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1992 Geo Prizm Real clean	\$12,650	\$8,995 ⁰⁰
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USED CARS...

	Old Price	New Price
1991 Chevy 1/2-Ton Pickup Regular cab; white; clean	\$10,995 ⁰⁰	
1991 Cadillac Sedan De Ville Super clean	\$14,495 ⁰⁰	
1989 Ford XLT Lariat Pickup Loaded	\$8,695 ⁰⁰	
1989 Dodge Ram 150 LE Pickup Real clean; low miles	\$8,695 ⁰⁰	
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Pecan growers to vote on plan

Eligible pecan growers, grower-shellers and importers can vote Oct. 4-6 on the Pecan Promotion and Research Plan of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Kevin Humphrey, of the Colorado County ASCS office, said that those who are eligible to vote must have produced or imported pecans some-

time from Sept. 1, 1991, through Aug. 31, 1993.

Eligible growers, grower-shellers and importers must register Sept. 27-Oct. 1 in person at the local ASCS office.

In this area, they may register at the Colorado County ASCS office, 816 Wallace in Columbus.

Ballots will be distributed at the time of registration.

Voting must be by mail and ballots must be postmarked during the Oct. 4-6 voting period. Those postmarked before or after will not be counted.

For the research plan to continue, it must be approved by a majority of those voting in the referendum.

The pecan plan has been in effect since May 1, 1992.

The new proposed route will require a 33% reduction in acreage for right-of-way and will be 130 miles shorter than the original proposal. The proposed route map may be seen at the county courthouse.

The proposed system would follow a single path from Fort Worth, DFW Airport and Dallas south through Waco and a triangle confluence in Milam County. From there alternate routes would go to Austin and San Antonio or Bryan/College Station and on to Houston.

School Board

development, and "flow through" were the only budget items that did not show a decrease for 1993-94.

The Board allocated \$124,718 in the budget for raises, both state mandated and local, for all school personnel, except those veteran teachers who are on Step 10+ due to years of experience. Approximately \$36,000 of this amount was not mandated.

The Board pointed out that the \$36,000 position of director of special services was not replaced, but absorbed by other personnel, thus allowing for the raises.

Butch Szymanski told the Board that if it was really "biting the bullet," that amount would have been put into the general fund.

The question was raised as to why a great number of students from the RCISD are now attending parochial schools, a factor contributing to the district's finances.

McGaughey encouraged the group to get involved and watch what's coming from the state during the coming year.

"I was told in private, so I can't answer it here," said Wiese.

"This is the trend all over the state," said Grigar.

Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey pointed out that the public school must provide special services to parochial schools. The RCISD shares federal funds with St. Mary's School in Nada, according to McGaughey, and also consults with St. Anthony School in Columbus on a regular basis since some RCISD students attend these schools.

McGaughey told the Board that the district is very proud of what has been accomplished in the Chapter I program and Mathys and the entire staff are to be commended.

The group felt that the hearing was constructive and that the taxpayers better understand the decisions facing the School Board, as well as the board understanding the feelings of the taxpayers regarding higher taxes.

The Board approved the Chapter I evaluation report for grades pre-kindergarten through eighth as presented by Deborah Matthey, Eagle Lake Primary School principal and former director of special services.

She told the group it is the first time in three years that two of the campuses have showed gains. Only two of the five campuses, which include St. Mary's in Nada, will have to prepare Chapter I Improvement Plans this year, as opposed to four in the past.

