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## SpringSchedule

**January 10-11**  
On-campus and Online Registration for Spring 2006 and Maymester

**January 16**  
Martin Luther King Observance (no classes)

**January 17**  
Credit classes/Rapid Track III Spring Semester 2006 Begins

**January 17**  
Late registration and schedule changes for Spring 2006 1:30-6 p.m.

**February 13**  
Rapid Track Session III last day to drop a course

**February 1 - March 10**  
Rapid Track IV Registration

**February 24**  
Rapid Track III Last day of classes/final exams

**February 28**  
Graduation application deadline for May 2006

**March 13-18**  
Spring Break 2006

**March 20**  
Classes Resume/Offices Open

**March 20**  
Rapid Track Session IV classes begin

**April 17**  
Rapid Track IV last day to drop a course

**April 17 - May 10**  
Maymester Registration

**April 17 - May 23**  
Advising and Registration Summer I, II, Fall 2006

**April 28**  
Rapid Track IV last day of classes/final exams

**May 3**  
Last day of class

**May 4 - 10**  
Final Exams

**May 10**  
Maymester payment deadline

**May 11-May 26**  
Maymester 2006

**May 12**  
Spring Commencement 2006

**May 15**  
Grades available online

## SGA | PARKING COMMITTEE

# Committee discusses possible solutions to parking problems

By Bobby Bush  
FOGHORN

The SGA-East Parking Committee discussed solutions to the congested parking lots on the Del Mar College East Campus and was advised by an administrator to "do homework" before presenting thoughts to the DMC Board of Regents, Monday, Nov. 28.

Joseph Ramirez, SGA-East vice presi-

dent and chair of the committee, along with Rick Overstreet, Ruby Ruibal and Ray Narvaez met with Homer Ramos, director of Student Activities to brainstorm and develop ideas on how to make the process of finding a parking space on campus less time-consuming.

"We have a problem just like any other college. There's no denying that," Ramos said. "The college is doing the

best it can with what it has."

Ramos said that as far as he knew, parking has been a problem since DMC first opened its doors.

When members of the committee asked Ramos if a parking garage would be practical, Ramos said the idea has been proposed in the past, and that if the group would like it to be considered again, the members would have to

research the feasibility and cost of such a project.

Narvaez said he had made the observation that not all of the faculty parking spaces were being used. He asked Ramos if it is a possibility to open these spaces to students. Ramos said he was not aware that there were any open spots

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## CHRISTMAS | TOY DRIVE



Bobby Bush | FOGHORN

Luke Alvarez unloads toys during the Wishes and Dreams toy drive held at the Del Mar College East Campus

# Del Mar gets the Holiday BUG

By Dianna Hamilton  
FOGHORN

Volkswagon Beetles can be found in the Del Mar College parking lot on any given day. However, on Nov. 29, three Bugs on campus had a special purpose.

The Wishes and Dreams program has aided local families during the Christmas holiday for four years. "The first year we helped 80 families, now we help around 456 families, to see the looks on the kid's faces makes it all worth it. Corpus Christi has always stepped up and helped, and the support just keeps growing," Morris said.

DMC students and faculty supported Wishes and Dreams by donating the use of three Volkswagen Beetles, ranging in age, to place toys in on the day of Nov. 29.

Afterwards, however, three collection bins were placed in the Harvin Center, the Coles Building, and the Venters Building until Dec. 16.

