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OUR TWENTY SEVENTH YEAR!

PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR LEE G. COHEN

One of the State Attorneys Office Star prosecutors



Lee G. Cohen
2003 RECIPIENT

Lee Cohen, Asst State Attorney in charge of SAO's Misdemeanor County Court Unit for more than six years, was honored on May 8th as Prosecutor of the Year by the **Broward County Crime Commission**.

Cohen, a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, has been both dedicated and conscientious throughout his 14 year SAO career, said State Attorney Mike Satz, who announced the honor at the Crime Commission's semi-annual dinner meeting at the Orangebrook Country Club in Hollywood.

Supervising the County Court Unit can sometimes be a thankless job, said Satz, but Cohen does a good job of both supervising and helping to teach young lawyers the ins and outs of the trial court system.

We're all very proud of the work that Lee has done. He works very hard and he always represents the office well, said Satz.

Cohen joined the SAO in 1989, moving to the Felony Trial Unit in July 1991 and the Elderly Abuse Unit four years later. He handled elderly abuse prosecutions for two years and was recognized by the State and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman for his help drafting legislation to prevent the abuse and

exploitation of the elderly and disabled.

Cohen, A Distinguished Member of Florida's DUI Task Force, has been committed to toughening drunk-driving laws. He was honored in 2002 by both the State and Broward chapters of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and has worked on DUI issues with the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Assn and a DUI law lecturer at the Institute of Police Technology and Management.



Message from the President

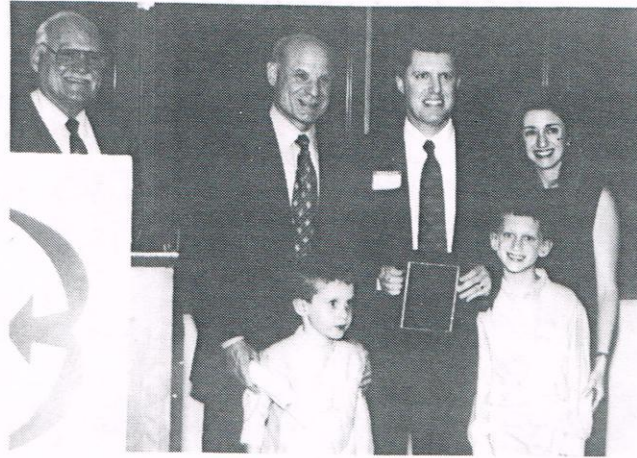
MONICA HOFHEINZ

On behalf of my family, and myself I'd like to thank Chairman Frank Pinter and the Board of Directors of the Broward County Crime Commission for their confidence and support in selecting me as President for 2003. In accepting this office I intend to live up to their expectations by working hard to represent this Commission. The Directors have met and discussed projects that we may want to consider developing this year such as grant researching for crime prevention

activities focusing on kids, increasing membership and updating our web site. We will keep everyone informed of our progress. As you all know the Broward County Crime Commission has been in existence for almost 27 years as a non-profit organization dedicated to working with law enforcement and the Criminal Justice System to make Broward County a place where citizens and families feel safe to live and enjoy their homes and communities and these are the principals we want to keep focused on.

On May 8 the Crime Commission held our Annual Prosecutor of the Year Awards Dinner. Assistant State Attorney, Lee G. Cohen was our 2003 recipient and the evening was a great success. Over 150 people attended. It is impressive to know so many support the efforts and dedication of our prosecutors. This is the 6th year that the Crime Commission has held this Awards dinner honoring prosecutors because we want to recognize the hard work that they do and their contributions to the Criminal Justice System. I have the advantage of being both a prosecutor (for 18 years) and a member of this Commission (for almost 10 years). Also, it was announced at the dinner that in order to encourage more prosecutors and law enforcement officers to become members, annual dues for criminal justice were reduced to \$15 per year. The program commenced with Chaplain Rick Braswell, of the Broward Sheriffs Office and Father Michael Kamaritis, of St. George Greek Orthodox Church presenting the invocation. Judge Lee J. Seidman led us in the pledge of allegiance followed by Judge George Brescher swearing in the President and Officers. State Attorney Mike Satz then presented the Prosecutor of the Year award. The evening ended with Chairman Pinter awarding his famous door prizes.

