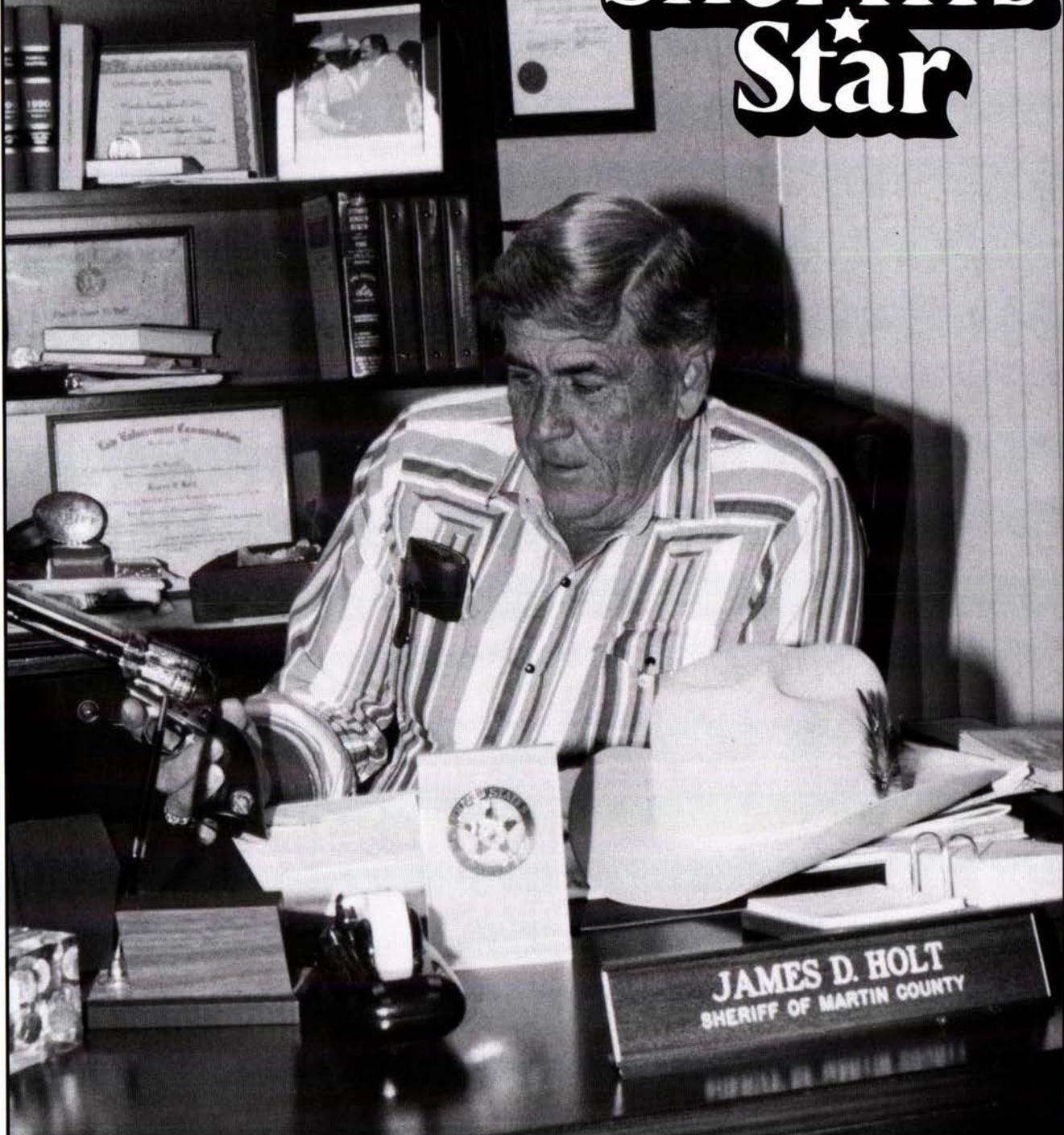


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Surrounded by souvenirs of a long law enforcement career, Sheriff Jim Holt tries to get mentally prepared for retirement.

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Now that the time has come to go Walt's leaving like a

★ real "pro" ★

TAMPA — When you listen to what they're saying about Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, it sounds as though he is running for something, but he's not.

After 44 years in law enforcement, including 16 as Sheriff, Heinrich is retiring and he has made it absolutely clear that he's bowing out of politics.

He won't actually end his present term of office until the first week in January, but cheers and applause for a job well done have already begun.

The adulation is likely to continue for months — maybe to the point of embarrassment for a real "pro" who has never been accused of seeking the limelight — and it reached an early crescendo on March 5, 1992, when a new training complex valued at almost \$400,000 was dedicated in his honor.

It was christened the Walter C. Heinrich Practical Training Center, and a large plaque prominently displayed within its 50-acre expanse praises Heinrich for his "long-standing devotion to the betterment of law enforcement as a true profession."

During a dedication ceremony attended by county commissioners, co-workers and assorted dignitaries, law enforcement compatriots proclaimed the training center one of the best in the country. They also said it was an appropriate testament to the Sheriff's support of professionalism.

"In my book," said Heinrich, "there is absolutely no substitute for training. We deal in human behavior. A law enforcement officer must be well



Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich with the plaque that honors him for his "long-standing devotion to the betterment of law enforcement as a true profession."

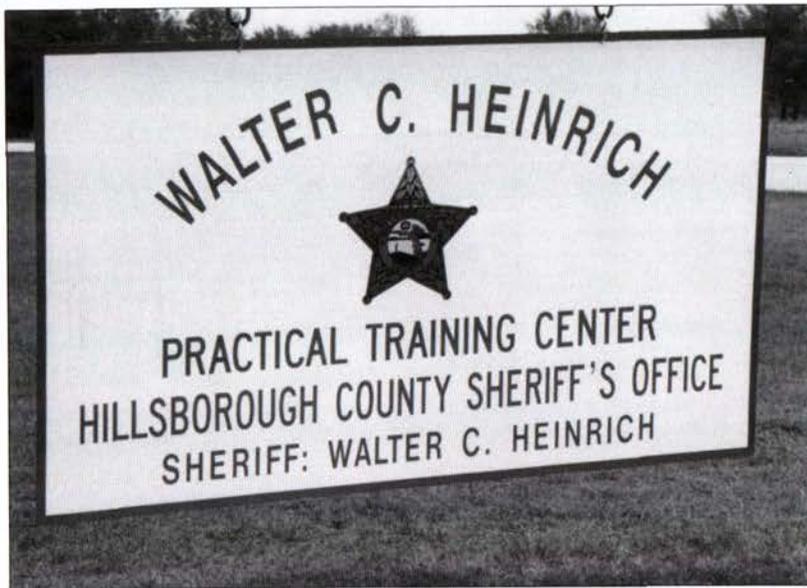
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trained to make split-second decisions that could be the difference between life and death."

