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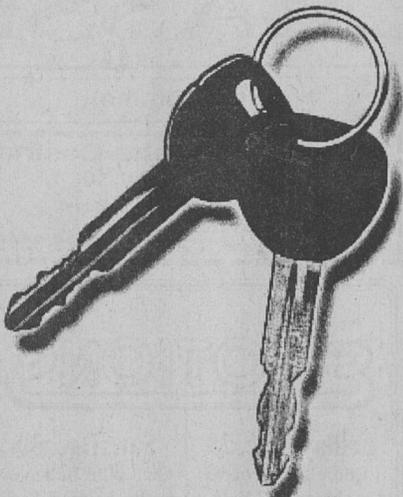
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Auto theft down, pickup still tops list

Event though there's been a slight decrease in the total number of vehicle thefts in Texas in the last year, the GM pickup truck remains the favorite of thieves.

In 1999, there were 91,992 auto thefts in Texas, down from 96,614 in 1998, according to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), a section of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Three of the top 10 most stolen vehicles were pickup trucks. GM, Ford and Dodge trucks were the first, second and seventh choices of thieves, respectively. The Honda Accord edged out the Olds Cutlass as the third most stolen vehicle in Texas.

Once again, Houston had the most vehicle thefts in 1999 with 24,705, followed closely by Dallas with 23,193.

Oct. was "Watch Your Car" Month and the ATPA warned Texans that even if they drive an old car instead of a shiny new car, they need to actively protect themselves against vehicle theft.

"Auto thieves often steal cars to commit other offenses," said Susan Sampson, ATPA's director of public education, "so any car can be a target."

Once again, Texas statistics show that most thieves are teenagers. Law enforcement agents arrested 9,320 people aged 15 to 19 on vehicle theft charges in 1999.

The ATPA encourages residents to protect their vehicles by registering them free of charge with the Watch Your Car H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) program.

Call 1-800-CAR-WATCH for information.

Automobile theft rates have fallen 54% since ATPA's inception in 1991, but a car or truck is still stolen every five and a half minutes in Texas.

Experts recommend some common-sense steps to help protect your car.

The simplest of these recommendations is also one that is often forgotten... take your keys when you leave your car.

Ag. Commissioner Combs reminds pesticide applicators to obtain CEUs

As the deadline approaches, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds pesticide applicators to obtain the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 2001, renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31, 2000, deadline.

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to rrivera@agr.state.tx.us.

"There are many options for obtaining the required CEUs," Combs said. "Applicators can attend courses, complete a self-study course at home, or even use the Internet."

"The information provided in the CEU classes help applicators stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use," Combs said.

Applicators will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed their license. The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form he or she receives in the mail.

"This renewal cycle will be especially large," Combs said. "More than 26,000 private applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, more than twice the normal number."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations.

All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam costing \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Licensed private applicators cannot retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the test.

Private certificate holders must also earn 15 CEUs to remain current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator can't purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless the CEUs are up-to-date. A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the training and obtain a private license instead of earning the CEUs. However, they will be required to earn 15 CEUs over the next five-year cycle.

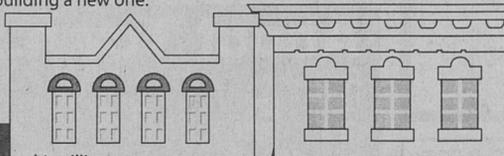
Commercial and noncommercial applicators renew each year and must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

A list of approved courses or other information is available by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7622 or at TDA's web site (www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceuhome.htm).

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Makeover marvels

Historic preservation efforts create more than \$1.4 billion in economic activity in Texas annually, and support nearly 41,000 Texas jobs. In terms of cost, the rehabilitation of a historic commercial building has almost the same economic impact as building a new one.



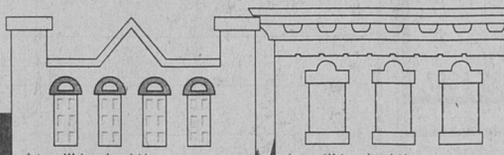
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Observando a Texas

Maravillas de la restauración

Los trabajos de restauración de edificios históricos producen una actividad económica de \$1.4 billones anuales en Texas y mantienen trabajos para casi 41,000 personas. Considerando su costo, la reconstrucción de un edificio histórico comercial hace casi el mismo impacto económico que construir uno nuevo.



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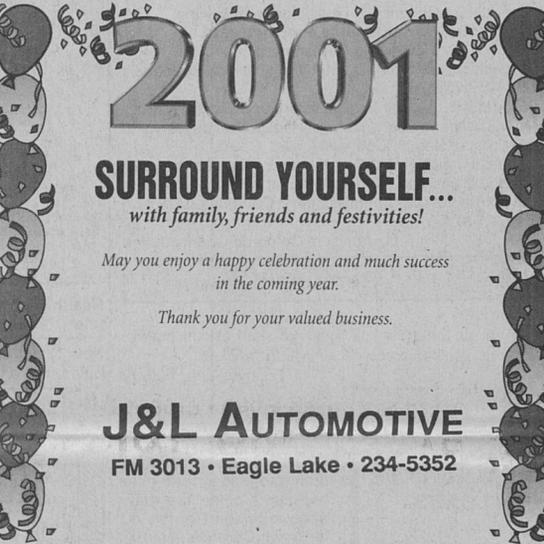
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