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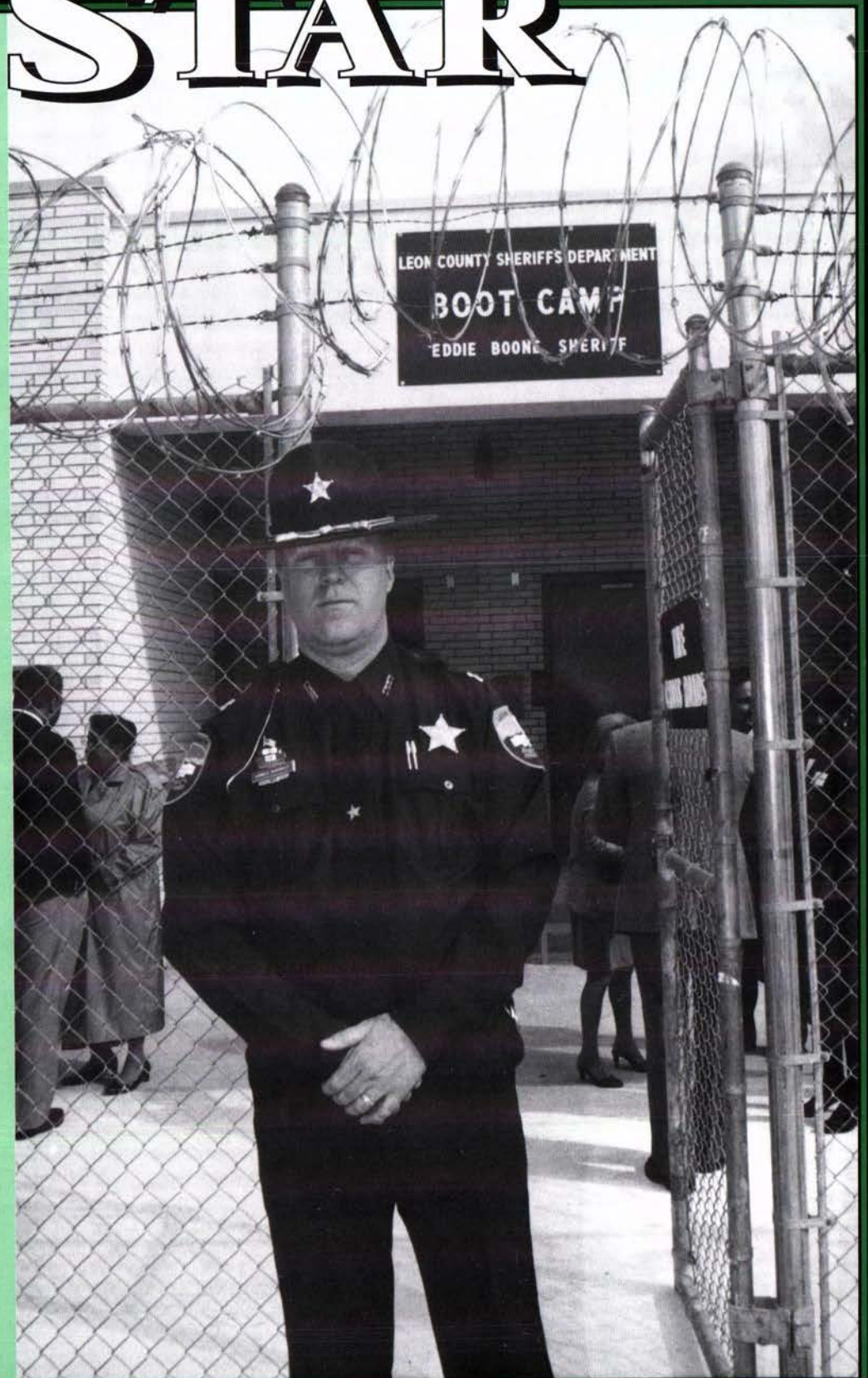
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Give boot  
camps a  
chance ..."**

***Capt. Lowell  
McDonald***

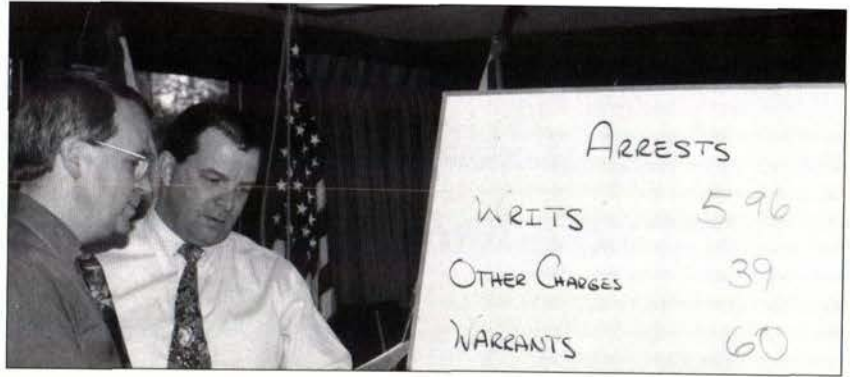
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# Sheriffs arrest over 800 deadbeat parents in “pay up or go to the pokey!” campaign



Department of Revenue Enforcement Chief Steve Horn (left) and Pinellas County Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Diemer used an improvised "command post" at the Florida Sheriffs Association's Tallahassee headquarters to coordinate "Operation Non-Support" and tally the results. They were assisted by Nicole Perry from the Department of Revenue staff.

A total of 882 deadbeat parents were arrested and about half of them promptly shelled out \$492,691 in delinquent child support payments as the result of a statewide crackdown organized by the Florida Department of Revenue and the Florida Sheriffs Association. Most of the arrestees were fathers, but there were some mothers in the group.

A computer search disclosed that 46 of the deadbeat parents were "wanted" on other charges such as violation of probation, battery and grand theft.

The round-up of parents on March 23 and 24

climaxed a three-stage campaign that began in February with a series of television, newspaper, radio and billboard ads warning the deadbeats to "pay up or walk."

"Florida law says parents who fail to obey court-ordered child support obligations can lose their driver's licenses," the ads explained. "Walk away from your children's needs, and we'll make sure you keep walking."

Many violators responded to this threat and by March 14 the Department of Revenue was able to report that \$389,000 had been collected. At that point in the campaign, there were many who had failed to get the message, and 71 of them had lost their licenses. Action had also been taken to suspend seven business and professional licenses.

