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## Ex-Trooper's Youth Group Growing - With TSTA's Help

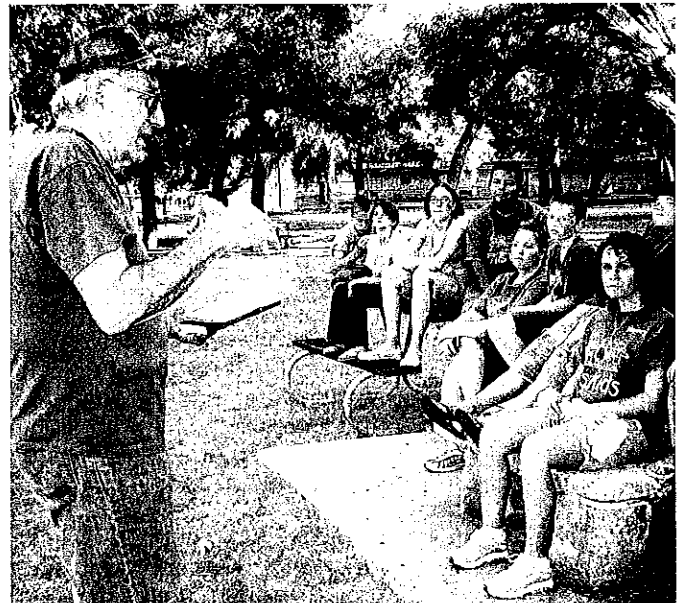
### Troopers Across Texas Helping With Financial Gifts

The gray-haired, retired DPS trooper, veteran of 40 years' service (HP and MVI) still has his DPS uniform, and it holds deep meanings for him. "For one thing," he recalls, "it meant I had a good job over many years while the economy went up and down."

Another memory Richard Williams has of his uniform is that it was respected and did more than represent public safety for Texas people. It was a "door-opener" to abused and "at-risk" kids of Lampasas, in whom he was extremely interested. They were in the schools or on the school dropout list. A large man, in his DPS uniform, he was welcomed almost everywhere. It was a time when he formed, during off-duty hours, a unique group called "His Kids", dedicated to helping abused and underprivileged children.



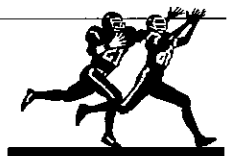
Ten years later, after DPS retirement, some travel, and returning to his home town of Lampasas a few months ago, Richard was amazed and saddened to learn that the problems— another age of abused, homeless, needy, and "at-risk" kids — were still there, easy to spot. Several former "His Kids", now grown, greeted the old trooper's return with affection and enthusiasm, and showed him these familiar problems. Like the children of the earlier times, this lost generation lived in the same low-income parts of Lampasas —many in old run-down houses without sanitation or proper utilities.



One group of children lived in a house with a single woman, with a clientele of men-friends who came and went. Some abused the children during their visits ... little girls, little boys. In other scenarios there were children, but only a drunkard father or "man-in-charge". Same old "shanties", with no plumbing. One growing young teenage girl had no bed in the house in which she lived. She slept on a couch in the center of a large room with other sleepers all around her. From this environment, she would arise in

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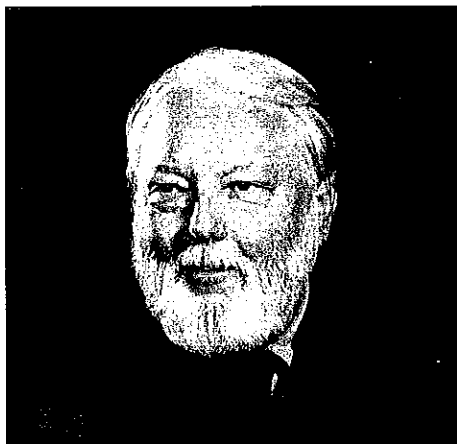
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# Court's In Session

By Judge Larry Gist



## Texas, Our Texas

The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to our United States Constitution provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Now why in the world would this provision be considered, much less adopted?

