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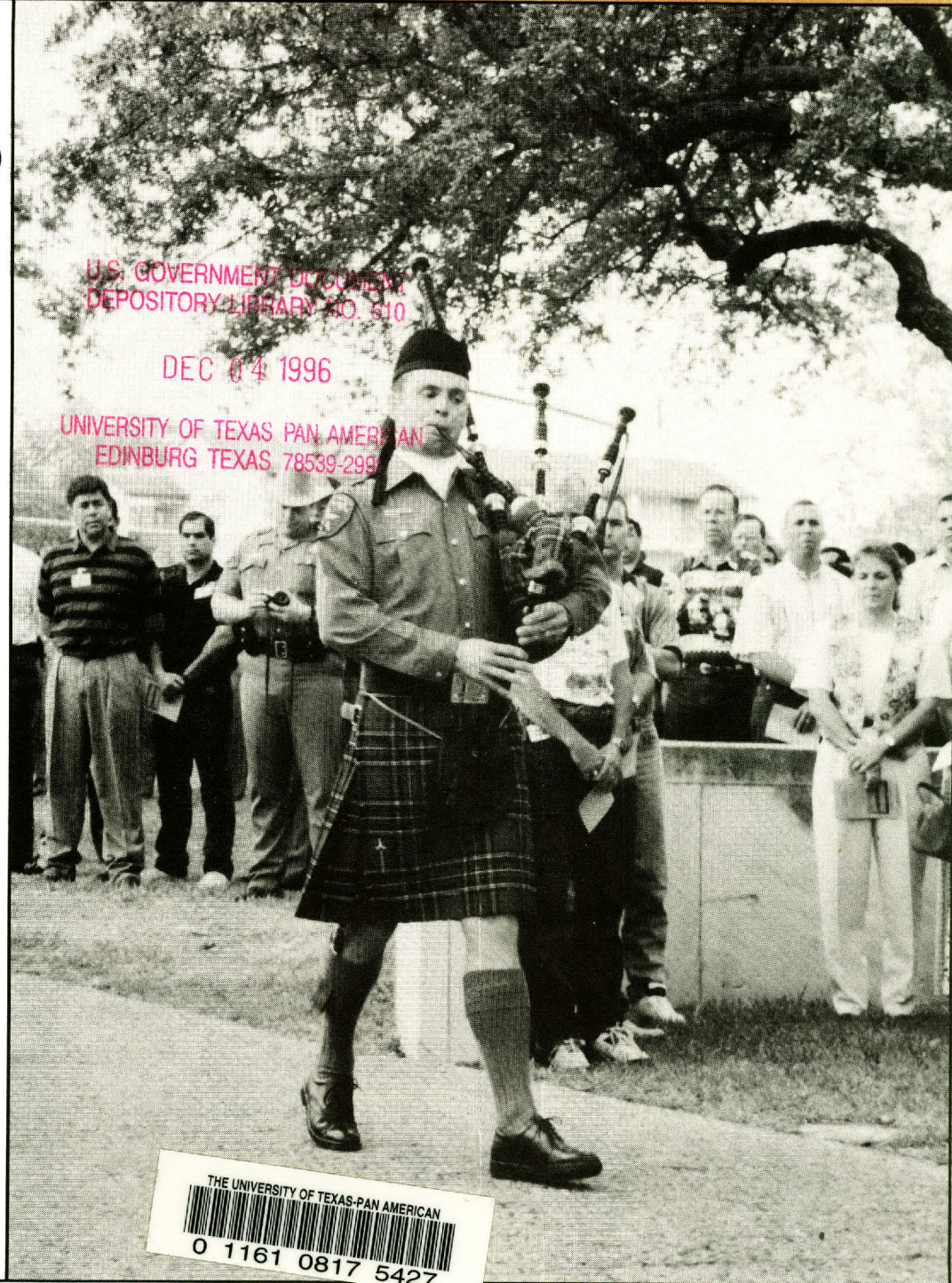
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Letters



Sulphur Springs
April 22, 1996

Dear Lisa [Hunter, former PIO secretary],

I am writing in response to your letter concerning the new quarterly magazine issued from the Public Information Office. In your letter you stated that this would be a magazine on what DPS employees are doing throughout the state.

Since retiring from the DPS on Dec. 31, 1991, after almost 29 years of service, I have been elected as a constable in Hopkins County. I know of several other retired DPS employees who have been elected to political offices in the surrounding counties. It would be interesting to know how many former DPS employees are holding office throughout the state. . . .

Thanks,

Roger P. Maynard,
THP Retired
Constable, Pct. 1
Hopkins County

Editor's Note: So how about it, former DPSers? Who among you now serve your county or city as elected police chiefs,

sheriffs, constables, etc.? Drop us a line and let us know.

Conroe, Texas
April 22, 1996

Dear Mike [Cox],

I am enjoying the "Paisano" very much. It's hard to keep up with what is going on after two and a half years of retirement. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Kenneth Crossley, Sgt. Retired

(Attached to his letter was the photo of Bliss Sherman from the April Paisano with a note that read, "Tell Jeff to get his dates right. That is a 1957 Ford Fairlane station wagon. I also worked the green box in 1960/1962.")

Editor's Note: Don't place all the blame on Jeff Heard. It didn't help that our unofficial photo editor was born in 1965 and has no personal point of reference for vintage 1950s automobiles. Sgt. Crossley wasn't the only reader to

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On the Cover: Tr. IV Glenn Scales plays his bagpipes May 7 at the DPS Training Academy during a memorial ceremony for slain law enforcement officers. Scales is a member of the DPS honor guard and has been playing the pipes for about a year.



Major L.A. "Joe" Reinhart, Region II

A team is made up of people who play their positions and work toward a common goal. DPS Region II has a great team!

However, football hasn't been as successful in Region II as it has been in Region I, as described by Major Barrett in the last issue. Not only did we NOT win the Super Bowl, but our Oilers are leaving for Nashville. Someone suggested that they change their name to the Nashville Possums since they play dead at home and get run over on the road.

Region II is very proud of Trooper I Thomas E. Lambert Jr., stationed in Huntsville, for being awarded the Medal of Honor on April 26. Tr. Lambert courageously followed through on a search for two suspects who had tried to shoot him during a traffic stop.

Region II has a very active building program. We are about to build a new Driver License office in Southwest

Houston, as well as new offices in Columbus and Anahuac. Expansions are planned for the Pierce and Rosenberg offices.

The new Southwest Houston Driver License office, commonly called the "Super DL office," will be the first of its kind. We will combine three current driver license offices into one operation in a centralized location. The objective is to handle large numbers of transactions in a professional and efficient manner.

Region II's Vehicle Inspection Service is preparing for the vehicle emissions testing program soon to be established in Harris County. The Texas Motorist's Choice Program will be a part of the annual safety inspection program. This emissions testing is scheduled to begin July 1 in Dallas and Tarrant counties and Jan. 1, 1997, in Harris and El Paso counties.

The Central Information Service at the Regional office was established in 1973 and was the only one in Texas until recently, when another was added in Austin. The service includes a supervisor, two switchboard operators and five

telephone operators answering about 1,300 calls a day.

Region II License & Weight conducted a special task force operation May 8 on Interstate 10 near Anahuac. Maintenance supervisors and safety directors from several trucking companies participated. Several inspections were performed with industry maintenance personnel assisting and observing troopers perform inspections. These operations have created an excellent working relationship between industry and enforcement.

Approximately 40 city officers from Houston, Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Beaumont have received Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program training. These officers will help improve the quality of commercial vehicles operated on our highways.

I would like to close my column with a poem I once read:

*Life itself can't give you joy,
Unless you really will it;
Life just gives you time and space,
It's up to you to fill it.*

May God bless you and keep you safe.

