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1992 Geo Prizm Aqua metallic; auto, air; 16,000 miles!	Old Price \$12,690	New Price \$9,993 ⁰⁰
1992 Chevy Corsica White; fully loaded! 15,000 miles!	Old Price \$14,474	New Price \$9,993 ⁰⁰
1991 Olds Cutlass Ciera	Old Price \$11,500	New Price \$9,993 ⁰⁰

USED CARS...

1991 Cadillac Seville Prestigious car; 28,000 miles!	Old Price \$21,450	New Price \$18,993 ⁰⁰
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NADA PRICE

1986 Nissan 4x4 ST Pickup Nice unit.	Old Price \$5,250	New Price \$4,793 ⁰⁰
1985 Chrysler 5th Ave. 45,000 Miles; Cream Puff!	Old Price	New Price \$3,995 ⁰⁰
1985 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz A Real Gem!	Old Price	New Price \$6,295 ⁰⁰
1975 Cadillac Sedan de Ville Real cream puff; 94,121 miles!	Old Price	New Price \$3,495 ⁰⁰

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Commissioners

forcement Agency) does not usually work cases in small areas like Colorado County. We are currently making buys and working on cases in the county, although no arrests have been made, yet," said Kirkendall.

He added that the previous task force sent over 100 people to the penitentiary.

"You have to remember that you joined the force late in the grant year and if you (the court) expect us (the task force) to eradicate drugs in Colorado County, you will be sadly disappointed.

"The need (for the force) is there. Local law enforcement officers cannot work undercover and make the buys. Colorado County is getting a lot for just a little amount of money, but if you don't think it is worth it, okay."

"I never promised that this program would be self-supporting, but you will not get a better deal for \$20,000. If you think Colorado County can go without this program, then it is your decision," said Kirkendall.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk said it was not in the county's interest to make a profit, but to make its streets as safe as possible for all residents.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert voiced similar feelings, stressing the need to send a strong message to drug dealers in the community.

"If we don't approve this, we are letting them know they only have to worry about uniformed officers. This program will keep them on their toes," said Seifert. "We've only been in the program for five months. Let's give it a chance."

A vote was taken. Elstner held his ground opposing the program and cast

the lone dissenting vote.

The court also adopted a resolution opposing a bill currently before the legislature which would mandate county jails house state fourth degree felons.

Strunk said the legislation, if passed, would increase county populations by some 40% and cost millions of dollars in construction and operation expenses.

"This would send a very irresponsible message to criminals. They would only have to serve time in a county jail, rather than the penitentiary. These people should remain the responsibility of the state," Strunk said.

The court agreed and voted unanimously to adopt the document which will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities in Austin.

In other business, the court:

- Adopted a resolution of appreciation regarding J.R. "Buddy" Yoder, past editor and publisher of The Weimar Mercury;
- Adopted a proclamation declaring March 14-20 Older Workers Week;
- Approved participation in the General Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program to allow the county purchasing rights to various products at lower rates. The program will cost the county \$150 annually;
- Accepted Alex B. Woolridge and James Adkins, both of Eagle Lake, and Dwight Mazac of Columbus, as members of the county's Grievance Committee;
- Accepted the resignation of Robert Schiarring as election presiding judge in Precinct 4 (Garwood) and appointed Lucille Weakly as his replacement;
- Appointed Gertrude Harry as the alternate presiding judge in Precinct 18 (North Columbus);
- Appointed Melissa Herren of Columbus and Larry Varley of Sheridan to the Children's Protective Service board of directors;
- Discussed naming and/or numbering county roads in Precinct 2 in regard to updating a county map. The map has not been updated since 1965 and is currently in its final phases by county engineer Robert Zajack;
- Received authorization from R.E. Smith Interests (Smith Ranch in Rock Island) to widen the right-of-way of County Road 106D in Precinct 1;
- Authorized advertising for seal coating and double asphalt bids for all precincts in the county;
- Authorized advertising for an employee in Precinct 2. This person will fill a vacancy made in November of last year;
- Authorized County Auditor Raymie Kana to request proposals for telephone service for the county from various long distance telephone companies; and
- Agreed to hold public hearings to set speed and load limits on Minnie Lane, Beard and Yett Roads and 1.5 miles of County Road 14, all in Precinct 4, at the first April meeting.

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Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the burglary of the Templo Berea Church at 621 Maple Street.

The incident occurred between March 10 at 9 p.m. and March 12 at 12 noon. A set of drums, two amplifiers, a bass guitar, keyboard, microphone and telephone, valued at \$1,100.00 were taken from the church.

If you saw anyone suspicious in the area or have any information regarding this case or any case, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the police department at 234-2727.

You will remain anonymous.

