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Four Texas Cities Named Among Safest In Country

AUSTIN — Candidates fired final salvos of commercials and weaved through the state to get in last-minute words with voters the week before election day, Nov. 7. Timing spoils this week's State Capital Highlights because it is mailed the day before election day. Next week's column will include election results.

Austin ranked 5th safest city

In an annual ranking of the 25 safest cities in America, Austin placed fifth among cities with a population of more than 500,000. The ranking, compiled by

Morgan Quitno, is based on FBI crime statistics.

Other high-ranked big cities in Texas include El Paso, third; San Antonio, seventh; and Fort Worth, ninth.

Two cities made the "most dangerous" list: Dallas placed sixth, and Houston, 10th.

Toll roads open in capital area

A certain kind of Texan never wants to come to Austin. Another kind loves the capital city and seizes any opportunity to come. And yet another kind will come here but only if absolutely

necessary. The last two kinds will soon note changes if they ride here on two or more wheels.

New toll roads, started in 2002 as the Central Texas Turnpike Project, have opened to the north and east of the city. These toll roads, State Highways 45 and 130, and a section of Loop 1 (MoPac), are meant to relieve traffic on Interstate Highway 35. The part of IH-35 that goes through Austin is one of the busiest and most dangerous stretches of highway in America.

Until Dec. 31, to encourage use of the system, tolls will not be collected. On Jan. 1, tolls will be collected for drivers paying cash at toll booths. TxTAG users will begin paying half the posted tolls in February. In March they will pay the regular toll of 10 percent less than the cash rate.

Red light cameras to be tested

Another thing visitors might not notice but should know about is that the Austin City Council on Nov. 2 approved a two-month pilot

program to test red-light cameras at intersections around the city.

The goal is to have cameras up and running in February. After the test period, the city will position cameras at more than a dozen intersections around town. Tickets will be sent to the permanent addresses recorded for the plates.

The American Civil Liberties Union has lodged a protest, arguing that such a surveillance system would constitute an invasion of drivers' privacy and a warrantless search.

It also might be a due-process issue if a person ticketed for running a red light could not face a flesh-and-blood accuser in a court of law.

Teachers to receive incentive pay

More than 1,100 Texas schools will share \$95.5 million in Texas Educator Excellence Grants under a program created by the Texas Legislature last spring to give incentive pay to teachers.

Each of the state's 1,119 quali-

fied schools will receive \$40,000 to \$300,000 depending on the size of their student population on their campus.

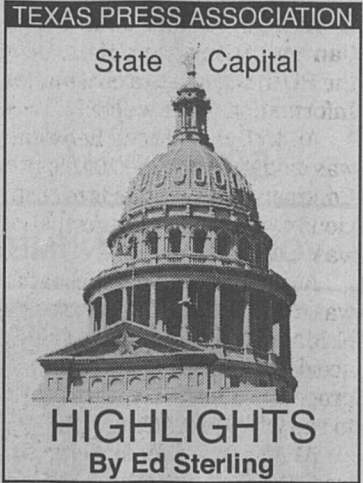
To qualify, schools must have ranked in the top half of the state in the percentage of educationally disadvantaged students for their school type and have been rated exemplary or recognized or ranked in the top quartile performance level for improvement in math and reading.

Court lifts injunction against AG

On Nov. 3, the last day of early voting, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans lifted a lower court injunction that ordered Attorney General Greg Abbott to stop prosecuting people who help elderly and disabled voters cast mail-in ballots.

McKinney named A&M finalist

Mike McKinney, a top executive at the University of Texas Health Science Center, has been named sole finalist for the position



of Texas A&M System chancellor by the Texas A&M Board of Regents. McKinney is a former state representative and former chief of staff to Gov. Rick Perry. Robert McTeer announced his retirement as chancellor in August.

Public can watch border cams

Eight of the state's 15 surveillance cameras along the Mexican border are running. The public is welcome to watch the sites by logging on to the test site, www.texasborderwatch.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY
Heather Kieborz
Nov. 5, 2004-Nov. 5, 2006

If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane,
I would walk right up
to Heaven
To Bring you home again.
No farewell words were spoken.
No time to say good-bye.
You were gone before
we knew it,
And only God knows why.
My heart still aches in sadness
And secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

Love,
Aunt Peggy, Uncle
Bingo, Ashley, E.J.,
Sarah & Racheal

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 11, 1982

Scenes were familiar to hunters and guides as goose hunting got underway...

In an impressive candlelight ceremony Pearl Meitzen was presented with a 10-year KOPS award at the TOPS meeting Nov. 3...

Brenda Rucka received her FFA Sweetheart jacket from Stephen Mahalite, FFA president...

The John Everett Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) of Columbus honored Mary Lynn Kallina with the DAR Good Citizen Award...

Leo W. McCormick, a native of Eagle Lake passed away Nov. 7 in the Brownsville Medical Center. Funeral Services were held Nov. 10...

