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Texas gets 69 new troopers as Recruit Class A-2009 graduates October 9th

By now, they're all over Texas



Photo courtesy Jacob Martinez, Recruit Training Academy

TSTA helps them on their way with pre-graduation barbecue



The class had a young look about it, but almost half were young Armed Forces veterans, with some of them combat veterans. Some had some type of police experience. Two were young women. All 69 were assigned to the highway patrol. All were good eaters, as TSTA observed at TSTA's barbecue/open house three days before graduation. Graduation ceremonies, well-attended by graduates' wives, sweethearts, relatives, friends and lots of other law officers, was in Austin's large River Bend Centre at River Bend Baptist Church.

Keynote speaker was State Representative Tommy Merritt, R-Longview. "I congratulate this 138th class of DPS Training Academy graduates," he said. "Every day state troopers are protecting Texas citizens, utilizing the skills you learned in training. You have joined the finest law enforcement agency in our nation."

The new troopers began their 28-week training in March. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counter-terrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first-aid and

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Court's In Session

By Judge Larry Gist



Arrest or Detention

The Court of Criminal Appeals has recently decided Baldwin v. State, 278 S.W.3d 367 in which some very important conclusions were reached.

In that case, an officer was on patrol in a "medium" crime subdivision around 10:30 p.m. There had recently been a series of home burglaries reported. He was flagged down by a woman he recognized and told that she had "spotted a white male dressed all in black walking around looking into houses."

The officer drove off in the direction the man was walking and shortly came across Baldwin who met the description and who was dressed all in black. Upon seeing the officer, the defendant began to walk more quickly, was very nervous, glancing around, scanning the area and refusing to make eye contact with the officer.

The officer told the defendant about the information he had received from the woman, asked where he lived and requested identification. Based on his past experience, the officer determined that the defendant "was anxious and nervous to a degree that usually means he is going to fight or going to run." The defendant's actions were consistent with other uncooperative persons he had encountered and as a result, "he was in fear of his life."

At that point, the officer handcuffed the defendant "for officer safety" and asked where his identification was. The defendant replied that it was in his right pants pocket. The officer considered that response to constitute permission to reach into his pocket. He did so and retrieved a small wallet. The defendant's driver's license was in a clear plastic case. When the officer took out the license to examine it, he noticed a small packet in the case that was later determined to be cocaine.

The Court found that there "was no valid basis for an arrest, and, assuming that there was a valid basis for an investigative detention, there was no valid basis for reaching into the defendant's pocket to procure his wallet."

They further noted that had there been a valid arrest,

the officer's act of reaching into the defendant's pocket would have qualified as "a search incident to an arrest." But to have a valid arrest, an officer must at that time have probably cause to believe that a criminal offense has been or is being committed.

A valid investigative detention, the Court noted, can confer upon an officer the authority to "pat down" the defendant for weapons. Under the "plain feel" doctrine, an officer conducting a pat-down may seize an object whose contour or mass makes its identity immediately apparent as contraband. But when the conditions of the "plain feel" doctrine are not present, an officer conducting a valid investigatory detention must have probable cause in order to conduct a search for non-weapon contraband or other evidence.

And the Court further held that although an officer may ask a defendant to identify himself during a valid investigatory detention, that does not automatically mean that the officer can search a defendant's person to obtain or confirm his identity.

In this case, the only remaining justification available was consent by the defendant. The officer believed that his answer to a question regarding the location of his identification constituted permission to retrieve it. The

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A SPECIAL TSTA ANNOUNCEMENT!

Early in the New Year your Texas State Trooper newsletter will no longer be brought to you by your postman, but brought by computer **WEBSITE ONLY.**

This will greatly increase its exposure to the law enforcement community as well as the judicial community. It will also add new readers from the civilian world, who will then gain a greater appreciation for what law officers do.

This forward step will also greatly reduce TSTA's cost of printing and postage, freeing up funds to devote to more trooper programs.