The father of our Constitution, James Madison, explained it this way: "The powers delegated to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite. The former will be exercised principally on external objects, such as war, peace, negotiations and foreign commerce. The powers reserved to the states will extend to all the objects which, in the ordinary course of affairs, concern the lives, liberties and properties of the people."

And Thomas Jefferson emphasized that the states are not "subordinate" to the national government but rather the "two are coordinate departments of one simple and integral whole. The one is the domestic and the other the foreign branch of the same government."

Since governments tend to overstep the bounds of their authority, our founding fathers knew it would be difficult to balance the power of the federal government. In fact, Alexander Hamilton expressed the hope that the people will always take care to preserve the constitutional balance between the state and federal governments. "If one government encroaches on their rights, the people will find a powerful protection in the other."

But what has been happening over our lifetime is the deliberate efforts of the federal government to dominate every aspect of our lives. It all started after our Civil War when the belief developed that the states were legally subject to the final dictates of the federal government. It was believed by many that the protection granted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment needed to be removed in order to regulate business and industry that spans state borders, impose labor and environmental controls, secure civil rights and provide all social services.

That attitude resulted in the Social Security program, Medicare, the Welfare Program, IRS, nationally funded student loans, and farm subsidies to name a few. The result is that actively or passively, the federal government has eroded so many powers properly reserved to the states.

Some of it happens through laws directly passed by Congress. Some is accomplished by financial bribery, where, for instance, the federal government offers to return some of the taxes raised from Texas to us but only if we build a certain type of highway with the money or set a particular speed limit.

So thanks in large part to our Civil War, the Great Depression, both world wars and the Cold War, the powers of the federal government have grown into areas clearly accepted previously as state functions such as public housing, gun regulation, voter registration, education and marriage. According to syndicated columnist George Will, this has resulted in a "mockery of the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment."

Much of this authority is traced to the Commerce Clause of our Constitution. It gives Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian Tribes."

So because virtually everything we touch comes in some way through interstate commerce, it is claimed that Congress has the authority over every aspect of our lives. It is a tension that has always existed but one that is getting special attention in modern times.

Well, just what can Texas do about it? Some contend that Texas has the legal power to succeed from the nation. That option doesn't legally exist, and never has. Yet it didn't prevent Texas from joining with several other Southern states in fighting the Civil War.

As we all know, that effort was lost and it only resulted in greater and greater federal influence. But Texas does have one available legal option.

When Texas was annexed to the United States, the agreement contained the following provision: "New states, of convenient size, not exceeding four in number, in addition to said state of Texas, and having sufficient population, may hereafter by consent of said state of Texas be formed out of the territory thereof and shall be entitled to admission under the provisions of the Federal Constitution; and such states shall be admitted into the Union, with or without slavery, as the people of each state asking admission may desire."

If Texas ever did that, we would have enormous influence in the United States Senate as each state is entitled to elect two Senators.

Another suggestion is to succeed, declare war on the United States and then immediately surrender. Texas would then be entitled to receive the same type of aid given to Japan and Germany yet be totally free to adopt our own laws.

Some suggest that the best possible approach is to make the federal government understand just how much

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we want to determine our own destiny and way of life. All of this is currently churning in legal battles all over the country. And who knows how it will ultimately turnout?

So stay tuned as we find out if the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment really means anything or is just a legal dinosaur waiting to be wiped out.

Until next time, you'all be careful out there, you hear.

## DOES TSTA HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

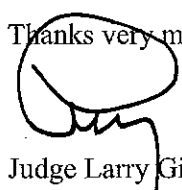
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### A correction from our last issue, in the article, "Being a Texan"



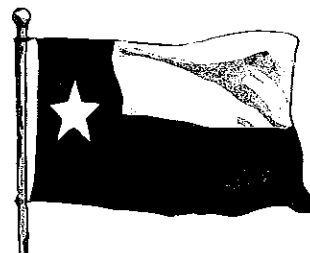
"I regret that in the article "Being a Texan," a paragraph could be construed to indicate that Tris Speaker, Chief Justice Calvert, Lt. Governor Bullock and Dr. Red Duke were from Hunt County. They were in fact all raised in Hill County whose citizens can be justly proud of their leadership and accomplishments. I apologize to those who got the incorrect impression."