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One more time... Bricks available for courthouse walk

The Colorado County Historical Commission will sell engraved bricks one more time for the Great Walk. Public demand has made them decide to sell another 150 bricks or more to be placed in the curved walk on the north side of the courthouse.

Proceeds from the sale of the bricks will be used to restore the District Courtroom.

If anyone wishes to purchase a brick for the family, business, church, club or class pick up an order blank in the county judge's office or at Simmons Lumber Co. in Columbus. It is an excellent way to honor the memory of someone who played an important role in the county.

Cost of a brick is \$50 and should be turned in with the order form. Call Randa Simmons at 409-732-6848 evenings or at the judge's office, 409-732-2604 during business hours for additional information.

Is a water rate increase in the works...

Sewer plant must be expanded

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The upgrading of the city's wastewater treatment facility will not be at the discretion of the Eagle Lake City Council, but rather mandated by a state permit requirement.

City Engineer Craig Kankel told the council at its meeting last week that the upgrading process must begin by April in order to meet the new permit deadline of Jan. 1, 1995.

After having studied the existing facility and determining the minimum needs to meet the mandated permit requirements, Kankel discussed his recommendation to upgrade the existing plant as opposed to a complete new facility at a projected cost of \$835,000 and an additional cost of \$120,000 to enlarge the capacity of the sewer plant from 500,000 gallons to 750,000 gallons per day.

The projected cost of a new facility is \$1.875 million.

Kankel told Council that the City's first problem was when it received a letter from the state stating that the plant had exceeded 90% of its capacity in 1992 and that it must be expanded or a new plant constructed.

However, the big problem facing Council appeared when the new permit that goes into effect Jan. 1, 1995, requiring a 10-15-3 mix in place of the present 20-20 mix was mandated, according to Kankel.

"There is no getting around the state requirements... it must be done," Kankel said.

The expansion of the existing sewer plant with a cleanup of abandoned sites at the facility will give the city of Eagle Lake a good modern facility that will not require a lot of expense for a good many years unless the state comes up with something new Kankel said.

"You have been putting band-aids on your sewer plant for too long, but now you must take care of it all," said Kankel.

The Council authorized Kankel to draw up a proposed contract to be presented and acted upon at the March 23 meeting.

The adoption of the 1993-94 fiscal year budget also will be on the March 23 agenda. Council members received a draft of the proposed budget which totals \$1,476,740. The fiscal year for the city begins April 1.

City Manager Ron Holland told Council that preparation of the 1993-94 budget identified several major programs needed to meet citizens' needs for services and safeguard the environment. These programs include street repairs, runway improvements and replacement of some worn out equipment.

The new budget includes a proposed ad valorem tax rate of 47.245¢ per \$100 valuation up from 45.460¢ per \$100 valuation and a proposed garbage rate increase of 18.75% to cover added costs at the landfill.

The second of three readings of the ordinance to increase the garbage rates was conducted last week.

Water and sewer rates will remain the same.

(See Council, Page 10)

Catholic Image comes to Nada, East Bernard from Mexico

The missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is coming to Nada, East Bernard and El Campo this week-end.

The special presentation will be at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard from Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. An exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass will be held at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday.

The image will be on view at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Nada from Saturday night at 10 p.m. until Sunday, March 14 at 3 p.m. The 9:30 a.m. mass Sunday will be in her honor. The Act of Consolation of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be recited at the mass. A final farewell rosary, Act of Consolation and benediction to end all abortions will be held at 2:30 p.m.

The image will be taken to the El Campo Dearey NET meeting in Boling at 3 p.m. It will then be displayed at St. Mary Catholic Church in Victoria Monday, March 15.

The exact photographic replica of the miraculous image that appeared on an Indian's cloak in Mexico, Dec. 12, 1531, exists today in the Basilica near Mexico City. In it Our Lady appears as the pregnant mother of God who put an end to human sacrifice of the Az-

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The market was very active and strong. The good quality steers and heifers were \$2 to \$5 hundred higher with lots of good buyers on hand and few buyers making a very active sale. Packer cows and bulls were steady to strong on approximately 80 head on hand.

If we can help with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan, Art Moeller or Kenneth Brune at 1-800-944-2622 or 409-732-2622.

If you need trailers, trucks or workers for your cattle, please call George, or

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Cattle on hand: 604; sheep and goats, 2; horses, 3.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 50-58.5¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 44-50; light weight canner cows, 38-42¢.

Packer Bulls: heavy weight bulls, 63-67.5¢ per lb.; utility and cutter bulls, 55-61.5¢; light weight canner bulls, 50-57¢.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good and choice, 77-79¢ per lb.; standard, 75-76¢.