Stay with TSTA's newsletter by becoming more computer-friendly, and watch for future announcements, which will carry TSTA's **new website address.**

Look for us on your computer screen in 2010!
Texas State Troopers Association

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Spanish. They also received training in extensive use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

Steven C. McCraw, new DPS Director, told the graduates that he has high expectations for them. "You are joining an elite group, and I expect you to conduct yourself with the utmost integrity. Welcome to the best law enforcement agency in the United States."

Public Safety Commission Chairman Allan B. Polunsky thanked the graduates, admonishing them to "be safe, be vigilant, and full of pride as a DPS trooper."

Three days before this memorable graduation date, Class A-2009— still recruits, but not for long – enjoyed a relaxed evening of food, fun, music, and fellowship at TSTA's facilities, within blocks of the Training Academy. Barbecue and comradeship seemed to be just what the highly-structured, highly-disciplined recruits had been needing. They mingled, played pool, ate, and were introduced to TSTA staffers. There was only one speech: TSTA Executive Director Claude Hart welcomed and

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Houston Trooper's newborn daughter has serious medical condition, faces financial hardship: TSTA responds

Rookie Highway Patrol Trooper German Chavez, who joined DPS to honor his trooper brother who was killed in the line of duty about four years ago, has another family sadness and hardship. His wife recently gave birth to their second child (baby girl) who was born two months prematurely with a serious congenital heart disease. Doctors have said the little one will need several major heart reconstructive surgeries which will bring huge medical expenses.

The little one had her second open heart surgery in mid October and survived it well.

The family is living out of the hospital and Ronald McDonald House in Houston, after a helpful hardship DPS transfer for German from South Texas to Houston DPS. TSTA has sent some financial help. If you would also like to help, send a check to **Trooper German Chavez #12971, Texas DPS, 12230 W. Rd., Houston, TX 77065.**



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September 9, 2009

German Chavez
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Dear German,

Enclosed please find a check for \$2,000, which is being presented to you as a member under the Association's Disaster service.

We are truly sorry to hear of your daughter's illness and hope this small gesture may somewhat lessen the burden for you and your family.

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Sincerely,

Claude A. Hart

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Executive Director
Texas State Troopers Association

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Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back.

congratulated the group, and briefly cited the advantages of trooper membership in TSTA.

"We represent the first-line commissioned officers," he said, "the ones who do the work while risking their lives. With pressure on you from many directions as you do your jobs, some of you will one day get into trouble. With legal help and consultation, we'll 'go to bat' for you, and give you strong backing. Our building here, with its health and recreational facilities, is yours to use. TSTA membership is a bargain at \$25.00 per year."

Hart gave a brief history of TSTA, introduced publications editor Jack Lawler, and added, "81% of our budget goes to trooper programs."

In this one special evening of fun and freedom from the Training Academy's discipline, the nearly graduated recruits were well-mannered, respectful, and grateful for TSTA's hospitality.




Graduation within two hours! Joy reigns supreme!

Photo courtesy Jacob Martinez, Recruit Training Academy

After their October 9 graduation the new troopers enjoyed a three-week furlough at home with loved ones, and then started six months of on-the-job training, each with a veteran trooper.

TSTA salutes Class A-2009, is proud to have met them, and gives this reminder: "It's a dangerous world out there, and the people of Texas need you."

Graduation excerpts courtesy DPS/PIO



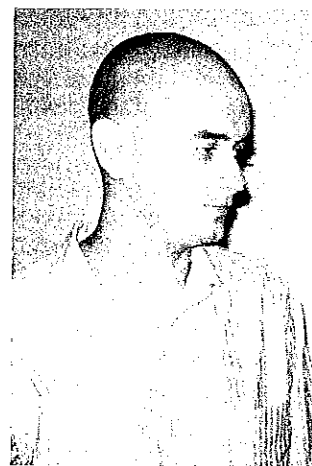
this
Thanksgiving...

let us thank God for our country and a nation of laws, freedom and opportunity and for brave people who protect it.

Sgt. Robert Lujan, class counselor. He took new trooper Rigby and 2 other classmates back to Marfa with him. →



New Trooper Bradley A. Fein
Hails from Burleson, Texas. His assignment: Highway Patrol at Cleburne, Texas, which is south of Fort Worth. As a civilian, Brad was an installer for AT&T. After that, he was a prison guard at TDC, during which he became interested in becoming a DPS trooper. He and his wife Lisa have four growing children, ages 3 to 10 – three boys and a girl.