Thanks very much for your attention and consideration.



Judge Larry Gist

Drug Impact Court, Beaumont, Texas



### Chow times big events with Recruit Class A-2009

They're glad it happens three times a day...6:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Reports are they eat everything in sight, with gusto. Could it be because the rugged training schedule has caused some to lose weight? This hustling group, 67 guys and 2 gals, is getting close to the end of their six month training: graduation date is October 9.

Training officers say that a few of them have special diets, but that most can eat everything that's allowed. Desserts are banned. Also, a new mandate: no coffee.

Class A-09 has already heard about the TSTA pre-graduation barbecue that awaits them.



Class A-09 likes these gals. They serve the food. Left to right: Debbie Muenich and Sherri Mitchell.

### The Armed Citizen fights back

\* Police say a 26-year-old man was filling a prescription at a pharmacy's drive-through window when two women approached his car. One of the women pulled a gun and tried to pull the trigger. For some reason the woman's gun would not fire, but the man had a gun of his own - and unlike his assailant's, it was legally possessed and fully functional. He drew his firearm and fired two shots, causing the woman to fall to the ground. The man disarmed his assailant and phoned police, who will charge the woman after her release from the hospital. (Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, AZ, 04/24/09)

\* Suddenly awakened by the sound of someone removing the screen from her bedroom window, a woman quietly fled to her son's room and woke him. "I got up, grabbed my gun and went to...her room," said the son, whose identity is being protected. Police say the suspect slid open the window, reached inside and pulled back the blinds. When he stuck his head inside, the son fired two shots. The intruder died nearby. (The Sun Herald, Biloxi, MS, 04/1/08)

Reprint: The American Rifleman, Sept. 2009

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the morning, find something to eat, gather her books, and try to catch a school bus.

Some of the kids, ages 4-19, come from single parent families. Some sleep on the floor. Many know little about personal hygiene. Some of them have never been inside a church. Some are in school; some have dropped out. And few have an adult role model to encourage them with school homework. A couple of little girls lived with a retarded middle-aged woman, who was giving them very little guidance or support.

The 6'5" Williams, still known by Lampasas County youth as "The Big R," knows this low-income area well, but is rapidly learning that abused and at-risk youngsters are also in a more affluent part of the town. There, he and his young helpers also see abused and disoriented youngsters whose problems are caused, not by poverty, but by drugs and alcohol.

This time, however, it's not his status as "the big DPS trooper" that helps his youth work. He now has a growing army of grown-up "His Kids" from yesteryear who are delighted at his return, and are helping him round up more needy kids. Many are now his "lieutenants" in "His Kids - Phase Two". They want to give today's "at-risk" children the same opportunities that "The Big R" gave them ten years ago, when they were "at-risk."

The objective for "His Kids - Phase Two" is the same as before. To give disoriented or "at-risk" children love, role models, recreation, elevated self-esteem, and spiritual guidance. The latter involves getting them to "His Hill" Youth Camp at Comfort, Texas (near Kerrville), where they learn about God's love for them, and how special each one of them is to God.

And there are other strengths for "His Kids - Phase Two". It is, again, the support of the Texas State Troopers Association, both financially, and in other ways. In spite of hard economic times, TSTA is finding ways to help. Expressing his appreciation, Williams said, "Even modest financial gifts can send a kid to camp, help cover their food and lodging, also help buy pizza, cokes, and recreational equipment. We now have a plan for winter camp and other activities."

"The Big R" has long awarded imprinted T-shirts to his young followers. The cartooned children stick-figure drawings on the shirts are in red, yellow, black, brown and white, taken from the Christian children's praise song: "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight." In a gesture of appreciation for TSTA's support, "The Big R" awarded a "His Kids" T-shirt to TSTA's Jack Lawler (see picture), who has spent time in Lampasas County with Williams, assisting him in several ways.

