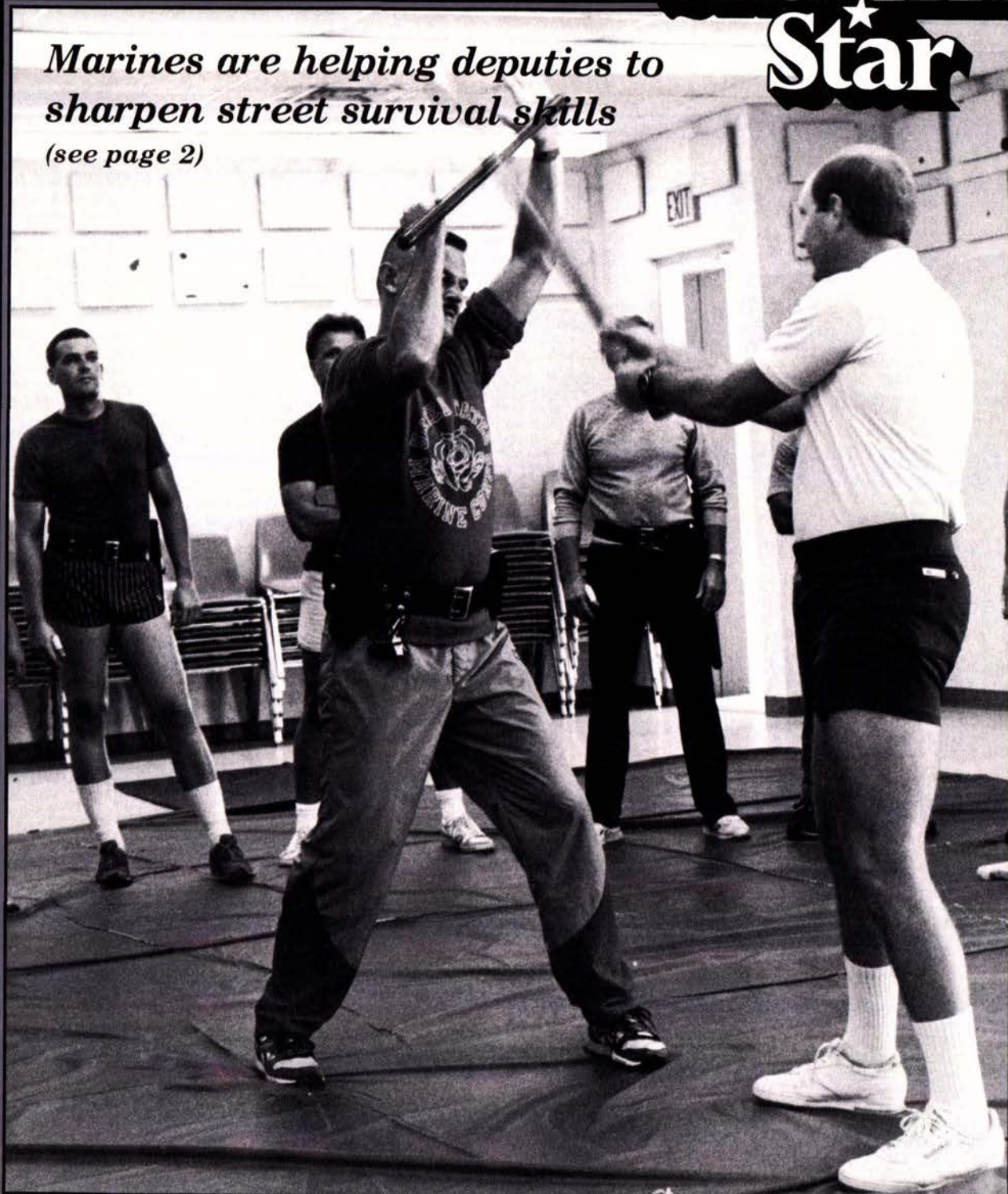
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*Marines are helping deputies to
sharpen street survival skills*

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Mutual aid pact prepares Sheriffs to cope with future emergencies

Florida's Sheriffs are better prepared than ever before to cope with natural disasters, riots, mass evacuations, terrorist acts and other serious emergencies as the result of an Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement they all signed during 1986.

Implemented under Florida's Mutual Aid Act, the landmark agreement establishes in advance the terms and conditions under which deputy sheriffs in one Florida county can give backup assistance to deputies in another county.

It gives the backup deputies the same police powers, rights and privileges they would have in their home county, and it provides guidelines for various details such as expenses and use of equipment.

All Sheriffs are expected to benefit from the agreement — especially those in small, rural counties who can avoid delays and "red tape" when they need the services of bomb disposal squads, underwater recovery teams, K-9 units and other types of specialized assistance from larger counties.

"I think it's great," said Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune. "A small county like Jefferson frequently needs backup help, and just about all of the counties in north Florida are in that position."

Preparation and signing of the agreement was coordinated by the Mutual Aid Bureau in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Assistance was provided by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Vests become mandatory

VERO BEACH — Wearing bulletproof vests became mandatory for deputies at the Indian River County Sheriff's Department after Deputy Richard Raczkoski was shot four times in the back and became the first law enforcement officer from this county to be killed in the line of duty.

Prior to Raczkoski's murder (which was followed in a few days by the slaying of Palm Bay Police Officer Steven Pollack in neighboring Brevard County) wearing bulletproof vests was optional for Indian River County deputies.

News sources quoted Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck as saying that a bulletproof vest could have saved Raczkoski's life.

Watchdog committee

TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone has appointed the following Sheriffs to the 1987 Legislative Committee of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He is the chairman.

