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Police

subject was gone. Sgt. Knox checked the area, but was unable to locate the subject.

On Feb. 7, Lt. Johnson received a report of a gas drive off at 500E. Main. A report was taken, but the subject later returned and paid for the gas, no criminal action was taken.

The following cases were cleared with the arrest of the following people: arrest of Michael Paul Rico, Martin Joshua Ruvalcaba, and Jose Luciano Castillo, for burglary of a building that occurred Sept. 1, 1996;

arrest of Melvin Johnson for theft of a firearm occurred Nov. 12, 1996, and James Lee Roy Jr., arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, occurred Nov. 25, 1996.

On Feb. 8, Officer Risk received a call in regard to a theft. A report was taken and the complainant later called the police department to advise that the item had been returned and no charges would be filed.

Officer Risk is investigating an assault that was reported to him on Feb. 9, at 12:30 a.m.

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At 1:40 a.m., Officer Ochoa observed a vehicle make an illegal U-turn in the 700 block of E. Main, and attempted to make a traffic stop, when the vehicle turned off his lights and ran from him.

When Officer Ochoa caught up with the driver, it turned into a private drive and struck a fence. Ochoa arrested the driver, Yoshio Rubalcaba, for evading arrest, and Officer Risk arrested the passenger, Ignacio Espiricueta, for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Both subjects were processed at the police department, then transported to the county jail.

Also on Feb. 9, Officer Tim Crume received two reports of loud music; one on Sempres and one on Scott St.

Officer Gary Gipson took a report of a gas drive off on E. Main, and the case is under investigation.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

The Jan. 1997 summary from the Eagle Lake Police Department listed 143 calls answered; 96 miscellaneous, 11 disturbances, 11 thefts, nine assaults, eight criminal mischiefs, five accidents and three burglaries.

Officers investigated 29 criminal cases, cleared 114 and made 10 arrests (seven misdemeanor, three felony).

There were 56 citations and 70 warnings.

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owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Watson, one-half mile northwest of the intersection of FM 949 and FM 1094. From the intersection, go northwest on FM 1094 and turn right at the second entrance past the Agricultural Society Hall. For more information, call 409-865-5911 or the Watsons at 409-992-3748.

FBC video seminar Friday

The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake is presenting a video seminar entitled "The 5 Love Languages". The seminar will be held Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, at 7 p.m. at the church, 527 N. Lake. The presentation is free. The video portion of the workshop will be presented by Dr. Gary Chapman. You may sign up at the church office or by phone, 234-2571.

Farmer's tax guide available

The Farmer's Tax Guide for use in preparing 1996 tax returns is available in the County Extension Office. This publication, #225, is helpful to farmers and ranchers who complete their own tax returns. For a free copy, come by the Extension office, 316 Spring St., Columbus.

EL Police Department K-9 Officer Posh

November 1986 — February 1997

Posha, the 10-year-old long-haired German Shepherd who joined the Eagle Lake Police Department along with Sgt. Jack Knox, died Monday, Feb. 10, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Trained as a drug dog, Posh worked with Knox for six years. He was forced to retire from active duty last year due to his health.

During the time he served with the Eagle Lake Police Department, Posh was responsible for recovering quite a bit of drugs as well as a sizable amount of cash.

In order to spare him further suf-

fering from the cancer, Posh was put down Monday.

Posha will be missed by all who knew him, especially Sgt. Knox.



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School

Criminal cases reported worked at Rice CISD and the three school districts were:

Criminal Cases Worked	Rice	All Districts
Truancy Related Offenses	25	104
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	6	7
Disorderly Conduct/Disruption of Classes	6	23
Weapons Offenses	1	3
Assaults	1	15
Alcohol Related Offenses	1	14
Harassment/Terroristic Threat	4	7
Narcotics Related Offenses	1	10
Sexual Assaults/Indecency with a Child	1	1
Theft	3	4
Tobacco Offenses	1	4
Traffic Offenses	1	5
Trespassing	1	2
False Report to a Peace Officer	1	1
Retaliation	1	1
Burglary	0	1
Evading Detention	0	1
Robbery	0	1
Interfering with Child Custody	0	1
Contempt of Court	0	3
Littering	0	1
Total Misdemeanors	52	203
Total Felonies	2	7

Schleider handled three gang-related incidents in the Rice District, resulting in the arrest of five gang members. The total for the County was six gang-related offenses with 11 members being arrested.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott told the Board, "The officer has been a real asset to our district."