Another assist that is making itself felt is financial contributions from several troopers over the state. They have obviously reacted to the "His Kids" articles in the

***"If you want to write something to last a few hours, take a stick and write it in the sand. If you want to write something that would last a hundred years, take a chisel and engrave it into stone. But if you want to write something that could last forever - write it on the heart of a child."***



Fun night in the park: pizza, games, music, inspiration



Nancy Lopez (His Kids' leader) gives sports instruction



Lopez and "Big R" award "His Kids" T-shirt to TSTA's Jack Lawler, making him an advisory member of the youth group.

Texas State Trooper. "This has really thrilled me," says Williams. "I have always known that DPS troopers care about each other. This reminds me that many care about their communities and underprivileged kids, too. I'm so grateful for them. Thanks, guys and gals."

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This past summer, the "His Kids – Phase Two" team rounded up youngsters and got them to His Hill Christian Youth Camp, Comfort, Texas for a 5-day "retreat". This was achieved through the enthusiastic efforts of Richard Williams' young assistants who were all veterans of "The Big R's" outreach years earlier. Several are pictured here at a planning meeting at the Lampasas Dairy Queen. Their effectiveness lay in the fact that, not only were they benefactors of the earlier "His Kids" programs, but that they had all grown up in Lampasas, still lived there, and have made successes of their lives.

"Today's kids know me and trust me," says Nancy Lopez, one of "The Big R's" assistants. "I've always lived here." Nancy is a 911 dispatcher for the Lampasas EMS.

Another hometown girl who knows lots of school kids is Misty Pierino (pictured below left) who works for the Lampasas Independent School District. Misty was ten when she first met "The Big R." He quickly got her to the His Hill Youth Camp; and she immediately accepted him as her "grandfather". Today, she is married with two growing children and is still a devoted follower of "The Big R." (She still considers him her grandfather.) Like Nancy Lopez, she came from a desperate home environment.

Mario Moreno, in picture below (center) joined "His Kids" at age 12 and is a Burnet banker today, eager to help



repay Richard Williams for turning his life around when he was a struggling, discouraged youth in desperate circumstances.

From planning meetings such as the one pictured above have come Monday night "fun rallies" for "His Kids", like one shown on preceding pages. Following hours and days of visiting low-income houses, "The Big R" and his dedicated assistants gathered a "score" of kids at a tree-studded park for games, pizza, music ... and a brief spiritual talk by "The Big R". Many were first-timers to "His Kids".

In his "sermonette", Richard Williams talked to them straight-on, as adult to adult. He told them they should be kind to others, because Jesus Christ was kind. He told them that the "His" in "His Kids" meant God; therefore, that they were God's children, and that God was their father.

"Now I'm going to lead you in a prayer to God, the Father,

and I want you to listen to the words and let them be your words, too." "The Big R" the old veteran trooper, prayed. And the kids, who had never been in a church, listened – some with bowed heads. Many had never prayed before.

Then came volleyball and kickball, supervised by Assistants Nancy Lopez, Misty Pierino, and Mario Moreno,



followed by pizza and cold lemonade. During the meal, a guitar concert, including spiritual songs, by a young Lampasas band leader who happened to be "The Big R's" grandson, Jarrett Schaub.

As twilight moved into darkness, "The Big R" praised the kids for coming and invited them back to enjoy the fun the following Monday. There were no city or church buses to carry the kids to their homes – just the big ex-trooper and his assistants in their cars and pick-up trucks.

And what impact did this "His Kids" evening have on the young "first-time" youngsters, from the wrong side of the tracks? Nancy, Misty and Mario know. They've been there; done it all, lived it all.