Gerry Coleman, Pinellas County; Bob Fornes, Osceola County; Larry Gilbert, Okaloosa; L.J. "Lu" Hindery, Alachua; Director Bobby Jones, Metro-Dade Police Department; Fred Peel, Washington; John Polk, Seminole; and Tom Tramel, Columbia.

Florida sleuths fraternizing

TAMPA — The Florida Homicide Intelligence Association, an organization formed to exchange information among homicide investigators, held its first meeting here September 18, 1986, with Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich as host, and agreed to hold the next meeting in January, 1987.

Sixty-five officers representing 30 agencies attended the initial meeting and agreed to divide the state into four areas for the purpose of selecting directors and disseminating information.

Organizers said members of the new Association will have opportunities to assist each other in solving some of the state's most difficult homicides, to share information about the latest tools and techniques, and to exchange information about suspects, contacts and trends.

Investigators interested in participating may contact the Major Crimes Section of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, (813) 247-6411, extension 2405.

Conference dates set

TALLAHASSEE — Dates and locations have been announced for the 1987 conferences of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 15-18, at the Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River, with Association President Charles S. Dean, Sheriff of Citrus County, as host.

The 74th Annual Conference will be held July 12-15, at the Registry Resort, Naples, with Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers as host.



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Many tributes followed the death of the Sheriff they called "Long John"

OKEECHOBEE — After Okeechobee County recovered from the initial shock of Sheriff John W. Collier's sudden death on November 10, a benediction of tributes fell like benevolent rain upon the memory of a man described as a tradition and an institution.

At the Sheriff's Department, employees wearing black bands on their badges in a traditional gesture of mourning placed their signatures on a resolution praising "a man who touched all our lives."

The resolution with its 87 signatures declared that the Sheriff's associates would be sustained by their own personal and private memories, and the Department as a whole would remember the departed as a man who commanded instant respect ... "a man who could make you smile or quake in your boots ... a man totally dedicated to his profession ... a man who was always compassionate and concerned about the welfare of his employees, the inmates incarcerated in his jail, and the citizens of Okeechobee County."

Often referred to in news items as "Long John" because of his towering six feet and six inches, the Sheriff was inevitably described by mourners as a man who "walked tall."

One friend who had difficulty believing the Sheriff was really gone said Collier looked "tall and strong enough to handle the whole world."

Others recalled the risks he had taken due to his concept of a Sheriff's responsibility. Rehashed

frequently was the 1981 incident in which he traded places with a convenience store clerk held hostage by an armed mental patient. The standoff lasted more than two hours, according to news reports, and ended when a psychiatrist grabbed the armed man's rifle. "I was nervous," Collier said afterward, "but I figured she (the clerk) wasn't elected Sheriff and I was. It was my job."

In the long run, Collier will probably be remembered the longest for the political comeback he made in 1980, after losing his bid for reelection four years earlier. To prove that his comeback was no fluke, he ran again in 1984, and won again.

Born in DeLand in 1924, Collier served in the Navy during World War II, and became a Florida Highway Patrol trooper after returning to civilian life in 1946. He served as a deputy sheriff in Volusia and Glades Counties, then as Chief Deputy in Okeechobee County, before he was elected Sheriff of Okeechobee County in 1964. He was reelected in 1968, 1972, 1980 and 1984.

"I always found him to be dedicated to his job and to his department," State Attorney Bruce Colton was quoted as saying.



Sheriff Collier
Okeechobee County



Neighborhood push for drunk driving campaign

BROOKSVILLE — When Hernando County mothers met here to declare war on drunken drivers, officers from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) chapter in neighboring Pasco County not only offered helpful tips, but also gave Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander funds for video equipment to record the behavior of suspected drunken drivers. Pasco Chapter Treasurer Karen Payne passed the bucks. Also participating in the presentation were Capt. Ernie Stevens (left) and Cpl. Chuck McCrady.

Raulerson appointed



O.L. Raulerson, Jr., was appointed Sheriff of Okeechobee County by Governor Bob Graham on December 5 to complete the unexpired term of the late John Collier, which will end early in January, 1989.

A native of Okeechobee County, Raulerson has an extensive law enforcement background which includes service as a Florida Highway Patrol officer; as a deputy sheriff, chief deputy and Sheriff in Highlands County, Florida; and as a special agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

While he was the Sheriff of Highlands County, he served on the Board of Directors of the Sheriffs Association.

Hand-to-hand: Marines are helping deputies to sharpen street survival skills



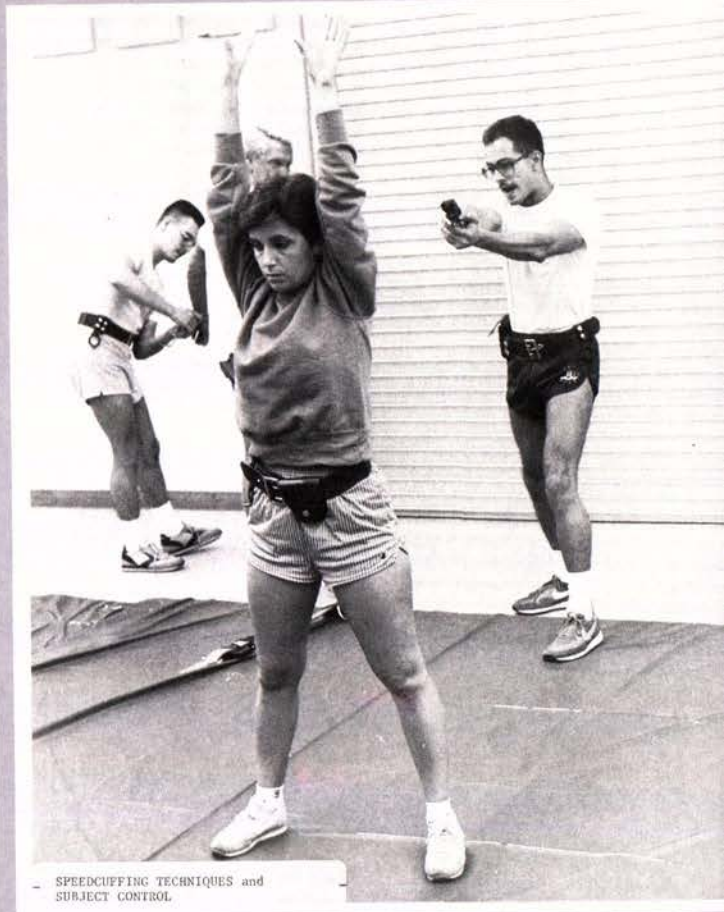
While being taught weapon retention (how to retain control of your own weapon), deputies are frequently reminded that more officers are currently being killed with their own weapons than ever before.