State of the Art

Capitol Police scope out bad guys

By Sherri Deatherage Green

Finding a tree or bush to hide behind is a little harder now for would-be stalkers or transients on the Capitol grounds.

It's not just because restoration landscapers have surrounded the Capitol lawn with fences and uprooted much of the foliage. A new tool in the DPS Capitol Police's arsenal will help officers locate suspects even when the chain link is gone and the vegetation is back in place.

The Night Sight system allows officers to see in the dark, around corners, and yes, even behind them.

Capitol Police have been using the state-of-the-art thermal imaging system since late last year, explained Sgt. Edward Stapp.

Night Sight, developed through a partnership between Texas Instruments and Hughes Aircraft, uses heat variations to create real-time images. The system includes a camera mounted on the roof of a patrol car. The camera can turn 360 degrees and is directed from within using a "joy stick." Maximum pan speed is eight revolutions per minute. That might seem a little slow for a record player, but watching it can make you dizzy.

The car generally is operated as a two-man unit, Stapp explained. The passenger can keep an eye on the Capitol grounds using a small, television-type monitor. If the passenger becomes involved in a foot chase, the driver can watch an image projected on a small glass panel attached to the windshield and keep his or her partner informed by radio.

Night Sight can be used during the day, but it is more effective at night and during cold weather when temperature variances are greater. And, it produces better images than older infrared devices, Stapp said.

"Human figures are much more clear," he said, adding that when animals wander onto the Capitol grounds, "You can distinguish dogs from cats."

The system is so sensitive to heat that pedestrians' knees and ankles appear brighter than their legs. Night Sight even can help find items that retain body heat, like a weapon thrown down during a chase.

In metropolitan areas, fleeing suspects often drive into residential areas, cut their lights and engines and lie down



Capitol Police Sgt. Edward Stapp demonstrates the Night Sight system which allows officers to search for suspects in the dark.

in their parked cars, Stapp said. With Night Sight, officers can tell which car engine in a neighborhood is the warmest. And since it can detect heat up to three feet below the ground, Night Sight even helped one law enforcement agency discover a shallow grave, Stapp added.

"Right now, everything on the Capitol grounds is sealed off with construction fences," Stapp said. "We've been having a lot of fence climbers. When it gets really dark, we can see them and make arrests."

San Antonio and Dallas police departments use the Night Sight system, but Capitol Police is the only law enforcement organization with this technology in the Austin area, Stapp said.

"Not that many agencies know we have it yet," Stapp said. "If we're close enough to get there and assist before a scene cools down, we're willing to assist."

Sherri Deatherage Green is a Public Information Officer for DPS.

State combined charitable campaign wants your story



- Has the American Red Cross, Salvation Army or United Way ever helped you?

- Are your children or grandchildren involved in scouting or other youth programs?

- Are you or someone you know better off today because of the American Cancer Society, American

Heart Association or other health research organization?

- Have you extended a helping hand across town, or around the world, to someone else and seen the results of that effort?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the State Combined Charitable Campaign needs your help. Each year, DPS employees give generously to the campaign. It benefits a cross section of service agencies and organizations

ranging from scouting to the environment, from health to disaster relief. Through the campaign, employees donate to the charities of their choice, in the communities of their choice. Again this year, the campaign will be conducted in the fall.

"The best way for any of us to truly appreciate the service organizations is to see first hand the work they do," said Ed Laundry, who leads the 1996 campaign. "I truly believe that if DPS

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DPS Profile: Tr. Glenn Scales

Each of the DPS' six regional honor guards has a trumpeter to play Taps, but Tr. IV Glenn Scales, HP Bandera, is the only bagpiper in the bunch. He participated May 7 in the memorial ceremony at Headquarters in Austin.

How long have you been with DPS?

I've been with the Department about 12½ years. I graduated from the DPS Academy in May 1984. I was stationed in Texas City three and a half years, I was in Devine for about two and a half years and I've been in Bandera for six. I was born and raised in Orange.

How long have you been playing the bagpipes?

Not that long. I started about a year ago. I had a friend who played the bagpipes in San Antonio. He's a member of the San Antonio Pipes and Drums. I went to their band, and they instructed me and helped me along. I grew up playing other instruments, so I always had an interest in bagpipes. I liked the music they made and I just thought I'd give it a shot.

What other instruments do you play?

I played trumpet and french horn in high school and college. I mainly now just play guitar and bagpipes.

What interested you in the bagpipes?

I am Scotch/Irish, and it's an unusual instrument. You don't see a lot of people playing them. They are a very interesting instrument and a tough one to play. It's a real challenge. That's probably one of the reasons I wanted to start playing them. I wanted to try something different. I'm getting better all the time with practice, but it's not as simple as picking up a guitar and learning a simple melody in an hour's time. The pipes have four reeds, one in the chanter, which plays the melody, and the drones each have a reed. You have to keep all of these going at once. Putting air into the bag and keeping the arm on the bag and constantly replenishing the air—it takes coordination. That's why it takes so much time to learn. They aren't made for indoors, you have to play them outside. I go to the hillside behind my house and play and my neighbors can hear them two miles away. When the air is just right, the sound will carry.

The pipes that you see most often are referred to as the Great Highland bagpipes. Bagpipes have been around thousands of years. The Egyptians even had bagpipes. The Scots added that third drone, but the Irish played the ones with just two pipes on it for hundreds of years.

Why have bagpipes become such a tradition for law enforcement honor guards?

I believe that the tradition comes from up in the Northeast, around Boston and Pennsylvania and New York. When Boston and New York began their police departments in the early 1800s, they were mostly made up of Irish immigrants, and I think that's where the tradition came from. They have their own pipe bands of police officers.

Which came first for you, the bagpipes or the honor guard?

I was in the honor guard first. When they decided to form the honor guards for each region in 1993—I'm in Region III—I thought it would be an honorable tribute to pay to any fallen officers. They asked for volunteers and chose 13 from the trooper ranks.

The whole idea of the piper joining the honor guard was Col. Wilson's. It came about during the burial arrangements of Commissioner Albert Alkek when he passed away last year in Bandera County, where he and his wife lived. Col. Wilson came to Bandera to offer any help he could to Mrs. Alkek. Col. Wilson offered the Department's services for a full honors funeral. He asked me to make sure we had a trumpet player to play Taps, and he asked if we had a bagpipe player. He had attended Trooper [Troy] Hogue's funeral, and they had bagpiper play there. He understood that it was a tradition at a police officer's funeral, and we'd never had that tradition at DPS. I said, as a coincidence, I had just begun taking lessons to play, but I wasn't well versed enough to play in the memorial ceremony, so I told him I'd have to pass that one up. I got a friend of mine from the Leon Valley Police Department instead.

On what occasions do you play the pipes?

I played for Barbara Jordan's funeral, and right after that, Sen. Ralph Yarborough's. If someone in the Department were to need the services of the DPS honor guard, I might be asked to attend. We haven't had the occasion to need them lately, and I hope we don't for a long time to come.

I play at Veterans Day ceremonies in Bandera. If somebody were to ask me, I would play at local funerals. I play with the Pipes and Drums in San Antonio whenever I can.



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Fleet Services buys two new multi-purpose buses

By Sherri Deatherage Green

Don't be alarmed if some day soon you happen to be driving down Interstate 35 and what seems to be a school bus pulls up behind you flashing red and blue emergency lights.

First of all, it's not full of school kids. It's more likely full of DPS troopers on their way to provide security at a potentially volatile protest at the Capitol.

And you don't have to pull over and dig through the glove box for your insurance card. Just politely move out of the way.

In April, DPS bought two new 44-passenger buses, according to Fleet Manager Jerry Newbury. The white buses have air conditioning, customized suspensions and brakes, internal and external public address systems and a DPS radio. Fleet is adding police strobe lights in case troopers get stuck in traffic on the way to a riot or other emergency.