He pointed out that in spite of its many high risk assignments, the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team has never had to fire its guns anywhere but on the firing range. "That is no accident," he added.

The Heinrich training complex presently includes three firing ranges, a bomb disposal area, a teaching and office building, and a bullet-proof building that allows Emergency Response Team members to use live ammunition in practice sessions without sending stray rounds out into the neighborhood.

Proposed future additions include a vehicle driving course, an obstacle course, a rappelling tower, and a "survival city" where deputies will train with moving targets.

Sheriff Eslinger earns FBI Academy diploma

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger added one more accomplishment to his law enforcement laurels in March when he was graduated from the FBI National Academy.

He advanced to the rank of major during his first 12 years with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and was appointed Sheriff in 1990 for a two-year term following the resignation of the late Sheriff John Polk.

His many honors include Outstanding Performance of Duty Award from Kiwanis Club of Central Florida; Military Order of the Purple Heart award for meritorious and conspicuous service; Law Officer of the Year (1984) from Voiture 487, Seminole County 40 et 8; Public Safety Officer of the Year from Greater Seminole County Chamber of Commerce; Distinguished Service Award from Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency.

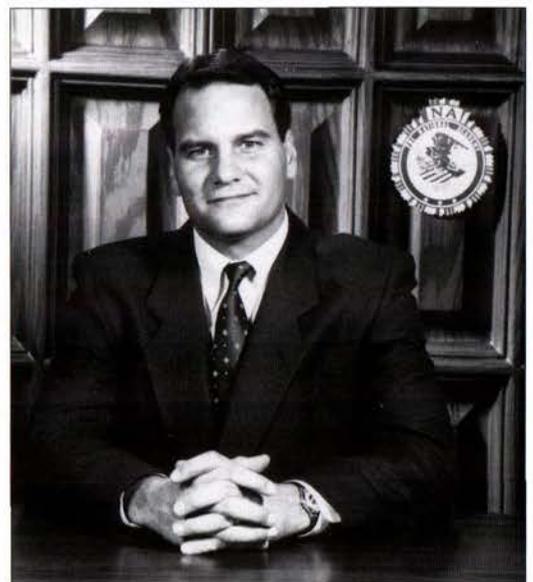
Heinrich, who is 65, began his law enforcement career with the Tampa Police Department; served there between 1949 and 1970; and retired with the rank of captain. In the next phase of his career he served with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and was a Major in charge of crime prevention and criminal investigations. He was elected Sheriff in 1978, 1980, 1984 and 1988.

In addition to being a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Heinrich holds an AA Degree in Police Administration from St. Petersburg Junior College; and a BA Degree in Sociology and Criminology from the University of Tampa.

Numerous awards and commendations have recognized his outstanding law enforcement accomplishments, as well as his youth work activities with Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs and the Boys Scouts of America. He has served on prestigious law enforcement task forces and advisory committees.

"Walter Heinrich was one of the few who championed the cause of higher education and better training for law enforcement officers when championing such a cause was not as highly regarded as it is today," said Col. Charles Fisher, Director of Administration at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. "This magnificent training site could not have been more appropriately dedicated."

Allen McCreight, Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa FBI Office, came up with the final clincher when he said, "Walter Heinrich is the consummate professional."



Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger has earned the privilege of hanging the FBI National Academy emblem on his office wall.

How do you

SHAKE UP a Sheriff?

By Carl Stauffer
Editor of *The Sheriff's Star*

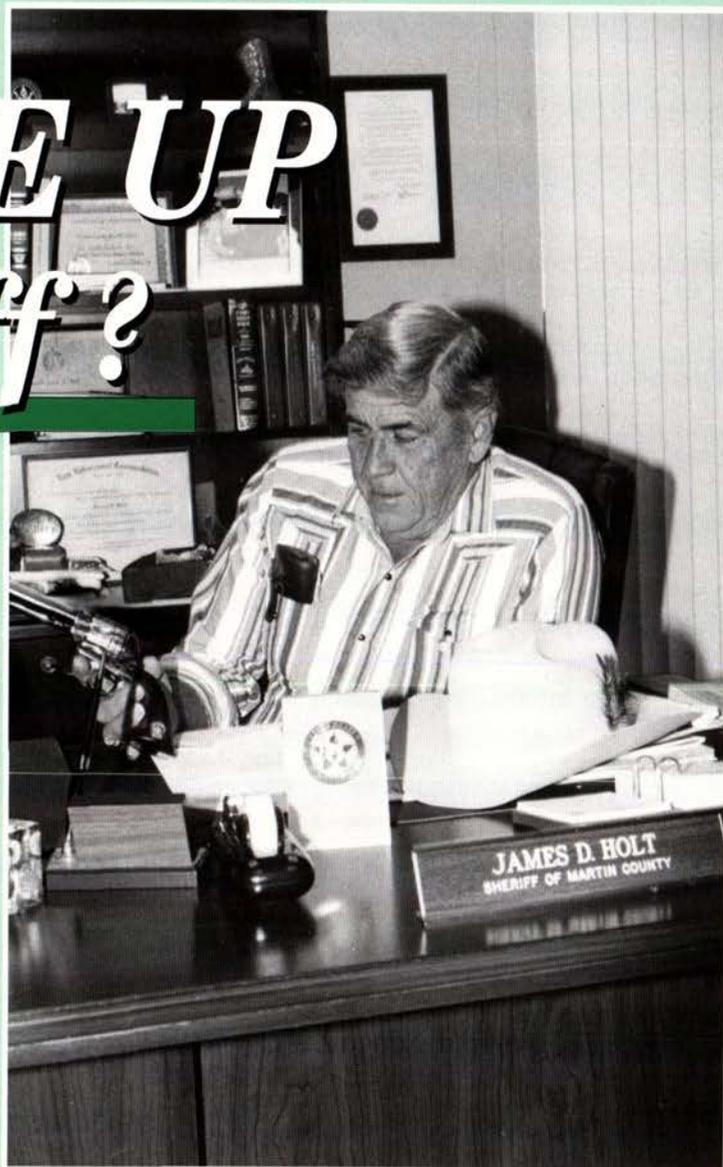
STUART — What does it take to shake up a Sheriff — especially an “old timer” like Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt who has been a soldier, rodeo contestant, fireman, railroader, deputy U.S. Marshal, deputy sheriff and Sheriff?

Could anything really rattle this rugged looking man who has faced life-threatening situations numerous times, has survived 24 years of rough-and-tumble political combat, has faced Today Show cameras on TV, has testified before a Congressional committee in DC, has had a more than superficial friendship with the world's most powerful leader, and has acted in a Burt Reynolds TV production?

He looked pretty invincible the day I sat in his office asking him about his plans to hang up his badge at the end of 1992, but one thing he said took me by surprise.