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: steer and bull calves, 150-200 lbs., \$1.15-1.455 per lb.; 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.48; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.27;



J.R. "Buddy" Yoder, left, past editor and publisher of The Weimar Mercury, was honored with a resolution of appreciation from the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday morning. County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk presented the framed resolution to Yoder after praising him for timely news reporting over the years.

Rice Board changes meeting to Mar. 22

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees voted to change March's regular monthly meeting from Monday of this week to March 22.

The action came during a special board meeting last Thursday afternoon in the library at Eagle Lake Middle School.

In other business, the board voted to approve an extension of the dressing room wall of the physical activity center at Rice High School.

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Look Who's 50! Happy Birthday From... Guess Who!

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Ambulance corps

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cannot help with patients.

The March schedule shows the following crews and dates:

Date	Day crew	Night crew
Thu., Mar. 11	Neil	John, Jim B., Jim C.
Fri., Mar. 12	June	John, Carolyn, Dorothy
Sat., Mar. 13	John	John, Dorothy
Sun., Mar. 14	John	John, June
Mon., Mar. 15	Carolyn, Sam	Carolyn, Ron, Cathy
Tue., Mar. 16	Neil, Sam	John, Sam
Wed., Mar. 17	Sam, June	Sam, Rachel
Thu., Mar. 18	June, Cathy	John, Jim C., Jim B.
Fri., Mar. 19	June	John, Carolyn, Dorothy
Sat., Mar. 20	John	Sylvia
Sun., Mar. 21	John	John, June
Mon., Mar. 22	Carolyn, Dorothy	Carolyn, Ron, Cathy
Tue., Mar. 23	Neil, Sam	John, Sam, Sylvia
Wed., Mar. 24	Sam, June, Cathy	Sam, Rachel, Dorothy
Thu., Mar. 25	Neil, June	John, Jim B., Jim C.
Fri., Mar. 26	June	John, Carolyn, Dorothy
Sat., Mar. 27	John	Pedro, John
Sun., Mar. 28	John	Carolyn, Ron, Cathy
Mon., Mar. 29	Carolyn, Dorothy	John, Sam, June
Tue., Mar. 30	Neil, Sam	Sam, Rachel, Dorothy
Wed., Mar. 31	Sam, June	

Each blank space represents a time when there are no ambulance personnel available for Eagle Lake.

Anyone who has been certified by the state for Emergency Medical Service should consider volunteering to help with the ambulance service.

Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Reporter

Beather Robinson and Lena Rebel were honored on their birthdays, March 2 and 3, by the staff and residents. They were presented with pink carnation corsages and balloons. Then we all sang "Happy Birthday". We recognize our residents on their birthdays as well as a "Belated Birthday Party" each month. Heritage House after Friday. A faithful volunteer for three years in spite of his illness, he has been in poor health for quite some time. He did everything from bingo to Santa without fail.

We will miss the great ray of sunshine that entered our home everytime he came through the door, but we do understand the need for him to take good care of himself, so he may visit with us when possible. Thank you Bob, God bless.

Please remember our yard sale on March 25. We need donations to sell to help fund our Summer Picnic/Bazaar for our residents. We have collected very little to date and do hope you will help. Please be sure to tell a friend.

Resident Council held their meeting Friday morning. Sunday's worship service was conducted by the Getsemane Baptist Church.

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Childbirth Classes May, 1993

Thomas Clinic
610 S. Austin Road, Eagle Lake

Instructor: Lois Goodwin, PA-C

Classes will be held each Tuesday night in May from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Register with Eva at Eagle Lake Community Hospital
409-234-5571

HERITAGE HOUSE LIVING CENTER

Yard Sale

March 25, 1993

We are in need of your donations to be sold at our

Giant Yard Sale

Proceeds will help fund a special Summer Picnic/Bazaar for our residents

Please bring items to 200 Heritage Lane
Or call 234-3591 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for pickup. (Ask for Wendy or Gladys)

"Thank you for caring."

Chase nets stolen car, two juveniles arrested

In a high-speed chase which began about 9:15 Friday night, March 12, Colorado County Sheriff's Department Sgt. W.E. Lattimore, along with Deputy G. Stavino, pursued a vehicle which they had been seeing 1-10 east bound at Alleyton. The beige 1983 Honda swerved into an abandoned gas station parking lot after leaving the interstate. When the deputy turned a spotlight on the vehicle, the driver pulled out and went east on CR 268. While officers followed, the license plate number was checked and came back as a stolen from San Antonio.

Deputies turned on their emergency lights and followed. The Honda ran a stop sign and drove south on FM 102 sometimes at speeds in excess of 85 mph. The deputies alerted the Eagle Lake Police Department.