Meanwhile, the Florida Sheriffs Association was organizing a statewide task force for the third stage of the campaign which was code-named "Operation Non-Support." This task force, with Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice as its chairman, went into action at 12:01 a.m., March 23, as deputies armed with court-issued writs began making arrests.

"We began in the pre-dawn hours to catch many of the deadbeat parents off guard," Sheriff Rice explained, "and, as a result, most were arrested at their homes or places of employment."

Rice said one father fled out the back door when deputies knocked at the front door, but he was captured after a chase that involved a helicopter and K9s.

Some payless pops were found hiding in closets and showers. Some escaped the statewide sweep, but Rice warned: "We are not done. When it comes to court-ordered child support, Florida's Sheriffs plan to continue to do everything in their power to ensure that custodial parents are not left out in the cold to fend for themselves and their children, or to go on welfare because a non-custodial parent has shirked responsibility."

"The message is getting out," said Department of Revenue Director Larry Fuchs. "Some of these people just

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have to be hit over the head with the proverbial two-by-four to get the message that we are serious.”

The Department of Revenue took over collection of delinquent child support payments from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in 1994.

## Florida's Sheriffs have done it again!!

Yes, Florida's Sheriffs have done it again!!

Done what again?

Made law enforcement history.

How so?

Working together through the Florida Sheriffs Association on March 27 they arrested more than 800 “dead-beat parents” for failing to pay child support. Thus they demonstrated for the umpteenth time their awesome ability to function as a well coordinated team.

Teamwork was their goal in 1910 when they organized the Florida Sheriffs Association

Likewise, it was their “secret weapon” in the 1940s when they were strengthening criminal laws and improving law enforcement communication systems . . .

• IN THE 1950s when they were abolishing the corrupt fee system used to finance crime fighting; also when they were sponsoring creation of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and founding the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

• IN THE 1960s when they established Florida's first statewide training center for all levels of law enforcement; and played a major role in creating minimum standards for Florida's law enforcement officers.

Pick any decade, and you'll find Sheriffs, shoulder-to-shoulder on the cutting edge of progressive law enforcement. Take the 1970s for instance: Teamwork was the key ingredient when the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Attorney General's Office mounted a statewide advertising campaign to make “bad guys” aware of a new law giving them “three years to life” if they committed a serious crime while armed. A survey confirmed that career criminals got the message.

In the 1980s the backing of Sheriffs enabled the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa to expand into a statewide network of child care services and facilities — never would have happened without Sheriffs' teamwork.

So, here we are in the 1990s, and Sheriffs are achieving higher than ever levels of cooperative action. Remember “Operation Rockpile,” the crack cocaine task force organized by Sheriffs to make a whole series of statewide drug busts? In three years this task force made 29,926 drug arrests, seized over 90 tons of crack and other illegal drugs, confiscated \$4,023,436 in currency, and took possession of 2,626 motor vehicles used in the drug trade.

In August, 1992, after Hurricane Andrew devastated a large portion of Dade County, another statewide task force was quickly organized to deliver relief supplies, manpower and emergency equipment to the stricken area.

In 1994 a computer-to-computer network code-named FLASH was created to enhance the ability of Sheriffs to act as a team in emergencies, as well as in day-to-day functions such as transporting prisoners.

1994 was also the year in which Sheriffs joined with police chiefs to establish statewide accreditation standards for Florida's law enforcement agencies. This “quest for quality” project is being administered by an independent commission composed of four Sheriffs and four police chiefs teamed up with representatives from The Association of Counties, the League of Cities and the judiciary.

So . . . what's next in this 85-year saga of synchronization?

The answer is not clear as this issue of *The Sheriff's Star* goes to press, but one thing is certain: The next accomplishment of Florida's Sheriffs will be achieved through teamwork.

If you're looking for a Sheriff who is a legendary loner, you won't find him in Florida. Try Hollywood.

### “Tip a Cop” experiment adopted as Special Olympics fund raiser

TAMPA — Maybe the service wasn't up to par when Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson and some of his off-duty deputies served as volunteer hosts and “celebrity waiters” at the Brandon Red Lobster restaurant, but nobody complained.

After all, the slower than usual delivery of seafood delicacies was for a good cause. The tips the deputies collected helped to finance the Florida Special Olympics Spring Games held in Tallahassee May 19-20, and also set a pattern for nationwide fund raising.

The “Tip a Cop” project was an experiment staged by Special Olympics International, Red Lobster Corporation and Sheriff Henderson. It was deemed successful after raising a record \$1,385, and was adopted as part of a 1995 nationwide fund raising campaign.



TV and newspaper photographers line up to “shoot” Sheriff Cal Henderson and Special Olympics Athlete of the Year Celeste Castleman after the “Tip a Cop” project was successful in raising \$1,385.

# Come on critics!!

## Give boot camps a chance to prove their effectiveness



Capt. Lowell McDonald (above) and Sheriff Eddie Boone (left).

By Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone  
and Capt. Lowell McDonald  
Commander, Leon County Boot Camp



**T**ALLAHASSEE — It's 5 a.m. Music is blaring. People are yelling, 30 young offenders are running out of their rooms, and a typical day has begun at the Leon County Boot Camp operated by the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

After cleaning their rooms, eating breakfast and exercising, these recruits will spend ten hours in classroom sessions, eat dinner and then go back into the classroom to "hit the books" once again.

This boot camp is one of six currently operated by Sheriffs within the State of Florida. Others are in various stages of preparation to go "on line." For violent, habitual young offenders 14 to 18 years of age, boot camps provide a crucial option — a last chance to abandon criminal careers and stay out of prison. A sign calls this place "The Cross Roads."