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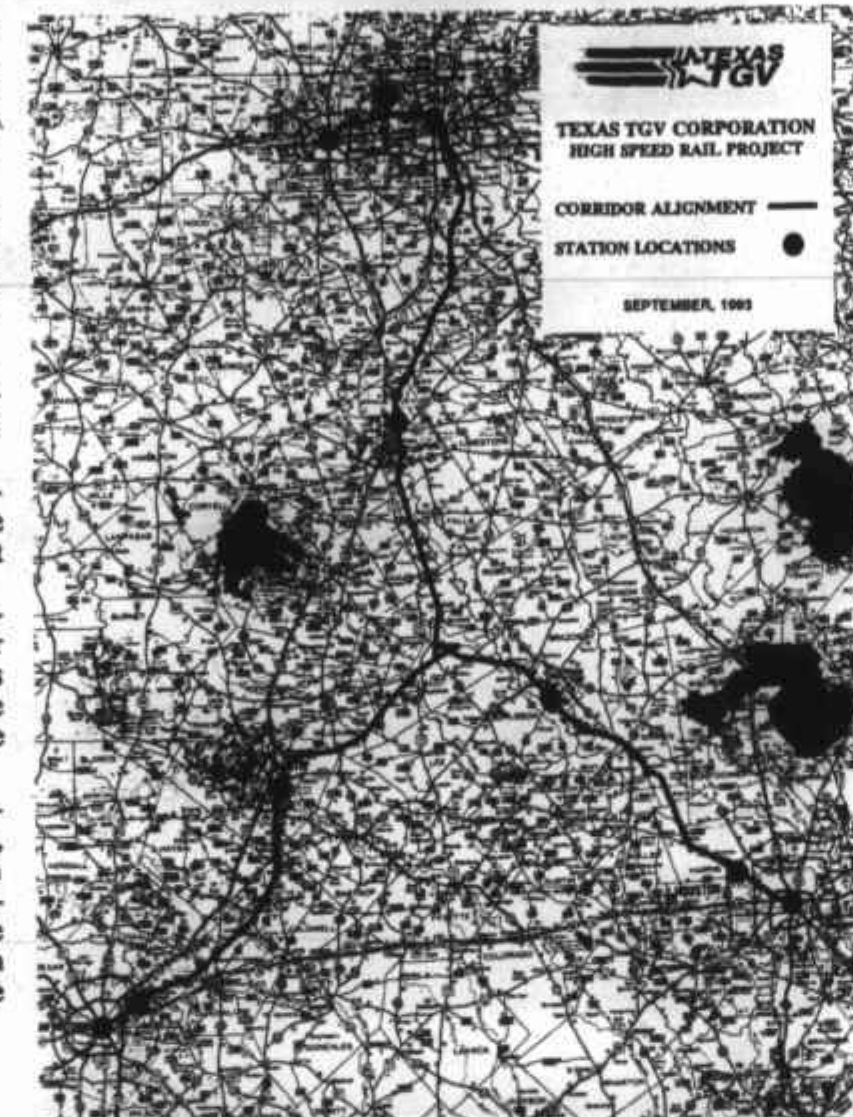
No supertrain for Colorado County

Local landowner uncertainty regarding Texas' proposed high-speed rail system was eliminated Sept. 2 with the announcement that Colorado County has been removed from consideration for the route.

Texas TGV Corp. unveiled a new preferred route for the supertrain to the Texas High Speed Rail Authority which totally eliminates this county from the right-of-way.

Company officials expressed appreciation to local residents for their patience and understanding during the planning process.

The new route also totally eliminates Austin, Bastrop, Fayette and Lee counties from consideration for right of way.



Burglars hit two businesses, one home

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

Sept. 1 at 8:22 a.m., Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to an attempted break-in at Video Specialist Movie Club on E. Main St. He found the front door glass broken where suspects had attempted to gain entry by reaching through the broken door and trying to unlock it. No entry was gained and fingerprints were taken. The case is under investigation.

A burglary at This Is It Fashions occurred sometime late Thursday to early Friday morning. Officer Jeff Argo investigated the burglary at 5:20 a.m. Sept. 3. Entry was gained by prying open the front door. A number of items were stolen.

Sept. 3 at 8:04 a.m., Sgt. Johnson was told of criminal mischief that had taken place at City Hall overnight. Unknown suspects had poured burnt oil all over the front door of City Hall. At 4:55 p.m., Friday, Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to an accident at Schley and Lakeside Dr. The vehicles had already been moved to a residence on 7th St. Lana M. Rodriguez, driving a 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier, was stopped on Schley St. preparing to turn south onto Lakeside Dr. when Pedro P. Hernandez, driving a 1982 Ford Fairmont, struck Rodriguez' vehicle from behind.

Hart ran a check on the drivers licenses and insurance of all those involved and learned that Hernandez and his passenger, Armando Cabral, had outstanding warrants. Cabral paid his fine and was released. Hernandez was taken to the county jail.

Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

Sometime between Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 3 at 5:20 a.m., unknown actors broke into This Is It Fashions at 102 Boothe Dr.