New Trooper Ross B. Rigby
Is from Helotes, Texas and has been assigned to highway patrol at Marfa. Before DPS, Ross was a project manager for a construction company. Why did he become a state trooper? He had two DPS friends who influenced him: Trooper Trey Frost of Carrizo Springs, and Texas Ranger Lt. James Denman.

Three unique factors: 1) He and his fiancé Amanda, who plans to be a teacher, will get married next summer after her graduation; 2) His recruit counselor for his graduating Class A-2009 was Sgt. Robert Lujan who is now his sergeant in Marfa; and 3) Two classmates of A-2009, Jason Luna and Lewis Sullivan have joined Ross and Sgt. Lujan at DPS-Marfa.

New troopers, class A-2009 graduates!



Sr. Corporal William G. Acosta

A veteran of the highway patrol at El Paso, he has been a counselor for the October graduating Class A-2009. He came aboard DPS in December, 1977. He was denied in his first application due to his small size. He is only 5'3". Later, the rules changed on size requirements. He applied again and was accepted. His 31 years service includes HP, L&W and CVE. (10 years HP was at Fabens, near El Paso.)

Cpl. Acosta is Philippino and a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. His small size was not a problem when he

joined the Marines. His father was career US Army and the Acostas came to America when William was 13. Patriotic service came naturally to William as his father had fought the Japanese in WWII as a guerilla scout in the Philippine Army. Corregidore and Bataan were part of his dad's life. He was in the Bataan Death March. He escaped the Japanese and joined the US Army.

Cpl. Acosta and his wife Jeannie live in the El Paso area and have three grown children.



TSTA-supported youth program:

From meetings under oak tree to new church building, ex-trooper's youth group finds a home

What do you do if you're an eight year-old with no parents, you live in an old house with several children from different families, there is no parental supervision and you don't even own a toothbrush? What if you are a very young little boy living with other children in a home where unbelievably bad adult activities are common? And what if you are a young girl in elementary school trying to do school homework, and your parents are doing drug business in your home?

If you are one of these abused or neglected children in Lampasas, you join a small but growing youth group called "His Kids," led by a big ex-DPS trooper named Richard Williams. It helps if you are discovered by Richard (the "Big R") or "His Kids." There you gain self-esteem, learn about right and wrong, love, prayer, kindness, personal hygiene, and the importance of school. You learn about a God who cares about little children, and has rules to live by. And you get hugs from a big ex-trooper and others. And you experience fun and learn to laugh again.

This youth group, named "His Kids" by the ex-trooper to teach them they are God's children, is growing. Word-of-mouth in this small town is helping its growth. But the main cause has been the continued outreach by Richard Williams and his young adult assistants Mario Moreno, Nancy Lopez and a half-dozen other young adults. All of the assistants are former "His Kids," recruited by Williams years ago.



Ex-trooper Williams gives lots of hugs to "His Kids," who always respond to the hugs.

Throughout this past summer, "The Big R" and his assistants, in between taking kids to week-long stays at a Christian youth camp (His Hill, near Comfort, Texas) have

**WHEN THE NEEDS IS GREAT
TSTA IS THERE**



Richard Moreno former "His Kid" at age 13 and now a "His Kids" assistant, is a "hugger" too.

held Monday night recreation and Bible studies. For want of a place, they met outdoors in the city's park, under big oak trees, where they had picnics, played volleyball and held Bible studies. Feeling the first chills of winter's north winds, Richard Williams and his assistants prayed for an indoor place to meet for their Lampasas weekly meetings: in other words, a room, a building, a warehouse.

With a new high school recently built and the town's old high school building devoted to other educational needs, the "Big R" sought a meeting place availability there. As he explained his needs to people there, something else was happening across town. A woman who had read a copy of *Texas State Trooper* which had a previous article about "His Kids," took a copy of it to someone in a new and growing Lampasas church, **Grace Fellowship**. It's pastor, Rev. Paul Kenley, was impressed with the consistent youth outreach work of Richard Williams and "His Kids." He and the "Big R" met. Rev. Kenley asked questions, told Richard about the visionary thrust of his church. It included special programs for children marked by an emphasis on scripture, a sports league with basketball, flag football and soccer.