“How's it gonna feel, sitting out this election, after all of these years in politics?” I asked him. “I don't know,” he said, “I really don't know at this point, and retirement scares me . . . as active as I've been all these years.”

Jim Holt scared?? I almost dropped my tape recorder. I didn't think anything or anyone could scare this Sheriff's Sheriff who looks like the Marlboro man, has the modest, mild mannerisms of Gary Cooper, and captivates voters with his quiet competence.



COVER PHOTO: Sheriff Jim Holt contemplates some of the souvenirs he will take into retirement: a gold plated revolver; his Deputy U.S. Marshal badge, and the hat he has thrown into the political ring numerous times.

“Are you sure you won't get lonesome and decide to come back into law enforcement?” I inquired. “There's a possibility,” he said, “but if I do it'll be ridin' on the wagon and not pullin' the wagon.” This too was surprising — like “Stormin Norman” Swartzkopf saying he wished he could be demoted to a corporal — so the next thing I wanted to know was what sort of job he would choose if he chose to make a comeback.

It wouldn't be a desk job, he assured me. “No,” he said, “my thing is first line law enforcement bein' there during the action when there's an escaped prisoner or a manhunt or

something of this nature . . . out there with the action.

"Of course I know age keeps hinderin' you more and more each year as far as doin' that sort of thing is concerned," he added, and I was beginning to see what was scary about retirement for this 60-year-old lawman who had recently been treated for prostate cancer.

Obviously, it was going to be difficult for this man of action to hang up his badge and become inactive after spending most of his life in hazardous jobs. That was enough to scare anyone, so we abandoned discussion of the frightening future and talked about the more pleasing past.

"How did you get on the *Today Show*?" I wanted to know. "There was a crew in here from *Today* doin' a documentary on smuggling. We were havin' a lot of big stuff comin' in at that time . . . drugs . . . and while they were here we had a drug bust with an airplane comin' in. They filmed it, and then they invited me up to New York for the *Today Show*."

"Did you have any TV offers after that?" "Yeah. Burt Reynolds is a personal friend of mine and he stuck me in one of his B. L. Stryker films down here."

"Did you have a speaking part?"

"I think I had one sentence, or something like that. Then later I was on the Win, Lose or Draw Program one time.

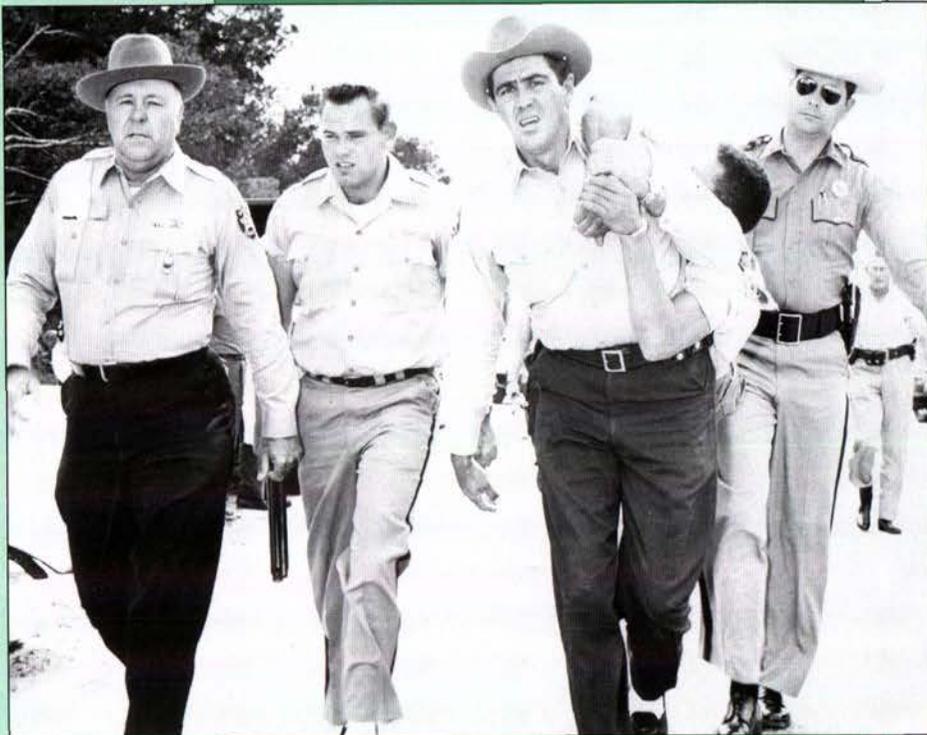
"Burt and Bert Parks did it down at the [Reynolds] ranch. That's been the extent of my acting."

I noticed pictures of Holt with President George Bush on the office wall, so I asked him about his friendship with the man in the oval office.

"I've known him for years," said Holt. "His parents lived here when I was a deputy. I had the Hobe Sound area, and that's where they lived. He was a Congressman from Texas when I first knew him.

"He had the image goin' in (to the presidency) of bein' weak, but I knew him and knew that he wasn't, and if you knew his dad . . . I mean he was a tough old man."

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This photo is from the cover of the May, 1962, *Sheriff's Star*. It was taken by Stuart photographer Ed Gluckler.

Action always preferred

STUART — Sheriff Jim Holt's desire to be "out there with the action" can be traced to the 1960's when he was a deputy under Martin County Sheriff Roy Baker.

This 1962 photo shows him in the midst of a tense drama that developed in the Hobe Sound area after the daughter of a Jupiter Island police officer was raped and murdered.

A suspect was located in a palmetto patch, and the officers in the photo were whisking the captured man away from the area as fast as possible to avoid trouble.

The tenseness of the situation is reflected in the faces of (from left) Sheriff Baker, Jupiter Island Patrolman Earl Powell, Jr., Holt, and Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Danny Jackman.

Holt and Jackman are carrying the captured suspect, whose head can be seen behind Holt's shoulder.



When Holt retires the new administrative center which bears his name will remain as a tribute to his success.

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Describing how lonely it was to be a loyal Republican at a time when Florida was solidly Democratic, Holt recalled that at least it gave him some powerful Washington, D.C., connections.

Early in his law enforcement career he was nominated by President Nixon as U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, but Senator Spessard Holland, a powerful Democrat, blocked the confirmation. In the ensuing compromise, a Democrat got the Marshal appointment, a Republican was appointed U.S. Attorney, and Holt became a Deputy Marshal.

Later on, after Holt became the Martin County Sheriff, he used his friendship with Jerry Thomas, former Florida State Senator appointed to a high echelon position in the U.S. Treasury Department, to get the Sheriff's Office its first airplane.

The airplane had been confiscated during a Sheriff's Office drug bust in which U.S. Customs officers provided assistance, and next morning Customs called from Miami to inform Holt they were coming to take possession of the plane.