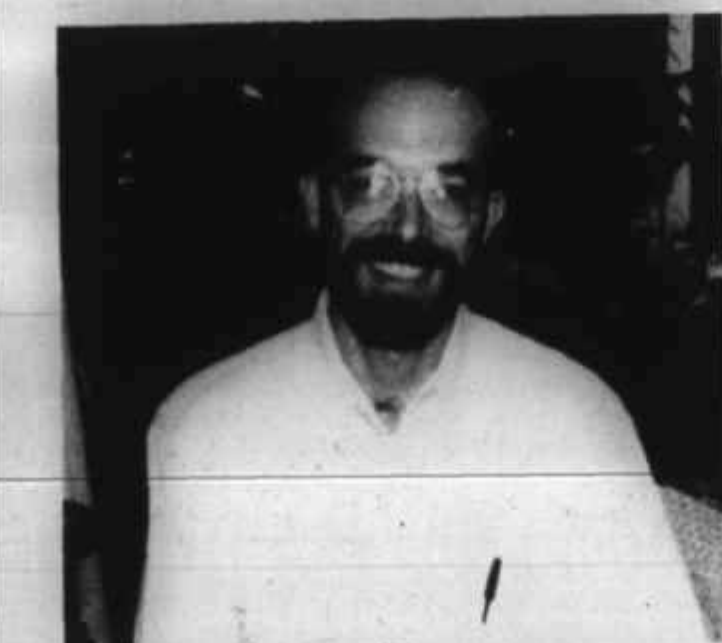
Entry was gained by prying open the front door. Actors took over \$2,000 worth of merchandise from the store.

1993 Colorado County Fair Schedule of Events

Thursday, Sept. 9		
Noon-7 p.m.	All in county animals must be in place	L
3-6 p.m.	Home Ed. Dept. entries accepted	VMC
4 p.m.	Gates to Fairgrounds Open	
4:30 p.m.	Little Critters Petting Zoo	
5 p.m.	Carnival Opens (Pay one price)	
5 p.m.	Gene Hammons Shows Inc.	One Price 5-11 p.m.
6 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Front of VMC
7 p.m.	Texas Dancetime Band	APL
8 p.m.	Invitational Round Robin Team Roping	RA
9 p.m.	Doug Supernaw	APL
9 p.m.	Turtle Races by Columbus Lions Club	APL
10:30 p.m.	Doug Supernaw	APL
Friday, Sept. 10		
7 a.m.	Market Hog Show	L
8:30 a.m.	Broiler Show	L
9 a.m.	Judging: Home Ed. Dept.	VMC
9 a.m.	Judging: Fine Arts	A
10 a.m.	Turkey Show	L
10:30 a.m.	Market Lamb Show	L
Noon	Market Goat Show	L
1:30 p.m.	Market Steer Show	L
2 p.m.	Commercial Heifer Show	L
3 p.m.	Colorado County Jr. Beef Heifer Show	L
4 p.m.	Gates to Fairgrounds Open to Public	
	Exhibits Open	
	Carnival Opens	Midway
	Country Store Opens	VMC
5 p.m.	Little Critters Petting Zoo	
6 p.m.	Fryer Rabbit Show	L
6 p.m.	Bryan Steven	APL
	Jr. Open Breeding Rabbit Show	L
	Jr. Open Beef Heifers and Jr. Open Breeding Sheep may begin arriving	L
6:30 p.m.	Hula Hoop	APL
7 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo and Calf Scramble	RA
7 p.m.	Texas Unlimited	APL
10 p.m.	Jr. Open Breeding Sheep must be checked in	L
Saturday, Sept. 11		
7 a.m.	Registration 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest	L
	Jr. Open Dairy Cattle and Jr. Open Beef Heifers may begin arriving and checking in	L
8 a.m.	Gates to Fairgrounds Open	
8 a.m.	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest	L
9 a.m.	Jr. Open Dairy Show	L
	Parade Line Up	L
	Colorado County Youth Barrel Racing	RA
Saturday, Sept. 11, Continued		
10 a.m.	All Jr. Open Beef Heifers must be checked in for Saturday show	L
	Exhibits Halls Open	VMC & A
11 a.m.	1993 Fair Parade	Downtown Columbus
	Jr. Open Beef Heifers Show	L
Noon	Country Store Opens	VMC
	Little Critters Petting Zoo	
	Carnival Opens	Midway
1 p.m.	Bryan Steven	APL
2 p.m.	Sack Races	APL
3 p.m.	Trick Rodeo	APL
4 p.m.	Cross-Cut Saw Contest	APL
	Newspaper Toss	APL
	Bryan Steven	APL
	Colorado County Go-Texan Team Penning	RA
5:30 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do demonstration	APL
6:30 p.m.	No Exit	APL
7 p.m.	Open Team Penning	RA
7:30 p.m.	Junior Sale	APL
8 p.m.	Roger Ballard	APL
10:30 p.m.	Roger Ballard	APL
Sunday, Sept. 12 — Go-Texan Day		
7 a.m.	All sale animals must be removed from grounds by 10 a.m.	L
7:30-9 a.m.	Check-in and register for all Go-Texan participants at Go-Texan gates on east side of VMC	
8 a.m.	Gates to Fairgrounds Open	
9 a.m.	Jr. Open Breeding Sheep Show	L
	Male Show (Log Pull, Clover Leaf Barrels, Sled Race, Line Driving)	RA
9:30 a.m.	Cowboy Church	L
10 a.m.	Washer Pitching, Horseshoe Pitching	L
	Jr. Open Beef Heifers must be checked in	VMC & A
11 a.m.	Exhibits Halls Open	L
	Jr. Open Beef Heifer Show	L
Noon	Little Critters Petting Zoo	
1 p.m.	Texas Dancetime Band	APL
1-10 p.m.	Carnival (One Price Rides)	Midway
1:30 p.m.	Pedal Pull (Mini-Tractor Pull)	APL
	Go-Texan Queen Contest	VMC
	Whistling Contest	APL
	Tae Kwon Do demonstration	APL
	Spelling Bee Contest	APL
4 p.m.	Open Round Robin Team Roping	RA
	Judging: BBQ Cook-off	APL
5 p.m.	Tug of War	APL
	Egg Toss	APL
6:30 p.m.	All Photos (Contest Winners)	VMC
	Home Economics, Fine Arts & Exhibits may be removed	