Pastor Kenley's Grace Fellowship church was in a building program. He showed the retired trooper a small youth activities building nearing completion. And he offered it to Richard and "His Kids" for their weekly meetings. The



Church Pastor Paul Kenley (left) offers use of new building to "Big R" and His Kids." The struggling youth leader's reaction: It's the Hand of God."

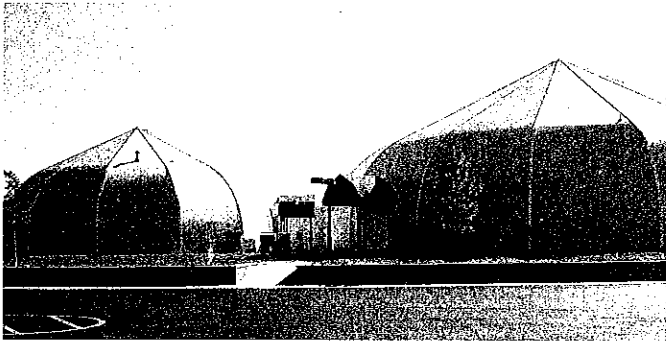
"Big R," overwhelmed by the marvelous, unselfish help, accepted the offer. Why did this veteran pastor of a new and growing non-denominational church quickly meet an urgent need of "His Kids" – that of a meeting place?

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"That was a no-brainer decision for us," explained Rev. Kenley to TSTA's Jack Lawler. "Churches should be doing - in every town in Texas - what this ex-trooper is doing with abused children. We're glad we can help."



Pastor Paul Kenley... "an easy decision."



Grace Fellowship Church, Lampasas

The same evening of the day of this meeting with TSTA's Lawler was Bible study night for "His Kids." The meeting would be in a temporary room of Grace Fellowship church, at 6:00 p.m. No buses, taxi cabs or parents brought the children. The "Big R" and his assistants Mario Moreno and Nancy Lopez, in three different vehicles, hustled around Lampasas picking up kids. This required time and cell phone coordination. Two trucks and a car, loaded with



youngsters, arrived and assembled in a church Bible classroom.

"How many of you brought your Bibles?" the "Big R" asks. Many held them up.

"What do we do first at our meetings?" he asked. "We pray," several answered. A little girl led the prayer.

Through pre-arrangement by Richard Williams, two young girls about 12 and 13, read and told the Bible story of "Jonah," using a children's book with pictures. Although most of the youngsters had never been inside a church, most listened attentively, seemingly fascinated. After the Bible story, one of the two young "teachers" said another prayer. Then - a time of fellowship, food and hugs. The "Big R" and his assistants gave lots of hugs. Some of the smaller little girls stood on a chair to get up high enough to hug the big 6'5" ex-trooper.

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"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."

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"We know the hugs are important," says Richard Williams. "They don't get many where they live. Also, through recreation and games we encourage laughter and fun. They don't get much of that either. Most have low self-esteem because of their bad environment."

Another encouragement for "His Kids," reports the "Big R," is that financial gifts are increasing steadily. A tiny little church (congregation about 30), Pearl Church of Christ in Pearl, Texas, is dedicating to "His Kids" a percentage of their every fifth-Sunday offering. Checks coming by mail are ranging from \$20 to \$200 each. A local woman sent a check with a note that said, "God bless you." Very encouraging to "the Big R" are the many money gifts from troopers statewide. "Their support, both financial and psychological, means so much. Several of the contributions are from retired troopers. The continual publicity by TSTA seems to be causing most of this.

Williams tells TSTA's Jack Lawler that the money will help send several of the new "His Kids" to the Christian Youth Camp in the spring. Plus, it will help with their December 5th Christmas party. "We'll have food and fun – and every kid will get a gift."