As the Honda neared Eagle Lake, about one mile north by the Southern Pacific railroad yard, Eagle Lake Police Officer Eric Hart pulled in front of the Honda. The driver swerved right, went through the ditch, then along the ditch at about 40 mph, jumped a culvert and swerved right again onto the railroad track. It continued to travel south on the track. Police notified Southern Pacific to stop all train traffic in the Eagle Lake area.

The Honda eventually stalled and the driver fled on foot into a patch of thorny bushes where he was arrested by Stavino. The passenger in the stolen car obeyed officers' commands and lay on the ground with his hands out. He was also arrested. Both juveniles were transported to jail by Deputy J. Parcell where Lisa Roldan of the Juvenile Probation Department was contacted. The juveniles, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, were read their rights by J.P. Barry White. They both refused to give statements. Their parents were contacted and both juveniles were transported to Waller County Juvenile Detention Center.

The car was removed from the tracks and taken to Delgado's for storage. Julian Flores of Southern Pacific supervised the removal and checked the tracks for damage before giving the car all clear at approximately 10:33 p.m. for road traffic to resume.

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department also reported two burglaries this past week.

The first took place at a business on CR 218 B at FM 1093, Deputy D.C. Peikert was dispatched to the location March 9 at 7:45 a.m. where he met with the complainant, Mark N. Anderson. Anderson and his foreman reported that one of his Suzuki Quadrunners had been stolen some time the night before. He showed the deputy the east door of the barn where the vehicle had been sitting and the tire (See Sheriff's report, Page 10)

Police have week of burglaries

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls during the past week.

On March 10, Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to Inne's Lounge in the 200 block of East Main at 10:45 p.m. A subject was reportedly using a crowbar to enter a vehicle. Officer Hart located the suspect, Raul Gonzales. He was transported to the police department and arrested for attempted theft and public intoxication. The suspect was then taken to county jail for confinement by Sgt. Clem Johnson.

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to the Longhorn Saloon March 11 at 1:24 p.m. in reference to a broken window. He found that a rock had been thrown through the window but no entry had been made into the building.

A report was received March 12 that someone was trying to siphon gas from a vehicle on West Post Office St. But no suspect was found near the scene.

March 13 at 9:38 a.m., Officer Argo was dispatched to a report of an attempted break-in at a residence on Eighth Street. He located a broken rear window but no entry had been made. The area was dusted for prints. While on patrol March 14 around 1 a.m. Sgt. Johnson saw a subject who appeared to be removing a siphon hose from a truck and noted a five gallon bucket beside the truck. As Sgt. Johnson approached, the suspect fled. Johnson pursued the suspect on foot but could not catch him. It is believed the suspect was possibly picked up by a vehicle driving in the area.

Later that morning, at 7:18, Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to the Templo Berea at 621 Maple in reference to a burglary. A number of items were missing from the church including a set of drums, two amplifiers, a bass guitar, keyboard, microphone and (See Police report, Page 10)

Architect sued for 'faulty' school design

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

A lawsuit was filed last week against the architect who designed the new Eagle Lake Primary School.

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District filed suit March 8 in Colorado County District Court against architect Randall E. Fromberg, Fromberg Associates and Way Consulting Engineers Inc. The suit claims that faulty design of the new primary school left it in danger of collapse.

The Rice district is asking \$300,000 in damages. The facility cost taxpayers over \$1.5 million to build.

The district claims they contracted with Fromberg for the design of the school but that after it was completed, numerous cracks appeared in the structure that affected its stability and created the threat of possible collapse.

The facility was completed in the fall of 1991 in time to open for the 1991-92 school year. Now in its second year of use, the school houses the early childhood through third grade students in Eagle Lake.

City, school board races generate little interest

There has been almost no interest shown in the positions for Eagle Lake City Council and Rice CISD trustee as the deadline to register as a candidate draws near. Deadline for candidates to sign up is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17.

As of Tuesday, March 16, at 5 p.m. in the RCISD election, only the two incumbents on the school board, Jim Wiese and Fritz Leopold, had filed.

The three places on the City Council had only two candidates Tuesday night, incumbent Melvin Gordon and newcomer Rene Cooper-Scott. The other two incumbents whose places are up for election are Melvin Sanchez and Mike Daurie.

Citizens of the area are reminded to register to vote by April 1st if you are not already registered.

When contacted Tuesday evening, Stancik stated he would not be running for re-election.

"I'm pretty well tied up now (having recently purchased The Furniture Shoppe) and I don't feel like I would have the time it takes to do a good job and treat the people right," he stated.

Daurie, when contacted, said he was still undecided.

The elections for both school board trustees and city council are May 1. That is also the date for the state special election on the U.S. Senate seat presently held by Bob Krueger and the constitutional amendment to fund public education in Texas.

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