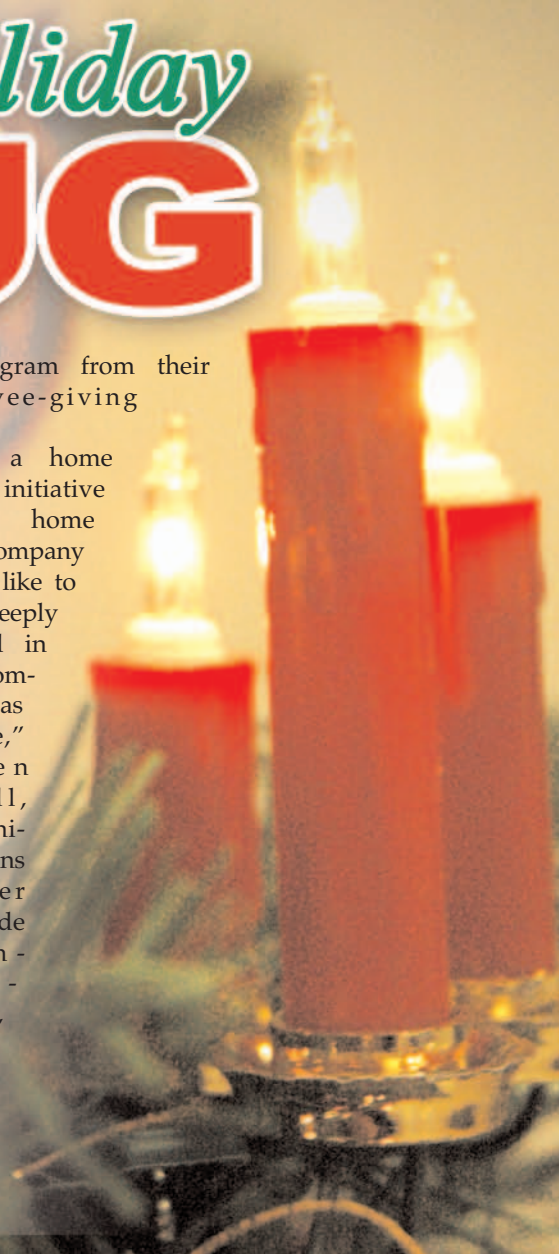
The Corpus Christi Police Department, Coca-Cola, and Walgreens sponsored the event. Co-sponsors included Grande Communications, Hygea Milk, PowerAde, DMC, 104.9 La Caliente, and 99.9 KSAB.

"The whole purpose behind [Wishes and Dreams] is to help families that have fallen through the cracks. It's about more than fighting crime. If we can change some attitudes, it makes all worth it," David Morris, Sergeant of the Corpus Christi Police Department, said.

Grande Communications, for example, donated \$4 thousand to

the program from their employee-giving fund.

"It's a home grown initiative for a home grown company and we like to be as deeply involved in our community as possible," Doreen Harrell, community relations manager of Grande Communications, said.



## DMC | LA POSADA

# DMC to celebrate tradition

By Jaime Lara  
FOGHORN

Del Mar College celebrates the Christmas spirit this semester by holding the sixth annual Posada on Dec. 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. in front of the William F. White Library on the East Campus.

The event is sponsored by the Spanish Club. La Posada is a Latin-American tradition that is celebrated during the Christmas season. The observation of the traditional costume gives DMC students, faculty and employees an opportunity to better understand the significance of the holiday season, Carla Chapa, professor and counselor of the Spanish Club, said.

"Students and faculty will have a better understanding of the (Spanish) language by understanding the culture's customs and traditions," Chapa said. The purpose of this event is to promote and demonstrate customs and traditions that occur in Latin America, and to involve the community as well as the students to participate, Chapa said. She explained that the observation celebrates the birth of Jesus and is an important part of the religious observation to many Catholics.

Chapa is one of several DMC faculty members involved in making preparations for the event. Others are Homer Ramos, Maria Salinas, Norma Garza and Joseph Cantu.

The DMC event will feature a live Nativity scene. DMC students will portray the different figures of the scene.

Students will also recite stories in English and Spanish so the audience can better understand the "true meaning of Christmas," Chapa said.

The program will conclude when the participants and the audience sing "Silent Night," accompanied by musical instruments.

Grupo Folklorico Cihali will perform typical Mexican dances. There will be refreshments that consist of traditional Mexican food such as tamales, hot chocolate and pan de polvo. There will also be a piñata for the children.

"I expect people to walk away with more knowledge about the traditions and the birth of Jesus," Roxanne Bower, President of the Spanish Club, said.

The Spanish Club has sponsored the event since 1999 to the community and students. This event is free of charge and is open to the public.

## QuickRead

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Tuition for classes is due on Jan. 3. Credit Classes & Rapid Track II begin on Jan. 17, 2005. Happy Holidays. See you in January.



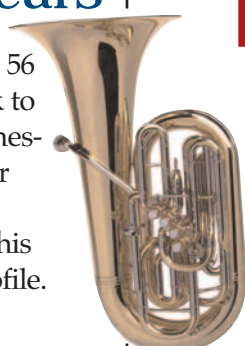
## Student returns to school after 56 years



After a break of 56 years, coming back to college this fall semester was not easy for Marguerite Joffe. Read her story in this week's student profile.

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## 'Tis the season for MUSIC



The Del Mar College Music Department performed for students, faculty and staff on Dec. 2 in the Wolfe Recital Hall and the Harvin Center.

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## FinalExams

# Final Exam Schedule

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