The small Grace Fellowship building now available to "His Kids", of course, will be the site of the Christmas party, which will have a Christmas tree and decorations. Christmas carols will be taught to the youngsters, many of whom do not know them. "Not only will the building provide a great place for this type activity," says the 'Big R,' "it gives us a roof over our heads for activities through-



out the winter. We are so grateful to Rev. Kenley and his congregation for this. Also, it provides us room to grow, and I think our attendance will grow because of the building."

The new church is within a stone's throw of the new Lampasas High School, which is now in its first year of operation. This also means that the church, with a congregation of about 250 and its emphasis on youth activities, is well-positioned to grow.

"Finding this church and this pastor, their offering us the use of their fine building," says the big ex-trooper, "has to be the Hand of God, providing for 'His Kids,' meeting their



"His Kids" are learning to sing "praise" songs... and add "body emphasis!"

great need. It is a big answer to our prayers...and a real Christmas gift."

Heading into Christmas and the new year, spirits have been brightened for Richard Williams and his dedicated helpers. And their goal is to brighten the spirits of as many abused or neglected children as they can find.

Are there *Texas State Trooper* readers who would brighten them even more - with a Christmas gift? If your investments have been bad this year, would you like to invest in something that could pay better dividends - improving the life of an abused little girl or little boy? If so, send your check to:



"His Kids"
P.O. Box 1323
Lampasas, TX 76550

Health Tips

Traffic exposure – Heart attack trigger?

People who have elevated risk of heart attack may be at even higher risk shortly after driving or riding in heavy traffic. Those are findings from a German study reported at the American Heart Association's annual conference in March 2009.

Researchers drew their data from a group of more than 1,400 people who had heart attacks during a period of nearly five years. Those who spent time in traffic – whether driving, taking public transportation or riding a bicycle – were more than three times as likely to have been in traffic within an hour of the start of their heart attack symptoms. Researchers speculate potential factors might be exhaust and air pollutants associated with traffic, the stress of being in traffic or a combination of the two. Earlier studies have linked chronic exposure to stress and noise as a risk factor for cardiovascular diseases.

Mayo Clinic cardiologists say the findings are of interest and add to the information already known of risks related to exposure to air pollution and high stress.

Reprint: *Mayo Clinic Health Letter*, August 2009.

What lies at the bottom of an ocean and twitches?
A nervous wreck.

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defendant's response here was simply an answer to the officer's question and not consent for the officer to search his person.

In a previous case, it was held that the defendant's response of "okay" to the officer's statement "we need to go talk" was a "mere submission to a claim of lawful authority" rather than consent.

The Court then concluded that the search was illegal and the conviction was set aside.

It is important to also note that the officer in this case testified "that his standard procedure is to handcuff any suspect that he sees is nervous, shuddering and shaking." "Standard procedure" is usually an insufficient basis to justify an arrest or detention. Being in "fear" or for "officer safety" is a basis for detention only if the officer can state a particular basis to support it. And to be safe, "consent" must always be clear. Inferences that particular words or actions constitute "consent" are always a shaky foundation for a subsequent search.

This case is instructive for everyone dealing with on site searches. Because if it's not done correctly, a clearly guilty defendant gets to go free after the contraband is found. This area of our law is always tricky so good and professional officers need to become completely familiar with the rules and make sure they are always on a firm foundation.

So until next time, you'll be careful out there, you hear.



Trooper Jeff Sones

THP/CVE-New Braunfels, has scored well at the National Police Championship shooting matches. The highly competitive contests were with handguns. During the one week of competition against some of the best shooters in the United States, Jeff shot "expert" in several of the matches. His high scores helped him qualify for the acclaimed "President's 100." Jeff has brought honor to DPS and pride to TSTA, who supported Jeff and two other DPS shooters with travel expenses.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
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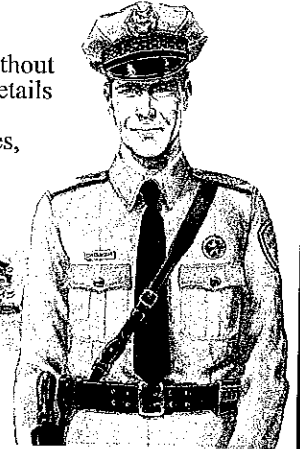
...TSTA editor Jack Lawler's book