"They were purchased primarily with Florence in mind," Newbury said, referring to the new DPS facility underway north of Austin. Canine teams have been training at the site, and more facilities are planned. (See article on building projects, below) The buses eventually will be used to transport recruits for training.



Driver license examiners use one of the new DPS buses during a training exercise at DPS Headquarters in late May. Their favorite feature was the air conditioning inside.

The buses also may be used in riot control situations and to transport groups to training conferences. So far, Fleet has used them to bring drivers back to Headquarters when moving surplus vehicles to an auction site east of town.

Both buses are based at Headquarters and will be available as pool vehicles. In most cases, divisions wishing to use them must provide their own drivers. With that in mind, plans are being made to provide commercial driver license training to employees who volunteer to become drivers.

Building Programs plans for DPS growth

New programs and more employees at DPS are keeping Building Programs Bureau busy this year planning and constructing new facilities.

Building Programs Manager Andy Mokry says the bureau's long list of projects includes the following:

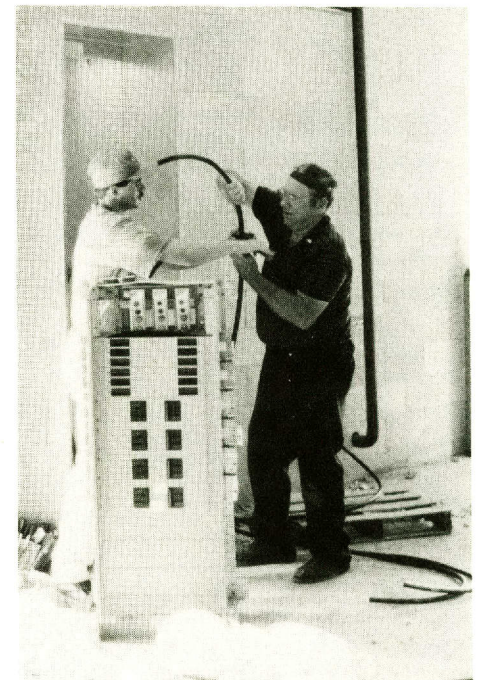
- Crime Lab is setting up its new Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and DrugFire firearms lab in a renovated warehouse at DPS Headquarters.

- Bids were opened June 4 on construction of an addition to the Crime Records building. The four-story structure will house Vehicle Inspection Records and the Crime Information Bureau on the first two floors. Building Programs hasn't confirmed which other sections will be moving into the 57,348-square-foot addition. The building will feature a secured main lobby and a second-floor connection to the existing Crime Records building. Additional parking will be added at Headquarters to compensate for those spaces lost due to construction.

- The DPS property near the Williamson County community of Florence currently is being used for drug detector canine team training. A master plan is in the works to add shooting and automobile driving ranges. No construction is scheduled yet.

- Projects in the design stage include the South Houston "super" DL office and new buildings in Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Van Horn and Anahuac. Expansions are planned in Pierce and Rosenberg and additions in El Paso, Lubbock, Weatherford and San Marcos. Building Programs is designing a structural repair project for the Corsicana office and is planning to buy an office building in Big Spring.

- Projects near completion include additions in McAllen, Odessa, Longview, Mt. Pleasant, San Antonio district office and Garland regional office.



Electricians Randy Stephens (left) and Charles Woelfel work on remodeling a warehouse at DPS Headquarters into a new crime lab facility.

Married recruits close together but apart

By Linda Heasty

It was a voluntary separation—but not because they didn't get along. After three years of marriage, Amanda and Paul were separated from each other for 26 weeks. They dropped letters in the mailbox to keep each other up-to-date with their daily lives. A week would go by with very little communication. But Amanda and Paul were not separated by miles, they were separated by classes—classes at the DPS Training Academy.

Amanda and Paul Kenrick both are in the process of fulfilling dreams to be DPS troopers. Paul graduated on April 26 and is now stationed in his hometown, Tyler. Amanda will graduate from the Academy on Aug. 16.

"His dream has always been to be a trooper," Amanda said. "He was the one who introduced me to this lifestyle. I never would have considered a career as a trooper had I not met Paul."

The two met at the naval base in Norfolk, Va., where Paul was in the Marine Corps and Amanda was a civilian water safety instructor.

They both decided to apply for the DPS Academy. After three attempts to get into the Academy, Paul was finally accepted to the B-95 class.

"If one of us was accepted and the other wasn't, we would've just kept applying until we both got in," Paul said.

He started school four months before Amanda, and she still has one month left before graduating from the A-96 class.

"During the first four months when he was here in Austin by himself, I just couldn't relate to how tired he was," Amanda said.

Going through the schools together has made a difference in their careers and their relationship because they both understand and respect exactly what the other is going through, said both Paul and Amanda.

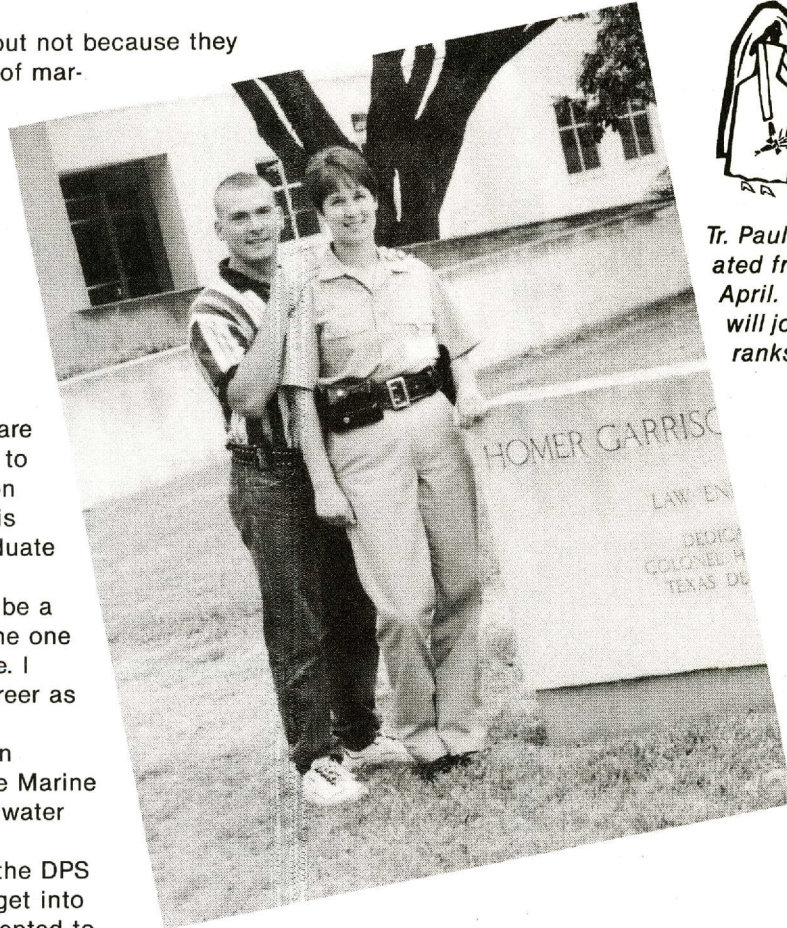
"I feel like I can support him better now that I have experienced what he has," Amanda said.

But going through the Academy together was not always easy. They had personal business to attend to at their home in Tyler, and both were in Austin five days a week. They spent their weekends at home paying bills, doing laundry and preparing for the upcoming week.

Fortunately, they had a support system helping them with the combination of a personal life and round-the-clock education and training. Friends in Tyler took care of the business that was difficult to handle from Austin.

"We would go home with a friend from the Academy and his wife would help with the laundry. At the end of the weekend, she would have all of our clothes clean and ready to come back to Austin," Paul said.