With school having started, the drive to get more abused or homeless kids in the His Hill Youth Camp has shifted to a Fall/Winter plan. Instead of the weeklong stays involving swimming, hiking and other outdoor recreation, there will be 2-day weekend retreats. It will be a condensed agenda for the kids – closer fellowship with counselors in cabins, increased Bible studies and chapel "sing-songs". And there's the gymnasium to provide lots of recreation supervised by Christian counselors, with "time-outs" for hot chocolate throughout all kinds of weather. "This has worked wonderfully in past fall/winter periods," says "The Big R." "It does not interfere with school and gives the kids a shorter, but effective outing."

As during the summer weeklong retreats, the gray-haired retired trooper and his young disciples will again find the kids, get them transported the 82 miles to Kerr County, in borrowed busses and their own cars, chaperone them, and serve as their counselors for the weekend.

"Finding the kids, getting them out of their pathetic environment and into ours is something we work at every

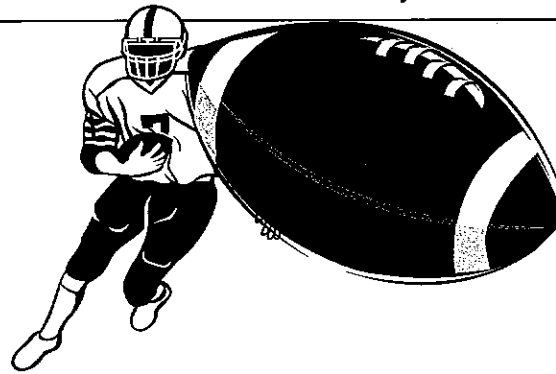
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# 2009 Big 12 Conference Football Schedule