WEST PALM BEACH — Round up ten U.S. Marine Corps Military Police Instructors from far flung duty stations; match them up with ten top-rated deputy sheriffs; put this team through three weeks of intensive training; and the result is a liberal education in the finer points of street survival.

Three of these unique training sessions have been held at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, and the participating deputies have not only sharpened their own skills, but have also become qualified as instructors in the techniques of "speed cuffing" and weapon retention, as well as the use of new types of police batons, 9MM auto-loading pistols and tactical shotguns.

Marine instructors benefit by acquiring a broader understanding of the risks and problems faced by civilian police officers, particularly when the group is acting out street survival scenarios taken from actual police reports.

"We have found that the attitudes of Marines and deputies change drastically with their new



SPEEDCUFFING TECHNIQUES and
SUBJECT CONTROL

Armed with cotton bullets, officers act out street survival scenarios based upon actual police report case histories.

awareness, often revolving 180 degrees," said Maj. Douglas L. Phipps, Director of Personnel and Training at the Sheriff's Department.

"The object of the program is to increase the officers' awareness, hone their skills, and provide them with a number of options to pursue, ranging from verbal commands to deadly force," he added.

Throughout the training deputies are constantly reminded that every encounter is an armed encounter — that there is always one gun present ... the deputy's! Instructors emphasize that more officers are currently being killed with their own guns than ever before!

"The Marines come to us from stations all over the world, bringing with them new problems endemic to their particular locations," said Lt. Robert Wilson, Supervisor of Training for the Sheriff's Department. "These problems are addressed in training, and the experience serves to expand the horizons of instructors and students alike."

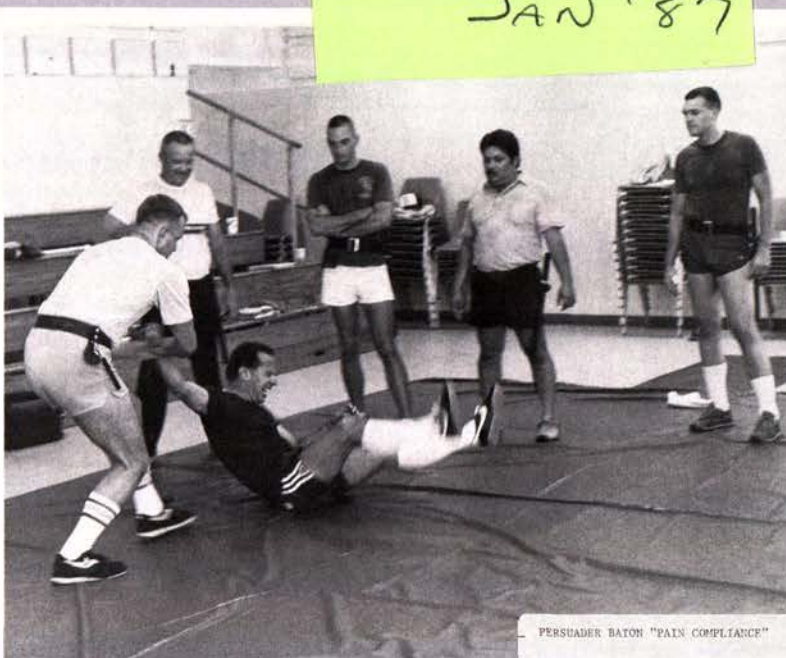
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POLICE BATON

PR-24 Police Baton demonstrated here and in our cover to is a new law enforcement tool that increases an officer's ability to protect himself, particularly in those situations where deadly force is not justified.



PERSUADER BATON "PAIN COMPLIANCE"

Although very small, the "persuader baton" has proven to be highly effective with only moderate applications of force because its techniques produce painful results. Officers use it in situations where standard-size batons cannot be carried.



Handcuffing Techniques and Control

Using hinged handcuffs and pain compliance techniques, trainees learn "speed cuffing" techniques that provide maximum safety for the "cuffed" and limit the possibility of resistance by the "offee."



On the firing range deputies become familiar with the double-action 9mm auto-loading pistol which is replacing the Colt 45 cal. 1911A in the Marine Corps, and is also being widely used in law enforcement.



We Salute!