During the week, the strict schedules kept them from spend-



Tr. Paul Kenrick (left) graduated from recruit school in April. His wife, Amanda, will join him in the trooper ranks in August.

ing time with each other. The two classes often intermingled during the scheduled 10 minute breaks so Paul and Amanda would have a chance to talk. But many times, because one class would finish early or the other was late, they would just miss each other.

"We would eat together, but because we can't talk at meals, we developed our own sign language," Paul said. "We communicated through letters that we left in each other's mailboxes telling about our day. We would pass each other on the way to a class and just acknowledge each other because that was all we could really do."

Paul began his service with the Highway Patrol in May and is waiting to hear if Amanda will be stationed in Tyler with him.

Lt. Mark Sassman, recruit school coordinator, said the recruits are given a choice of three regions and districts in which to be stationed.

"Married couples, people with children or special family needs are looked at first when we station the recruits after graduation," Sassman said. "But it is the captains in each region that make the final decision."

With about one month left before graduation, Amanda is trying not to worry about where her station will be, but focusing on the final weeks of training.

"Although I would love to be Highway Patrol, it doesn't matter what service I'm in as long as I'm close to Paul," she said.

Linda Heasty is the PIO Intern and a University of Texas student.

Narcotics Seizures

Marijuana

02-07-96	240 lbs.	Ellis
02-07-96	765.8 lbs.	Hidalgo
02-09-96	200 lbs.	Midland
02-10-96	713 lbs.	Sutton
02-13-96	2,637 lbs.	Starr
02-15-96	910.3 lbs.	Starr
02-16-96	392 lbs.	Medina
02-20-96	2,502 lbs.	Starr
02-20-96	200 lbs.	Brooks
02-23-96	216.23 lbs.	Oldham
02-26-96	193 lbs.	Jefferson
02-28-96	513.69 lbs.	Oldham
02-29-96	204 lbs.	Franklin
03-06-96	307 lbs.	Fayette
03-12-96	200 lbs.	Starr
03-13-96	1,288 lbs.	Bastrop
03-20-96	992 lbs.	Cameron
03-22-96	1,977 lbs.	Hidalgo
03-23-96	687.5 lbs.	Starr
03-25-96	1,809.5 lbs.	Cameron
03-26-96	238 lbs.	Hidalgo
03-27-96	322.56 lbs.	Oldham
04-02-96	312 lbs.	Starr
04-03-96	202 lbs.	El Paso
04-09-96	1,120.6 lbs.	Cameron
04-09-96	200 lbs.	Jim Wells
04-14-96	235 lbs.	Starr
04-15-96	250 lbs.	Denton
04-15-96	3,364 lbs.	Hidalgo
04-16-96	374.34 lbs.	Hudspeth
04-17-96	202 lbs.	Dallas
04-17-96	207 lbs.	Jackson
04-18-96	221 lbs.	Hidalgo

04-21-96	296 lbs.	San Patricio
04-22-96	942 lbs.	Starr
04-24-96	536 lbs.	Starr
04-24-96	203 lbs.	Cameron
04-26-96	1,148 lbs.	El Paso
04-29-96	709 lbs.	San Patricio
05-02-96	243 lbs.	Cameron
05-07-96	391 lbs.	Hidalgo
05-09-96	1,768 lbs.	Orange

Cocaine

02-07-96	1 kg.	Harris
02-08-96	2 kg.	Harris
02-09-96	3,054 kg.	Wheeler
02-11-96	2 kg.	Oldham
02-14-96	3 kg.	Harris
02-17-96	440 lbs.	Potter
03-11-96	2 kg.	Dallas
03-13-96	4.4 kg.	Webb
03-16-96	1 kg.	Hidalgo
03-27-96	4 kg.	Harris
03-27-96	3 kg.	Hodkins
04-10-96	3 lbs.	Panola
04-21-96	7 lbs.	Victoria
04-25-96	1 kg.	Harris
05-05-96	24 kg.	Jackson
05-07-96	742.4 lbs.	Hidalgo
05-08-96	1 kg.	Panola
05-10-96	4.5 lbs.	Hidalgo

Currency

02-07-96	\$12,421	Starr
02-06-96	\$55,970	Jim Wells
02-07-96	\$27,000	Cameron
02-07-96	\$16,326	Chambers

02-08-96	\$19,315	Maverick
02-10-96	\$43,230	Morris
02-12-96	\$10,800	Kennedy
02-14-96	\$11,838	Gaines
02-15-96	\$15,000	Jim Wells
02-16-96	\$19,784	Shelby
02-21-96	\$26,775	Morris
02-22-96	\$345,830	Hopkins
03-02-96	\$16,050	San Patricio
03-04-96	\$26,500	Jim Wells
03-05-96	\$14,500	San Patricio
03-09-96	\$55,150	Victoria
03-20-96	\$18,992	Jackson
03-21-96	\$105,500	Gaines
03-28-96	\$9,698	Smith
04-02-96	\$5,000	Victoria
04-02-96	\$5,068	Cameron
04-03-96	\$5,900	Leon
04-13-96	\$9,741	Wise
04-14-96	\$11,202	Wise
04-25-96	\$35,459	Randall
04-28-96	\$10,050	Kimble
04-29-96	\$10,683	Eastland
04-29-96	\$27,500	Jim Wells
05-01-96	\$10,480	McClennan
05-08-96	\$31,087	Chambers
05-10-96	\$38,580	Ellis

Misc.

03-03-96	22,078 dosage units PCP	Oldham
03-04-96	4.5 g. Heroin	Kerr
03-11-96	5.8 lbs. Methamphetamine	Dallas
03-14-96	109,340 dosage units Madrax	Fayette
04-02-96	2,260 g. Methamphetamine	Potter

Auto emissions test to be required in four counties

Emissions testing became a reality July 1 in Dallas and Tarrant County and will be required in Harris and El Paso counties beginning Jan. 1.

All gasoline-powered automobiles 2 through 24 years old that are registered or inspected in the affected areas will undergo emissions tests during annual vehicle safety inspections.

DPS has worked with other agencies to develop the Texas Motorist's Choice Program, a vehicle emissions testing program designed to provide Texans with the flexibility to choose convenient vehicle emissions testing facilities at the lowest possible cost. This new program is overseen by the DPS Vehicle Inspection Records section.

The program's goal is to provide cleaner air for Texas citizens and reduce pollution where smog levels exceed federal health standards. The Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 call on businesses, industries and private citizens to make pollution reductions. Vehicle emissions inspections are one way to help reduce pollution and improve air quality in Texas.

"The program is an enhancement of the current tailpipe emissions test that motorists receive during annual vehicle safety inspections in Dallas, Tarrant and El Paso counties. As a continued convenience, emissions testing will be available at most facilities that provide the annual vehicle safety inspection service," said DPS Inspector Capt. Ricky Smith. "We estimate that more than 1,800 businesses will offer emissions

testing, which should ensure convenience for the public. Signs will be posted at those inspection stations certified to do vehicle emissions testing."

Under the Texas Motorist's Choice Program, gasoline-powered vehicles 24 years old or newer and registered or inspected in Dallas, Tarrant, Harris and El Paso counties must be emissions tested. New vehicles must be tested two years after their initial inspection. Vehicles less than 2 years old, motorcycles, antique vehicles, circus vehicles and slow moving vehicles are not required to be tested.

The total annual vehicle safety inspection fee will be \$23.50, which includes the standard safety inspection fee of \$10.50 and \$13 for the emissions test. Vehicles that fail the emissions test must be repaired or adjusted and pass a retest before they can receive Texas inspection stickers. Many vehicles that fail require only minor repairs, such as tune-ups or oil changes.

Vehicles will be tested with TXBAR 96 gas analyzers (upgraded BAR 90 technology). The TXBAR 96 is a tailpipe emissions test in which a probe is placed in the tailpipe to check hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide levels in a vehicle's exhaust.