In closing I would like to reflect again on the loss of our first lifetime membership award recipient, Capt. Irv Superfine. In his memory we should all join together and unite as members of this commission to work hard this year in our support of criminal justice. Stay in touch with us so we can stay in touch with you.



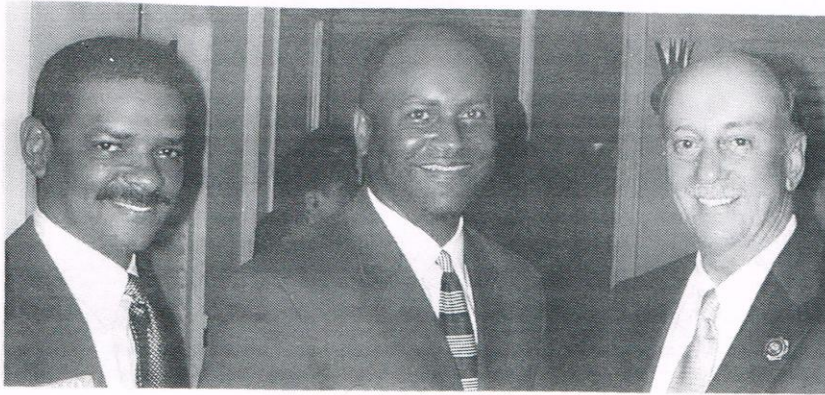
LEE G COHEN FAMILY



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EVERYONE ENJOYED THE EVENING AND CAMARADERIE



JOE DE GENNARO & IRIS



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BROWARD COUNTY CRIME COMMISSION FORMS SISTER CRIME COMMISSION IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, N.C.

Three years ago, the Sheriff of Cherokee County, N.C. asked Chairman Frank Pinter to form a Crime Commission in his county.

Chairman Pinter located a number of retired law enforcement officers now living in the county as well as other interested local citizens who joined with Chairman Pinter in this effort and the Crime Commission came to fruition.

It is known as the **CHEROKEE COUNTY CRIME COMMISSION** and has approximately 50 members.

It's chairwoman is Mrs. Mary Miller, a former police officer from Florida, who took the helm of the Crime Commission early on. The President this year is Ken Kevis, retired law enforcement agent from Florida. With the help of dedicated members, the Commission quickly became recognized by the community.



During its short three years, there have been many accomplishments by the Cherokee County Crime Commission:

Eight volunteers, including two women, were trained for a prisoner transport program to assist the Sheriff's Office which would have saved the county thousands of dollars while allowing deputies to remain on duty. Unfortunately, because of insurance & liability problems, this program was not initiated.

The Crime Commission also completed the process to obtain two helicopters for the county, however, it was decided by the Sheriff that due to budget restraints, this was not feasible.

The main focus of the Crime Commission has been to help obtain funds for a new **Criminal Justice Center** which would replace the present 88 year old jail and courthouse. The fear of a State ordered shutdown of the jail is a constant threat.

One of the Crime Commission members worked for a period of one week cleaning the kitchen in the

jail. Ongoing attempts are being made to locate funding and/or possible grants to assist in this endeavor. A committee has been formed by present Sheriff Keith Lovin to study this endeavor.

The Crime Commission lobbied the County Commission for a revised salary increase package for all Sheriff Dept officers and this was accomplished in July 2000 with a raise for all officers.

The **Broward County Crime Commission** donated twelve Kevlar vests for the Sheriff's Office.

Five thousand reflective Halloween bags were obtained by donations from local businesses and the Crime Commission and were distributed to children by the school system.

Twelve sets of accessory equipment for Sheriff's patrol cars were obtained by the Crime Commission, including first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, jumper cables, and CPR masks.

A **Vial-of-Life** program was instituted in conjunction with Wal-Mart of Murphy, N.C. which makes medical information easily accessible to emergency responders. The Crime Commission assembled and distributed over 6000 of these kits.

Two **"Metal-Tec"** metal detector devices were furnished by the **Broward County Crime Commission** and were donated to the Cherokee County Sheriff and Highway Patrol Sgt Tony Dickey. A third "Metal-Tec" device was donated by Frank Pinter which is slated to be used for courthouse security.