Two-year contract extensions were awarded to principals Larry Varley, Dr. Curtis Miles and Mike Lanier as well as Dr. Cynthia Saha, director of Vox Populi Alternative Center, and Special Education Director Jeanette Knigge.

Kathryn Botard, Paula Richardson and Christina Smith were approved as substitute teachers for the district.

A trustee election was ordered for May 3 to fill the expiring terms of Melody Grigar in Position No. 1 in Eagle Lake; Madison Smith, Position No. 2, Garwood; and Laurel Milentz, Position 3, Sheridan. Filing will be held Feb. 17 through March 19.

The Board voted to use the President's Day holiday, Feb. 17, and March 31 as bad weather make-up

days and granted an early release date on March 20 for a ULL meet, to be held on the Eagle Lake Middle and Eagle Lake Primary campuses.

The Board approved a system of extra duty pay for teachers at a cost of \$150,000, pending the upcoming budget allowing for implementation of this program.

"Over 500 jobs have been defined that have nothing to do with teaching, but are a must for our educational process, that teachers have been doing without compensation," said Gott.

According to Gott, each job has been weighted and given a pay amount as a guide. Principals will be given discretion in the program.

"You, as a Board, said you wanted no more across-the-board raises, but wanted to work on a merit system. You instructed me to work on such a program. I feel I have come up with a very innovative plan and there's probably not another plan like it being used," said Gott.

Coaches' stipends were discussed. Under the recommended pay program, coaching duties will be weight-

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ed, according to time spent, knowledge and skill needed to perform the job, difficulty of the job and amount of student participation.

Each assigned coaching duty will be paid accordingly. A total of 66 coaching jobs have been defined.

"Our athletic director will make the decision as to what jobs are the most important," said Gott. "Each job will be compared to every other job through a computer program."

The Board heard a request from Martha Flores of Eagle Lake, who will be opening a new child care center in Aug., for the Board to subsidize partial child care for its employees. The subject will be referred to the Salary and Benefits Committee. Flores will match the subsidy.

In other business, the Board:

- Accepted the bid of \$14,400 from Sheridan Lumber Co. for construction of a press box and concrete work at the newly-constructed softball field at Rice High School;

- Took no action on a request from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District for financial assistance on the construction or purchase of a new building for its facility since the CAD has been asked to vacate the Court-house by May 1, pending further information on the subject;

- Approved the transfer of \$1 million to capital projects as per auditor recommendation with \$500,000 of the amount to be used as the "buy down" for the utility saving performance contract with Johnson Controls;

- Approved the recommendation of textbooks by the Textbook Committee;

- Voted to fund Science Fair students' field trip as an incentive for student participation in the upcoming science fair;

- Learned from the RHS principal that the 1996-97 senior class has voted unanimously to hold its graduation ceremony outside; and

- Heard a report from ELMS Principal Deborah Matthys on the implementation of Saturday detention as a deterrent step between campus consequences and Vox Populi Alternative Center.

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of the application being resubmitted is the delay of possible approval of the application until about Aug.

Council approved a request by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance to re-

serve parking space for the blood mobile at City Hall on Saturday, Feb. 22.

To close the meeting, Holland conducted a nine-month budget review with Council.

RICE HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Week ending 2-7-97

ADMISSIONS

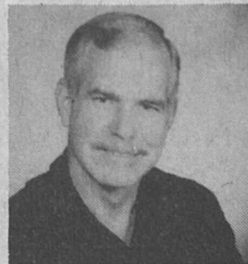
Eagle Lake: Edward Priesmeyer, Hazel Williams, Audrey Owens, Kandice Almanza & Baby Boy.

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Heart specialists are encouraging people who have high blood pressure to be aware of an unexpected problem that can result during the treatment of a hypertensive crisis (blood pressure that rises to a dangerously high level).

One common method of treating persons who experience a sudden rise in blood pressure is being questioned. The procedure in question involves the use of oral nifedipine capsules. Nifedipine is an effective high blood pressure medicine that has been used for years. Many physicians have told their patients who experience a hypertensive crisis either to open a nifedipine capsule (which is filled with liquid) and squirt the liquid medicine under their tongue or bite the capsule and swallow it whole. The problem with this approach is that it can cause the blood pressure to drop in an unpredictable manner (too slowly or too quickly). A drop that is too rapid can lower blood flow to the brain and heart, possibly resulting in stroke, heart attack, or even death.

Medical specialists now say that the use of oral high blood pressure medicines is not appropriate for most hypertensive emergencies. Shorter-acting medicines given by injection are preferred. The shorter-acting medicines usually are given in the physician's office or emergency room.