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To THE EDITOR & YOU
Courtesy expected from law enforcement

To the Editor:

I was very disturbed to discover that even among our police officers are discriminators. Something happened on Thanksgiving Day, of all days for a person to act the way this officer acted.

There was a Hispanic man feeling very ill Thanksgiving Day. He had to go to the hospital emergency room, walking, due to a very bad earache. From the hospital he was sent to the drug store by a hospital staff person to pick up his prescribed medication,

which was to be called in for him; again, walking.

He waited for Mr. Balas to come fill his prescription at about 2 p.m. As he was waiting an officer came by and asked him where he was coming from; why he was hanging around the drug store. Not even knowing the real reason, the officer told him to leave and that if he saw him hanging around there again, he'd have to take him in, knowing he can't do that.

Even after the man explained to the officer why he was there, the officer was still rude.

What's happening to our law enforcement? Not everyone's a criminal. I thought I only saw this kind of stuff on TV, not in our little city.

The officer didn't even know that this supposed Hispanic male is working on a project for the city of Eagle Lake. No respect whatsoever.

The only reason I won't give my name is because I'm Hispanic too and I just might get the same treatment.

Just like this officer likes to express his opinions alot, then I have this right, too.

Thank you;
Friend of Hispanic male
(Name withheld at writer's request)

Bush planning, ready for governorship

On Thanksgiving eve, Republican Governor-elect George W. Bush said he will move swiftly to tort reform, boost trade with Mexico and oppose California-style measures to stop illegal immigration.

In an interview with the *Journal of Commerce*, Bush said he opposed measures like California's Proposition 187 that would deny public services to children of illegal aliens. Instead, he said he would support expanding border enforcement efforts like the one initiated in El Paso.

Describing himself as "a big proponent" of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Bush said Texas' economic and social future depends on having a strong partner in Mexico.

Bush said he is already addressing one of the troublesome issues in Texas-Mexico trade relations: Mexico's \$50-per-crossing limit on goods purchased in U.S. border cities.

"I have talked with our U.S. senators as well as retailers on the U.S. side on the need to make sure trade is free and open, and that rules ought to be consistent on both sides of the border," Bush said.

He said he would discuss the matter with Mexican President-elect Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon when they meet before Bush is inaugurated on Jan. 17. Zedillo will be sworn in Dec. 1.

Tort reform, which was a key part

State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

In Bush's campaign, it is high on his list of priorities. "It will be a front-burner item in this legislative session. I have got people in place," Bush said.

"We're putting our strategy in place to make sure that the tort package is meaningful and strong."

Governor Discounts Rumors
Meanwhile, Gov. Ann Richards was busy last week poo-pooing rumors.

She said she would not consider accepting the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee and that she is not planning to run against Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm when his term expires in 1996.

While helping serve Thanksgiving dinner to about 6,000 homeless people in Austin's city coliseum, Richards told reporters she had no plans to work for President Clinton's administration or embark on an acting career.

Richards, however, did say she has talked about job opportunities that

WCJC Tech Center a step closer to reality

Wharton County Junior College has received a donation of \$50,000 from the Johnson Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The total cost for the LaDieu Center project is now estimated at \$2 million due to price increases since the fund drive began four years ago. \$900,000 is still needed for construction.

Dr. Frank Vivaldo, the new president of WCJC, expressed the college's appreciation to Irving Moore, chairman of the Johnson Foundation board of directors.

Moore, of Wharton, presented two checks in the amount of \$50,000.

The first was designated to help kick off the remaining fund raising needed to build the LaDieu Technology Center.

The second \$50,000 check, Moore

back to native grassland habitat on the refuge with an another 1,100 acres scheduled to be converted in the future.

Along with fire and grazing, the use of mechanical methods diversifies the land manager's arsenal of tools to improve wildlife habitat. This diverse set of management tools breeds a diverse habitat which, in turn, breeds diverse wildlife populations. Next month, we will take a look at yet another wildlife/habitat management tool-water usage techniques.

The use of mechanical methods for wildlife management

By Terry Rossignol, Assistant Refuge Manager

Recently, the use of fire and grazing have been discussed as wildlife/habitat management techniques that can be used to help increase and enhance endangered and other wildlife species' numbers and habitat. A third technique—the use of mechanical methods—can also be used in conjunction with fire and grazing. So what exactly are these mechanical methods being discussed?

Simply put, the use of mechanical methods as a wildlife/habitat management tool is the use of equipment (such as tractors, dozers, and mowers) to accomplish wildlife habitat enhancement projects that otherwise could not be accomplished through other methods. Examples include the use of dozers to remove invading brush and trees on prairie lands, the use of tractors to plant food plots for wildlife, the use of mowers to control vegetation density, or the use of specialized equipment to improve drainage in an area or restore native habitat.

The employment of this kind of wildlife/habitat method often conjures up thoughts of fear and destruction. For example, people associate bulldozers with negative results for wildlife, destroying critical endan-

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Lucio named to finance committee

LI Governor Bob Bullock announced Wednesday, Nov. 9, he was appointing Sen. Eddie Lucio of Brownsville to the Senate Finance Committee.

Bullock said Lucio will replace Sen. Bill Haley of Center who resigned from the committee and did not seek re-election.

"Sen. Lucio will be a forceful advocate for the needs of the Rio Grande Valley and its people," Bullock said. "The Finance Committee shapes state spending and Sen. Lucio will be a key member of that panel."

Lucio, elected to the Senate in 1990, assumed his place on the Finance Committee immediately.

"The people of my district depend on quality state services," Lucio said. "From my position on the Senate Finance Committee, I can work to see that the Valley receives its fair share of state spending."

About Town...

•Aimee Smith, a junior at Rio Grande Valley High School, was named to the honor roll for the second six weeks. Her name was inadvertently left off the list in last week's *Headlight*. We apologize for the omission.

•Gardner Duncan had the pleasure of escorting two friends of his granddaughter's on a tour of the L.V. Duncan Ranch. His young guests were visiting from Australia.

•Amy and Cathy Fearing enjoyed their time off from school last week visiting with their "Nana", Shirley Young, in La Marque.

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Rebound Headaches from Pain Medicines

There are several causes and types of headaches, one of the most common sources of pain resulting in one or more visits to a physician's office. A chronic headache or one that recurs frequently is a diagnostic and therapeutic challenge. In some communities persons with chronic headaches are referred to special headache clinics.

According to a recent article in *Southern Medical Journal*, many patients referred to headache clinics complain of severe headaches, are heavy users of pain relief medicines, are depressed, and report sleep disturbances. The article reports results of an evaluation of 100 men and women who had experienced chronic headaches for an average of 18 years.

Results of the evaluation indicated that migraine and tension headaches occurred most often in this group. The most interesting finding was that over half of the patients studied had a condition referred to as "drug-rebound headache." Drugs were taken for headache on at least 20 days of each month. Medicines taken included barbiturates, tranquilizers, narcotics, and mild analgesics such as acetaminophen. Researchers concluded that drugs themselves often are a major cause of severe and chronic headaches. They indicated that withdrawal of patients from many of these agents requires time.

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