\*Conference game

(CT) Central Standard Time

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Time	Date	Home Team	Away Team	Time
Thu, Sept. 03	Iowa State	North Dakota State					
TBA							
Sat, Sept. 05	Nebraska	Florida Atlantic	TBA				
Sat, Sept. 05	Texas	ULM	TBA				
Sat, Sept. 05	Wake Forest	Baylor	2:30 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Oklahoma State	Georgia	2:30 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Illinois	Missouri	2:40 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Kansas State	Massachusetts	6:00 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Oklahoma	Brigham Young	6:00 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Kansas	Northern Colorado	6:00 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Texas A&M	New Mexico	6:00 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 05	Texas Tech	North Dakota	6:00 p.m.				
Sun, Sept. 06	Colorado	Colorado St.	6:00 p.m.				
Fri, Sept. 11	Toledo	Colorado	8:00 p.m.				
Sat, Sept. 12	Missouri	Bowling Green	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 17	Oklahoma State	Missouri	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Louisiana-Lafayette	Kansas State	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 17	Kansas State	Texas A&M	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Oklahoma	Idaho St.	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 17	Iowa State	Baylor	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Nebraska	Arkansas State	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 17	Nebraska	Texas Tech	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Iowa State	Iowa	11:00 a.m.	*Sat, Oct. 17	Colorado	Kansas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Wyoming	Texas	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 17	Texas	Oklahoma	11:00 a.m.
Sat, Sept. 12	Oklahoma State	Houston	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 24	Kansas State	Colorado	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	Texas Tech	Rice	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 24	Baylor	Oklahoma State	TBA
Sat, Sept. 12	UTEP	Kansas	6:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 24	Texas Tech	Texas A&M	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Oklahoma State	Rice	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 24	Kansas	Oklahoma	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Kent State	Iowa State	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 24	Nebraska	Iowa State	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Missouri	Furman	TBA	*Sat, Oct. 24	Missouri	Texas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Kansas	Duke	11:00 a.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Texas A&M	Iowa State	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Oklahoma	Tulsa	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Texas Tech	Kansas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Colorado	Wyoming	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Colorado	Missouri	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Virginia Tech	Nebraska	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Baylor	Nebraska	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Baylor	Connecticut	4:00 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Oklahoma State	Texas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	Texas A&M	Utah State	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Oct. 31	Oklahoma	Kansas State	TBA
*Sat, Sept. 19	Texas	Texas Tech	7:00 p.m.	Sat, Nov. 07	Texas	Central Fla.	TBA
Sat, Sept. 19	UCLA	Kansas State	9:15 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 07	Colorado	Texas A&M	TBA
Fri, Sept. 25	Nevada	Missouri	8:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 07	Iowa State	Oklahoma State	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Oklahoma State	Grambling	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 07	Missouri	Baylor	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Iowa State	Army	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 07	Nebraska	Oklahoma	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Nebraska	Louisiana-Lafayette	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 07	Kansas State	Kansas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Kansas	Southern Miss	11:30 a.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Kansas	Nebraska	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Kansas State	Tennessee Tech	1:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Iowa State	Colorado	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Texas	UTEP	2:30 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Oklahoma	Texas A&M	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Texas A&M	UAB	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Baylor	Texas	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Baylor	Northwestern State	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Oklahoma State	Texas Tech	TBA
Sat, Sept. 26	Houston	Texas Tech	8:15 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 14	Kansas State	Missouri	TBA
Thu, Oct. 01	West Virginia	Colorado	6:30 p.m.	*Thu, Nov. 19	Oklahoma State	Colorado	6:30 p.m.
*Sat, Oct. 03	Iowa State	Kansas State	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 21	Texas	Kansas	TBA
Sat, Oct 03	Texas A&M	Arkansas	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 21	Texas Tech	Oklahoma	TBA
Sat, Oct 03	Miami FL	Oklahoma	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 21	Texas A&M	Baylor	TBA
Sat, Oct 03	Baylor	Kent State	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 21	Missouri	Iowa State	TBA
Sat, Oct 03	Texas Tech	New Mexico	6:00 p.m.	*Sat, Nov. 21	Nebraska	Kansas State	TBA
*Thu, Oct 08	Missouri	Nebraska	8:00 p.m.	*Thu, Nov. 26	Texas A&M	Texas	7:00 p.m.
*Sat, Oct 10	Oklahoma	Baylor	TBA	*Fri, Nov. 27	Colorado	Nebraska	2:30 p.m.
*Sat, Oct 10	Texas	Colorado	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 28	Oklahoma	Oklahoma State	TBA
*Sat, Oct 10	Texas Tech	Kansas State	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 28	Kansas	Missouri	TBA
*Sat, Oct 10	Texas A&M	Oklahoma State	TBA	*Sat, Nov. 28	Baylor	Texas Tech	TBA
*Sat, Oct. 10	Kansas	Iowa State	TBA	Sat, Dec. 05	Dr. Pepper Big 12 Championship		7:00 p.m.





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day," says 'The Big R'. "But getting them to His Hill Youth Camp is huge, and will remain our big thrust throughout the fall and winter. There they get more recreation, more fun, good food and lodging, more music and complete one-on-one Christian counseling. And all in a beautiful nature environment."



"His Kids – Phase Two", following the return of "The Big R", has had a good summer. But, as always, retired Trooper Richard Williams wants to enroll more kids, because the need is so great. "Raising their self-esteem, giving them hope, encouraging them at school, showing them love through role models, teaching them to laugh again, leading them into a new life through Christianity ... these are still our goals," says Richard.

As the fall/winter school days begin in the little hill country town of Lampasas, that's the game plan for "His Kids". And it has the young adult role models to strengthen "The Big R's" program. And he has the continuing support of

the Texas State Troopers Association. "We're so grateful for TSTA's strong support," he says, "and for financial contributions of troopers and others statewide."

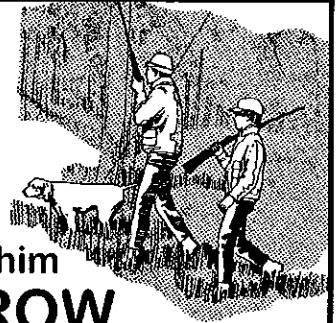


"There is life after a trooper career," the Big R tells TSTA's Lawler as they discuss Fall-Winter youth work.