### Having a favorable impact

Although new to Florida, boot camps for juvenile offenders are beginning to have a favorable impact on the "worst of the worst" among Florida's growing wave of teen-age lawbreakers. Success stories are emerging. Young people who dropped out of school to pursue criminal careers are now getting their high school diplomas in

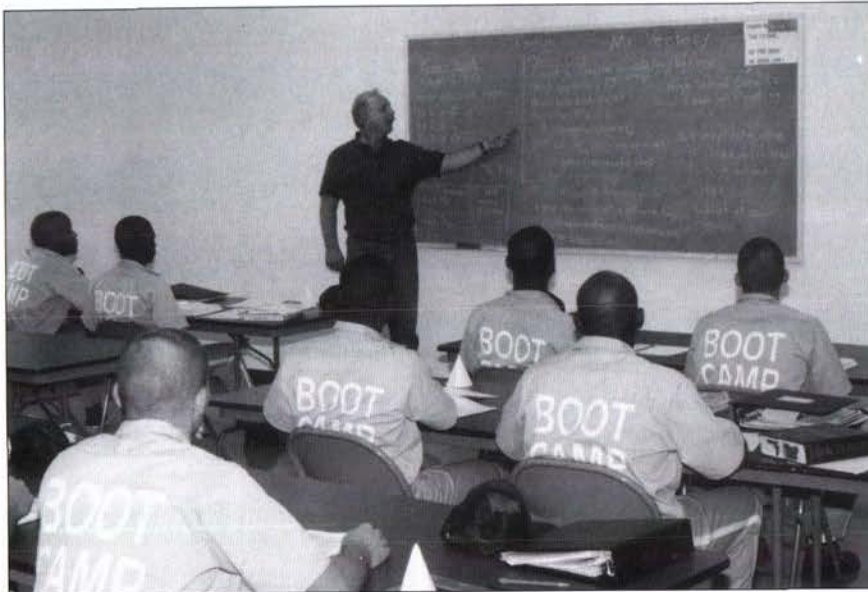
boot camp. Some graduates are already holding down steady jobs and discovering what it's like to be law abiding citizens. There are positive signs that boot camps can make a difference.

However, while trained staffs are still "working out the kinks" and fine tuning their projects, boot camps are already under attack. Critics are claiming that boot camp environments are detrimental to child development; that the civil rights of boot camp recruits are being violated; and that boot camps do not address the underlying problems that produce habitual young, violent lawbreakers.

The truth is that boot camps formulated with the philosophy and goals currently used in Florida not only seek to identify these problems, but also implement treatment strategies designed to bring about long term changes in behavior and values. These strategies include, but are not limited to, anger/violence management, resolving family controversies, group/individual therapy, and providing educational opportunities.

### Why boot camps?

The boot camps now in operation have already demonstrated their potential to change the lives of vio-



**Exercise, drills and classroom sessions are highlights of a typical boot camp day.**

lent, young, habitual lawbreakers. So, everyone concerned must give boot camps a chance to prove their effectiveness. It will take at least three to five years to produce valid, comprehensive, longitudinal data.

Contrary to popular belief, boot camps were not formed to overcome the failures experienced by traditional agencies. On the contrary, they were created because a large group of juvenile criminals produced a grave crisis in Florida by repeatedly committing violent crimes that posed a serious threat to public safety. This crisis has been a long time coming, but it has sent shock waves of deep concern from border to border — and beyond. It shocks and scares us, not only due to the violence involved, but also because of the questions it forces us to face.

What has happened to our society that has caused us to have “children” who rob, kill or brutalize with little or no signs of remorse?

Where did we go wrong?

Can this crisis be fixed?

How much at risk are the members of my family?

Is it possible that my own child can become a part of the problem?

These are frightening questions, but we must consider them, and the biological clock is now counting down to the zero hour on these young people unless we move in a rapid, well-planned manner to gain control.



## 6,000 entered college of crime

Last year the State of Florida sent to prison approximately 6,000 young offenders — a crucial statistic that

### “Printstorm” targets boot camps

TALLAHASSEE — In March, two Florida newspapers filed a public records request for copies of an incomplete Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) draft report which indicated 74 percent of boot camp graduates had been rearrested within a year.

“Unfortunately we were not given the opportunity to finish our report before the public information request was filed,” said DJJ’s Assistant Secretary for Planning George Hinchcliffe. He added it will be August or September before the boot camp report is complete.

Nevertheless, the newspapers published preliminary figures from the report, setting off a “printstorm” of articles and commentary pro and con boot camps statewide.

### “Some of the best operated”

TALLAHASSEE — DJJ Secretary Calvin Ross responded to the adverse boot camps articles by reiterating that they were based on a “preliminary and incomplete” report. “When the reviews are complete,” he said, “we will report the results in a straightforward, non-biased manner.”

Ross said recent quality assurance evaluations reflect that boot camps are some of the best operated programs in the state. He added that preliminary reviews indicate boot camps are at least as effective as other programs serving juveniles with serious criminal records.

### “We can’t tell you if they (the figures) are correct or incorrect”

Here’s what DJJ Public Information Administrator John Joyce was quoted as saying about an incomplete study upon which newspapers based articles adverse to boot camps:

“This is a working document that this one individual put together. The numbers are very preliminary and incomplete. We can’t tell you that they are correct or incorrect.”

The report still had notes scribbled in its margins, according to one news source.

we must ponder with apprehension. We must face the fact that these young offenders will eventually come back to our streets and neighborhoods with advanced degrees from the “college of crime.”

And, while we must accept the fact that some criminals have to be “warehoused” to protect society, it is our

# Give boot camps a chance

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serious obligation to continually search for ways to prevent juvenile offenders from enrolling in this "college." To do so also serves the best interests of our economy and our public safety.

Boot camps are not the answer to all juvenile crime problems, but they provide a dynamic response to the crisis created by violent, habitual juvenile offenders. If any of these young people can be habilitated, educated, treated, gainfully employed and diverted from the adult prison system, we stand an excellent chance of success.

## A "rapid response" is being made

It is significant that we now have psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, juvenile justice practitioners, law



enforcement officers and criminal justice professionals crossing the traditional boundaries of their separate disciplines to seek out the causes of, and remedies for, our current juvenile crime dilemma.

Floridians should be aware of, and proud of, this concerted, cooperative effort. It is truly a "rapid response" at all levels of government.

Moving forward assertively, Florida has separated the duties of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) from the newly-created Department of Juvenile Justice. Thus, HRS will now be able to focus on its areas of critical expertise such as families and children at risk; early intervention and treatment. In like manner, the Department of Juvenile Justice will now be able to focus on the habilitation, treatment and public

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### Looks good so far

In the *Tallahassee Democrat* dated April 17, an article by Keith Thomas had this to say about the Leon County Boot Camp which had been operating a little over a year:

"So far, more than 60 juvenile offenders – from car thieves to armed robbers to drug pushers – have marched through its doors.