That's when Holt called Thomas and complained that the plane rightfully belonged to the Sheriff's Office. "In less than an hour," Holt recalled, "Miami Customs called me and said they had decided they didn't want to go for that plane, so that's how we got it, and I think we were one of the first small counties in Florida to have an airplane."

Now, many years later, the Martin County Sheriff's Office operates one twin-engine airplane and a helicopter, both obtained through drug bust confisca-

tions. "It hasn't been any cost to the taxpayers," said Holt.

Acquiring a Sheriff's "air force" is just one of many changes Holt has seen in his long law enforcement career. When he was hired as a deputy by Sheriff Roy Baker in 1959, the staff consisted of four additional deputies, two jailers, and three communications dispatchers. Today there are 434 employees on the Sheriff's Office payroll, including 170 sworn law enforcement deputies and 158 correctional officers.

Law enforcement moves at a faster pace now with high-tech equipment and air conditioned patrol cars, but Holt isn't sure that all of the changes have been improvements. Air conditioned patrol cars, for instance: "You ride around with your windows up, and you never hear what's goin' on," he said.

When I made the observation that law enforcement officers don't have as much contact with the public as they used to, he said, "No, we're losin' all that."

Then he paused, and shrugged. "I guess law enforcement is passin' me by. I've got enough sense to see it. It's not my type of law enforcement any more. We used to go out and spend half a day helpin' somebody solve a problem, and you can't do that now. You got to get away from them as quick as you can and go to the next one. I don't like it."

I think if we had continued to pursue that line of thought I might have been able to persuade Holt that retirement wasn't so scary after all.

However, we switched to talking about cattle ranching, which is something the Sheriff has been involved in all of his life. He was raised on a ranch near Indiantown, and currently lives on a ranch near Hobe Sound where he is surrounded by over 3,400 acres of leased and owned land that reminds him of his boyhood.

The ranch is Holt's refuge from the stresses and tensions of the Sheriff's Office. He said it has always been good therapy for him to escape to the Ranch and work around the cows. More than likely it will serve the same purpose in retirement.

"If you're buildin' a barbed wire fence or patchin' one, you don't think about what's happenin' at the office, Holt said. "You're thinkin' about that barbed wire, and you can rest your mind a little."

"Do you ever bitch to the cows?" I asked him. "Yeah," he said. "You can stand there and holler at them and they don't talk back."

Andros never says "no" when Sheriff says "go!"

ORLANDO — In explosive Orange County situations, the hero is likely to be a remote-controlled robot named Andros who rides around in his own private vehicle and never says "no" when Sheriff Walt Gallagher says "go!"

Andros' specialty is retrieving bombs and other explosive devices, and the vehicle in which he rides is a new addition to the Sheriff's fleet. Built at a cost of \$76,000, and paid for with money seized from drug dealers, this "hazardous device unit" has multiple uses.

It will carry special clothing designed to protect deputies during bomb disposal activities, and it can also be used as a command center in other high-risk scenarios such as hostage situations.

Fabricated on a five-ton Ford truck by National Ambulance Builders, the hazardous device unit is said to be the first of its kind in the southeastern U.S.

With high-tech necklace battered wives are safer

TAMPA — With the touch of a button on an emergency necklace, a battered woman can call "the law" if her abusive husband shows up.

Twelve women whose husbands are under court order to stay away have been given the necklaces in a Hillsborough County experiment involving the Sheriff's Office, three police departments, a security company and a shelter for battered women. This trial run is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation.

Suspended from each necklace is a high-tech pendant. When the pendant is activated it alerts a security company which in turn notifies the appropriate law enforcement agency that a battered wife is in danger. Officers are then dispatched to the scene on a priority basis. In addition to the pendant each wired-for-safety woman has a security panel in her home that can also be activated to summon help.

If the necklace works, it is likely to save lives, or prevent severe beatings. During a three-month period



Sheriff Walt Gallagher (third from left) accepts the keys to the hazardous device unit from Terry Vann, manager of National Ambulance Builders, while Andros hogs the limelight in the foreground. Also pictured from left are three bomb squad members: Deputy Steve Cook, Sgt. Bill Miller and Capt. Phil Pitman.

last year, nine of 13 homicides in Hillsborough County were from domestic violence — a 70 percent rate which is four times the national average, according to Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich.

The 12 women involved in the experiment were chosen by The Spring, which was described as the busiest of Florida's 29 domestic violence shelters. They formerly stayed at the shelter, but are now living out in the community and remain at risk.

These women left the shelter with an injunction for protection — a civil no-contact order — against their husbands. However, it is not unheard of for a husband to ignore the court order, break into the victim's house, and give her a severe, sometimes fatal, beating.

Transsexualism held to be a disability

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Commission on Human Rights ruled 8-1 that a male jail guard who was fired by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for dressing like a woman was the target of discrimination based upon a disability — transsexualism.

Lt. William Smith, now known as Belinda Smith, was fired in 1985 after being seen off the job in women's clothing, and after he outlined plans to undergo a sex-change operation, with the prerequisite of dressing as a woman for two years prior to the surgery. Since then Smith has had the operation.

— From the *Miami Herald*, 2/22/92

Shortfall of Dollars = Misery (for Legislators and Lobbyists) but some "good sense" bills passed ...

*Compiled by Tom Berlinger
Director of Operations
Florida Sheriffs Association*

TALLAHASSEE — Appearing somewhat disheveled, even in his \$800 suit, one lobbyist stood in a corridor of the Capitol on the last day of the session. Out loud, and to nobody in particular, he lamented, "Money is so tight around here that you can hear the buffalo on the nickel whining . . . my clients will never believe it was this bad . . ."

He wasn't the originator of the comment, but he certainly drew a painfully accurate picture of the 1992 edition of Florida's Legislative session. Take a severe financial shortfall and toss in a massive dose of the once-every-decade reapportionment process, and you have the recipe for an extremely tough year in the Capital city for legislators and lobbyists alike.



Photo Courtesy of Florida Dept. of Commerce, Division of Tourism

Despite widespread discord on those fronts, however, the legislature did manage to hammer out and pass several hundred bills, particularly those which bore little or no fiscal impact on state or local government. Although Florida's Sheriffs opposed a number of bills they felt were not in the best interests of the law-abiding residents of the state, they also welcomed several "good-sense" bills which have the promise of making Florida a better place in which to live. Here's a sampling of the criminal

justice bills which passed in 1992.

*(HB = House Bill;
SB = Senate Bill)*

HB 465 - Consumer Protection/Telemarketing

Revises several consumer protection provisions in Florida law regarding telephone solicitations.

Requires telephone solicitors and sellers of consumer information containing residential telephone numbers (excluding directory assistance and certain telephone directories) to exclude numbers that

appear on the then-current quarterly "no sales solicitation calls" list produced by the Division of Consumer Services. Effective 7/1/92.