In Feb 2001, a young sheriff's deputy, **Milton Teasdale**, was severely wounded by an armed robber. The Crime Commission, along with the **Fraternal Order of Police**, initiated a fund raising benefit, raising approximately **\$18,600** for the deputy.

A grant was obtained by Crime Commission member **Richard Mowers** which enabled the purchase of **twelve automatic external defibrillators** which have been issued to the various volunteer fire companies that did not have any.

CCCC members, Bob Mowers and John Rutkowski, implemented the **V.I.P. Program** at the Sheriff's Office where the phones were answered by approximately 12 trained volunteers from the Crime Commission allowing the deputies more time for other duties. From Sept 2001 thru Sept 2002, there were 2028 man hours volunteered and approximately 13,000 calls answered.

The **V.I.P. Program** expanded in March 2002 to include **"Victim Witness Advocate Program"**.

The Sheriff also asked the Crime Commission for help in solving some of the problems of the Sheriff's Dept's communications system. There are many "dead spots" throughout the mountain areas of the County. Local businessman, **Bob Grove**, **Dave Lewis**, and others of the **Ham Radio Club TRIODE** have been working on the technical problems involved with this situation and several solutions are being developed.

Jack Ledford of the **Cherokee County Rescue Squad** advised that of their 40 members, only ten have

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radios with the rest carrying beepers. He requested the Crime Commission look into the possibility of obtaining additional radios for the squad members through a possible grant, which is being looked into by the Crime Commission.

Crime Commission member **Glen Gayle** has been working for many weeks for an "Amber Alert Program" which in N.C. is known as "The North Carolina Child Alert Notification System". We are happy to report that this program has now been put in place, including Cherokee County.

Bob Grove, who is coordinator of Emergency Communications for Cherokee County advised the Crime Commission at a recent meeting that the amateur radio club has all the equipment necessary to step in if an emergency communication breakdown should occur in the county.

The Crime Commission has presented a proposal to the Sheriff, recently, regarding a **Community Watch** program and **Sheriff Keith Lovin** has assigned **Deputy Allen Denny** to work with the Crime Commission in developing this program. The goal of the program is to develop a network of residents connected by a community leader who would then report suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Office. This is a County-wide effort including the Murphy, N.C. Police Dept.

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A number of speakers have appeared before the Crime Commission at their monthly meetings to which the public is invited, some of which are as follows:

Superior Court **Judge John Snow**
Sheriff **Alan Kilpatrick**
Chuck Clayton, Dir of Emergency Service
Derrick Palmer, Supervisor of Domestic Violence
Tony Queen, Governor's Crime Commission
Sgt Tony Dickey, N. C. Highway Patrol
Don Reynolds, Bio-terrorism Information
Barbara Vicknair, County Commissioner
Dwayne Anders, Sheriff's Deputy
Mark Buchanan, State Bureau of Investigation
Jeff Ledford, Cherokee County Rescue Squad
Mark Thigpen, Tri-County Narcotics Unit
Kirk Headley, Cherokee County Rescue Squad
Dan Miller, U. S. State Dept., Anti- Terrorism Officer
Chris Lundy, Task Force on Domestic Violence
Bob Grove, Emergency Communications Coordinator
Sheriff Keith Lovin

Cherokee County **Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Smith** was honored by the commission in September 2001 and given a plaque for his extraordinary efforts in apprehending a felon who shot him in April 2001. While severely wounded, deputy Smith held the assailant at bay until backup arrived.

Information

Committees:

- Membership Bureau.
- Speakers Bureau.
- Grant Research.
- Investigative Bureau.
- School System Liaison.
- Federal Equipment Acquisition

Membership:

- \$25 Annual fee.
- \$15 Annual fee for active
- Law Enforcement.
- Corporate Sponsors Starting at \$100.



PARKLAND POLICE CHIEF
STEVE LIST Joins BCCC
ADVISORY BOARD

Chief List is presently serving as President of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Assn. He served this organization for many years thru the various chairs before becoming President.

The Broward County Crime Commission's Chairman and several of our Directors are also members of the Broward County Chiefs of Police Assn and look forward to working with Chief List and the Assn in the coming months.

