

## Winter's not over yet!!!!

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Wow!!!! Winter is not over yet!!! At the beginning of February, we were reminded that it was still Winter in a big way! Good news is that we didn't get any snow....but did get some freezing drizzle. Schools closed which is very rare in the Valley. Roads were closed in areas due to ice and the local farmers were praying!! After a couple of days the temps began to climb again. Compared to the rest of the country however, we had little to complain about. On the right is a picture of the water fountain in front of our favorite Friday night restaurant, Trevinos. This is a local Mexican Restaurant that has a fried fish special on Fridays that is outstanding.

Technical work with computers was still going on as Bob helped Henry and Anne with their new set ups and helped Abe and Donna who were in need of some assistance as well. Bob even gave some computer 101 classes to our friends to help them understand how computers work. Just when we thought we were done one of our printers decided not to work.....so off we went to our favorite store, Best Buy.

Although we did not accomplish all that was planned, we did get to South Padre Island and Progreso, Mexico. On our way through the Brownsville area we drove by a sugar cane processing plant and got a great view of two tractor trailers unloading the cargo in a manner you wouldn't expect. The first place we stopped in South Padre was Dirty All's for a seafood lunch. Get a load of the size of the shrimp in the display case!! On our way home we stopped at a local Shrimp Outlet where each couple bought a five pound box of Gulf Shrimp. Yum!! Then at South Padre we drove out to where the road ends and found a place to take the jeep out on the beach. We drove along the beach for about five miles and we were not alone. Afterwards we stopped at the Sea Turtle Hospital, which still had some casualties resulting from the cold snap. Sea turtles are very sensitive to the cold.

Yes, six of us ventured to Progreso, Mexico before we left the Valley. We parked on the US side and walked across the bridge. Like most Winter Texans, we only ventured a couple of blocks from the bridge. We headed for a favorite restaurant for a light lunch and a margarita and as a bonus were given a coupon for a free dental cleaning. We were sure there was a hidden cost here, but there wasn't! A dentist, not a technician conducted the cleaning. He was simply trying to drum us business by making suggestions of what could be done. There were noticeably fewer Winter Texans in Mexico. Before leaving we stopped at a local Winter Texan hang out for another Margarita and some entertainment. Henry and Anne took advantage of the dance floor. On March 1st we left South Texas and started our move East. Don't miss the next issue!!

