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## Tropical paradise

The Port Aransas Garden Club chose the home of Becky and Jerry Van Beveren at 322 12th Street as the November residential yard of the month. The yard is decorated with queen palms, pygmy date palms, hibiscus, plumeria, birds of paradise, curly leaf croton, dwarf ruella, jatropha, ginger and giant bird of paradise.

## Presbyterian Women to host boutique

A Christmas Gourmet Shoppe and Boutique will offer gourmet goodies, a raffle, craft items, slightly used

items and a silent auction on Saturday, Dec. 9. The Presbyterian Women of the

Community Presbyterian Church sponsor the event to be held from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Pollock Center, behind the church at 113 S. Alister St.

Frozen dinners including stuffed peppers, lemon chicken, chicken tetrazzini and more; home-baked goods including breads, rolls, cookies, candies and other "yum-mies for the tummy" will be for sale at the Gourmet Shoppe. They will be packaged as gifts ready to give.

Samples will be given of the "fruits of the spirit" soup and hot spice tea. Both mixes will be for sale in the shoppe.

A Second-hand Rose section will sport gently used collectibles and decorations.

Tables will be covered with handmade craft and country gift items for attendees to browse through and purchase.

The silent auction will be comprised of jewelry including a gold cross with diamond center, framed needlework, collectible coins and a surfboat.

The raffle includes a nautical afghan made by Paula Harbaugh, a quilted hanging and table runner made by Kay Jacchole and approximately one-and-a-half-foot Santa and angel table decorations donated by Marla Heinen. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The raffle items may be seen and tickets may be purchased at the church office and at the event. The winning ticket will be drawn at noon on Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Pollock Center.

"We will have lots of items to select. You won't want to miss out on all the wonderful choices," said spokesman Cheryl Marshall.

The proceeds will be added to the Presbyterian Women's scholarship program. Scholarships are given to Port Aransas High School seniors each year by the Presbyterian Women.

## PASTOR'S PEN

### Lots to be thankful for

[Editor's note: Last week's Pastor's pen was written by Father Al Leveridge, vicar at Trinity-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, although it was attributed to Sabrina Grubbs, pastor at Island Worship Center. This week's Pastor's pen is written by, and correctly attributed to, Grubbs, and should have been published last week.]

As Thanksgiving comes rolling around, it reminds me that I need to be thankful. There are so many things to be thankful for. I think that we get so involved with our lives and this fast-paced world that we live in, that we don't stop along the way and smell the roses.

The Bible says to give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever. Take a deep breath; God gave that to you. We take for granted so many things in our day-to-day living. I got an Internet "forward" the other day that told about a scientist coming to God and saying, "Look God, we can do what You can do, we can create man."

"Really," replied God, "How do you do that?"

"Well, first," said the scientist, "we take some dirt."



SABRINA GRUBBS

"No, wait a minute," said God, "get your own dirt." Look at where we live. We have a saying at our church, "We live in Paradise." It is all a matter of how you look at things. We can gripe and complain about all the things we don't like, or we can be thankful for what we have. If you have kids, yes, even when they get on your very last nerve, we should be thankful for them. But do our kids know how thankful we are for them? I know we spend most of our time getting homework done and disciplining them, running them here and there. So take a moment today and tell them you love them and are so thankful that God gave them to you.

Do we gripe and complain about the job that we are at, and how much we don't like our boss or our co-workers? Maybe you should take a moment and be thankful for your job. You have a place to live, food to eat, and can

enjoy life because you have a place to work.

My husband pointed out last night how beautiful the sunset was. Now we can sit around and complain or we can be thankful because here in Paradise, where we live, we can sit on our screened porch and see the most beautiful sunsets.

If life is a little rough for you right now, then maybe you will have to think a moment and find something to be thankful for. But I know we can all find something to thank God for. Maybe we need to just make a list of all the things that we are thankful for and keep it on the fridge or on a mirror in the bathroom. Then, when we get down and life seems so overwhelming, we can go to our list, read, and remember what we are truly thankful for. Well, I need to get my kids ready for school, so until next time, be thankful.

Sabrina Grubbs is pastor at Island Worship Center.

## Deaths/Funerals

### Deike

Franklin Dale Deike of San Antonio died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2006. He was the father of Lisa (Jerry) Foley of Port Aransas.

Deike was born July 24, 1939, to Max and Eliese "Liz" Deike.

He married his late wife, Dixie, on Feb. 3, 1958, and they made their home in San Antonio.

Deike and his wife owned and operated an HVAC and refrigeration business for many years. He had a talent for repair and restoration.

Deike was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a passionate collector, spending many hours with his wife adding to their diverse collections. He loved and cared for many needy animals during his lifetime. His happiest moments were spent with his family.

His wife, his father; two sisters, Mordlene Massey and Mary Jane "Schotzie" Barnes; and his infant grandson, Christian Deike preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law; his mother; two sons, Bobby (Kimberly) Deike of Boerne; Max (Elizabeth) Deike of San Antonio; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held today, Thursday, Nov. 30, at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Burrow, Jim Barnes, Bryant Harris, Calin and Zachary Deike, Jon Campbell, Cameron Deiser, Raul Perez and Kelly Werts.

