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DPS conducting Operation Motorcide

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will conduct Operation Motorcide and as many as 62 people could die in traffic crashes during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

As many as 30 people could lose their lives in traffic collisions during the Christmas holiday period, from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, through midnight Sunday, Dec. 26.

The DPS also estimates that 32 people could be killed in traffic crashes during the New Year holiday period, from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, through midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

Last year, 78 people died on Texas roadways during the holidays, 35 during Christmas and 43 during New Year's.

As in previous years, alcohol-impaired driving and failure to use seatbelts contributed most to the number of fatality crashes during the 1998 holidays:

- 57% of the fatal crashes during the Christmas holiday period involved alcohol.
- 61% of the Christmas fatalities weren't wearing seatbelts.
- 35% of the fatal crashes during the New Year's holiday were related to alcohol.
- 11% of the New Year's fatalities weren't wearing seatbelts.

The DPS will have all available troopers on Texas highways to help insure traffic safety. Speed, drinking and driving, seat belts and aggressive drivers will be targeted.

Motorists should be aware of weather conditions along their entire routes and allow extra time to accommodate heavy traffic and/or weather delays.

Make sure your vehicle is road worthy before traveling.

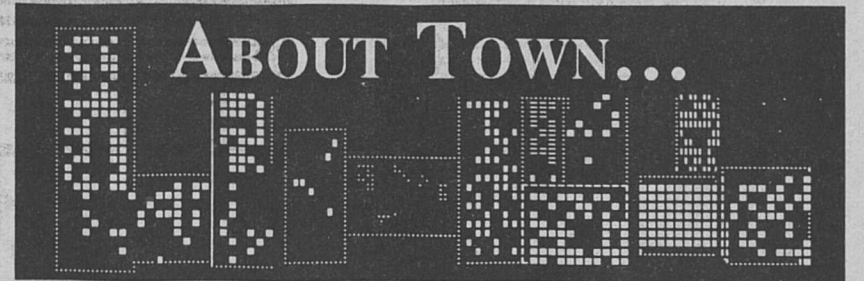
Drive with your headlights on during the daylight hours to help pedestrians and other motorists see your vehicle.

Drivers should be well rested and take frequent breaks.

Motorists who find themselves

stranded or disabled can call the DPS at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a trooper or other law enforcement officer. The number can also be used to report traffic crashes or unsafe drivers, as can calling 9-1-1 in most areas of Texas.

The DPS hopes that you will travel safe this holiday season.



•Congratulations to Graciela Rangel, employee at the Holiday Inn Express, and her daughters, Nancy Hernandez, front desk employee of La Quinta Highland, and Adriana Amador, assistant manager of La Quinta Southwest, who were honored for their hard work and dedication.

Graciela received "Employee of the Month"; Nancy received "Regional Employee of the Quarter"; and Adriana received "Employee of the Month" and "Employee of the Year".

The Rangel Family is proud of you. Way to Go!

•Congratulations are also in order for Evelyn Loueva Krueger of Columbus who was awarded a fine arts degree from Sam Houston State University.

•News from Wharton County Junior College informs us that Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and the Behavioral Science Club students joined forces this holiday season by sponsoring a

canned food drive to benefit the Share Center in Wharton. The students' collection filled a truck bed. The canned goods will go to families in need this holiday season.

•Sarah Navarro was in her first Christmas play this past weekend in Columbus. The play went off without a hitch and after all was said and done, church members, family and friends enjoyed refreshments.

•Lydia Cardenas is one year older, 59 as of Dec. 19 (although her son Anthony informed others that she was 60). After many battles fought with the bypass, stroke and diabetes, it's good to know we are praising a Living God. Happy Birthday, Mom. Love, Carol.

•A nice pair of prescription bifocal sunglasses was found by a citizen and dropped off at the Headlight on Monday. If they belong to you, please come by or call to identify them.

Police

a report filed.

At 7:48 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to the 200 block of W. Davitt in reference to a possible burglary. No burglary had occurred, but information was gathered as to criminal trespass.

A case of burglary of the Wintermann Rice Dryer was solved with the arrest of Joseph Paul Rodriguez, Richard Edward Cardenas, Clifton Mancias Jr., Rocky Lee Mancias and a juvenile. The juvenile was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Department. The remaining individuals were processed and turned over to the CDC for confinement.