Beginning in 1997, pending final equipment specifications, Texas motorists may have the option of choosing a biennial vehicle emissions test. This test will involve using an analyzer and dynamometer/treadmill to perform the emissions inspection.



Fugitive Apprehension Unit tracks down

By Mike Cox

Whatever plans the ex-con from Oklahoma may have had that Friday suddenly changed when he found himself looking down the barrel of Lt. Will Crais' .45.

"State Police! Get down!" Crais yelled as Sgts. Sofia Ballesteros and Cleo May moved in to handcuff the startled fugitive. Sgt. Dwayne Goll stood by in the distance, just in case.

But there was no trouble. The convicted felon, as Goll put it, "knew what's up." The man quickly hit the pavement and offered no resistance. Knowing well the standard procedure for a felony arrest, he did not seem offended at having a semi-automatic pointed at him.

Wanted for a felony probation violation by authorities in Oklahoma, the DPS Fugitive Apprehension Unit found him May 17.

"I guess I'm going back to Oklahoma," he told the manager of the Northeast Austin apartment complex where he'd been employed as a maintenance worker.

A joint effort of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the DPS, the Fugitive Apprehension Unit was created in February 1993. Under the supervision of Lt. Crais, the unit is made up of three sergeants, four crime analysts and three clerks.

Working with the Texas Crime Stoppers program and local law enforcement agencies across the state, this 11-person unit tracks down and arrests violent Texas parolees wanted for parole violations. Roughly 13,000 Texans fit this category, with 2,000 considered particularly violent and dangerous. Some 250 of these are high on the priority list, and the 10 considered the most dangerous are featured on most wanted posters.

Though some of the fugitives the unit arrests are wanted by other states, most of those being sought are named on a piece of paper that both the hunters and the hunted know as a "blue warrant," an arrest warrant summoning that person to a parole revocation hearing in Texas.

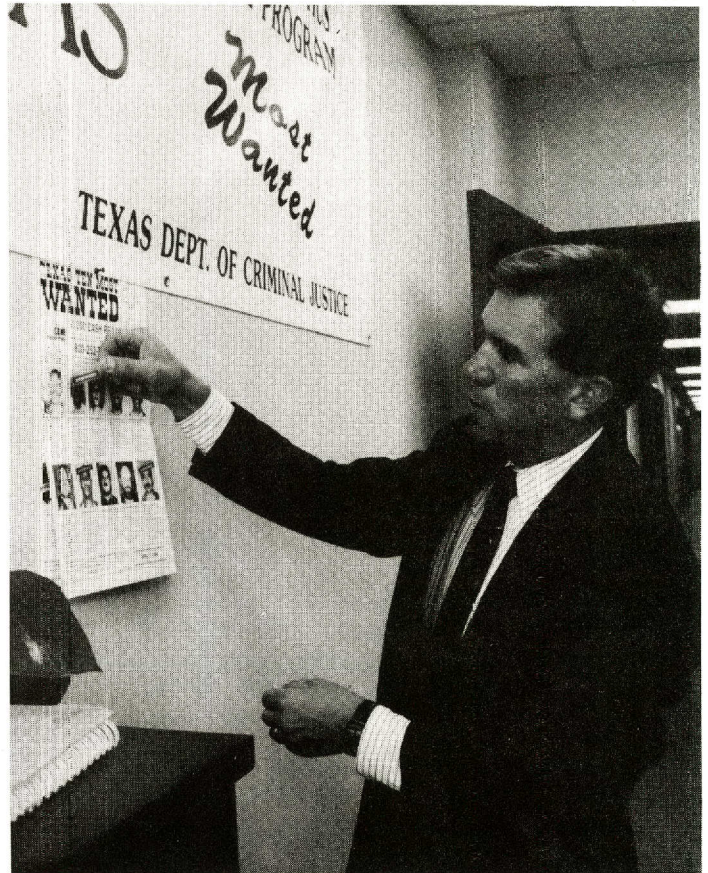
With so many wanted offenders, and only four officers on their trail full time, the unit has to prioritize. Their top priority is to arrest felons on the state's 10 most wanted list. So far, of 70 criminals bad enough to make this list, the fugitive unit has arrested 63.

For the first four months of 1996, the unit had arrested or located 123 fugitives. Sometimes the wanted parolees are found to be dead or back in jail for some other crime. In 1995, the unit located 239 fugitives.

In addition to the arrests made by the unit, the analysts prepare information packets on wanted felons which are distributed to the 48 Texas Narcotics Control Program task forces across the state. In addition to conducting drug investigations, officers in these units help out in the search for wanted parolees.

Goll, a relatively new member of the unit, already has formed some conclusions about wanted parole violators:

- They are experienced crooks who know they are being looked for. Surveillance has to be done carefully. Fugitives constantly are looking over their shoulders, and, in the vernacular of the street, officers are easily "knocked off" (recognized as police officers.)
- The fugitive unit doesn't get involved in many high speed



Lt. Will Crais, commander of the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, strikes another apprehended felon off a most-wanted poster that hangs on his office wall.

car chases, contrary to the Hollywood image. "A lot of them (parole violators) will quit driving, since they know that the way they are most likely to come into contact with an officer is through a routine traffic stop," Goll said.

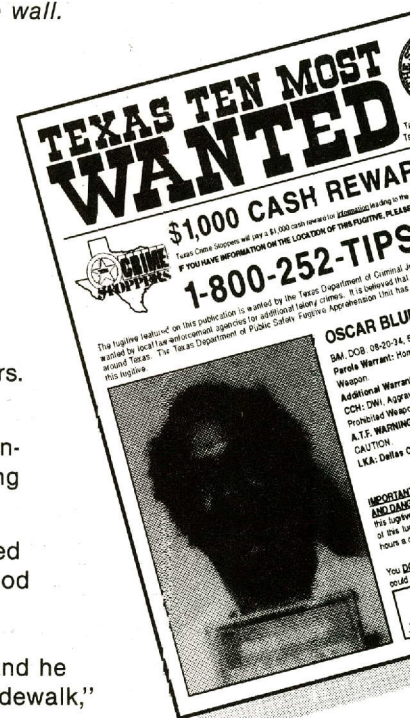
- Most of the fugitives tend to be dopers, or alcohol abusers.
- Goll has not arrested a fugitive yet who would be a candidate for a Good Housekeeping award.

The sergeant also has learned that while fugitives are very good at spotting cops, they are not infallible.

"I was looking for one guy and he walked right past me on the sidewalk," Goll said.

"Morning," the fugitive said pleasantly.

"Morning, how ya doin'?" Goll replied just as nicely.



Good Job!

• In 776 B.C., a Greek runner trotted into Olympia with a sacred torch to begin the first Olympic Games. Today, that tradition continues, only with more people who probably wear more clothes.

Nine DPS troopers joined a convoy of more than 90 people May 19 through 22 to escort the Olympic flame on its meandering path through North and East Texas on its way from Los Angeles to Atlanta for the 1996 summer games. In all, the flame was on the road for nearly three months.

The entourage included 30 Georgia State Troopers driving BMW cars and motorcycles painted with their agency's colors. (BMW is an Olympic sponsor and will donate the vehicles to the Georgia Highway Patrol after the games.) Other flame followers included Olympic Games Committee officials and runners. The "mother flame" rode in one of two

motor homes and was used to light the torches, said **Sgt. Keith Barbier**.

The flame was carried by runners in metropolitan areas, motorcycles on rural highways, by train from Oklahoma to Fort Worth and via biplane from Waco to Bryan before crossing border into Louisiana at Orange.