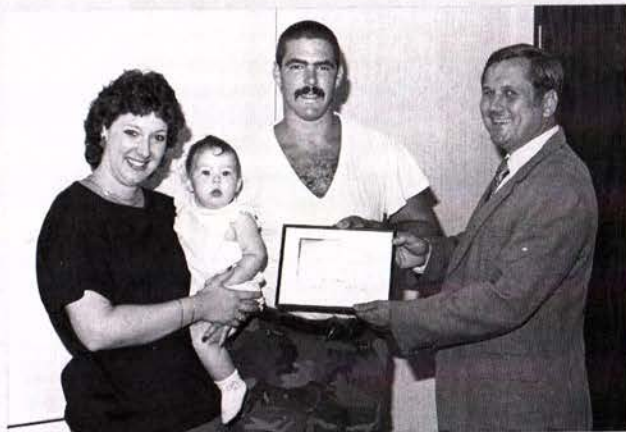
St. Lucie County Sheriff Jim Holt (left) presents two commendations to Robert F. Conn. (See article this page)

Robert F. Conn

STUART — Plucky civilian Robert F. Conn received commendations from Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt and the Florida National Bank at Salerno after he helped deputy sheriffs capture three bank robbery suspects. (See photo accompanying this article.) Conn was credited with dodging bullets while using his truck to block the robbers' getaway car, thus giving deputies time to arrive at the scene and make a speedy arrest. Five minutes elapsed from the time the bank robbery attempt was reported to the Sheriff's Department and the three suspects were placed under arrest.

Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles Kevin Bergenroth Mickey Mann

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles teamed with a member of his staff, Cpl. Kevin Bergenroth, to win the Senior Masters Golf Championship during the International Law Enforcement Olympics, at Ohio State University. Maj. Mickey Mann, another staff member, captured a gold medal in high-powered rifle competition.



PUNTA GORDA — Timothy La Valle, accompanied by his wife, Elaine, and their daughter Sara, received a Distinguished Service Award from Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (right) after La Valle repeatedly dove into a canal to rescue a drowning victim trapped in a submerged vehicle.

Joe Bradshaw

WEST PALM BEACH — Hailed as a hero after he risked his life to save an 86-year-old woman from a burning residence, Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff Joe Bradshaw tried to soft pedal the praise. "There isn't a deputy in the department who wouldn't have done the same thing under the same circumstances," said he.

Dale Wise

TALLAHASSEE — Capt. Dale Wise, who has headed the special tactical squad in the Leon County Sheriff's Department for the past five years, has been selected as the leader of the new Anti-Terrorist Squad funded by the Florida Legislature as an arm of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Taylor Douglas Phillip Altice A.P. Bailey

PALATKA — Three deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department received awards praising their professionalism from the Palatka Jay-

cees. Major Taylor Douglas, the Department's second in command, was given the club's highest award when he was introduced as "The Young Man of the Year." Deputies Phillip Altice and A.P. Bailey shared the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer Award for their exemplary work on the Crime Abatement Team, and with the K-9 unit. Douglas has since been graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Ivan "Bud" Fant Dillard Hamilton

BARTOW — Inmates Ivan "Bud" Fant and Dillard Hamilton were rewarded with early release from the Polk County Stockade after they waded through spilled aviation fuel to rescue two Polk County Sheriff's Department pilots from the wreckage of a helicopter that had crashed. Pilot Al Merrill was treated at a hospital emergency room and released. Pilot Derrell Brown was admitted to the hospital for observation of possible back injuries.



PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (left) expresses his appreciation to Raymond H. Woodrow, Owner-President of Charlotte Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, after Woodrow paid all funeral expenses and provided a burial plot for a 20-month-old child who was fatally injured in a child abuse case.

Barbara McClure

FORT PIERCE — Registered Nurse Barbara McClure received a Distinguished Service Award from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department after she helped to rescue an elderly woman from drowning. A 1974 award from the Pilot Club praised her for assisting in the swampland rescue of a boy who had been shot.

Bill Williams Maria Kaip

KEY WEST — Dentist Bill Williams and his assistant, Maria Kaip, were given commendation awards by Monroe County Sheriff William Freeman after they helped to subdue a county jail prisoner who tried to escape from an escorting deputy after being treated at the dentist's office.

Geoff Monge

SARASOTA — The Big Brothers and Big Sisters organizations held a "Mingle with Monge" reception and a barber-shop quartet concert when they honored Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge with their "Hero of the Year Award."



Bridge



Alessio

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (left) presents awards to civilian Robert Bridge and Deputy Sheriff Frank Alessio. (See article in this section)

Robert Bridge Frank Alessio

SARASOTA — When Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge switched roles from award-winner to award-giver, he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to civilian Robert Bridge for assisting in the arrest of a burglar; and a Certificate of Merit to Deputy Sheriff Frank Alessio for helping to rescue a woman and child from the surf after they had been caught in a strong undertow.



LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left), assisted by Cpl. Tom Dewing (right), presented a Gold Certificate of Appreciation to Lt. Jim Bupp, from the Sheriff's Explorer Post, after Bupp provided tips that led to the arrest of two suspected thieves and recovery of a stolen computer system. Cpl. Dewing is the Explorer Post Advisor.



IVERNESS — Four central Florida Sheriffs presented a Florida Sheriffs Association award to State Senator Karen Thurman in recognition of the support she gave to important law enforcement issues during the 1986 session of the Florida Legislature. The Sheriffs are, from left, Charles S. Dean, Citrus County; Don Moreland, Marion County; Tom Mylander, Hernando County; and Jim Gillum, Pasco County.

Facing the Gallows — Part II:

Thousands of morbidly curious spectators attended Florida hangings and created a carnival atmosphere

The day of the execution was characterized by a somewhat carnival atmosphere. Many morbidly curious onlookers gathered at available vantage points to see. The hanging of Bennie Henson, a white man convicted of killing his wife, was witnessed by a large crowd in Tampa. Further, "every house top and tree around the jail was filled with people. All around the wall which surrounds the jail yard, people were packed tight on the top." The execution of the convicted rapist Roland Flowers was witnessed by about 1200 people and Tampa authorities were quoted as wishing that even more had attended.