This big guy, the veteran ex-trooper with the big heart for downtrodden kids, has this thought for DPS troopers and other law officers of Texas: "Your own community is an important part of your law enforcement career. And there may be abused or at-risk kids there. I urge you to consider them. Helping them is a great way to meet a great youth need, and improve your town or community."

**Note: \$45 will send an "at-risk" or abused boy or girl to "His Hill" camp for a 2-day weekend. If you'd like to do this, send your check to:**  
**"His Kids", P.O. Box 1323,**  
**Lampasas, TX 76550**

Hunt with  
 your son  
**TODAY**  
 and you won't  
 have to hunt for him  
**TOMORROW**



**DOVE SEASON DATES**

North Zone Sept. 1 - Oct. 25 & Dec. 26 - Jan. 9  
 Central Zone Sept. 1 - Oct. 25 & Dec. 26 - Jan. 9  
 South Zone Sept. 18 - Nov. 3 & Dec. 26 - Jan. 17

# Growing youth baseball program, supported by TSTA, wins National Championships

For years, they've done batting practice and conducted pitching instruction and practice on the back property of the Texas State Troopers Association in Austin. They are young boys, ages 13-18, who love baseball and want to improve, and play. They are in the Austin Wings Baseball program and numbered about 180 youngsters this past summer.

And this past July, competing in the American Premier National Championship playoffs, they won three championships in their age groups. The three were freshmen (incoming), juniors and seniors. While many of the regional playoffs took place in different cities, the Austin kids had their winning days in the cooler temperatures of Missouri. The weeks and weeks of practice by the Austin Wings kids, which included playing about 40 local and regional games, really paid off and brought high moments for players, parents and their director/instructor James Ellison of Austin.

Ellison is a former pitching coach for the Texas Longhorns; prior to that he was an outstanding pitcher for St. Edward's University at Austin. With a heart for high school boys, he had long aspired to help young baseballers reach their maximum potential. He sympathized with boys who often never make the starting line-up – never develop the "edge" that can advance them from high school to college baseball. Many, he knew, got bypassed by coaches. Ellison assembled coaches and instructors and got a board of directors. He formed Southwest Sports Foundation, a multi-faceted organization with many teams which compete in National Premier Baseball championships.

Ellison became president of Southwest Sports Foundation. It was a national position involving much administrative work.

But he also wanted to do "hands-on" baseball training with young boys, so he formed an Austin group, the Austin Wings, who won the three National Championships this



James Ellison: he likes high school baseballers

past summer. The long evenings of training and instruction had a big requirement, in the beginning. They needed a place to meet, plan and workout.

Ellison and his young charges found it at the Texas State Troopers Association in (TSTA) Austin.

TSTA Executive Director Claude Hart had spare space and a modern, warehouse-type building on TSTA's back property. He offered it to Ellison. It gave Ellison and his baseballers equipment storage space, office space and meeting areas, plus room to pitch baseballs and hold batting practice.

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Ellison was overjoyed. Now, six years later, the back side of TSTA's property, behind TSTA's administrative and health/recreation building, the spring and summer evenings have long echoed to the pop of pitched baseballs smacking into catchers' mitts and the ping of batting practice bats connecting with baseballs.



"Having this space and facilities donated to us every year in the heart of the Capitol city, is a huge contribution to our youth baseball program," says James Ellison.

TSTA's Hart, a baseball enthusiast himself, says, "We're glad we can do it. It's a good fit. It's one of my favorite ways to carry out TSTA's goals of helping Texas youngsters develop."

One of Ellison's goals, shared by all in his national/regional/local baseball organizations, is to teach youngsters that "there is more to life than baseball." With a visionary glance at Central Texas blistering hot skies, he told of one 16 year-old boy who was homeless with no parents, (he had recently lost his mother to cancer) had only normal abilities – but loved baseball. "But he developed beautifully. And it helped his self-esteem and maturity. That's what motivates me!" says Ellison.