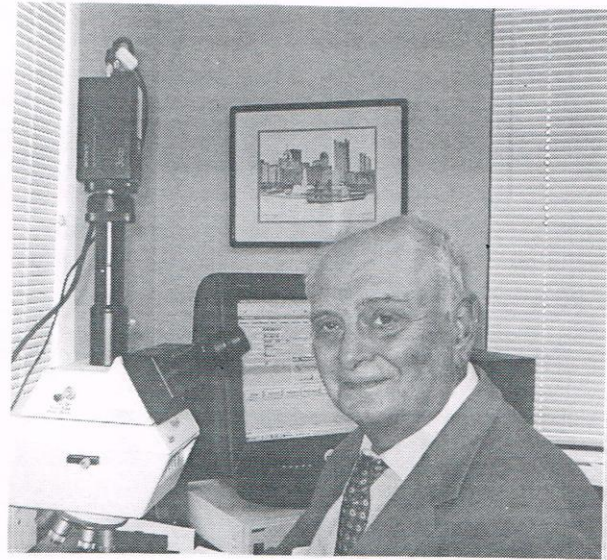
We welcome Chief List's guidance and expertise.

PLANTATION CHIEF JOINS
ADVISORY BOARD

Chief Larry Massey, veteran officer of the Plantation Police Department has joined with the *Broward County Crime Commission* and we welcome his interest and expertise.

Chief Massey rose through the ranks at Plantation PD and recently replaced retiring Chief C. E. "Sonny" Sharrett.

We wish him well in the top job at Plantation Police Department and look forward to his input to this Crime Commission.



DR. JOSHUA A. PERPER, MD
ADVISORY BOARD
MEMBER

Joshua A. Perper, LLB-MD joined *Broward County Crime Commission* Advisory Board and is a welcome addition to our Board of experts in the criminal justice field.

Dr. Perper has served as Associate Medical Examiner in Baltimore, MD; Chief Forensic Pathologist and Coroner in Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA and has been Chief Medical Examiner in Broward County, FL since 1994.

He has received many honors from his peers and has published 106 articles in his field as well as 41 abstracts/presentations.

Dr. Perper was born in Bacau, Romania, is married and the father of three children.

We welcome his interest in this Crime Commission and we look forward to working with him.

Dr. Perper has already participated in the formation of our Health and Safety Committee along with Director Peter Ochinko, Chairman of the Committee and others.

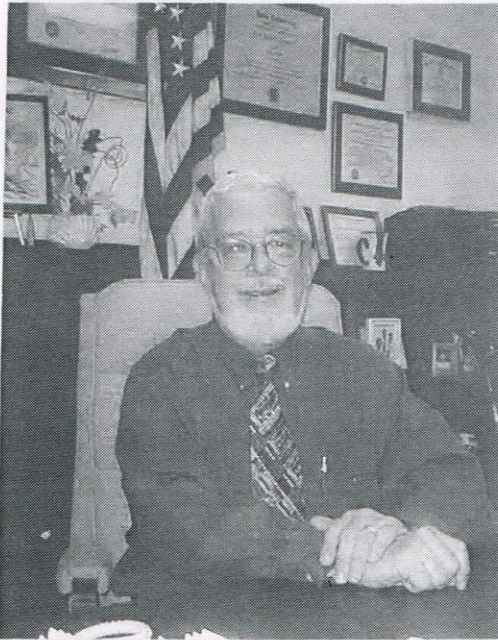


ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS ENJOYED THE EVENING





LtoR Asst Chief Chad Wagner, Mike Satz,
Asst Chief Bill D'Heron, Major Jimmy Jones



JUDGE JOEL T. LAZARUS

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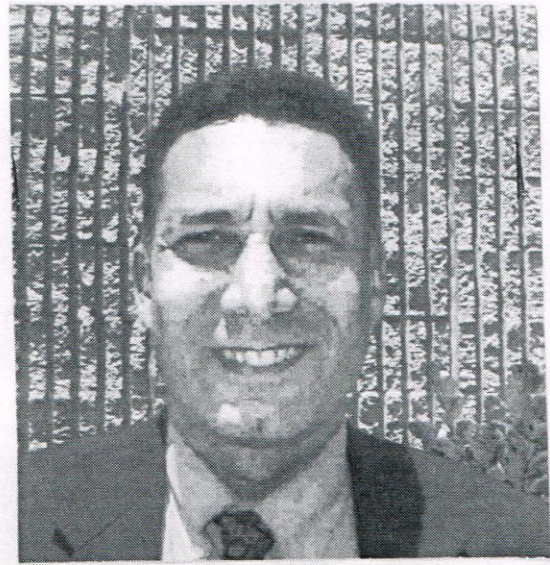
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Judge Lazarus is a former prosecutor with the Dade County State Attorneys Office and also served as a prosecutor in the Broward State Attorneys Office from 1978 to 1993.