Five DPSers were among the more than 100 people who ran with the flame in Texas. Those who carried the torch were Barbier, **Cpl. David Box**, **Tr. Mike McClain**, **Tr. Floyd Goodwin**, **Tr. John Sampa** and **Tr. Anthony Colter**. Also escorting the flame were **Tr. Tony McLemore**, **Cpl. James Baird** and **Cpl. Donald Adams**.

• The **Motorcycle Safety Bureau's** media efforts are winning awards faster than you can say, "Put that helmet on!" The bureau has won honors so far this

year for three programs:

—A 10-minute video produced as a part of the SuperCyclist bicycle safety program won the prestigious National Educational Media Network's Silver Apple Award. The video competed along with about 1,400 other entries in this rigorous competition, said ATV/Bicycle Safety Coordinator, **Theresa Gross**. Nancy Schiesari, a professor in the University of Texas' Radio/Television/Film Department, directed the video. The video, along with training curriculum, should be available for use after administrative rules are finalized this summer, Gross said.

—A series of colorful posters that also compliment the SuperCyclist program won an award in Region II of the Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) Com-

petition sponsored by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). This campaign was judged to be the best marketing campaign using internal resources. The DPS Graphic Arts section created four posters that emphasize bicycle safety laws and inspections, making safe bicycling choices and wearing helmets.

—The CycleVision campaign, featuring videos and posters of blues guitarist Jimmy Vaughan, won the Region II PACE award for the best marketing campaign using a public relations agency or advertising firm. The campaign's goal was to increase motorists' awareness of motorcyclists sharing the roadways.

The AAMVA's Region II includes all Southeastern states from Virginia to Texas. DPS Motorcycle Safety Bureau will be recognized during a conference July 21-24 in New Orleans. Also, the two campaigns will be entered in the AAMVA's international awards program, with winners to be honored Aug. 25-28 in Indianapolis.

• Chief of Administration Frankie Waller commended Driver Licensing and Control and Data Processing in May for exceeding goals set for the **Digital Driver License** program. The intent was to reduce turnaround time for driver license

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What songs do you typically play at funerals?

Some of the classics are Amazing Grace—that's probably the most recognizable—Dark Island and the Morag of Dunvagan. A popular one for funerals in Scotland is Flowers of the Forrest.

What do you wear when you play with the honor guard?

It was Col. Wilson's idea to make the bagpiper's uniform look authentic. The kilt matches the honor guard shirt. We sent a shirt to a man in Oklahoma who deals in tartan plaids so that he could match the fabric to all the colors in the honor guard patch. There are several thousand tartan plaids in Scotland, but they had a really hard time matching the Texas Tan. The only plaid that matched was the Royal Stewart, and it's probably the most famous one of all. It is considered an international plaid.

I wear the brogues, or just black wing-tipped dress shoes, and the stocking with the flashes or ribbons on the sides. You wear a dagger in one stocking—that's traditional—and the sporran, or my "purse" as the other troopers call it. It hangs in front. Being a trooper, I carry a pocket knife, a can of snuff, car keys, and a handkerchief in mine. Kilts don't have pockets—that's something we invented for our pants.

What do the other troopers have to say about your bagpiper uniform?

Somebody always has to ask what I'm wearing under my kilt.

What do you do in your spare time?

My wife, Linda, and I raise our children, Cody and Kristy. They are 5-year-old twins. I have another daughter who's 12. We spend the vast majority of our time with them enjoying life as a family.

Tr. Scales was interviewed by DPS Public Information Officer Sherri Deatherage Green.



☑ DPS troopers will be spending many hours this summer targeting roads leading to and from Texas' lakes. This special effort is part of a boating safety enforcement project led by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. TPWD is using revenue from increased boat registration and titling fees to increase game warden patrols on lakes and to fund a statewide media campaign called **"Don't be a Pain in the Boat."** A chief focus of this effort will be to publicize the dangers of boating while intoxicated. DPS officials, including Public Safety Commission Chairman James B. Francis, participated in press conferences May 23 at Lake Travis and May 24 at Lake Lewisville to launch the program. Game wardens, troopers and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission officers will target activities on and around more than two dozen lakes throughout the summer. TPWD reported 174 boating accidents and 66 fatalities during the 1995 fiscal year.



☑ The Texas Department of Public Safety Officers' Association in May donated \$10,000 worth of **new weight room equipment** to the DPS Training Academy. The seven machines manufactured by Badger Magnum can help exercise your legs, arms and stomach as well as other muscles, said Staff Sgt. Bobby Gideon. Training is further updating the weight room with new benches and hopes to budget for a new floor and air conditioning system in the gym, Gideon said. DPS recruits participate in a weight training program, and the facilities are open to all DPS employees when classes aren't in session. Gideon estimated that 100 to 150 employees, apart from recruits, use the gym and



weight room each day. He encourages those who have questions or who haven't used such equipment before to contact the Training staff for more information.

☑ Information on the **Concealed Handgun Licensing Program** is now available via computer. Mike Lesko in Crime Records coordinated creation of a Web page through the State Library's server. Information available on-line includes the CHL law, rules, statistics, demographics, lists of certified instructors and ranges and an extensive list of questions and answers about the program.

The Internet address is:
<http://link.tsl.state.tx.us/tx/DPS/index.htm>.

☑ The Texas Department of Transportation has posted the DPS' emergency assistance number, **1-800-525-5555**, at highway rest areas all over the state. The number is included on signs with other emergency numbers that are positioned within 50 feet of telephones. TxDOT posted signs in 48 rest areas in time for the May vacation season. In addition to calling the 1-800 number for emergency roadside assistance, DPS encourages motorists to report erratic drivers.

☑ Fleet Services reminds drivers of **fleet vehicles** to keep their feet off the gas pedals when starting up. Since all DPS cars are fuel-injected, the gas pedal should NOT be pumped when starting the engine.

"Pumping the gas pedal of a car with fuel injectors can cause fuel to build up in the area of the air cleaner and can cause an explosion," Shirley Young, Fleet Services clerk said. "Virtually every car built since 1984 has fuel injectors rather than a carburetor, and all DPS fleet vehicles do," she said, "so start them with your foot OFF the gas pedal." This includes both gasoline and alternate fuel vehicles.

A few incidences of engine damage have been reported to Fleet Services because of DPSers who are used to driving older vehicles or whose foot seems "trained" to automatically pump the pedal.

"Fortunately, we've not had any engine fires because of fuel build-up, but we have had cars damaged," said Lonnie Harms, Fleet program administrator.

"But fire's a possibility so it's important to know how to start the car properly."

☑ The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is seeking bids on a system that will provide up-to-the minute information to crime victims about their assailants' status. The automated system will make the TDCJ's **inmate database** available to citizens 24 hours a day and notify domestic violence or stalking victims by telephone when their assailants are released from jail or prison. The system should help implement a crime victim notification law passed by the Legislature in 1995, according to a press release from the Governor's office. Gov. George W. Bush and TDCJ announced plans for the new system April 23 during Texas Crime Victim's Awareness Week.



☑ The annual commercial vehicle safety program, Roadcheck 96, will be expanded to a week this year and renamed **International Highway Transportation Safety Week**. Aug. 4 - 10, DPS will participate with other U.S. and Canadian agencies and trade organizations to focus on safety awareness and increase roadside inspections of commercial vehicles.

☑ Summer's heat is here—wait, didn't it start in April? When you're planning your outdoor activities this summer, don't forget to **take care of your skin**. Sun worshiping has taken its toll on Americans in recent decades. The risk of developing melanoma has increased from 1 in 1,500 in 1935 to 1 in 87 in 1996. You can lower your risk by decreasing your exposure to the sun. The American Academy of Dermatology says we all should:



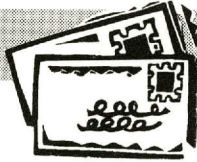
—Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Stay in the shade whenever possible.



—Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or greater. Make sure it shields both UVA and UVB rays. Use a waterproof brand if

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point out this inconsistency. The Paisano staff officially takes its lumps. At least we know you are paying attention.

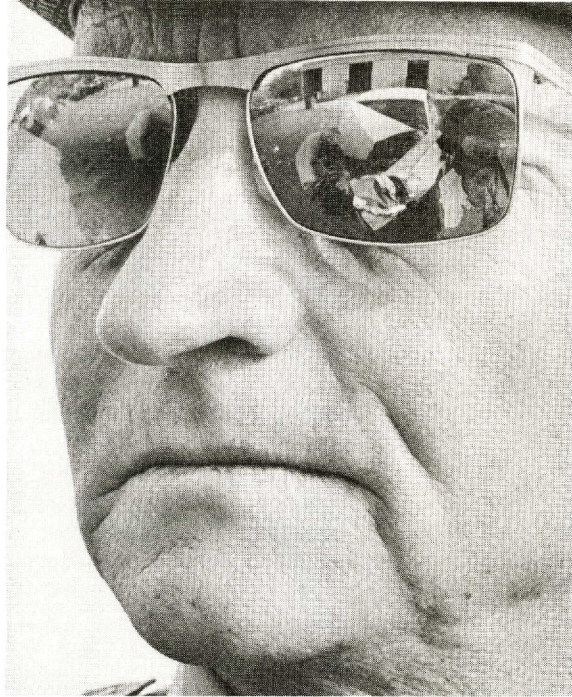
Brady, Texas
April 26, 1996

The man in the picture was James Arthur Sikes. I knew him for 40 years. He was a Highway Patrolman and a Texas Ranger twice. He retired from DPS about 1980 in San Angelo. His wife and some children still live there. He died this past winter.

Sincerely,

Shadrick N. Bryson
THP Retired

Editor's Note: About 70 percent of those who responded via phone, mail and teletype agreed with Mr. Bryson that our mystery man from the last issue was Arthur Sikes, although the initial reports seemed to favor Frank Perkins. Perkins didn't seem to think it was either he or Sikes. But Edna Sedeno, librarian at the San Angelo Standard-Times, faxed us some file photos of Sikes in his earlier days that bear a striking resemblance. Sikes served DPS from September 1951 through December 1980 and later remained active as a sheriff's deputy in Tom Green County. He died Dec. 31, 1995.



Charitable campaign

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employees can see for themselves just how their peers benefit, they will appreciate the value of this campaign."

As former Disaster Recovery Manager for the Emergency Management Service, Laundy has seen the valuable work of the many service groups that respond to disasters. He knows from his work with schools in Bastrop the many programs available to assist young people and families.

"These organizations do a lot of good work and depend upon donations to ensure that work continues," he said. "I invite anyone in DPS who has seen this as well to share their stories with me."

Laundy encourages DPS employees to share their stories with one another. He hopes to build a better awareness that the check they write or the payroll deduction they authorize has a real impact upon other people.

Employees who wish to share their stories may contact Laundy at the Emergency Management Training Section, 512-424-2196.

Interlaken, New York

To Whom it May Concern,

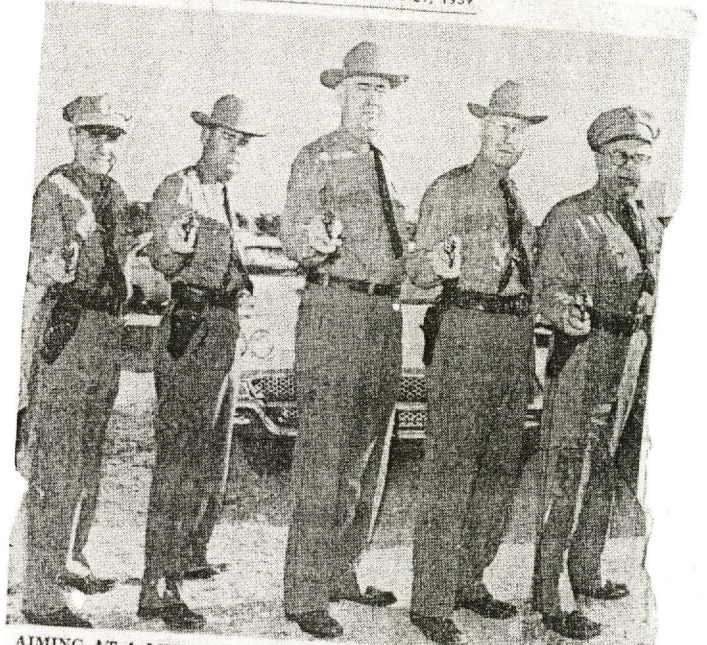
Enclosed are some photos of some fine Gentlemen. I have had the pleasure of knowing all of them. We lived in Midland, Texas, from 1955-1960. Capt. [R.M.] Hammett lived at 4418 Leddy Drive and Maj. [Wilson] Speir lived at 4414 Leddy Drive. We lived between them at 4416 Leddy Drive. They were not only very good officers, but very fine gentlemen. I was taking a truck to California in the late 70's for the company I drove for and had the pleasure to meet two very nice Patrolmen. If I remember right I believe I was going over the speed limit. I was telling them that I used to know Capt. Hammett and Maj. Speir when I lived in Midland. They told me Speir was their COLONEL at the time. They were gentlemen and said if you know Speir get going—have a good trip. But please slow down.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth and Leola Lincoln

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6—THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM, THURS., JAN. 29, 1959



AIMING AT A LITTLE PRACTICE.—Five captains in the Department of Public Safety, four of them stationed at the Midland regional headquarters, get in a little pistol practice as they participated in pistol matches Tuesday afternoon after a regional staff conference here. Pointing their guns at the cameraman are, left to right, Capt. Ray B. Buttle Jr., Capt. C. W. Bell, Capt. J. B. Hart, Capt. R. M. Hammett, all of Midland and Capt. G. L. Morehan of Abilene.

Good Job!

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mailing to 10 days. As of May 16, licenses were being mailed nine days after citizens appeared at local driver license offices. Waller called this effort "a remarkable accomplishment in the history of government. You were on schedule, within budget and created an excellent product."



• **Gerald Dickinson** of Fleet Operations came up with a new high-speed programming process for radios that saved the Department \$9,800 and won him a State Employee Incentive Program award. Dickinson submitted his suggestion to the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission last year, and he should eventually receive a bonus of 10 percent of what the idea saves the Department in one year. If you have a money-saving idea, contact Sybil Simpson at 424-5756.



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you will be sweating or swimming and a gentle formula for your face and for children. Remember, more expensive brands aren't necessarily more effective.

—Reapply sunscreen every two hours, especially if you are swimming or exercising.

—Wear tightly woven, protective clothing. Dark colors are better.

—Wear a hat with a four-inch brim and sunglasses with UV protective lenses.

—Avoid reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.

—Sun exposure can be particularly damaging to children. One to two blistering burns can increase a child's risk for cancer later in life. Babies under



six months old shouldn't spend much time in the sun and should be well covered when they do.