A = Armory APL = Armory Pavilion L = Livestock Area RA = Rodeo Area VMC = Veterans Memorial Center

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Colorado County Fair wrap-up

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Raiders make it two!

Lightening struck again on the Rice High School field Friday night. The Raiders racked up their second

win of the season with a 16-12 victory over the Schulenburg Shorthorns.

The Rice stands roared as the team

scored first and stayed ahead throughout the game. During the final crucial minutes the announcer couldn't be heard over the cheering fans.

A tough Raider defense shut out the Shorthorns during the first three quarters of the game while the Rice offense racked up 16 points with 178 yards rushing.

Rice High School senior Jerome Haynes put the first three Raider points on the board with a 25 yard field goal as time ran out in the first quarter. Less than a minute into the second quarter, David Godley added 6 points with a 54 yard touchdown run to make the score 9-0.

Strong defense on both sides froze the score for almost two quarters until Rodney Gustus scored on an 18 yard run with 11:06 left. Haynes extra point kick made the score 16-0.

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Head Coach Mark Johnson talks to his team and fans who gathered with them following the Raiders' 16-14 win over the Schulenburg Shorthorns last Friday night.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

NEWSBRIEFS

Society to learn about native grasses

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will meet Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Jim and Paula Kerney, FM 2434. A program on native grasses is planned. For more information call Mary Ann Pickens 409-732-5058 or Betty Untermyer 409-732-3064.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Thrift Shop of the Prairie Edge Museum will be open Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many good bargains will be available.

Chamber to meet Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 20, at noon. Dairy Delite will provide the food for the dutch treat meal at Kevin Court.

Private applicator course set

The Colorado County Farm Bureau and county extension service has scheduled a training class for two hours credit in private applicators license or certificate recertification. The class will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Family Center, Weimar.

Blood drive, health fair set

Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will hold a blood drive in conjunction with the health fair sponsored by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The event will be held at the hospital.

Scouts host district bike race

The Eagle Lake Boy Scout Troop #334 and Cub Pack #3078 are hosting the District Bicycle Race, Sept. 25 with Scouts coming from Wharton, Matagorda and Colorado Counties. Connor Road will be blocked off for the bike racing event.

