

PROFILES IN CITIZENSHIP

You'll be glad to know these folks

Here are some of the many people in Davie worth knowing — even if you don't live there. They have earned respect in the community because of their knowledge, compassion and achievements.

RON BERGERON

- **Age:** 59

- **Family:** Six children: Lisa, 40, Debbie, 37, Ronnie Jr., 35, Lonnie, 33, Diamond, 12 and Star, 11.

- **Work:** businessman, developer and cattle rancher.

- **Civic activities:** Bergeron is on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County and a trustee of Old Davie School Historical Museum. He is also involved with the Broward Outreach Center for the homeless; Children's Harbor, a shelter for abused children; and the Davie Rodeo Association.

"I see the results that help the children of our community. I am very, very passionate about the homeless and the underprivileged and abused children."

- **What old Davie was like:**

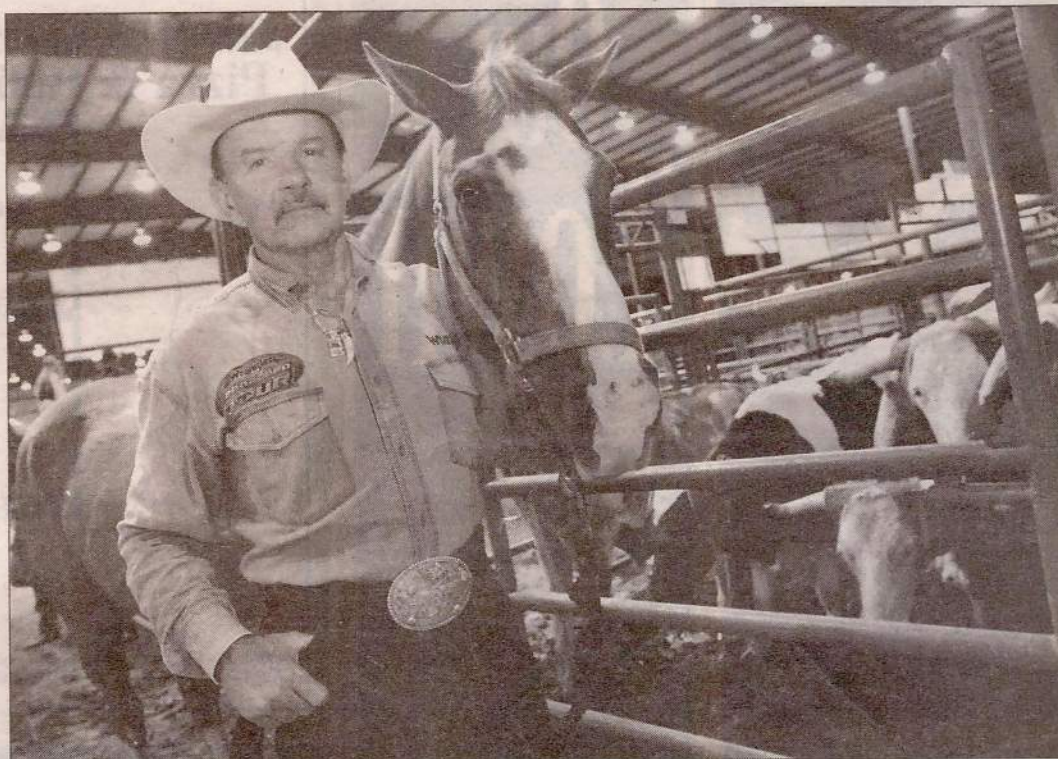
Bergeron grew up on Burris Road, which was named for his uncle. Six generations of his family have lived in Davie. Back in the 1940s, there were only a few hundred people living there.

"It was a little agricultural town. My dad had a little grocery store called Davie Groceries. I remember as a little boy that there were more places to tie your horse up than to park a car."

- **Greatest contribution:**

One of Bergeron's big passions is the preservation of the Everglades. He is working on building a museum to house 10,000 years of Florida Everglades history. He hopes to have the site selected by the first of the year.

"There is no man on earth who knows it better than me," says Bergeron. "I was raised in the Everglades with my grandfather who was a game warden. I spend about half my time on preservation of the



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Everglades, so it's here for future generations."

- **What he likes best about Davie:** Although he moved out of Davie 25 years ago, Bergeron still speaks of Davie as his home.

"We are different. We are not a city. We're a town that has managed to preserve its heritage, culture and roots. I'm proud to be part of it. I got to see it before the big boom."