HB 115 - Crimes Against Elderly

Provides that the enhanced penalties for a person charged with committing aggravated battery, aggravated assault, battery, or assault on someone at least 65 years of age apply, regardless of whether or not the perpetrator has knowledge of the victim's age. Effective 10/1/92.

HB 415 - Consumer Fraud on Elderly or Handicapped

Creates enhanced civil penalties for consumer transaction violations which defraud a senior citizen (60 or older) or any handicapped person.

Provides that any person who knowingly engages in such activity is liable for a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each violation. Also establishes the Consumer Education Enhancement Trust Fund within the Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Provides that 50% of the civil penalties collected shall be allocated to prepare and distribute consumer education materials and seminars. The remaining 50% will go to the Dept. of Legal Affairs for consumer education materials and enforcement efforts. Effective 10/1/92.

HB 97 - Stalking and Harassment

Creates the offense of "stalking," and provides that a person who repeatedly follows or harasses another person, and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in fear of death or great bodily injury, commits the offense of stalking, a third degree felony. Effective 7/1/92

SB 120 - Sealing of Criminal History Records

Some convicted criminals were abusing the system which allows only first-time offenders to have their arrest records erased (expunged) after the lapse of specified times.

A new law designed to halt this abuse requires the Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to conduct the initial review of an individual's criminal arrest record in order to determine eligibility for record sealing or expungement.

However, the bill prohibits sealing or expunging criminal history records relating to certain crimes such as sexual battery, drug trafficking, offenses committed by public officers and employees, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and burglary of a dwelling. Effective 7/1/92.

SB 144 - Suspension of Students

Authorizes a school principal to suspend a student for more than the 10-day

limit imposed by law if the student is charged with an act that would be considered a felony when committed by an adult. Effective 4/8/92.

SB 208 - Probation/ Child Abuse

Requires that when individuals found guilty of felonies involving child abuse or sexual battery are placed on probation or community control, they are required to receive the maximum level of supervision provided by the supervising agency.

Also requires the Florida Dept. of Corrections (state prison system), the Parole Commission and the Control Release Authority to notify law enforcement officials when any sex offender is within six months of release from prison. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 316 - Theft of Rental Property

Makes it unlawful to hire or lease personal property or equipment with intent to defraud the owner. Abandoning or willfully refusing to redeliver hired or leased personal property or equipment, without the owner's consent, and with the intent to defraud, is likewise unlawful. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 362 - Crime Victims

Makes "victim impact" evidence admissible in the sentencing phase of a capital felony trial. This bill provides that once the prosecution has shown the existence of aggravating

circumstances, the state is allowed to introduce and argue the impact of the crime on its victim. The evidence presented will be designed to show the victim's uniqueness as a person, and the loss to the community as a result of his/her death. However, characterization and opinions about the crime, the defendant, or suggested sentence are not admissible. Effective 7/1/92.

SB 380 - Child Pornography

Specifies that in cases involving possession of pornographic photographs of children, each individual photograph will constitute a separate felony offense. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 1026 - Convenience Store Security

Mandates enhanced security measures for convenience businesses open between 11:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. The measures may include hiring a second clerk or a security guard; providing a bullet-proof security enclosure; or providing an indirect pass-through window for the safety of night shift clerks. Effective 12/31/92.

SB 1060 - Crime Victims Rights

Makes the existing "victims' rights" amendment applicable to victims and witnesses involved in cases where a juvenile (under age 18) has been charged with a crime. Thus, victims, their parents, guardians or lawful representatives, or a

homicide victim's next of kin have the right to be informed of, or be present during all crucial stages of the juvenile justice system.

In addition, the bill requires law enforcement personnel to inform victims that they have the right to a prompt and timely disposition of the criminal cases so as to minimize their trauma, to the extent that such right does not interfere with the defendant's rights. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 1902 - Weapons and Firearms

Provides that it is a third degree felony for a trespasser on school property to possess a weapon or firearm. Law enforcement officers are exempt. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 2314 - Alcoholic Beverages/Sidewalk Cafes

Amends Florida's alcoholic beverage statute to include "sidewalks" in the definition of "licensed premises." The bill provides a control system which can be used by a county or municipality to permit the service of alcoholic beverages at sidewalk cafes. Effective 10/1/92.

SB 642 - Scrap Metal Recycling

Prohibits scrap metal recyclers from purchasing regulated metals (copper wire, etc.) unless the seller meets specified criteria relating to proof of ownership, and provides a penalty for failure to comply. Effective 10/1/92.



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.



WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Donald Sargent.



BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander (left) presents a 25-year certificate to Lloyd Theriot.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff C. Dalton Bray (right) presents a 25-year certificate to Herman K. Rock.



SHENGLE



FERGUSONS



BENNER

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher presents a 30-year certificate to Bernard Shengle; and 25-year certificates to Claude Ferguson (who was accompanied by his son David), C. W. Benner and Mathilda Fischer.



MS. FISCHER



SAPP



VAN ARSDALL

DELAND — Volusia County Sheriff Robert L. Vogel, Jr., (right) presents 25-year certificates to James Sapp, of New Smyrna Beach; and Robert Van Arsdall, of Ormond Beach.

A message to our faithful friends

By J. M. "Buddy" Phillips
Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

The Florida Sheriffs Association has experienced some tough financial times during the past year, and it has been an equally rough year for many — perhaps most — of our special friends who are honorary members and business members of the Association.

We have made substantial cutbacks in our spending, and I am persuaded that our members have been forced to do likewise.

Nevertheless, the loyalty and generosity of these dedicated supporters has been absolutely amazing. I am convinced that many have made sacrifices in order to pay their annual dues. Others have experienced such severe financial losses that they have been forced to drop their memberships — at least temporarily — and a number of them have said they hoped to reactivate their memberships as soon as possible.

Let me assure all of you who are taking a temporary "leave of absence," that it will be possible for you to reactivate your memberships whenever you

decide that you can afford to do so. Furthermore, you will not lose the seniority you have built up in the past. I am aware that many of you are striving to qualify as 25-year or 30-year members, and I want you to know that you will not suffer any loss of status if you are forced to drop out temporarily.

They say that the problems created by the current recession is bringing friends and families and organizations closer together. Letters I have received during the past year expressing encouragement and support have convinced me that this is true. We are fortunate to have such good rapport with our members, but I want to enhance our lines of communication as much as possible. Therefore, I have established a toll-free telephone number

(1-800-877-2168) so that we can give prompt responses to members' questions and concerns.

I hope this will enable us to provide better service and accountability. Perhaps it will also demonstrate how much we appreciate the loyalty and generosity of our faithful friends.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL



MRS. WILSON



MRS. EDWARDS



HECKENDORF



VAILL

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry presents 25-year certificates to Mrs. Margaret Wilson (who accepted on behalf of her son, the late Elbert Branson Wilson), Mrs. Marion Edwards, John Heckendorf and Fred Vaill.