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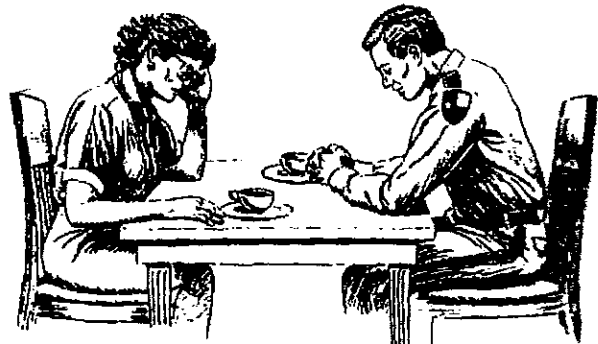
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The Armed Citizen Fights Back

NRA Member Lynn Bond's Fourth of July holiday did not go as planned. He was expecting a visitor, so he thought nothing of it when he heard someone arrive at his home. As he entered the garage, however, he discovered that a man wearing only boxer shorts was ransacking the place. "I asked him who he was and what the [expletive] he was doing there," Bond wrote in an e-mail to the "Armed Citizen" editor. According to police, Bond ordered the intruder to leave, but he refused. Bond retrieved his .45-cal semi-automatic handgun and suddenly the suspect found Bond's demands much more persuasive. Police nabbed the suspect nearby and found drugs on him. A .22-cal. rifle belonging to the intruder was later discovered at the scene.

(The Coldwater Daily Reporter, Coldwater, MI, 07/07/09)

Police say an 18-year-old carjacker approached August Peters, 74, as he exited his vehicle. "Give me your car or I'll kill you," the carjacker said, putting a knife to Peters' throat. Luckily for Peters, he had an item that made him the physical equal of his youthful adversary – a firearm. Peters grabbed his pistol from inside the car and fired, striking the carjacker at least once. The suspect fled through a nearby home, struggling to run in his baggy pants, which fell off in the kitchen as he ran for the back door. Police caught up with the pantless suspect nearby.

(Houston Chronicle, Houston, TX, 07/23/09)

to those who work that others may have a safe holiday we wish a very special

Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year!



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Two men trying to enter Cassidy Lockett's home had to be aware it was occupied. They'd likely seen Lockett in the front window as they arrived, and there was a lot of noise as she hurried her three young, frightened children into a bedroom. With the children secure, she phoned police and loaded her .22-cal. semi-automatic pistol. Police say the men, escapees from a nearby state prison, thrust a window open. One of the men leaned inside. "I was pointing the gun at him and, you know, I used a few choice words and told him to get out or I was going to shoot," Lockett said. The men fled the property, only to be caught within minutes by police. The next day Lockett's husband helped her pick out a new home defense firearm. "I'm definitely more prepared," she said. "We bought a 12-ga. shotgun."

(Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston, ID, 07/27/09)

A man dressed like a ninja – with a black shirt, black pants and a blue bandana over his face – allegedly forced his way into Bradley Harvell's home. Police say the man demanded money and shocked Harvell with a stun gun several times, causing him to collapse on his bed. All Harvell could think about was survival. "I'm 82 years old," said the military veteran. "I've made it this far, and I want to keep on living." Harvell gathered all the strength he could muster, retrieved his .357 S&W magnum revolver from under the bed and shot his assailant, killing him. Police arrested three others in connection with the home invasion.

(Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, FL, 07/21/09)

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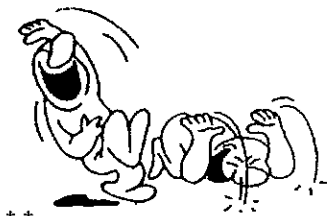
What's the difference between a bad golfer and a bad skydiver?

A bad golfer goes: Whack. Dang!

A bad skydiver goes: Dang! Whack.



* Kuempel's Korner *



COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"With the energy crunch and the stock market like it is, I can't make it. Why now I can't even git a flu shot on Medicare."

Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.

What's the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu? For Bird flu you need tweetment; for Swine flu you need oinkment.

He who makes the most chips fly is not always the best carpenter.