His kids won three national tournaments this year. He's proud of them – but will quickly tell you that the scoreboard is not the only criteria for defining a winner.



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## Health Tips

### West Nile virus

West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and is present in most areas of the United States. Most people infected by the virus have either no symptoms or only mild flu-like symptoms. However, in 2008 it caused severe complications in nearly 700 Americans and 44 deaths. Avoid West Nile virus by:

■ **Using insect repellents** – Products containing DEET (Off, Repel, others) or picaridin (Cutter Advanced, others) are the only reliably effective repellents used on skin. A product with a 20 to 50 percent concentration of DEET will provide six to 12 hours of protection. Picaridin products have a 7 percent picaridin concentration and provide about three to four hours of protection.

■ **Wearing protective clothing** – Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Permethrin is an effective insecticide that's applied only to clothing.

■ **Avoiding the outdoors at dawn and dusk** – This is when mosquito activity is at its peak. If you're outside during this time, be sure to use repellent or wear protective clothing – or both.

■ **Eliminating habitat** – Drain areas of stagnant or standing water, which is where mosquitoes breed.

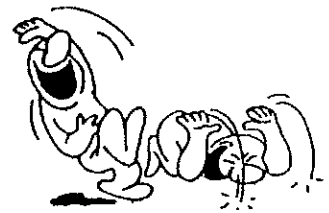
■ **Keeping your guard up** – Peak season for West Nile virus is August and September, even in northern states. Anytime mosquitoes are in the air, there's at least some risk.

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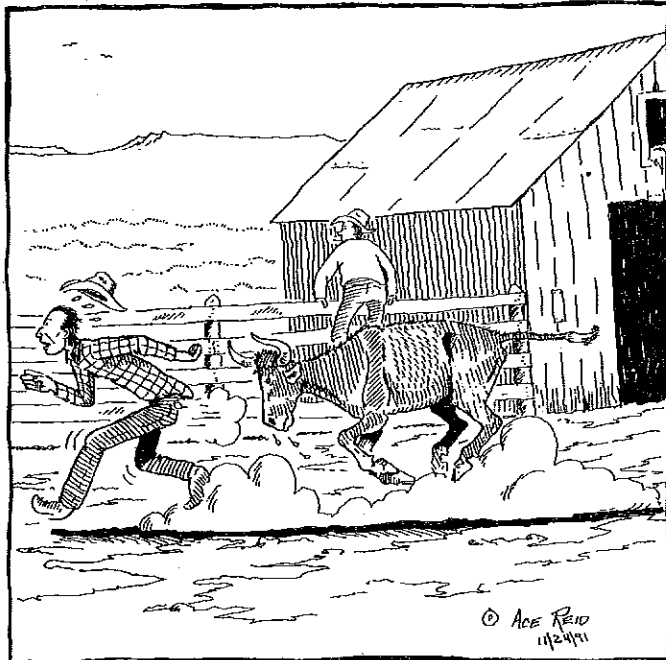
"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain."

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## COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Wilbur, tell me some more about that new breakfast cereal with that extra git up and go!"

I wish there were something left on television today that could honestly be called unmentionable.

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Don't sweat the small stuff.

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Example is not the best thing in influencing people. It is the only thing.

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The Christian life involves preaching all week long every week. And occasionally, you should say a few words.

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He who watches the clock will always just be one of the hands.

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There was this guy who was fired from his job as a human cannonball. His boss said they wanted someone of a higher caliber.

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1st deer hunter: "I got a gun for my wife."  
2nd deer hunter: "Good trade."

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Take care of the little things, and the big things will take care of themselves.

-Joe Paterno, Penn State football coach

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Did you hear about the man who went to the doctor because, every time he put on his hat, he heard music? The doctor fixed everything. He took the band out.

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Motivation can almost always beat more talent.

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Some people change their ways when they see the light; others, only when they feel the heat.

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Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.

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Bad storms never last.

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Growing old is mandatory. Growing up is optional.

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- I almost had a psychic girlfriend...but she left me before we met.
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
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- 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.

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