Florida Sheriffs Association's Charter Business Members

A charter and by-laws amendment that went into effect at the beginning of 1990 permits business firms to enroll as Business Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association in three categories: Gold for those who pay annual dues of \$500; Silver for those paying \$250; and Bronze for those paying \$50.

The first Business Members were enrolled in February, 1990, and by the end of July the roll call was well over 1,000. In gratitude for this generous and enthusiastic response, we are printing the following roster of recently enrolled Charter Business Members:

GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

Akerman, Senterfitt, Eidson
& Moffitt
Harris Corporation Law
Enforcement Products
Whelen Engineering
Company Florida Region

SILVER BUSINESS MEMBERS

A. B. C., Inc.
ACISS Systems
Battles' Bail Bonds
Florida RF Labs, Inc.
Kisinger Campo And
Associates
Montgomery Technology,
Inc.
Quincy State Bank
Raymond Herring
Construction Company,
Inc.
Reese McKinney Paint
Contractor
Waste Management, Inc.

BRONZE BUSINESS MEMBERS

A & W Inc.
Action Auto Painting
Action Plus Bail Bonds
Ajax Construction Company,
Inc., of Tallahassee
All Pro Championships, Inc.
Armstrong Freight, Inc.
Arnold Lumber Company,
Inc.
Ashenoff And Associates,
Inc.
Ashley X-Ray Solutions
Astro Vision Distributors
Ausken South, Inc.
B & B Ice Company
B & V Impexport, Inc.
B.G.S. Construction of
Florida
BancBoston Mortgage, Corp.
Bartlett Electric Tele
Communications, Inc.
Bay Area Rehabilitation of
Brandon
Beekman Towers, Inc.
Ben Lovelace And Company,
Inc.



BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (right) presents a three-year Bronze Business Membership to Leonard McCue, Attorney.



SHALIMAR — Okaloosa County Sheriff Larry Gilbert (left) presents a Silver Business Membership to James Battles, of Battles Bail Bonds.

Besteel Industries
Bontrager Chiropractic
Clinic
Braswell Bail Bonds
Britton Plaza House of Keys
Broadleaf Contracting
Company, Inc.
Buddy's Garage, Inc.
C & W Food Service, Inc.
C. S. Cocroft Farms
Capital Insurance Agency,
Inc.
Care Animal Hospital of
Brandon, Inc.
Cascino & Associates Inc.
Casino Bakery, Inc.
Castle Construction
Corporation of Pinellas
Centel Corporation
Center Investigations And
Security Corp.
Charles Jones TV Engineers
Checkcare of Tampa, Inc.
Church's Automotive Paint &
Body Shop
Continental Styling Salon
Convault Florida, Inc.
Curtis Tyre Insurance
D. & B. Specialties, Inc.
Decker Industries, Inc.
Del Monte Corporation
Deluxe Corporation
Dennis A. Barbarisi
Discount Paint And Body
Shop
Dodge Country, Inc.

Dulls Enterprises
Duncan's Body Shop
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Electricians Local 915 Credit
Union
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Gilsar Corporation
Gold Kist, Inc.
Grow Group, Inc.
Gulf Central Distribution
Center, Inc.
GTE Communications Corp.
Hafiz M.A. Rahman, M.D.,
P. A.
Hampton Specialties
Happy Traveler
Campgrounds
Hedor Development Co., Inc.
Henry D. Gallo, M.D., P.A.
Herrin Enterprises, Inc.
Highsmith Custom Homes,
Inc.

Highway Safety Systems,
Inc.
Holtec USA Corporation
Hoven, Inc.
Hydraulic Machinery, Inc.
Interamerican Systems
Corp.
International Account
Systems, Inc.
International Assoc. of
Law Enforcement
Planners, FL. Ch.
J. E. Childers Drilling,
Inc.
J.D. Smith
Exterminators, Inc.
Jack Bowshier Buick -
Pontiac GMC Truck,
Inc.
Jefferson Management
Corp.
Jenny Company
John C. Baker, M.D., P.A.
John Switzer Excavating
And Used Equipment
Johnson Brothers
Corporation
Justice Packaging
Corporation
K - 9 Companions
Kendrick H. Folsom &
Sons
Law Enforcement
Assistance Network,
Inc.



HERRINGS



BRANSON

QUINCY — Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham presents Silver Business Memberships to Raymond and Francis Herring of Herrings Construction and Little Scholar Academy; and Bud Branson, representing Quincy State Bank.

Law Offices of Robert L. Kilbride
 Lewis & Sons Dairy
 Lexon, Inc.
 M & S Company
 M. C. I. Express, Inc.
 Mack Sales of Tampa, Inc.
 Madima Corporation
 Mahon Door Corporation
 Marble Craft Restoration, Inc.
 Mudd's Land Clearing, Inc.
 Norix Group, Inc.
 Northstar Building Corporation

Odaly's Design & Supplies, Inc.
 Office Of Special Investigations, Inc.
 One Seagrove Place
 Park Funeral Home
 Payroll Transfers, Inc.
 Perkins Power Corporation
 Pioneer Cleaners Corporation
 Plantation Security, Inc.
 Poe Associates, Inc.
 Produce Exchange Company, Inc.
 Quincy State Bank
 R. H. Acquisitions, Inc.

Ranon & Partners, Inc.
 Record Center Inc.
 Redwing Carriers, Inc.
 Reed Minerals
 Regal Enterprises
 Richard M. Denney, Attorney
 River Landing
 S. & H. Distributors, Inc.
 Seaside Community Development Corp.
 Seminole Golf Course
 Shalimar Yacht Basin, Inc.
 Shapiro & Fishman
 Southern Aluminum & Steel Corp.
 Southern Winding Service, Inc.
 Southwest Florida Employers Council, Inc.
 Spell's Sandblasting Co.
 Star Enterprise

Stephen Whitehouse Engineer, Inc.
 Sumter County Farmers Market, Inc.
 Sverdrup Corporation
 Systems Consultants, Inc.
 T & F, Inc.
 Tallahassee YMCA
 Tampa Bay Vascular Diagnostic Center, Inc.
 Tampa Cars, Inc.
 Technical Specialties Company, Inc.
 Tekshop of Florida, Inc.
 The House Of Seagram
 Thomas B. Smith Farms
 Tomas Luis Building Contractor, Inc.
 Trawick Construction Company
 Tresun Corporation
 Tri County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 Triangle Marketing Enterprises, Inc.
 United States Trading Investments
 UniFirst Corporation
 Urban Sanitation Service, Inc.
 Van Enterprises, Inc.
 Video Aid Corporation of Florida
 Wackenhut Monitoring Systems, Inc.
 Wyatt's Business Machines, Inc.



Time to start preparing those nominations now!