Becky Benge was named first place winner in the judging of posters that Rice High School and Eagle Lake Middle School students drew to promote the clean up campaign. Second place went to **Leslie Harrison** and **Mary Lynn Kallina** won third...

Honorable mention in the aforementioned contest went to **Brett Ward**, **Karen Schneider** and **Miguel Munoz**...

The children and grandchildren of **Sheriff and Mrs. Jim Broussard** made plans to honor the couple on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary...

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kutzer of Sheridan announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Rena Melissa**, to **Peter Kallina**, son of **Mrs. Buren Kallina** of Garwood and the late **Buren Kallina**. They plan a December 11 wedding at the Sheridan Baptist Church...

Brent and Justin Schneider, sons of **Sandy and Leon Schneider** of Garwood, were the guests of honor at party given by their mother in observance of their birthdays...

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Leon Smith**, father of **Mrs. Tim Luedecke**, who is in a Houston hospital after and injury in a roofing accident...

Good luck to **Mrs. George R. Burke, Jr.** who has been seen about town recently on crutches as the result of a broken ankle. She received the injury while vacationing in Canada.

Jan. 8, 1959

Tom Austin was honored with a steak dinner at **Marvin's** for completing 50 years of service with Lakeside Irrigation Company. Mr. Austin started with Lakeside at the age of 16, then operated by **O.J. Wintermann**. During the supper at Marvin's **D.R. Wintermann** presented him with a beautiful Rolex Oyster wristwatch...

T.P. Dowdy, District Superintendent of the Eagle Lake district of the Shell Oil Company, was guest of honor at a dinner in Houston Jan. 2 on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of employment with the company...

1959 bought freezing weather with a low of 19 degrees...

Sammie Meitzen, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meitzen, Jr.**, was honored with party on his sixth birthday Monday, Jan. 5...

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Black of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Judith Nan**, to **Clayton Ten Napel**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ten Napel** of Houston. The wedding will be

held at the home of her parents on Jan. 25...

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Newsom are the proud parents of the first new year baby at Laughlin Hospital. **Debra Lynn** made her arrival on Monday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m....

Eagle Lake High School cagers won their district opener

Tuesday night when they defeated Sealy Tigers 32 to 30 in overtime. The girls also brought home a victory when they defeated Garwood 19 to 17. The boys go to Sheridan for a tournament this weekend and Tuesday the girls play the Pearland Oilers.

Tips For Sending Military Food Gifts

The holiday season is almost here and many families will be sending food gifts to the U.S. Military overseas. There are important things to remember when purchasing and packaging these gifts, says Sally Garrett, County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences. Families want to choose gifts that are non-perishable and to use items that are packed in non-breakable containers. Also, items that are only addressed to "Any Serviceman" will not be deliverable. A name and address must be placed on the package.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Meat & Poultry Hotline of the United States Department of Agriculture states there are other important considerations in sending food gifts and the following are some of their recommendations:

Don't send high-moisture baked goods, such as pumpkin bread because these items are susceptible to molds. Dense and dry baked goods such as fruit cakes and biscotti are good choices to mail.

Fragile foods won't make the trip intact and products containing chocolate, i.e. chocolate chip cookies, could melt in high temperatures.

Dried beef or poultry are safe to mail. Moisture has been removed from these products, so bacteria does not grow on them.

Mail light and safe products such as dehydrated soups and drink mixes.

For spice lovers send hot sauce and seasonings in packets or unbreakable containers.

Commercially packaged cakes and cookies in airtight tins or dry cookies such as ginger snaps are suitable baked goods.

Mail items that need no refrigeration such as dried fruits, canned nuts, fruits or commercially packaged trail mixes.

High sugar content of hard candies and sturdy sweets such as pralines and toffee prevents bacterial growth and makes them safe to mail.

Pack your items in commercially popped corn, Styrofoam packing peanuts or foam and place the gifts in a sturdy box that is sealed securely.

Send the soldier's favorite mail order food such as shelf stable "summer sausage", cheeses, cakes and snacks. These items can also be ordered online or through mail order catalogues. Be sure you do not order any food gifts that must be kept refrigerated for food safety.

By planning ahead your service member can enjoy homemade treats or mail order foods during the holiday season.



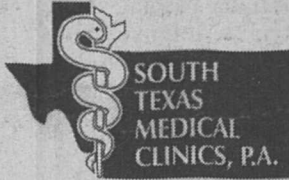
Digital Mammography, the latest technology for detecting breast cancer. It's important to me, but it's more important for my family.

Early detection, early diagnosis, early treatment. That's why the investment that South Texas Medical Clinics have made in bringing Digital Mammography to Wharton is so important to this community.

"The physicians of South Texas Medical Clinics have made this personal investment for the health of our patients! Digital Mammography is the newest technology for breast cancer detection. Changes in the breast that are too small or subtle to be felt can be detected by our digital mammography," stated Jeffery Gubbels, MD, OB/GYN and President of South Texas Medical Clinics.

Wharton has Digital Mammography. Mammograms are available in the Bay City and Rosenberg Clinics.

Technology saving the lives of women.



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