More than 4,000 people saw the execution of Jeff Lowe in a rare Pensacola hanging. The execution of Kelly Stewart in Live Oak, publicized as the first Suwannee County hanging in twelve years, was witnessed by a crowd of 2,000. Derry Taft's execution (see Part I of this series) was also attended by more than 2,000 onlookers.

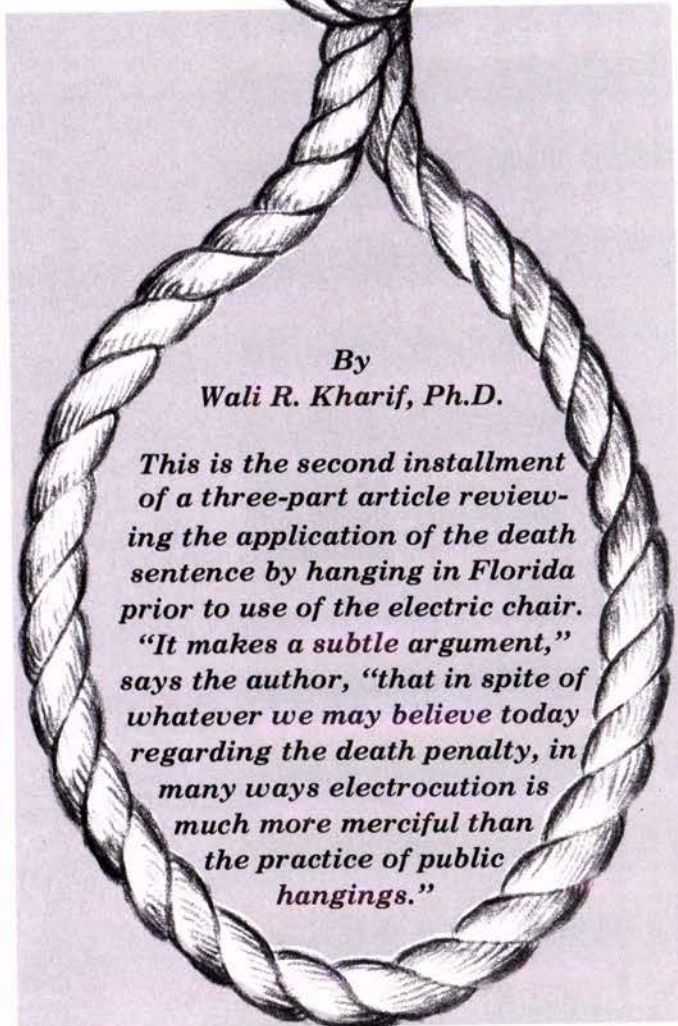
The huge crowd attending the Fourth of July execution of Joe Brown in Miami, was described in these words by a *Miami Herald* reporter:

"... the crowd, morbidly curious ... gathered at every available point to witness the tragic end of the Negro murderer, dispersed slowly, and apparently with great unwillingness, as though desirous of witnessing further bloodshed."

Napoleon White's hanging, in Tallahassee, for murdering his wife, was viewed by more than 1500. The double executions of James Kirby and Robert Lee in St. Augustine was observed by hundreds of "spectators" in the prison yard, and more than a thousand more who were "perched on wagons, fences and trees outside of the enclosure."

For other executions, fully an hour before the announced time for carrying out of the sentence crowds began to gather. Even in those cases where authorities attempted to keep the execution private, as with Brooks Foley, in Gainesville, by public demand the execution chamber (situated on the second floor of the jail house) was filled to suffocation "allowing the officers barely room to work."

The crowds attending executions were generally representative of the local population. Blacks as well as whites could be expected to attend. A majority of those present at Taft's execution in Tampa, and



By
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This is the second installment of a three-part article reviewing the application of the death sentence by hanging in Florida prior to use of the electric chair. "It makes a subtle argument," says the author, "that in spite of whatever we may believe today regarding the death penalty, in many ways electrocution is much more merciful than the practice of public hangings."

Napoleon White's hanging in Tallahassee were blacks. Hundreds of people, white and black, witnessed Joe Brown's death in Miami. More whites than blacks attended the execution of white convicted rapist Clarence Daly in Miami. Daly was the first white man ever to be hanged in Dade County.

The presence of youngsters on these occasions was startling. One Miami execution was "observed from a tree" by a little girl no older than seven or eight years. A large contingent of those present at a Pensacola hanging were children who lined "house tops and fences ... to get a glimpse of the doomed man." Likewise, it was not uncommon to have large numbers of women in attendance. A St. Augustine columnist

wrote of one execution at which "a number of ladies secured vantage points on the jail steps, and seemed as much interested in the proceedings as were the men."

A *Florida Times-Union* representative at the hanging of Ernest Bryant in Jacksonville, described a typical crowd with these words: "There were whites and blacks, young and old, eager to get a glimpse of the condemned man." Add to this the fact that many women were evident at these public gatherings, and you have a more complete representation of the morbidly curious.

While many executions were carried out before large crowds, Florida law allowed the Sheriff the discretion of regulating those in attendance. The law required only that the Sheriff, the State Attorney, clerk or clerks of the circuit court, and "twelve reputable citizens, including a physician or surgeon" be present. In addition, the law stated that the Sheriff "shall permit the counsel of the criminal, such ministers of the gospel as the criminal desires, and his relations to be present, and also such officers of the prison, deputies and constables, military guards and other assistants, as he sees fit."

The official authorities' attitudes toward how public an execution should be varied regionally within the state, and in a particular region it may have varied over time. The executions in Hillsborough County were usually witnessed by large crowds. As late as 1914 a crowd between 1200 and 2,000 saw a Tampa hanging. Crowds at St. Augustine were large until about the latter part of 1909 when they became much smaller. A hanging there on July 2, 1909 was witnessed by only about 40-50. A triple execution in St. Augustine on May 31, 1912 was observed by a relatively small group described as "a jail yard only half-full with few outside."