He was appointed to the Broward County Court Bench in 1993 and serves in the Criminal Division.

Judge Lazarus is also an Adjunct Professor at Broward Community College (Criminal Law & Constitutional Law).

We welcome Judge Lazarus's expertise and guidance to this Crime Commission.



JUDGE LEE J. SEIDMAN

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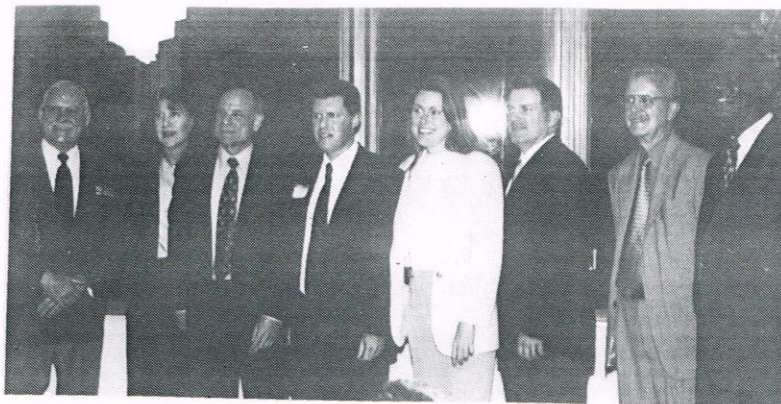
Judge Seidman is a former veteran prosecutor in the Broward State Attorneys Office.

He also served Broward County as a General Master and is now a County Court Judge assigned to the Hollywood Courthouse.

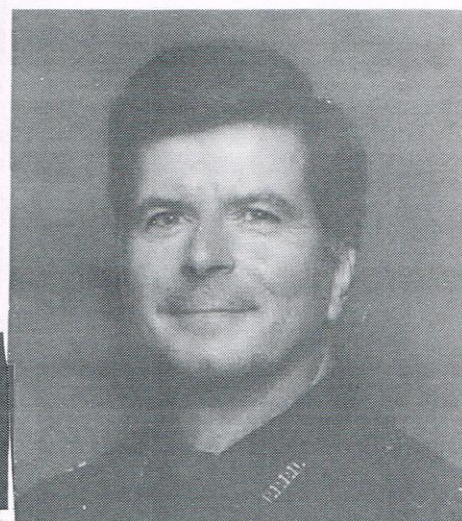
With his expertise and experience, both as a prosecutor and a Judge, we look forward to his advice and guidance regarding criminal justice matters in which the Crime Commission may take an interest.

This Crime Commission welcomes Judge Seidman to our Advisory Board.





Gennaro Randazzo receives Lifetime Membership from Chairman Pinter



CHIEF DAN GIUSTINO
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He is a graduate of the FBI Academy, the Southern Police Institute and has a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice.

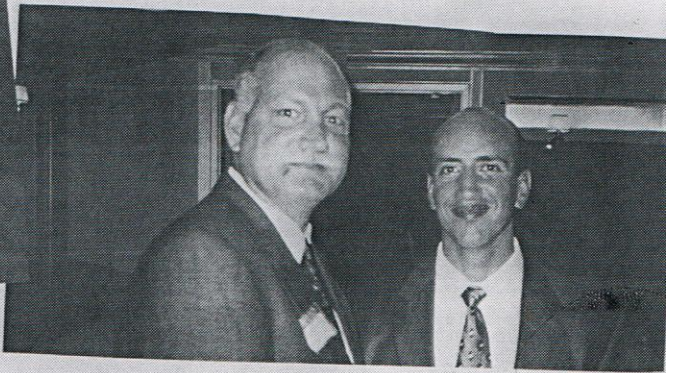
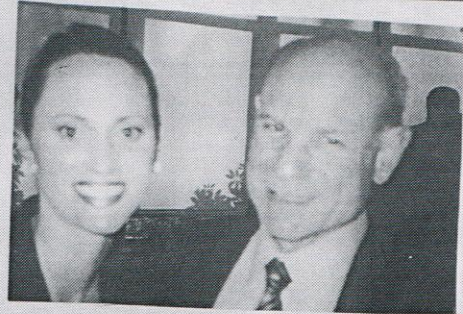
Chief Giustino served 28-1/2 years in the Plantation Police Dept, retiring in Feb 2001 as Deputy Chief.