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Retail Federation (FRF) is currently receiving nominations for its 1992 Florida Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award.

They are being accepted from Sheriffs, Police Chiefs, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Marine Patrol.

The competition is limited to line-duty officers up to and including the rank of sergeant.

Although the nominating deadline is August 31, 1992, executives of the targeted law enforcement agencies are urged to get started on the nominating process by assembling supporting documentation such as letters of commendation and newspaper clippings.

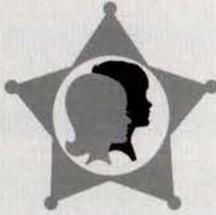
For details about the award and the nominating procedure, please contact Brenda Grindstaff, Director of Public Affairs, FRF. The telephone numbers are 904/222-4082 or 800/226-4082.

The Officer of the Year presentation will be held in Tallahassee on November 10. The recipient as well as first and second runners-up will receive plaques and cash awards.



Auxiliary Deputies gave 8,600 hours

KEY WEST — This roadside conference between Auxiliary Deputy Woody Olafson (left) and Traffic Enforcement Deputy Butch Albury is a familiar scene in the Keys. Monroe County Sheriff Rick Roth said non-paid Auxiliary Deputies like Olafson donated 8,600 hours of duty and training worth \$159,000 during 1991. "They help us to ease the burden of taxpayers who demand quality law enforcement but do not want to pay higher taxes for it," he added.



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.

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.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

Mr. and Mrs. Eric L. Anderson
 Mrs. Leewood S. Anderson
 Mrs. Vera Barton
 Mr. and Mrs. Karl Berberich
 Mr. Ronald Bontrager
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Booth
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bridges
 Mrs. Alice E. Brown
 Mrs. Mary Bunton
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cain
 Mr. H. K. Chandler, Jr.
 Mrs. Tammy Christensen
 Citrus Publishing, Inc.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Coleman
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Collins, Jr.
 Mr. John Creasey
 CR Book Nook, Inc.
 Daytona Beach Lioness Club
 Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas T. De Soto
 Ms. Judy DeBracey
 Mrs. Margeret Dunkle
 Mr. and Mrs. George T. Dunlap, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ericson
 Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fairfield
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Fentriss
 Florida Plywoods, Inc.
 Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
 Alumni Association
 Mrs. Sandy Francis

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Franklin
 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #48
 Mrs. Lillian Gibson
 Mrs. Bertha L. Green
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Groover
 Mr. Frederick W. Harsen
 Henry Hawthorne Tractor Service
 Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hoadley
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Hull
 Mr. Clarence C. Hunter
 Inglis Seafood & Sales, Inc.
 Mrs. Walter H. Kenlan
 Mrs. Patsy E. Kennedy
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Kleinert
 Mr. Pat Larkin
 Mr. and Mrs. James E. Laurent
 Mrs. Sophie Lourenco
 Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #2259
 Sebring Lodge
 Mrs. Margaret Mason
 Mr. Frederick L. Massaro
 Mr. and Mrs. David C. Mayo
 Men's and Women's Fellowship
 First Congregational Church
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Mellican
 Ms. Ethel Michaud
 Mr. and Mrs. Dom Monge
 Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morton
 Mr. Clint Newby
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Oare, Jr.
 Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Overby



STUART — Presented by Martin County Chief Deputy Jim Mills (left) to Sandra N. Hicks and Carl Butcher, representing Grant Country Club, Inc.



CRYSTAL RIVER — When Les Roth (third from left) received his Lifetime Honorary Membership, three Youth Ranches representatives made the presentation. They are (from left) Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver, Levy County Sheriff Ted Glass and Sumter County Sheriff James L. "Jamie" Adams, Jr.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued...



CARUTH CAMP — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (left) and Levy County Sheriff Ted Glass (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Langner.



YOUTH RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranch Resident Director Joe Ballard (left) to Frank Smith, a member of the Youth Ranch maintenance crew.



LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Pat Monogue (right) to the Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Webb.

New Lifetime Honorary Members continued

Mrs. Marjorie W. Packwood
 Palm Coast Lions Club
 Mrs. Edna M. Pedersen
 Ms. Barbara Phillips
 Mrs. George W. Pinegar
 Post Falls Mazda
 Pregnancy Crisis Center — Inverness
 Mr. Charles Presley
 Mrs. Permelia P. Reed
 Mrs. Jacqueline C. Renberg
 Mr. Robert F. Russell
 Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sandison
 Mrs. Orville B. Shafer
 Mr. Randy Spinks
 Mrs. Jack K. Stansell
 Ms. Nancy Steltz
 Sunshine Foliage World
 Mr. Jon F. Swift
 Mr. and Mrs. David Swindell
 Taylor Precast
 The Closet Collection
 Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Theobald
 Mr. and Mrs. George Tlumac
 Mr. John A. Turner
 Mr. Byron Underwood
 Mr. and Mrs. James H. Van Order
 Watson's Paint & Carpet Center
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Weiser
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whalen



SPRADLIN



ZUFFANTES

OCALA — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (left) and Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (right) to Robert Spradlin; and to Saverio and Lena Zuffante, all of Summerfield.



SPENCES

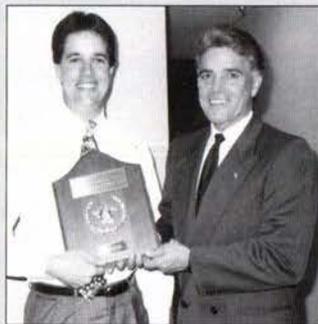


RIDOU

Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (right) to Tom and Norma Spence, of Hernando; and Jean Ridou, of Ocala.



GIBSON



TILCHEN



MS. YOUNGEN



MRS. HARE

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Gregg to Lonnie Gibson, Lou Tilchen, Hilda Youngen, and Mrs. Helene Scribner Hare.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued...



LEVEROCKS



MS. SNYDER



MRS. HANCOCK



LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Jean Newell to Leverocks Seafood Company, represented by Chip Phillips; Nancy Snyder, owner of Dynasty Art and Frame; and Mrs. Harry Hancock, who accepted for herself and her husband.



MILLET



SCOTT



MARTENS



BROOKSVILLE — Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rose.

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Jean Newell to Leverocks Seafood Company, represented by Chip Phillips; Nancy Snyder, owner of Dynasty Art and Frame; and Mrs. Harry Hancock, who accepted for herself and her husband.

FORT MYERS — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust to John F. Millet, Dr. Roger D. Scott and John A. Martens.



WHITECO



KILGORE



LADY LAKE — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Knox to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Derby.



DAYTONA BEACH SHORES — Presented by Volusia County Sheriff Robert L. Vogel, Jr. (left) to Thomas Staed.

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Mac Stones to Whiteco Outdoor Advertising of Tarpon Springs, represented by Dana Kelly; and Dr. William Kilgore, of Clearwater.