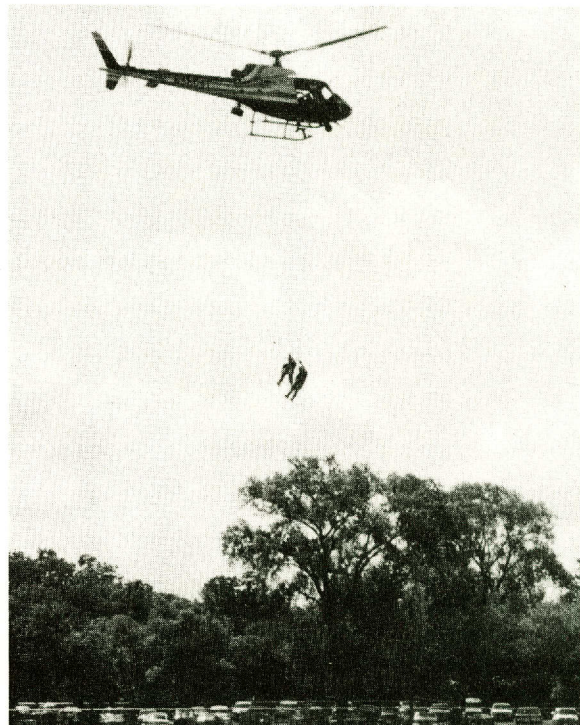
☑ A survey conducted for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration revealed a trend toward lapses in **seat belt use** by American drivers. About 75 percent of drivers surveyed considered themselves full-time seat belt users, although 8 percent of that group admitted failure to use seat belts sometime during the previous week. The study also showed that about 90 percent of parents use child safety seats at least until their children reach age 2, but many misunderstand how to properly use child restraints.

☑ Most **hit-and-run accidents** happen in urban areas, on weekends, at night and in areas of the United States other than the South, according to a study by Harvard School of Public Health. The study's authors guess alcohol may be involved in many of the accidents. Police ultimately identify about 49 percent of hit-and-run motorists and are more likely to do so if the victim is a woman or a child or if the accident happens during the day, the study found.

They came out of the sky...



Members of the DPS SWAT team practice rappelling techniques from a helicopter at Headquarters June 6.



History: Retired Ranger chronicles life in the Oil Patch

The human elements of history sometimes become lost with the passing of those to whom the events were fond memories and not just cold facts, names and dates.

DPS is lucky enough to have among its ranks of retired employees a few who have committed their memories to paper, enlivening the agency's history with stories of its early days.

One such retiree is former Ranger Capt. John M. Wood who retired in 1978 and lives in San Antonio with his wife, Jewel. Wood penned *Texas Ranger in the Oil Patch*, a collection of reminiscences available at the Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco, the Trail Drivers Museum in San Antonio and some book stores. Copies also are available from Woodburner Press, P.O. Box 2917, Austin, TX 78764.

During his 18 years in the West Texas oil patch, Wood did more than just rack up records in the number of oilfield cases closed and the dollar value of oilfield equipment recovered. He also

stored scores of stories about colorful and funny characters he encountered in the Patch.

As a Ranger, Wood often assisted other law enforcement officers.

In "A Man Called Tug," Wood recalls an evening when Midland County Deputy Sheriff F.S. "Buck" Buckaloo called to say he was on his way to pick Wood up. The two were good friends. They called on each other whenever they needed help. This time, someone had reported what looked like a fire near some crude oil storage tanks.

This is how Wood tells the story:

"When we got close to the fire-builder we saw that he was wide as a barn door and he had a tattered blanket draped over his shoulders. We wondered at the time if maybe there was two or three people under that blanket.

"I told the suspect to get up, but he didn't move so I got hold of one of his arms and Buck got the other. That was a bad mistake on both of our parts. We

thought that the oil storage tank had exploded. Something sure did.

"That fellow come up like a busted clock spring and he slung Buck against the storage tank and then me. I can still see stars when I think about that night.

"Anyhow, the suspect got hold of my necktie. That's exactly why we always wore clip-on ties. I was sure glad it was a clip-on or he would have broke my neck or strangled me."

Together, the Ranger and deputy were able to subdue the suspect and handcuff him, but not before Wood had half of a mesquite in his mouth, or what seemed like it.

The story has a happy ending. The suspect went straight and became a tug boat captain on the coast. He sent Wood a postcard.

(If you or any other DPSeer you know has written a book, send an excerpt to the Public Information Office for possible inclusion in a future issue of Paisano.)

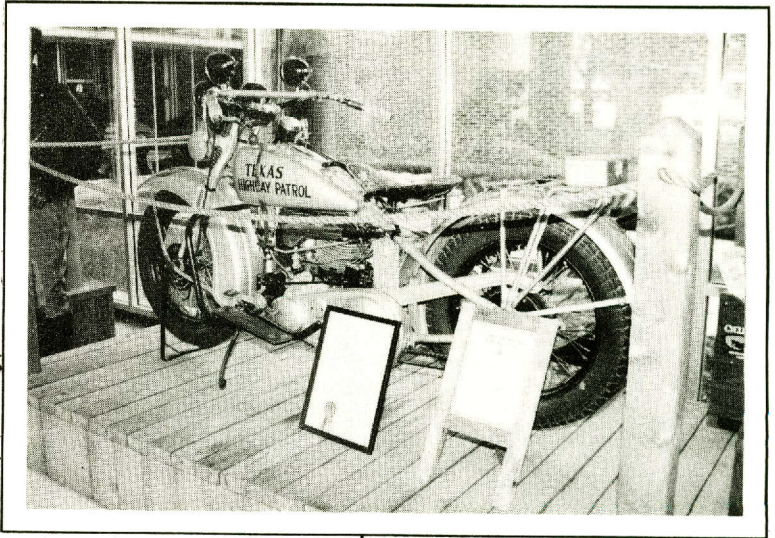
Do you know this car?

Since we had so much trouble identifying car model years last time around, we picked an unidentified photo for this issue in which the year is obvious. The license plate says 1939, but we are a little puzzled as to where U.S. Highway 290 and State Highway 29 might have been close enough together to share a road sign. Does anyone remember the circumstances or the people involved? Please contact PIO if you have the answers.



Looking in the Rearview Mirror

Sherrí Deatherage Green recently discovered this "order" from the late Col. Homer Garrison while organizing some photo files in PIO. The subject of this order can still be seen the lobby of the DPS Training Academy.



STATE OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AUSTIN

JANUARY 10, 1941

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 4.

Confirming verbal orders effective 8:00 A.M., January 10, 1941, Texas Highway Patrol Motorcycle #40 is retired with full pay and highest honors in recognition of eleven years of faithful service. As is the custom with the United States Army in relieving aged and toil-worn mules from active duty, Motorcycle #40 is hereby relegated to the green pastures of the southeast corner of the Texas Highway Patrol Chief's office, there to rest upon his rack, polished and preening, a source of fond recollection to all the uniformed members of this Department and an object to arouse the curiosity and elicit praiseworthy remarks for a job well done from all who visit the place of his sanctuary.

#40 reported for duty at 8:00 A.M. on the raw morning of January 10, 1930, which saw the first contingent of still rawer rookies launched upon the training period which made them the first Texas Highway Patrolmen.

As a member of the faculty, #40 had the duty of familiarizing the rookies with the sometimes not too gentle art of manipulating a motorcycle. Each and every Highway Patrolman, past or present, received his initial instruction astride #40's back.

If a rookie was frightened, #40 did his best to calm him. If the rookie failed to show proper regard for the law of balance, and as a result threw #40 and himself violently against the ground, it mattered not. #40 just kept on grinning—patient, tolerant, long-suffering, ever-ready. His handlebars were bent, his lights broken, his fenders crumpled and his tanks dented. Thereafter, when about to go into action, #40 stripped down as much as was consistent with decency and effective operation. He neither complained at the hard knocks nor objected to the most strenuous work assigned to him, and truly his was a most strenuous assignment.

In spite of his fine spirit and friendliness, #40 was sometimes hard to get acquainted with. On occasions too many to enumerate, #40 by roar of motor and screech of tires announced that another rookie had entered into the portals of the "Catterpillar Club." In time, however, every Patrolman came to know him well and to regard him with a deep feeling of fraternity—though it is suspected that some of them still would prefer not to be too closely associated in action either with #40 or any of his ilk.

Truly, #40 is a true and faithful friend for whom we all have the deepest respect, and I know that every one of his proteges will join me in wishing him a healthy, happy and long retirement.

HOMER GARRISON, JR.,
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