"Of the 27 in the first two platoons – those closest to actually completing the program – most are now in aftercare, several are back in school, nine have jobs, six have been released into society. Only five have returned to their old habits."

### Don't boot the boot camps

A *Bradenton Herald* editorial stated the "jury is still out on the efficacy" of boot camps. "Conflicting studies on their success rate have called into question the whole concept . . . [However] since this is a pilot program, we would think any decision about the camp's effectiveness should be based on at least a three-year record."

The editorial questioned whether rearrest rates within a year of graduation from the camps is the most reliable measure of success. It pointed out that the camps deal with juveniles who have the most extensive criminal records – those for whom rehabilitation is tougher to achieve. "Perhaps some will benefit from second or third terms. That's what the pilot program is supposed to ascertain."



### Camp staffs aren't magicians

The *Sarasota Herald Tribune* cautioned its readers that society can't expect a boot camp to magically transform the life of every single kid it takes in. "No one promised or demanded a low recidivism rate from this program. No matter how the preliminary numbers are analyzed, it remains 'way too early to ascertain...success or failure rates. And, when we do acquire meaningful numbers, let's have realistic expectations."

safety issues brought about by the current juvenile crime crisis.

Those of us who are in the boot camp business do not believe that boot camps are the answer to all juvenile crime problems. We do believe, however, that everyone must remain open-minded and participate fully in this partnership to give boot camps a fair, thorough evaluation.

Let's give boot camps a chance to prove their effectiveness.

And finally, to the critics — whether you call yourself a child advocate, a champion for rights or a guardian against governmental abuses: Please remember this tonight when you go to bed :

**IF IT WERE NOT FOR BOOT CAMPS, THESE YOUNG MEN WOULD HAVE NO FURTHER CHANCE TO CHANGE THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND BECOME**

**PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. INSTEAD, THEY WOULD BE GOING TO BED TONIGHT SURROUNDED BY HARDENED ADULT CRIMINALS. WHAT KIND OF A FUTURE DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD GIVE THEM? SWEET DREAMS!**

#### POSTSCRIPT FROM THE BOOT CAMP ARTICLE AUTHORS

Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone, who is currently serving his fourth four-year term, and Boot Camp Commander Lowell McDonald, who is an 18-year Sheriff's Office veteran, wish to express sincere appreciation and admiration to the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Governor and the Florida Legislature for their dedication to the youth of this state, and for helping to make Florida's boot camps a reality.



#### SO was in good hands — Burhans' hands

NAPLES — While Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (center) was attending the FBI National Academy, he left Undersheriff Bob Burhans in charge. Upon returning to the SO, Hunter was so pleased with the good job done by the number two man that he set aside February 6 as Bob Burhans Day. He also presented a plaque to the honoree, praising him for his "tireless and dedicated assistance." Mrs. Burhans (Bev) shared the limelight, and received a plaque lauding her for keeping "old what's his name" on a true and steady course.

#### Big welcome for K9 Kilo

BRISTOL — In Liberty County, one of Florida's smallest, K9 Officer Kilo received a celebrity welcome when he arrived at the Sheriff's Office. A big newspaper headline and a picture spread over three columns announced his arrival.

It was much ado, but well deserved. Kilo is a Malinois from Belgium. He understands both Dutch and English commands. He is trained to track, attack and conduct searches for illegal drugs. His vertical leap and speed have been described as astounding.

"Kilo is definitely an asset," said Sheriff W. L. "Bud"



#### Citizen of the Year Award

BROOKSVILLE — After Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582 chose Sgt. Frank Bierwiler (right) to receive its "Citizen of the Year Award," he was congratulated by his boss, Hernando County Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander. Sgt. Bierwiler was honored for his charitable activities as Director of the Daystar Project. These activities include providing food and financial assistance for the needy.

Burke. "With the search and seizure laws so complicated these days, you just about can't work without a K9. He's also an asset in tracking as well as providing protection for our officers in building searches."

#### NOTICE

**Due to an overwhelming response to the first running of our Honorary Membership Items ad ( on the back cover of the March/April Sheriff's Star ) we are temporarily out of stock on some items.**

**We will fill orders as fast as new supplies come in. Thank you for your patience and we apologize for any inconveniences the delay have caused.**





### Three lifesavers receive medals from Sheriff

KEY WEST — Three Monroe County Sheriff's Office employees received medals from Sheriff Rick Roth for saving lives. Deputy Jose Morffi was honored for rescuing a woman from a burning car; Deputy Albert "Butch" Albury for resuscitating his father (also a Sheriff's Office employee), who then survived surgery to repair an aneurysm in his brain; and Communications Officer Maureen Sparrow who saved an elderly man's life by giving the man's granddaughter Heimlich Maneuver instructions. The medal recipients are pictured with their supervisors: (from left) Lt. Bruce Winegarden, Deputy Jose Morffi, Sgt John Cetrulo, Deputy Butch Albury, Dispatch Supervisor Karen Mocsary, Sheriff Rick Roth and Communications Officer Maureen Sparrow.

### Dive team members improve skills

KEY WEST — Instructors from Florida Keys Community College taught Monroe County Sheriff's Office dive team deputies how to use nitrox in wreck penetration and recovery diving. Nitrox is a mixture of nitrogen and oxygen that enables divers to remain submerged for extended periods of time when they are rescuing someone trapped inside a wreck.

Dive team members who became certified in the use of nitrox were Donald Catala, Sgt.

### Now Sheriff can buy more bears

PALATKA — Bob Freemer (left), Second Vice Commander of American Legion Post #293, Interlachen, presents a gift of \$150 to Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas to be used toward the purchase of teddy bears. The teddy bears will be given to distraught and traumatized children who have been crime or emergency victims. Sheriff Douglas expressed his appreciation to the Legion post, then added: "The teddy bears have proven to be very effective in making children feel more secure and calmer."

Roy Bogue, Deputy Henry Hamilton, Deputy Grant Greenwood and Detective Al Ramirez.

The instructors were Bob Smith and Bob Jason.

### Deputy receives scouting award

FORT PIERCE — The Gulf Stream Boy Scout Council presented a Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest honor, to St. Lucie County Deputy Sheriff Barbara Smith, who is the adviser for Explorer Post 400 sponsored by Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles. Deputy Smith has been involved in scouting for more than 15 years.