McRAES



BUCHANAN

ORLANDO — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McRae, and Frank Buchanan.



TAMPA — Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) to Dick Pinegar, Superintendent of Maintenance at Cargill Fertilizer Co., in recognition of donations made by him and his personnel.



MS. WOODRUFF



REYNOLDS

BRADENTON — Presented by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells to Betty Woodruff and R & S Electric, represented by Jim Reynolds.



SEA WORLD — When a Five Star Lifetime Honorary Membership was presented to Busch Entertainment Corporation, the ceremony involved (from left) Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher; Susan Busch Transou and Sea World's "Shamu," representing the Corporation; Youth Ranches Regional Director Michele Linebaugh; and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Knox.



MRS. CHILDS



BUSS



MRS. SMITH



DUNKLY

SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge to Mrs. Lennie M. Childs, John F. Buss, Barbara B. Smith; and Robert J. Dunkly. Mrs. Smith, who is President of the Board of Associates at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch/Bradenton, accepted the membership for her husband, Ernest Smith, of Brown and Brown Insurance Agency.

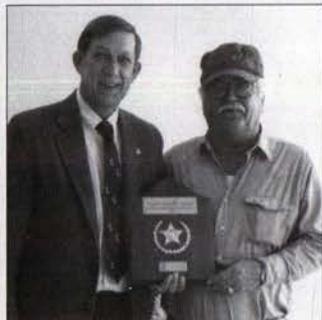


BRADYS



HAINES

SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (right) and Youth Ranches Governing Board Member Ben Sizemore (left) to William E. and Thelma Brady; and to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Haines.



QUINCY — Presented by Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham (left) to Jack McClendon.



TITUSVILLE — Presented by Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller (left) to Kenneth Farrington.



KEY WEST — Presented by Monroe County Sheriff Richard D. Roth (right) to Irving Baltuff.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued...



MRS. HEIPT



SIMMONS



PROIA



ANGLERS ASSOC.

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett S. Rice to Mrs. Ethro Olds Heipt; Raymond Simmons; Michael Proia, Sr.; Richard Whitney and Mary Dowdell, representing Tampa Bay Harvest, Inc.; Deputy Ed Smith, representing Florida Law Enforcement Anglers Assoc., Inc.; Wally and Evelyn Wacker, representing American Legion Auxiliary, Long Key Post #305; and Mrs. Sarah Antunez, representing Cal-Com, Inc.



TAMPA BAY HARVEST



AMERICAN LEGION



CAL-COM, INC.



BROOKSVILLE — Presented by Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (center), to Robert Bush (left) and John Johnson, representing Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1676.



OVIEDO — Presented by Seminole County Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger (left) to Lt. Col. and Mrs. James Marcel Snyder.



LAKE MARY — Presented by Seminole County Sheriff Don Eslinger (left) to Pat Larkin.



CRYSTAL RIVER — Presented to Claudia LeTourneur by (from left) Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein; Youth Ranches Opportunity Store Manager John Turner; and Citrus County Deputy Sheriff Dan White.



GULF HIGH SCHOOL

School resource deputies promote use of seat belts

DADE CITY —As the result of a “buckle up” program initiated by school resource deputy sheriffs, six Pasco County high schools were honored by the U.S. Department of Transportation as the first in the nation to top 70 percent in seat belt use.

Awards were presented at the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office on April 24, after surveys revealed that seat belt use by students in the high schools had increased from 52 percent to 76 percent.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) sponsored the nationwide “buckle up” program, and provided the awards. Florida’s participation was coordinated by the



RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

At Gulf High School the safety belt award presentation involved (from left) Art Mainwood, Florida Department of Education; Principal Cheryl Rennecker; and School Resource Officer Tim Spitzer. At River Ridge High School the participants were Mainwood; Assistant Principal Ed Muttell; and School Resource Officer Jim Babcock.

Department of Education and the Department of Transportation.

NHTSA underlined the importance of the program by estimating that more than 20,000 lives were saved by safety belts from 1983 through 1989, and that over 15,500 additional lives would have been saved in 1989 alone if all front seat occupants had buckled up .

A Department of Education spokesman said 454 youths under 20 were killed in Florida accidents in 1990, and 48,403 were injured. He said NHTSA studies indicate that safety belts reduce risks of fatal or serious injury 40 to 55 percent.

Doggone dandy gift keeps K9 squad at full strength

PENSACOLA — In the never-ending war on crime, K9 deputies collect their share of battle scars.

Take the case of Iwan, a veteran Escambia County Sheriff’s Office K9. Two years ago he was shot in the mouth while pursuing a robber. Later he developed arthritis and a hip ailment, presumably from the wear and tear of his high-risk duty.

Now he will have to retire, and naturally Sheriff Charlie Johnson will hate to see him go. However, the Sheriff won’t have to worry about a vacancy in the ranks of his 14-dog squad. Escambia County civic clubs have a habit of providing funds for the Sheriff’s K9s when the need arises, and, true to tradition, one of them has come forward with a donation to pay for Iwan’s replacement.

The Pensacola Chapter of Women of the Moose recently gave Sheriff Johnson \$3,000 to purchase Ike,



Sheriff Charlie Johnson accepts a “doggone dandy” donation from Inge Schmidt, representing the Pensacola Chapter of Women of the Moose.

a German Shepherd rookie now being given his basic and advanced training.

“We thought it was a good cause,” said Inge Schmidt of Gulf Breeze when she presented the 250-member organization’s donation to Sheriff Johnson. She said her group’s purpose was to help fight crime in general, and drugs in particular.

Crime Watch really works when a dog gets involved



After he received a community service award from Sheriff Howard Godwin, "Boogerman" was dressed up in a safety vest and had his picture taken with Deputy David Hernandez.

AVON PARK — A suspected burglar making his getaway on a bicycle dropped the bike and ran into the woods when he saw a Sheriff's Patrol Car in the distance.

Patrol cars surrounded the area, and a search was begun. Everything was proceeding routinely until Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin arrived on the scene and was blocked by a big dog standing in the middle of the road.

The dog refused to budge at first, but once he was sure he had Godwin's full attention, he started barking and ran into a wooded area.

Deputy Frank Sherertz, who witnessed the encounter, followed the dog into the woods and found the suspected burglar hiding behind a tree.

In a few shakes of the dog's tail the suspect was in custody and on his way to jail, but Godwin was still shaking his head in dismay.

"I knew this neighborhood was noted for its active Crime Watch Program," he said, "but I had no idea that neighborhood pets were participating."

Later the Sheriff contacted the owners, Ronnie and Patty Brock, and made arrangements to present "Boogerman" with a community service award.

The Brocks were as surprised as the Sheriff by their pet's actions. No one could explain what suddenly made old "Boogerman" start acting like a crime fighter. However, there was a theory that he might have been watching McGruff, the "take a bite out of crime" dog, on television.