Rice Fest country store wants donations

The Rice Festival in Garwood will be Saturday, Sept. 25. The festival country store is in need of homemade and handmade goods such as pickles, jellies, sweets, kolaches, breads and other baked goods and craft items. Call Kim Gold at 758-3928 with your donations.

Lissie hosts community service

Lissie United Methodist church, seven miles east of Eagle Lake off U.S. 90 A will host an old fashioned congregational hymn singing on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the area is invited to join in the fellowship and singing as we praise the Lord together. It is the third in a community-wide series sponsored by the Eagle Lake Area Ministerial Alliance.

Pink Ladies to meet

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary will have a general meeting Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the hospital conference room. All active members are urged to attend.

Clases de Ingles el martes

Vamos a registrar para clases de Ingles el martes, Septiembre 21, a las 7 p.m. en las salas de Andrew Hall, Eagle Lake.

Classes in English begin Tuesday

Classes in English as a second language will be taught beginning Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Andrew Hall of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Ruby Darnell will be instructor for the class from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

GED classes offered in Eagle Lake, Weimar

Adult basic education classes and GED classes will begin Sept. 21 and run through Nov. Registration is open to everyone. Classes will be led by Neal Bostwick in Room 18 at Eagle Lake Middle School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Bostwick at 234-3501 for information.

Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 21, and run Monday and Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at Weimar Jr. High School. For information call Jerry F. Hudac at 409-725-9515. The classes offer training in math, science, reading, social studies and writing to prepare students for the high school graduate equivalency test.

GCMC offers cholesterol screening

Cholesterol-triglyceride screening will be offered Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Gulf Coast Medical Center Laboratory. The cost is \$8 and appointments may be made by calling 409-532-1300.

Sportsmen plan benefit dinner

The Texas Sportsman's Association will hold a benefit dinner Sept. 26 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The barbecue meal will be catered by Jerry Mikeska. Tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$3.25 for children. A drawing, auction and silent auction are also planned beginning at noon. The public is invited.

Garwood set for Rice Fest

The Annual Garwood Rice Festival, Sept. 25, will feature live bands, a rice dish contest, cook-offs for barbecue and chili as well as other contests and booths. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in Garwood beginning at 10 a.m. and ending with a free street dance from 8-12 p.m.

Interested in softball?

Men of the community interested in forming a fall softball league are asked to contact Casey Clifton at 234-3516 or John Young.

Riceland in 'Walk for Dignity'

Riceland Regional MH Authority will be one of six MHMR centers to participate in the "Walk & Roll for Dignity" Sept. 17 at Stewart Beach Pavilion in Galveston. The walkathon begins at 1 p.m. to promote dignity for persons with mental disabilities.

Come to health fair, blood drive

The annual health fair and blood drive jointly sponsored by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and Ministerial Alliance will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the hospital on Austin Road.

The Blood Center will be taking donation in its bloodmobile in the hospital parking lot. This will be more convenient and efficient for those involved. It will also give an opportunity to show off the newly redecorated facility. Everyone is invited to see the newly redecorated hospital projects and inspect the new equipment for diagnosis and treatment.

A telephone committee is contacting previous donors to schedule appointments to give blood. Anyone who would like to donate and has not been contacted may call the hospital to

TAAS testing offered at Rice

Anyone who has completed all other requirements for high school graduation but has not previously passed the exit level tests for writing, reading or mathematics can sign up to take these tests.

To register for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests, pick up a registration packet at Rice High School vocational counselor's office. The registration packets must be re-

(See Testing, Page 14)

Court rules for First National Bank

Bill Harrison Jr., president of The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, announced recently the federal court decision regarding the much publicized allegations by John Engstrom and his family against the bank.

Harrison stated that on Sept. 2, the U.S. District Court in Houston granted First National Bank's motion for summary judgement on claims alleged by John T. Engstrom, Lyndia Engstrom, Collier Farms, Inc., JTE Farms Joint Venture, Melissa Engstrom and Cynthia Engstrom.

The Engstroms alleged that while John Engstrom was on active duty in the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War, the bank repossessed the farm equipment owned by him and sold it at auction.

However, the federal court held that these allegations were without foundation and that the bank had not seized and sold Engstrom's equipment or placed it in auction. Accordingly, "the bank did not violate the statute (of the Soldier and Sailor Relief Act)."

The federal court sent the remainder of the case to state court for further disposition in accordance with its ruling.