Jacksonville's hangings were carried out within the jail in a location obscuring the uninvited public's view. Likewise, a fifteen-foot-high fence in Dade County surrounded the scaffold and prevented the morbidly curious from witnessing "the gruesome spectacle of human life passing from its tenement of clay out into the great unknown."

Officials in charge of executions had to confront the added problem of mobocracy or public demand to see the executions. For instance, despite an attempt by local black ministers to keep Tom Smith's execution as private as possible, from 1500 to 2000 people remained in the streets in hopes of witnessing his being put to death in Gainesville. Many of these hopefuls came from surrounding counties. To aggravate matters, several from the crowd attempted to "get particles of the rope as souvenirs."

Carrying out the official act of state vengeance was often anti-climactic. The tension of several weeks of waiting and the suspense was brought to an end in a ritual march to the gallows, a final statement, and the

subsequent drop through a trap door into oblivion that, in most instances, took ten to twenty minutes.

Newspaper accounts indicate that most men faced their last minutes of life with fortitude: "He was sullen to the end"; "they both met death bravely"; "three Negroes expiated crime on the gallows ... met death bravely though White gave evidence of collapse while making statement." Dock Mack, Walter Ledbetter, and Otis Smith were all described as "Brave to the last," while Ernest Bryant met "death unflinchingly on the gallows."

This is not to conclude that condemned men were emotionally drained and gentle as lambs by execution time. Prior to facing the gallows, inmates were normally placed in some type of restraints while lodged in their cells. At a minimum, prior to the death march the convict's hands were tied behind his back.

There was, however, at least one exception to this procedure, the case of Clarence Daly, who "fought off the deputies with a 'soda' bottle" and was allowed to go to the scaffold and be hanged with arms unrestrained. Daly showed his anxiety by fighting off the authorities. Others such as Bennie Henson, Edward Brown, James Kirby, Robert Lee and Sim Jackson, sang audibly.

In some instances the condemned men were able to stir the crowd's emotion to a revivalistic pitch. Prior to a double execution in St. Johns County, a churchlike atmosphere prevailed. One of the two men to be hanged "for a time led in prayer, begging God to keep him brave, and sang hymns in which all present joined." Another convict, upon approaching the gallows, "shuddered, drew back, and falling to his knees, prayed loudly for mercy."

Once on the gallows, and the appointed time having arrived, the condemned felon was placed on the trap door with his legs secured just below the knees and at the ankles, and his arms tied behind his back. Next, the death warrant was read aloud to the witnesses and the prisoner. He was then asked if he wished to make a final statement. Some made final statements while others refused. In most cases final words were limited to a few short phrases taking a minute or two. On one occasion, however, the convict made a forty-five minute talk in which he warned black men against raping a white woman. "It is", he said, "the white man's death sentence. If it had been one of my own color I might have got off with life imprisonment ... Teach your children that this crime is sure death."

Others did not take the occasion as seriously. Enoch Doyle, sentenced to die for the rape of a black Alachua county woman and wanted in Marion County, Florida and in the State of Georgia on similar charges, "grinned foolishly and rather liked the notoriety" in spite of trembling knees. When asked for last words he said, laughing:

"I'm in de hands er God, but de only thing I got to say is dat if I'de knowd dat I was comin to lose my life in

Facing the Gallows continued ...

Florida I'der gone fur from dis State."

His statement completed, Doyle then "looked at the crowd in expectancy of approval and laughed again." Some inmates in lieu of a final statement asked instead for a last drink of alcohol or one more smoke of tobacco. Others, unable at the time to speak for themselves, gestured to their religious counselors to make final remarks in their behalf.

It was only natural that men facing extinction would be nervous to some degree. Some handled this by drinking. One Tampa inmate drank literally dozens of bottles of wine the day before his execution and "whiskey in route to the gallows." Another convict at Key West drank Cuban wine and smoked Cuban cigars while waiting his appointment with death.

Yet another condemned man at Tampa was so overwhelmed by it all that his legs became immobile and a chair had to be obtained. The newspapers did not indicate whether he was tied to the chair in his jail cell

and then carried to the scaffold, or if the chair was brought to the scaffold for him to sit in. Nevertheless, the inmate was seated in the chair, and it was on the trap door when the trap door was sprung.

In another instance, the convict passed out about one-half hour before the time for execution and could not be revived. In the words of one reporter he was "limp and apparently unconscious" when he was "carried to the scaffold ... and legally executed." Newspaper accounts of many executions were not available. However, those obtainable indicate that violent behavior did not normally occur on the scaffold. This is not to rule out that such behavior may have occurred on occasion. At this writing, however, no such displays have been documented in Florida. Perhaps future research and writing may lead to reassessment of this matter.

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Passing of Presidents gives old timers cause to pause and retrace 50 years of progress

After two former Presidents of the Florida Sheriffs Association died within 24 hours of each other, old timers had cause to pause and meditate upon the spectacular progress the Association has made during the past 50 years.

This was particularly so because Rex Sweat, who died October 16, 1986, in Jacksonville, and Jim Turner, who died October 17, in Chiefland, had both played important roles in the march toward modernization.

Sweat, who was 91 at the time of his death, became Sheriff of Duval County in 1933 during an era when the Sheriffs Association was a loose alliance of individualists, each dedicated to his own brand of *laissez faire* law enforcement.

He held the office for 24 years, and became a role model of professionalization by requiring his deputies to wear uniforms; sponsoring Florida's first schoolboy patrol, establishing the first radio communication system for patrol cars, sending members of his staff to the FBI National Academy, and pioneering in the use of polygraph (lie detector) equipment.