### Good behavior of jail inmates rewarded with fringe benefits

LARGO — A news reporter visiting the direct supervision section of the Pinellas County Jail found inmates putting together a large jigsaw puzzle and sipping fresh-brewed coffee. Other inmates played checkers, moved freely from pod to pod, or watched television. There were 88 of them mingling freely with the detention officer in their midst.

Another detention officer was on duty in the control room, but this 2-for-88 ratio is at least half of the number required in less open jail facilities. There is a reason. The inmates were chosen because of good behavior. They also signed contracts agreeing to abide by the rules, and to take care of their own living quarters. This too saves manpower.

"It's a much better way to do things," Maj. Hal Wilber told the reporter. "You save money because you need fewer officers and use of force incidents drop. It's a big benefit to taxpayers."

To accommodate direct supervision, C Barracks was converted into a more open design in 1994. Some doors were removed. Steel tables and benches that had been bolted to the floor were replaced by more conventional tables. Shelves were built for inmates' belongings. Linoleum was installed on the concrete floor.

During the first two months of direct supervision, only two or three inmates were returned to more restrictive quarters due to rule violations.

An inmate charged with dealing in stolen property told the reporter he likes the freedom to move from pod to pod, and the cleanliness of the barracks. "This is a sweetheart of a deal compared to what I had in another jail," he added. "You respect what they give you here."

— From the *St. Petersburg Times*

# If it's caution that you're lacking , you may invite a "carjacking"

**C**arjacking — the crime of stealing a car by force or threat of force — is on the rise. It isn't just a problem in large cities. It can happen in suburbs, small towns and rural areas. No one is totally safe. Tomorrow it may be your turn to face a gun pointed through your car window. The possibility grows greater every day.

However, you can take steps to lessen the risk of becoming a carjacking victim. First of all, be especially cautious when you are in high risk situations — when stopped at a traffic light; when parking in garages and parking lots (especially parking lots at shopping malls, theaters, restaurants and supermarkets); when using self-serve gas stations, car washes and automatic teller machines; when entering or exiting a car in a residential driveway; when using highway exit and entry ramps; or any place where you normally slow down or stop.

Solid statistics are lacking since carjacking is not defined in most criminal codes. It's usually reported as auto theft or armed robbery. It is more likely to occur at night than in the daytime.

## **When you approach your parked car . . .**

. . . walk briskly, don't stroll or poke along. Have the ignition key in your hand. Look around and inside the car before entering. Be wary of people asking for directions, or pretending to hand out fliers. Trust your instincts. If a situation makes you feel uneasy, get into the car quickly, lock your doors, and drive away.



Some cars have remote controls that unlock the doors and turn on the interior lights as you approach. When you feel you are threatened, there is a "panic button" on the control. Push it one time and the car horn begins to blow repeatedly. Keep this in mind when you are shopping for your next car.

## **When you are on the road . . .**

. . . keep your doors locked and windows rolled up no matter how short the distance you plan to travel, or how safe the neighborhood seems to be. If it's hot and your air conditioner isn't working — well, do you wanna be cautious and sweaty, or cool and "vulnerable?"

Drive in the center lane to make it more difficult for a carjacker to approach the car, and when you are stopping in traffic leave enough room to maneuver around other cars in case you sense trouble and might need to get away in a hurry.

Avoid driving alone. Go with someone whenever possible, especially at night. Be very wary about stopping to help a stranger whose car has broken down. If your suspicions are aroused, it's better to find the nearest phone and report the apparent emergency.

## **When you reach your destination . . .**

. . . be sure to park in well-lighted areas away from dumpsters, woods, large vans, trucks or anything that limits your visibility. Before you get out of your car, look around to make certain that there are no threatening situations. After you get out, stay alert. Never leave valuables in plain view, even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk, or out of sight. Whenever possible, park in a parking garage where there is an attendant. Leave only the ignition key with the attendant, and be sure no identification is attached.

## **And finally, if a carjacker threatens you . . .**

. . . in spite of all your precautions, give up your car. Don't argue, but do try to remember what the carjacker looked like — sex, race, age, hair and eye color, height, special features, and clothes. Get away from the area as quickly as possible and call 911.

If you can't remember all of the foregoing safety tips, at least remember to **ROLL UP, LOCK UP AND LOOK AROUND!**

This article was excerpted from *Crime Watch*, a publication of the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE *Celebrates* 150 YEARS OF HISTORY

*By Jim Solomons,  
Public Information Officer  
Orange County Sheriff's Office*

**O**RLANDO — On January 31, 1845, a sizeable piece of territorial Florida dotted with orange groves and a scattering of hardy pioneers was carved out of a large area called Mosquito County. Thus, 150 years ago, Orange County and the Orange County Sheriff's Office were founded.

In due time a "bare bones" government was established, with William Henry Williams, a veteran of the Second Seminole War, serving by appointment as the Territorial Sheriff, Justice of Peace, Auctioneer, Notary Public, Territorial Representative and lighthouse keeper.

The passage of time, hit and miss record keeping, and a disastrous courthouse fire all but wiped out the county's historical archives, including much of the history of the Sheriff's Office. However, sufficient highlights have been uncovered to provide a picturesque capsule view of this agency's heritage.

Twenty-three Sheriffs have preceded Kevin Beary, the current Sheriff. Among Beary's predecessors John Ivey stands out as the first Orange County Sheriff to be elected to office. He was a rancher, and is said to have pastured his cattle on the land now occupied by downtown Orlando.

The six men who preceded Sheriff Ivey were appointed by a US Marshal, and were responsible for maintaining law and order in the Marshal's judicial



Former Orange County Sheriffs Mel Colman (left) and Lawson Lamar (right) join Sheriff Kevin Beary and County Commission Chairperson Linda Chapin in cutting the ribbon to officially open the renovated Operations Building.

district. The marshal was appointed by the president.

## Mizell was the lone martyr

All but one of Orange County's former Sheriffs retired from office or were "booted out" by the electorate. Sheriff David William Mizell was the lone martyr. He was ambushed and gunned down in the line of duty while attempting to collect a debt incurred through the sale of cattle.

The gravely wounded Sheriff reportedly died in his son's arms while praying for the forgiveness of his murderer. However, posse members who captured the murderer were not in a forgiving mood. They bound him and tossed him over the side of a boat with a plow-

share tied around his neck. Then, when he failed to sink, they shot and killed him.