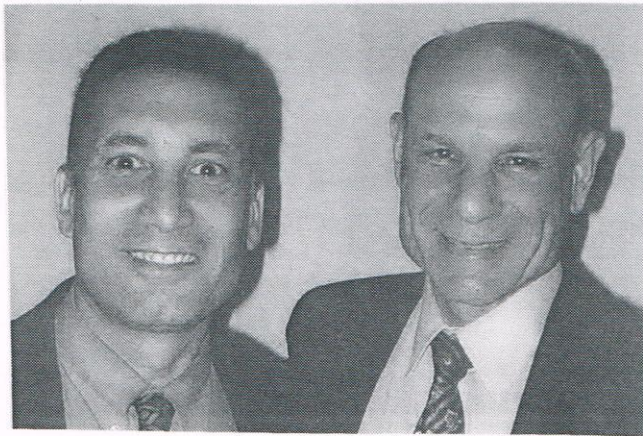
He was immediately hired by Pembroke Pines Police Dept and appointed Acting Chief in July 2001. He was appointed Chief in Nov 2001.

We are proud to have Chief Giustino on board with us and look forward to his expertise and guidance on criminal justice matters.

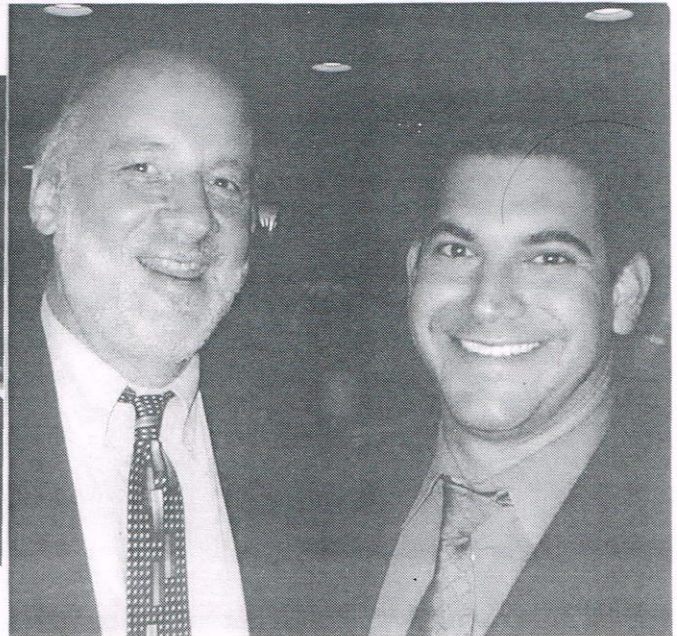






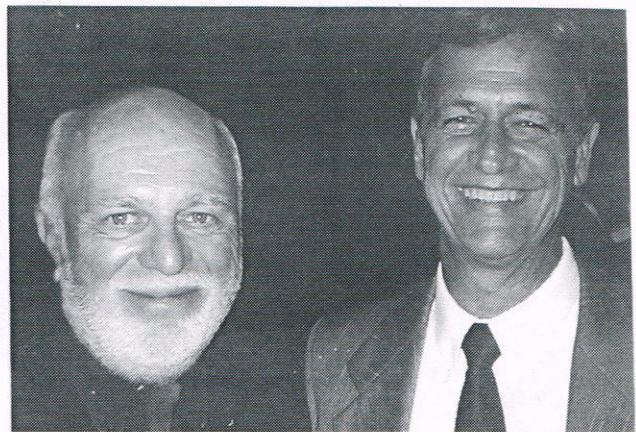


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