"His most important contribution," said Dale Carson, the present Sheriff of Jacksonville (Duval County), "was that he never let organized crime get a foothold in Duval County as it did in much of the state



During a 1984 party celebrating the 89th birthday of former Duval County Sheriff Rex Sweat (left), the guest of honor received a Florida Sheriffs Association belt buckle from Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson.



The late Jim Turner, former Sheriff of Levy County, persuaded singer Elvis Presley and his manager, Col. Tom Parker, to donate this rustic building to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in 1961. It was built as a prop for an Elvis Presley movie filmed in Levy County, and is presently being used as the headquarters of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association.

during the turbulent 1930s, '40s and '50s."

During that era, Sheriffs and other law enforcement practitioners demonstrated their admiration by electing Sweat President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Peace Officers Association and the National Sheriffs Association.

After Sweat's death, a news writer pointed out that the former Sheriff had been a staunch supporter of the death penalty, and had "pulled the lever that electrocuted nine people" in Florida's electric chair during a time when Sheriffs were required to be executioners.

"The law clearly made it my duty," Sweat said in a 1979 interview. "It was an unpleasant task, but there was no trace of doubt in my mind that these nine men were guilty."

Jim Turner, who was 78 when he died, benefited from Sweat's progressiveness, as did many of Turner's contemporaries in law enforcement. The modern advances the Duval County lawman had initiated were fairly commonplace around the state by the time the Levy County native was sworn-in.

However, Turner's contribution to the progress of the Sheriff's Association was equally innovative in another direction. He was one of the founders of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a unique home for troubled and unsupervised youngsters that brought the compassionate side of Sheriffs into public view in 1957.

One year later, while singer Elvis Presley and his

manager, Col. Tom Parker, were in Levy County for the filming of a movie, Turner sang the praises of the Boys Ranch so loudly that the singer and his mentor were persuaded to go to the Ranch bearing gifts. These included a pair of miniature shetland ponies hitched to a small covered wagon; and a pioneer-type dwelling that had been used as a movie prop.

The ponies and covered wagon appeared in parades to publicize the Boys Ranch, and the dwelling is still in use on the Boys Ranch campus as the headquarters of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association.

Turner, who served as President of the Sheriffs Association in 1961 and continued to give high priority to the needs of needy youngsters throughout his career, lived to see the Sheriffs Association-sponsored Boys Ranch evolve into a state-wide network of child-care programs that are currently operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Inc.

Similarly, Sweat was an interested observer while the Sheriffs Association evolved into a thoroughly professional organization dedicated to improving all areas of the criminal justice system.

A native of Waverly, Ga., Sweat was a World War I veteran and a motorcycle-riding Duval County Road Patrol officer before he became Sheriff.

Turner was a lifelong resident of Levy County. He attended Emory University and the University of Florida before serving in the Florida House of Representatives from 1942 to 1944. His tenure as Sheriff of Levy County covered 1944 and 1945, and later, 1956 to 1964. He also served as Chief of Law Enforcement for the Florida Board of Conservation; and as a supervisor in the Florida Beverage Department.



Editorial Assistant exits smiling

TALLAHASSEE — During a "hail and farewell" party for Carol Jens, a member of the *Sheriff's Star* staff, Executive Director Berwin Williams enrolled her as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Mrs. Jens resigned from the magazine staff to pursue some personal enrichment goals.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches 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.

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Mr. & Mrs. F.R. Coursey	Mrs. H.T. McClain
James M. Crapps	Mr. & Mrs. William A. McDaniel
Dennis's TV and Electric	Mrs. Marian L. McKennon
Floyd Frogel	Thomas Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph S. Gordon	Mrs. Erna G. Parker
Louis Hall	Pick Kwik Food Stores, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. George Hill, Jr.	Pier 17 Marina
Carl Hille	Mrs. Helen Przyborowski
James R. Hodges	Ridge Pallets, Inc.
Mrs. Lillian B. Hooks	Chase Rotureau
Humane Society of Vero Beach	Jack Scheidell
Tom N. Humphress	September Farms II, Inc.
Warren Hunnicutt, Jr.	Shenandoah Stables
Dr. & Mrs. Ellis Hyman	Southside Saddle Club
Ms. Kay L. Jackson	Howard Sutton

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



APALACHICOLA — Presented by Franklin County Sheriff Jack Taylor, Jr. (right) and Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver to Ann Heffernan.

Suwannee Valley Electric Co-Op, Inc.
Wilson C. Swigart
Col. & Mrs. William C. Tunis
Robert A. Wells
Mrs. Wilma C. West
Louis N. Whilden, Jr.
Mrs. Patricia Wilson



INVERNESS — Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean (left) and Youth Ranches Public Relations Director Jim Mason to Helen Fredrick.



DADE CITY — Presented by Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (left) to Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #397, represented by Governor Donald Hall.



SEMINOLE — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Fred "Mac" Stones (left) to Don Hibbits, representing Radio Station WKRL.



Francisco



Woodson

BARTOW — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Biebuyck to Randy Francisco (right) representing Winn-Dixie Store #641; and Luis Woodson (left), representing Southeast Bank of Bartow.



Daniels

FORT MYERS — Presented by Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (right) and his staff to William D. Daniels, Jr., and Dr. Robert Eid.



Dr. Eid



Chilluras



Sutton

TAMPA — Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy V. Chillura and Howard Sutton.



LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Pat Monogue (left) to James Crapps, representing Barnett Bank of Live Oak (formerly the First National Bank of Live Oak.)



WEST PALM BEACH — In addition to receiving a Lifetime Honorary Membership, the Scuderia Veloce Sports Car Club, represented by President John Porter, was also awarded an appreciation plaque by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (right).

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued ...