There are old pilots, and there are bold pilots, but there are very few old, bold pilots.

"Most men live lives of quiet desperation."
- Winston Churchill

When the high seas are raging, it's no time to change ships.

When sorrow is shared, it is halved. When a joy is shared, it is doubled.

We usually do not remember days: mostly, we remember special moments.

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first and the lesson afterwards.

Success is relative. The more success, the more relatives.

Q: "What fishing instruction did Noah give his sons?
A: "Go easy on the bait. We only have two worms."

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TSTA intends no indictment of those of supervisory rank through their exclusion as members of this organization. We do understand, however, that no association can be all things to all people. Therefore, we have chosen to represent those who need our services more: first-line troopers. This policy negates the probability of conflict of interest that stems from multi-class representation.

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WILLS: Members are reminded that one of your benefits from TSTA is the free preparation of a last will and testament. This service is performed by Lee Johnson. He may be contacted at:

Lee Johnson
 Attorney-at-Law
 575 N. 7th Street
 Beaumont, TX 77702
 Telephone: 409/833-8911

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 Austin, TX 78751

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 TEXAS STATE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION
 5540 NORTH LAMAR
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DATE EMPLOYED	DATE OF COMMISSION	DATE OF TERMINATION (if no longer with DPS)		

Membership dues paid to TSTA are not deductible as gifts or charitable contributions but may be deductible under an IRC Section other than Section 170 (c).

I, _____, request membership into the Texas State Troopers Association, and if accepted agree to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, the rules and decisions of its officers. I also agree to pay annual dues of twenty-five (25) dollars for all of a calendar year or any part thereof.

I understand that any unreasonable failure to assist a fellow member of the Texas State Troopers Association will result in this membership being cancelled by the board of directors at their option.

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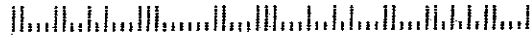
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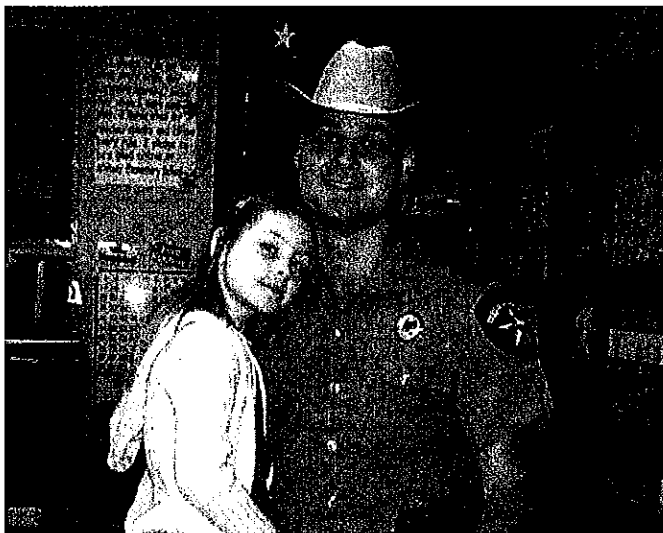
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Education-minded Texas trooper appreciates Mountain State University (MSU) tuition discount while using G.I. Bill

Trooper Caleb Williams, HP-Whitney, is grateful to Uncle Sam for the G.I. Bill, which pays for his college tuition and textbooks. He's also grateful for Mountain State University's 20% tuition discount and its online



Trooper Williams and daughter. She thinks he's a good student!

college courses he pursues during off-duty hours. "The G.I. Bill pays me a set amount, and the MSU 20% often helps me keep a little of that. It is definitely helpful."

He is taking Criminal Justice administration courses, with a law degree as his long-range goal. Caleb, 29, was born in Fort Worth, but first attended college at The University of Southern Mississippi where he began using his veteran's G.I. Bill. Joining DPS in 2006 was the realization of a boyhood goal to become a law officer. He learned about

MSU from the TSTA newsletter and decided it was his best option.

Caleb and his wife Jessica have been married nine years and have three growing children. He recommends MSU, its online (distance) study capabilities and its curriculum-oriented toward law enforcement!

Notice! All TSTA Members:

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