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**Police**

time, the scene was turned over to him. Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to a hit and run accident at 9:58 p.m. An unoccupied 1984 Chevrolet pickup, owned by Jerry Lee Bluntson, was parked facing north in the 300 block of S. Lake Ave., partially in the roadway. A 1980 Buick, driven by Tarrena Gail Fields, was travelling south on S. Lake and struck Bluntson's vehicle. Fields left the scene and a passenger drove the car away before Sgt. Lattimore arrived. Fields was issued a citation for failure to comply with requirement on striking an unattended vehicle, failure to control speed and no driver's license. Jason Johnson was issued a citation for non-guardian permitted unlicensed driver to drive. There were no injuries. On Nov. 20, at 12:42 a.m. Sgt. Lattimore met with complainants on S. Austin Road in reference to a disturbance. A report was filed. At 10:35 a.m. Officer Nelson was dispatched to East E Street in reference to reckless damage and criminal mischief. Juveniles were located and issued citations. Officer Nelson arrested Joe Espinosa at 2:10 p.m. on an outstanding Wharton County warrant. After process-

ing at the police department, Espinosa was transported the CDC for confinement. Sgt. Lattimore arrested Jason Rodriguez on an outstanding warrant at 5:10 p.m. After processing, Rodriguez was transported to the CDC for confinement. At 10:59 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main St. in reference to a past disturbance. Subjects involved were gone from the scene and no charges were filed. On Nov. 21, at 4:17 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to a disturbance on Colley St. Upon Alley's arrival, the complainant advised she wanted the suspect to leave the residence, which he did. No charges were filed. At 7:15 a.m., Officer Nelson was stopped at Prairie St. and N. Lake Ave. and handed some found property. The owner was contacted and advised someone had stolen the items for her vehicle. Investigation is ongoing in this case. Sgt. Lattimore received an anonymous call about loud music in the 500 block of Union St. at 5:07 p.m. One subject was warned about playing his music too loud. Officer Alley was dispatched to a loud music call on W. Main St. Sub-

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 jects were contacted and advised to keep the music down. At 10:11 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Alley met with a complainant in reference to an argument. Officers spoke with both parties and advised them of the consequences if they continued the arguing. No further action was required. On Nov. 22, at 7:20 a.m. Officer Lasley met with a complainant on East E Street in reference to a loose pit bull dog. The dog was removed and placed in the dog pound by a city worker. Officer Lasley responded to a possible electrical fire on S. Austin Road at 9:35 a.m. The fire department arrived, but there was no fire at that time. While responding to the fire, Officer Lasley observed two subjects in the parking lot, arguing with each other. The subjects were separated and no further action required. Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Lasley responded to an open door report on Prairie St. No signs of forced entry were found. The door was resecured. At 7:48 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to Rice Medical Center in regard to a juvenile at the boot camp being assaulted by a drill instructor. Information was gathered and turned over to Investigator Randy Schlauch for further investigation.

**Born before 1900? Talk to us**

As we hurtle toward the end of the century, it is time to salute the past and those who represent the past. The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) is looking for people from Colorado County who were born before 1900. Persons born on or before Dec. 31, 1899 will be honored and recognized in Jan. 2000. These persons, who would be at least 100 years old in the year 2000, would also have lived parts of their lives in three centuries - the 19th, 20th and 21st. CCHC members Rollin Baker, Colleen Willrodt, Ernest Mae Seaholm, Jerri Fling, Doris Albright, Larry Uhlig, Julian Moore and Ted Schultz have undertaken the task over the last two years of locating and tracking those residents of the County who would qualify for this distinction. Anyone who was born prior to Jan. 1, 1900, or if you know someone who was and is currently a resident of Colorado County, please contact

Willrodt at 409-732-2949 or any other CCHC member so that their name can be included in this honor. **COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT**  
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For more information, contact Willrodt or Commission Chairman Joe Fling at 409-732-8203. **Market Report for Nov. 18, 1999**  
 Animals on hand: cattle, 2633; one, sheep/goats. No. of sellers: 406. Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 33-37¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 28-32¢ per lb.; thin cows, 18-27¢. Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 44-48¢ utility cutter bulls, 37-43. **Stocker/Feeder - Calves/Yearlings**  
 Steers # 1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.28; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 94¢-\$1.10; 500-600, 86-93¢; 600-700 lbs., 77-85¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-77¢. Heifers # 1: 200-300 lbs., 92¢-\$1.01; 300-400 lbs., 85-95¢; 400-500 lbs., 80-88¢; 500-600, 76-81¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-76¢; 700-800 lbs., 69-75¢. Good Stocker cow/calf pairs, \$550-650 by the head; med. cow, calf pairs, \$450-550 by the head; common cow & calf pairs, \$375-450; good stocker cows & heifers, \$425-525; med. cow & heifers, \$375-425.

**Troopers cracking down over Thanksgiving**

Spurred by the dramatic national increase in child restraint use and significant drop in child fatalities in just the two years since the Mobilizations began, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is joining the next 50-state crack down on drivers with unbuckled children. "Starting Nov. 22 and continuing through the Thanksgiving weekend, our troopers will be looking for and ticketing deadbeat drivers," said Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "These are adults who-regardless of the wide-spread attention to child passenger safety-are still putting children at deadly risk by failing to properly buckle them in the back seat." Transportation officials credit the Mobilizations with helping to move the nation toward its goals of decreasing child fatalities by 15% by the year 2000. Since the crackdown began two years ago, restraint use by children ages 1-4 has increased by 60 to 87%, and child fatalities have dropped by 12.3%, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

tion. Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for children of all races, ages 5-14. Nearly six out of 10 children, who die in crashes, are unbuckled. Of those, nearly half would be alive today if an adult had made sure they were buckled up. In Texas, during 1998, a total of 175 children 14 years of age and younger were killed in crashes. It was unknown if restraints were utilized for 12 children killed, 59 youngsters died while restrained, and 104 children were killed who were not buckled up. "Today we are calling on our entire community to adopt zero tolerance for unbuckled children," said Pflughaupt. "No one should look the other way when they see a child at risk. Everyone must make sure that relatives, neighbors, and friends know that letting a child ride unbuckled-no matter how short the ride-is always life threatening and never worth the risk." Texas law requires all children under two to ride in safety seats. Children age two and three may ride either

in safety seats or buckled up in safety belts. Children, ages 4 through 14 must be restrained by safety belts. State law does not require youngsters to ride in the rear seat, but children 12 and under are safer when restrained in a rear seat. The DPS will also be stepping up enforcement of adult seat belt laws, because it's a proven fact that most adults who don't buckle up themselves, don't buckle up kids. Research has found that buckled drivers are three times more likely to restrain their child passengers than drivers who don't buckle up. "Motorists who don't wear seat belts are statistically more likely to be seriously injured or killed in a traffic crash. During the Thanksgiving holiday, they will also be more likely to get a ticket," said Pflughaupt.

**NEWS FROM THE MILITARY**

**Navy Seaman Jose E. Garza**

...son of Joel A. Garza of Eagle Lake, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Garza completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness. Garza and other recruit also received instruction on the Navy's core values—honor, courage and commitment-and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Garza joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

**Letdown**  
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length of visits to a minimum. Overstaying your welcome to the point of imposing on family members can cause hurt feelings. Cox also notes that spending enormous amounts of money on holiday items opens the door for marital spats. It's important for couples to sit down before the holiday season and map out a budget, detailing how much they can afford to spend and then stick to the budget.

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