Today, Orange County is an urbanized tourist mecca of worldwide renown, but the law enforcement problems associated with growth and tourism are not new. They are said to date back to the administration of Sheriff "Long Tom" Shine. Land booms, hordes of new settlers and a massive influx of tourists created by Florida's rapidly expanding railroad system helped to create the difficulties he encountered.

Harry Hand, Orange County's 19th Sheriff, lays claim to the lowest crime rate. During his depression era administration there were "no reported kidnappings, bank robberies, stick-ups, riots, lootings or con games."

## **Starr had a stellar career**

To Dave Starr went the honor of being Orange County's longest serving Sheriff, and perhaps the most popular. No parade was complete unless Dave and his stylish wife, Doris, rode their horses in it —attired of

course in flambouyant western style. .

During Starr's 22-year regime he served as president of the Florida and National Sheriffs Associations, expanded his staff from 12 to 100, modernized the agency, and boosted the annual budget from \$40,000 to over \$2 million. He retired in December, 1971, at the age of 71.

Starr's successors, Sheriffs Mel Colman and Lawson Lamar, continued to upgrade the agency and were recognized as top "CEO's." They were on hand January 25, 1995, along with Sheriff Beary, County Commission Chairman Linda Chapin and other dignitaries, when a 150th Anniversary celebration was held at the Sheriff's newly-renovated 33rd Street Operations Center.

A crowd of over 500 witnesses applauded the proceedings, then toured a new mini-museum inside the Operations Center which features a memorial honoring deputies who lost their lives in the line of duty. Members of some of the fallen deputies' families placed photos of their loved ones in appropriate places of honor.

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## **Explorers' hard work rewarded**

MOORE HAVEN — Many long hours of tiresome duty were logged by the Glades County Sheriff's Office Explorers when they served as volunteers at the Meadowlark Campground, Ortona Cane Grinding, Lakeport Sour Orange, Buckhead Ridge Catfish, and Chalo Nitka Festivals — also at the Muse Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Barbecue.

They assisted with parking, talked about crime prevention with local citizens, and handed out crime prevention literature. It wasn't exactly fun, but fortunately their devotion to duty was not overlooked by Glades County Sheriff Barry Walbourn.

To show how pleased he was with their performance he presented each member of the post with a

certificate and a uniform ribbon recognizing 60 hours of community service, and 20 hours of crime prevention activity.

He also gave the duly decorated young people a special reward by sending them to the Florida Sheriffs' Explorer Convention, in Orlando, where they received training in firearms safety, self-defense and handcuffing procedures.

## **Running a tight ship makes good news**

FORT MYERS — Normally Sheriffs make headlines when they get an audit that is critical of their accounts and records.

But, when Lee County Sheriff John McDougall recently received an audit report backing up his claim that he is running a tight ship, THAT TOO merited a banner headline.

LEE SHERIFF FIRMLY IN FISCAL CONTROL trumpeted the 42-point bold type over a Fort Myers News-Press article reporting the findings of an audit completed by DeLoitte & Touche, a national accounting firm. It revealed that the auditors had found:

⊕ Accurate and detailed records;

⊕ Jail costs of \$31 per day per inmate, compared to a national average of \$48; and

⊕ Funding increases that were justified.

"I think this is a firm reflection of the way we do business," said McDougall. "We consistently perform in an exemplary manner and we strive for the highest standards."

## Dick Wille exits with "good cop reputation intact"

WEST PALM BEACH — When Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille retired on March 1 at the end of an 18-year tenure, the news media chorus raised by his exit must have been sweet music to his ears. Its laudatory tone was, after all, quite a contrast to the critical editorial slant that frequently dominated his file of press clippings.

He announced his retirement plans on February 9, and two days later a headline appeared that undoubtedly made his day. "Wille's good-cop reputation intact," the headline stated, and the editorial underneath it praised him for leaving the Sheriff's Office "a far more professional and respected organization than he found it 18 years ago.

"That undisputed fact," the editorial added, "should overshadow the occasional stormy periods during his long tenure. Campaigning on a platform of low-key professionalism in 1976, Wille won a surprising runoff victory and then trounced his Democratic opponent. He promptly endeared himself to county voters by keeping his word...and turned around a demoralized department.

"From 500 employees and an \$11 million budget, Wille built the Sheriff's Office into a 2,500- employee,



Sheriff Richard Wille

\$160 million-a-year powerhouse serving a widespread and rapidly growing county. He never was seriously challenged during four successful re-election campaigns."

The editorial described Wille as a "course-taker" who stressed education and training throughout the ranks. It also gave him credit for vastly enlarged jail facilities, and an innovative drug treatment farm.

On the same date, a newspaper article described Wille as "low-key" and "a rare breed." It pointed out that the county became more urban, prosperous, culturally diverse

and violent during Wille's tenure; and the population almost doubled..

The article gave Wille credit for establishing a K9 unit and a multi-agency task force to combat narcotics county-wide. It failed to mention, but should have, that he was a leader in fostering accreditation for law enforcement agencies.

Attorney General Bob Butterworth was quoted as saying that Palm Beach County has lost a rare breed of Sheriff. "He's not leaving behind an agency that's falling apart. He's leaving the best Sheriff's Office that I've ever seen."

### Guidelines article touched a nerve!

An article titled "So . . . what's wrong with sentencing guidelines?" in the March/April issue of *The Sheriff's Star* was praised by reader Paul C. Mize, from Earleton, FL.

"I showed this article to my co-workers and their reactions ranged from amazement to disbelief," Mr. Mize told Publisher J.M. "Buddy" Phillips. "We had all thought that sentencing guidelines were going to help solve our crime problems, but the article educated all of us. Those of us that are outside of the active law enforcement community had no idea how useless this program really is.

"We on the outside can only judge a proposal on the basis of a politician's praise for it," Mr. Mize added. "As your article illustrates, a proposal or statute is not always the panacea it is promised to be.

"Thank you for the opportunity to voice my comments, and most of all, thank you and your organization for helping to keep my streets safe."

Mr. Mize revealed he is the father of two police officers: Paul R. Mize, with the Broward County Sheriff's Office; and Gregory S. Mize, with the Davie Police Department. "I take great pride in my sons' chosen occupation," he explained.