On Dec. 19, at 1:47 a.m., Sgt. Tim Crume and Officer Krenek were dispatched to a fight in progress in the 400 block of First St. As a result of the call, Debbie Loraine Tarver was arrested for public intoxication, processed at the police department, then transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 8:09 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to a disturbance on B Street. One subject left the residence and no other action was required.

Officers were dispatched to a disturbance on Lakeside Drive at 9:21 p.m. As a result of the call, Anthony Hemphill was arrested by Officer Krenek for family violence, processed at the police department, then trans-

ported to the CDC for confinement.

At 10:34 p.m., Sgt. Crume was advised of a theft which had occurred. Information was taken and a report filed.

On Dec. 20, at 5:34 p.m., Sgt. Latimore investigated a two-vehicle accident in the 400 block of E. Prairie,

involving a 1996 Ford pickup driven by Karolyn Foster and a 1968 Ford pickup driven by Manuel Pedraza, both of Eagle Lake.

Reportedly, Foster was attempting to make a left turn into a private driveway when Pedraza attempted to pass her, striking Foster's vehicle. There were no injuries sustained.

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Dept. of Veterans Y2K okay!

The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce that all VA computer systems have been certified as Y2K compliant. If you receive a regular, monthly payment from VA, your payment for Dec. will be paid on Dec. 30, 1999. If you receive your check direct deposit, it should be deposited in your account no later than Jan. 3, 2000. If you receive your check by mail, allow for delivery time. Beneficiaries can be assured that VA payments scheduled to be sent in Jan. 2000 and beyond will continue without interruption.

Senior Friends meeting set for Jan. 12

The monthly Senior Friends meeting and lunch will be held Jan. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at McDonald's. Cost is \$2 per person for a Texas Style Burger, small fries and small drink. Please RSVP by Jan. 10.

Triglyceride/cholesterol screening is Jan. 12

The monthly triglyceride/cholesterol screenings will be done from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab. Schedule your appointment by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300.

Census jobs available

Temporary Census jobs are available in this area. You could earn extra money by working full or part time. Census takers earn \$10.75 and hour and Crew Leaders earn 12.75 an hour and each are paid 31¢ a mile. Apply now by calling 1-888-325-7733 to find out how and where to apply. The Bureau of the Census is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Testing will take place in Eagle Lake at the Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and 29, at 2 p.m. Testing in Columbus will take place at the Mansfield Building Wednesday, Dec. 22, and 29, at 10 a.m.

Did You Know...

•Andrew Jackson was the first president to ride in a railroad train.
•The most popular type of radio station in the U.S. is country. They make up for a quarter of all commercial stations.

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Indictments

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controlled substance;

Kathy Dawn Lynch, delivery of a controlled substance;

Colin Raye Evans, delivery of a controlled substance;

Michael D. Kavanaugh, possession of a controlled substance;

Allan Wayne Taylor, possession of a controlled substance;

Tyrone Dewayne Scott, burglary of a building;

Arturo Dominguez Cerna, aggravated assault;

Anselmo Candelaria Jr., unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon;

Tyrone Dewayne Scott, forgery;

Austin Wiley Garcia, burglary of a habitation;

Rodney Joe Mikulenska, burglary of a habitation;

Jeffrey Reip, burglary of a habitation;

Shirley Jean Pettit, burglary of a building;

Preston Ray Jenkins Sr., burglary of a building.

Four indictments were sealed as of press time.

Did You Know...

Millipedes actually have between 120 and 160 legs.

Congratulations to Annette McTear

for Graduating from Southwestern Christian College

May 11, 1997

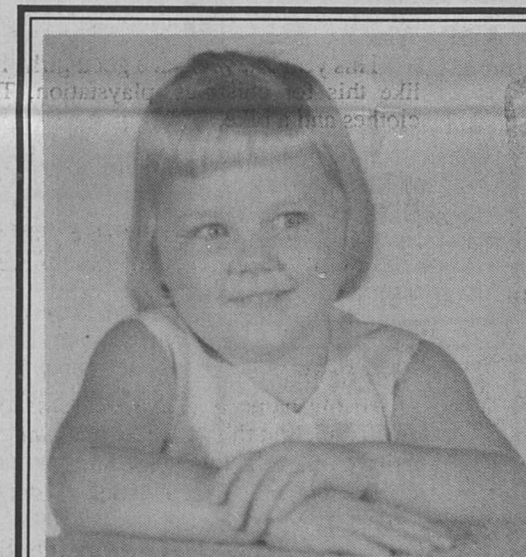
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December 18, 1999

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Dec. 25

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