LAKE BUTLER and CROSS CITY — The Stephenson family, owners of apparel factories in Lake Butler and Cross City, has received four lifetime memberships in recognition of many years of support given to the Youth Ranches. These photos show family members at the Lake Butler plant with Union County Sheriff Jerry Whitehead; and Roxanne Stephenson, manager of the Cross City plant with Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals. The group picture includes (from left) Norman Stephenson, Joann Douglass, Sheriff Whitehead, Joe Stephenson, and Elida (Mrs. Norman) Stephenson.



Roxanne Stephenson and Sheriff Glen Dyals.



SARASOTA — Presented to Mrs. Marion McKennon.

An invitation to enlist

Through television public service announcements the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has been urging civilians to get involved in Florida's war on illegal drugs by becoming alert and knowledgeable spotters.

The announcements urge citizens to call the FDLE hotline (1-800-342-7768) or their local Sheriff's Department when they see suspicious activity or clues.

FDLE Commissioner Robert Dempsey offered the following tips for spotting evidence of drug trafficking:

AIRPLANES

1. Passenger seats removed; or long-range/portable fuel tanks installed.
2. Altered registration numbers or covered windows.
3. Low-flying aircraft, especially if dropping bundles.
4. Aircraft flying at night without lights.
5. Aircraft parked in remote fields, or evidence of landings in unimproved areas (mud, grass stains, etc.).
6. Aircraft parked near, or transferring cargo to, vans, trucks, motor homes, etc.
7. Numerous boxes or plastic/burlap bags in aircraft.

8. Pilot or crew unusually evasive or reluctant to leave aircraft.
9. Unusually large cash payments for fuel services or aircraft purchases.
10. Aircraft activities at unusual times and places.

BOATS

1. Vessel registration or name appearing altered, improper or false.
2. Vessels specifically designed, but not equipped for, fishing.
3. Cabins/windows covered or closed to outside view.
4. Shrimp boats operating with no ice or with unused nets.
5. Vessels lying offshore at unusual locations or times.
6. Vessels traveling outside normal navigational routes, or without night lights.
7. Vessels transferring cargo at sea.
8. Vessels with "out of the ordinary" electronic/radar gear or scanners.
9. Crew members unfamiliar with vessel or acting evasive.
10. Unusually large cash expenditures for repairs, fuel, etc.
11. Activities in normally remote inland water areas.

Lifetime memberships now available in two categories

Traditionally, Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association have been awarded to generous donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the child care programs sponsored by the Sheriffs Association and operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

However, some prospective lifetime members have expressed a desire to make contributions that would be used not only for child care programs, but also for Florida Sheriffs Association programs designed to advance and professionalize law enforcement.

In deference to these donors who seek to broaden the focus of their benevolence, the Sheriffs Association has amended its regulations. And, as a result, it is now possible to exercise a choice between two categories of lifetime memberships:

****Category FSYR** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to donations made for the exclusive benefit of child care work.

****Category FSA** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to gifts earmarked for child care and law enforcement enhancement.

In either category, the prospective lifetime member will receive credit for past contributions. Those who want to donate to the Sheriffs Association (Category FSA) will be credited with dues they have paid in the past as honorary members of the Association, and will be required to donate only the

difference between that total and \$1,000.

Similarly, those who want to channel their generosity exclusively to the Youth Ranches (Category FSYR) will be given credit for the cumulative total of past donations they have made to this charitable entity.

Anyone interested in becoming a lifetime honorary member in either category can determine the amount due by writing to the appropriate agency:

For Category FSA the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Association
P.O. Box 1487
Tallahassee, FL 32302

For Category FSYR the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Boys Ranch, FL 32060

Lifetime Honorary Members in either category will receive:

- A membership plaque (each category will have a distinctive design)
- A permanent wallet identification card
- A lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*
- A lifetime auto tag
- A lifetime bumper sticker

Pasco's "pot attack" is number one

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum and ten deputies from his "anti-pot patrol" received citations from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for conducting the most effective marijuana eradication program in Florida.

Gillum said his eradication unit confiscated 1,532 marijuana plants and made 36 arrests during the 1985-86 season.

"The effectiveness of our program is evidenced by the fact that we are spotting less and less marijuana each year," Gillum said. "The illegal growers know we're always out there looking, and many have either given up or moved elsewhere."

The deputies who received FDLE citations included Sgt. Lewis Lord, who is in charge of the eradication unit, Bryan Gardner, Ronald Woods, John DeHope, Donald Deso, Roger Mills, Detectives Kevin Clark and Stephen Madden, and pilots Mike Rock and Ray Evans.



Sheriff's mechanic is "Mr. Goodrun"

TAMPA — For raising the most money during the 1986 Florida Torch Run, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department Fleet Maintenance Mechanic Efrain Cruz (center) received a plaque from Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Robert Dempsey, and applause from his boss, Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich. In the annual Torch Run, law enforcement officers travel 1,400 miles to raise funds for Florida's Special Olympics.



Architect's sketch of the four-building complex being constructed for Metro-Dade Police Department.

Metro-Dade Police to get new operations base

MIAMI — Construction has begun on a four-building complex that will serve as the headquarters and Midwest District Station of the Metro-Dade Police Department, Dade County's equivalent of a Sheriff's Department.

Located on a 24-acre site, the \$24 million project will include a central headquarters and crime lab building; a warehouse and evidence storage building with special pollutant-free air conditioning; a self-contained district police

station; and a vehicle maintenance facility providing repair service bays, a fueling island, a drive-through wash rack, boat and motorcycle storage areas, and a fully-enclosed bay for vehicle searches and evidence processing.

The project was designed by the Smith, Korach, Hayet, Haynie Partnership, a Miami-based, full service architectural, engineering, planning and design firm.