### Col. Daron D. Diecidue appointed to Standards and Training Comm.

TAMPA — Governor Lawton Chiles recently appointed Col. Daron D. Diecidue, from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, to serve on the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, the government entity that is responsible for certifying all of Florida's law enforcement and corrections officers — the one that also sets mandatory training standards and reviews serious disciplinary decisions.

Col. Diecidue was appointed to fill the unexpired commission term of Robert L. Smith, Tampa's Director of Public Safety. He is a 28-year law enforcement veteran, and is currently in command of the Administration Department at the Sheriff's Office.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson spoke highly of the appointment. He said it gives prestigious recognition to Col. Diecidue's dedication.



Col. Daron D. Diecidue



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

## Honor Roll

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

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.

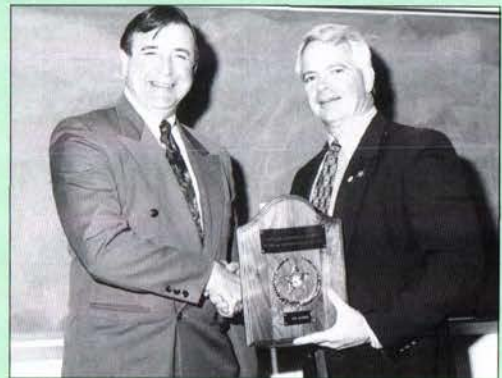
On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime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

### New Lifetime Honorary Members

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| Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Avant, Jr.                             | Mrs. Gradabelle Curtis               | Herrnando United Methodist Church   |  |
| Mrs. Thomasene L. Bennett                                     | Mr. and Mrs. Wesley K. Davis         | Mr. and Mrs. Derald Hickcox         |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Bostrom                                | Mr. Ted Derez                        | Mrs. Darthea E. Hume                |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bouffard                                  | Mrs. Vera E. Dille                   | Mrs. Donna Humphries                |  |
| Ms. Alwana Boyd   | Mr. Richard H. Dobson                | James Ranch Training Center         |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Boynton                               | Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Doepke     | Mrs. Edith D. Jones                 |  |
| Britt Plumbing  | Mr. Jonathan Duers                   | Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Jones        |  |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant   | Mr. Bobby Duke                       | Dr. Barbara Joseph                  |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Toby J. Buel                                     | Mrs. C. Graham Eddy                  | Mr. and Mrs. Emil G. Kistner        |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Barry Burrows                                    | Mr. Smokey F. C. Ellis               | Mr. Philip J. Klaren                |  |
| Mrs. Dorothy M. Buttle  | Mr. Lindsay B. Fant                  | Mr. Dave Lashway                    |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. Campbell                              | Mr. and Mrs. James H. Fiskell        | Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lewis             |  |
| Mr. Francis J. Catricola                                      | Mrs. Nancy M. Franzen                | Ms. Louise Lewis                    |  |
| Mr. Ron Chavey  | Free and Accepted Masons             | Mr. Mike Lilly                      |  |
| Christ Episcopal Church – Bradenton                           | Nitram Lodge #188                    | Mrs. Kaye Lingenfelter              |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Church, Jr.                             | Furniture Depot – Port St. Lucie     | Mrs. Doris Mann                     |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Armand Cifelli                                   | Ms. Madeleine T. Gallott             | Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Martin          |  |
| Mr. Richard R. Clarke   | Mr. and Mrs. Willie E. Gary          | Mr. and Mrs. James H. McClellan III |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Coble                                  | Ms. Frieda J. Geyer                  | Mrs. Phyllis McKinney               |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Cook Deputy and Mrs. Daryl P. Cooperrider | Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glazman          | Mr. and Mrs. Pierce McLennan        |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Dave Corsi                                       | Mr. John Haley                       | Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mead             |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crump                                      | Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Hambleton, Jr. | Mr. John P. Murphy                  |  |
|   | Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hammock         | Mr. William A. Muska                |  |
|   | Mr. and Mrs. George E. W. Hardy III  | Ms. Mary Anne Newman                |  |
|   | Mrs. Aimee D. Harper                 | P. L. Marine Survey Company, Inc.   |  |
|   | Chaplain Leo and Mrs. Linda Hart     | Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Paine       |  |
|   | Mr. Robert Haven                     | Ms. Patricia Palazzi                |  |
|   | Mr. David W. Henderson               | Mr. Wayne B. Patten                 |  |
|   |                                      | Mr. B. D. Pearson, Jr.              |  |



NAPLES — Presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) to Paul Caldwell.

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| Mr. and Mrs. J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr. | Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor       |
| Mr. James M. Pierce                      | Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Tiner    |
| Mr. Robert Pygkkonen                     | Mr. Wayne Toombs                 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Vinicio Y. Rego             | Tran Trex Foliage                |
| Ms. Pat Rockwell                         | Ms. Kathryn P. Vale              |
| Rollins Rent-All                         | Mr. James I. Watson              |
| Mr. Frank H. Ruff, CPA                   | Weeki Wachee Crime Watch, Inc.   |
| Ruth Eckerd Hall                         | Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weir           |
| Mr. Clement Salerno                      | Mrs. Frank R. White              |
| Ms. Emily G. Sheppard                    | Mr. Clyde H. Whitwell            |
| Ms. Jeanette Slurkin                     | Mrs. Florence D. Wilmot          |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith                    | Mr. Tim Wilson                   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Vernet A. Steinmann         | Women of the Moose Chapter #1152 |
| Commander John G. Stimis                 | Mrs. Dorothy D. Woodward         |
| Mrs. Jane Summers                        | World Book – Venice              |
| Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sussman                | WAC Vets Association             |
| Mr. Eldon B. Swinehart                   | Miami Chapter #13                |
|  | WSTU-WHLG AM/FM Radio            |

# Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



**WEST PALM BEACH** — Presented by former Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille (left) and Youth Ranches President C. T. O'Donnell II (right) to Josephine and Joe Thomas.



**OKLAWAHA** — Presented by Youth Villa Resident Director Stephen Feldstein to Mrs. Georgine S. Grant in memory of her husband, Robert F. Grant.



**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY** — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Gregg (left) to Ed Gallio, Director of Daystar Life Center.



**MIAMI** — Presented by Ignacio J. Vazquez (left), Chief, Sheriff Services Division, Metro-Dade Police Department, to Wallace Alan Coffman.