## JELM Center December Calendar

<b>Monday</b>	5:30 a.m. Aerobics 8:00 a.m. Aerobics 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing (Beg.) 10: a.m. Creative Writing 10:45 a.m. Line Dancing (Adv.) 1:00 p.m. Needleworks 2:00 p.m. Hands-On Hobbies/Crafts	Pollock Center Pollock Center Pollock Center JELM Library Pollock Center JELM Crafts Pollock Center
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 a.m. Body Toning/Stretching 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks 1:00 p.m. Dominoes/"42" 6:00 p.m. Golden Oldies Jam	Pollock Center Pollock Center JELM Library JELM Welcome Rm. Pollock Center
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 a.m. Aerobics 8:00 a.m. Aerobics 9:00 a.m. GED/Adult Literacy 9:00 a.m. Mugs & Muffins 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lectures 1:00 p.m. Card Game: 500 2:00 p.m. Hands-On Hobbies/Crafts 4:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em For Fun	Pollock Center Pollock Center JELM Crafts JELM Welcome Rm. Pollock Center JELM Library Pollock Center JELM Library JELM Library
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m. Body Toning/Stretching 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed/GED/Literacy 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing (Beg.) 10:45 a.m. Line Dancing (Adv.) 1 p.m. Bridge 1:00 p.m. Needleworks 7 p.m. Pinochle	Pollock Center JELM Crafts Pollock Center Pollock Center JELM Library JELM Crafts JELM Library
<b>Friday</b>	5:30 a.m. Aerobics 8:00 a.m. Aerobics 6:00 p.m. Golden Oldies Jam	Pollock Center Pollock Center Pollock Center
<b>December trips</b>	Dec. 7: Progresso, Mexico, shopping Dec. 14: St. Jose Island shelling and fishing Dec. 21: Limo tour of Christmas lights in Corpus Christi	

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## Golden mark

Carl and Rebecca Castell of Yoakum will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 14. Their children, Ray Castell and Marlene Urban and husband Jim, will honor the couple at a reception Sunday, Dec. 10. It will be held at 3 p.m., at 802 S. 11th St. All family and friends are invited to bring memories and stories about the couple and join their children in admiring the accomplishment of completing 50 years in the "institution" of marriage.

## Letters to the Editor: Flag retirement

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the proper method of flag retirement was not researched.

The proper method is to cut the flag's stripes from each other with scissors, never torn, and incinerate each strip completely one by one. The field of stars is then incinerated completely, either one star at a time or in one piece. The U.S. Flag is never to be dropped into a fire intact.

The ceremony was said to include some 50 flags. The process of retiring 50 flags could be lengthy. The proper method here is to cut each flag in pieces and join all 50 corresponding red and 50 corresponding white stripes together in a group and place each group of 50 stripes separately in the fire. Then the 50 fields of stars go together. The ashes are then to be buried prior to sunset of the following day.

This may seem like a lengthy process, but it is a process that our U.S. Flag deserves.

Paul Alexander  
Asst. Scout Master (retired)  
BSA Troop 97, Longhorn Council  
Fort Worth

## Keep computer center

I want to say that I am against the spending of tax dollars for the old Sears building. It will provide very little of anything to the city. The purchase and movement should not cost any taxpayers money. If the historical society has enough funding, they may continue with the project.

The location to be chosen is critical to the project. I want to say that the Computer Center has been discussed as a location and that would be a mistake. The Computer Center provides a service to the community. Many of our students use it daily. We also find visitors and winter Texans using it on

a regular basis. It serves as many as 100 people daily.

If the historical society can fund the purchase, movement and regular maintenance, then we need to find a location for the building. Not the Computer Center. It has been rewired and upgraded and is working well. Even that old building has a history of its own since it was once the jail for this community.

The purchase of the building and the movement is in part designed to be a profit for the person who purchased it intending to use the land for developments. Taxpayers should not be paying to help that person profit. If we do make it into a museum or historical building, then find a location that does not destroy an active asset to our community.

H.W. Crawford, Jr.  
Port Aransas

[Editor's note: At the Nov. 16 meeting, the city council expressed support of efforts to save the Sears house, but not at the expense of the Computer Center (South Jetty, Nov. 23).]

## Reflecting Christ

Kudos to the good people of First Baptist Church here in Port A for their generous hospitality at their community Thanksgiving dinner last night (Sunday, Nov. 20) at the Civic Center!

Although I do not attend that church, my husband and I did take advantage of the open invitation to the community. We attended with a few friends and enjoyed a pleasant Sunday evening of great food, good conversation, pleasant surroundings and some very nice music. Afterwards, we looked around for a donations basket and did not find one anywhere in sight.

When a group invites any and all to

an event, welcomes them with open arms with no questions asked and requests nothing in return, they are acting in an ecumenical spirit and with a faith in God's providence that truly reflects Christ's teaching.

I'll surely go back for more good food and good fellowship next year!

Toni Somers  
Port Aransas

## Don't close center

It is disappointing to hear that the computer center is being scheduled for closure. I think of the many residents who depend on it and those who come to Port Aransas expecting it to be available. Many of these visitors have expressed to me their appreciation that Port Aransas provides this service and to all those who created it, donating their time and money to bring it to life.

I have heard from innumerable individuals how much they appreciate having the computer center in Port Aransas. Our children can do their homework there. Our residents and visitors can check and send email. This service should not be interrupted.

Surely another site can be located for the Sears building, which is to be moved onto that location and is the reason for this closure. I understand that both are historical buildings, but the computer center is now also home to a thriving community service with no reason to be destroyed.

I hope that our local representatives will give more thought to this and find another location for the Sears building.

Jean Maloney  
Port Aransas

[Editor's note: The city council will not close the computer center to make way for the Sears house (South Jetty, Nov. 23).]

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