**THE GLYNNNS**

**SAFETY HARBOR** — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones (right) to Dr. and Mrs. William F. Glynn and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Longo.



**THE LONGOS**



**SARASOTA** — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (left), Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (third from left) and Youth Ranches Governing Board Member Ben Sizemore (right) to Bill Griffin and Kathy Vogel, representing Riscorp.



**BROOKSVILLE** — Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (right) to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Robinette.



**STUART** — Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder to Ms. Lottie Lee DeBerry.



**REID**



**FLOYD**



**PEAVY**

Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews presented Lifetime Honorary Memberships to three Sheriffs representing their respective agencies. They are: Sheriff Harrell Reid, Hamilton County, Jasper; Sheriff Jim Floyd, Gilchrist County, Trenton; and Sheriff Joe Peavy, Madison County, Madison. Also participating in the Madison County presentation were (from left): Deputy Ben Stewart, Chief Administrative Officer Leonard Harris, Wesley Ross and Deputy Derek Barrs.

## Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



**DeLAND** — Presented by Volusia County Sheriff Bob Vogel (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller.



**ORLANDO** — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (left) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (right) to Bob Brauner, Manager of Security, Universal Studios.



**TALLAHASSEE** — Presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stoutamire.



## FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more; and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



### CORRECTION

**WEST PALM BEACH** — Before he retired March 1, 1995, Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (right) presented a 25-year Distinguished Service Certificate to Mr. John G. Draddy. (EDITOR'S NOTE — I regret that Mr. Draddy's name was spelled incorrectly in the March/April issue of The Star.)



**MR. CASTORINA**

**OCALA** — Marion County Sheriff Ken Ergle presents a 25-year distinguished service certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coleman, and a 30-year certificate to Joseph Castorina.



**MR. AND MRS. COLEMAN**



**PALATKA** — Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) presents a 30-year distinguished service certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elrod.



**MR. HERMINGHAUS**

**ORLANDO** — Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary presents 25-year distinguished service certificates to Mr. Charles Herminghaus, from Winter park; Mr. Samuel L. Woodson, from Ocoee; and Ms. Noella T. LaRose, from Winter Park.



**MR. WOODSON**



**MS. LaROSE**



*Sheriff runs/walks 50 miles to raise over \$10,000 for couple good causes*

**S**ARASOTA — “No blisters, no sore muscles — the only problem I had was losing my appetite for 24 hours. I lost nine pounds, but soon got back to my normal 185.”

Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge was summing up the results of his 50th birthday celebration — a 50-mile run/walk he completed on April 2 to raise \$10,434 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and the Police Athletic League.

Monge said he came up with the birthday celebration idea in September. “Then I figured if I was going to run 50 miles, it might as well be for a worthwhile purpose, and therefore chose the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and Sarasota County Police Athletic League to benefit from any money that was raised.

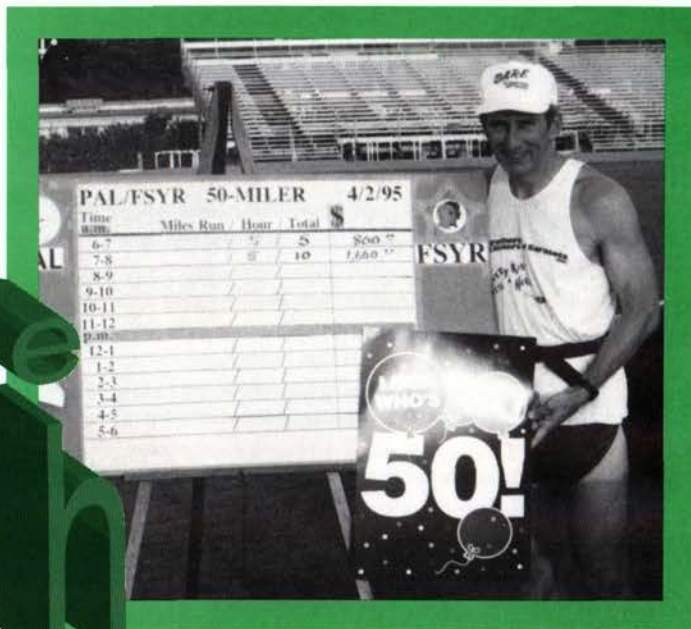
Sue Woodward, the Sheriff’s secretary, designed a moola-per-mile pledge form which was offered to prospective donors in February. By that time, Monge was well into a rigorous training schedule he began on September 25, 1994.

“My training consisted of 96 runs totaling 622 miles,” he explained. “Nineteen of the runs were over ten miles, and my longest run was 27 miles. In my biggest week, I ran 45.5 miles.”

Up before dawn on his birthday, Monge left his house at 6 a.m. and ran ten miles in two hours, ending the “warm-up” at Sarasota High School where his son had set up a “mission control base” stocked with food, beverages, extra shoes, clothes, medical supplies, etc. Now the really gruelling part of the celebration began.

“Every hour on the hour a new runner would meet me at the high school and we would go for a four-mile run out into the community, ending up back at the high school,” Monge explained. “By having different runners each hour, and by

Some 50th Birthday



The “birthday boy” pauses for a photograph at the ten-mile mark.

doing short four-mile runs, the thought of doing 50 miles never entered the picture, and the time passed fairly quickly.

“Things went remarkably well,” Monge added. “The good Lord gave us a beautiful, cool day with plenty of sun, low humidity, temperatures in the mid-70s, and a northerly breeze. What little eating I did during the run consisted of bagels with cream cheese, orange slices and bananas (no birthday cake!). I drank water and Gatorade.”

After completing mile 42, Monge changed shoes and started making withdrawals from the lowest level of his “energy bank.”

Miles 43-46 were very difficult, but Monge completed the 11th hour on schedule, and then made his first big mistake. “I was tired of drinking water and Gatorade, and switched to cranapple,” he explained. “Then as I began the final four miles, my stomach was upset and I had to walk a lot of that last leg. However, a small group of about 50 runners and well-wishers joined me for the last half-mile, and we finished at eight minutes past 6 p.m.

“All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed the six months of training and the run,” said Monge. “We raised over \$10,000 for two worthwhile causes and I’m thankful for all the support we got.”

(Warning to future Sarasota County lawbreakers: Don’t try to outrun the Sheriff.)