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1997 Ford XLT Ext. Cab 3-Door; 14,000 Miles.	\$19,495 ⁰⁰ \$18,995 ⁰⁰
1997 Geo Tracker	\$14,975 ⁰⁰
Or A Monthly Payment of Only \$237 ⁷⁹ **	
1997 Geo Metro Red 2-Door. Smart Buy Priced at	\$176 ⁷⁶ ** A Month
1997 S-10 Pickup Stock #921-97. Includes Rebate; 9.9% for 60 months. Only	\$222 ⁰⁴ ** A Month
1997 Chevy Lumina Stock #994-97. 48 Months at 3.9% with payments of only	\$327 ⁵³ ** A Month
1997 Chevy Camaro Stock #915-97. 60 Months at 6.9% with payments of only	\$332 ⁷⁰ ** A Month
1997 Geo Metro White 2-Door. Smart Buy Priced at	\$176 ⁷⁶ ** A Month
1996 Oldsmobile Achieva White	\$11,495 ⁰⁰
1996 Olds Cutlass Ciera White With Warranty Remaining!	\$11,995 ⁰⁰
1996 Oldsmobile Achieva Coupe	\$11,495 ⁰⁰
1996 Buick Park Avenue Champagne Color.	\$19,995 ⁰⁰
1996 Buick Park Avenue Maroon. 26,000 Miles.	\$19,995 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy Corsica White	\$8,995 ⁰⁰
1995 Cadillac DeVille GMAC Lease Car. Only 21,000 Miles! Chrome Wheels, Gold Package, Leather	\$23,695 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy Corsica Blue	\$7,995 ⁰⁰
1995 Cadillac DeVille Calipso Green, Low Miles, Chrome Wheels, Gold Package, Leather!	\$23,695 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4 with 4-Wheel Drive.	\$18,500 ⁰⁰ \$17,995 ⁰⁰
1994 Ford Super Cab One Owner. Tool Box & Brush/Grill Guard. Low Mileage!	\$13,995 ⁰⁰
1994 Olds 88 Royale LSS	\$12,495 ⁰⁰
1994 Buick Road Master Perfect!	\$13,995 ⁰⁰
1993 Cadillac Fleetwood	\$14,295 ⁰⁰
1993 Olds Cutlass Ciera Red. Rental Car. Priced to Move!	\$7,495 ⁰⁰
Or A Monthly Payment of Only \$242 ⁰⁰ **	
1993 Chevy Astro Van Blue. One Owner Family Van.	\$8,795 ⁰⁰
1992 Pontiac Grand Am Coupe	\$7,495 ⁰⁰
1991 Geo Prizm Super clean car!	\$4,495 ⁰⁰
1989 Olds Cutlass Ciera One Owner!	\$4,995 ⁰⁰

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ELMS proud of 'spiffy' marquee

According to the out-going Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO officers, the new marquee at the school would not have been possible without the hard work of the community, parents, students and teachers. "It's a dream come true," they said.

The students worked hard on a fundraiser held last spring under the sponsorship of Sandy Young, who did a great job.

Credit was also given to the parents, teachers and PTO officers who gave their time to work the concession stand during volleyball and basketball seasons. The concessions provided additional funds for the marquee.

Carol Bluntson, President of the PTO, started early last year getting quotes from various sign companies. She was assisted by Coach Kirk Quasebarth (known as "Coach Q" by his students).

Quasebarth's letter to Coca Cola Bottling Company, soliciting a donation for the project, was answered by the company donating the entire marquee.

The installation was paid for by the PTO.

The sign drew a lot of attention on the first day of school, Aug. 12. The addition to the campus will keep everyone up to date on all the activities being held on campus, Bluntson said.



ABOUT TOWN...

•Well, Lisa, you missed that meeting you were asking about. It was scheduled for Wednesday. Sorry.

•Many of you out there know Tom Reed, hometown product, car salesman extraordinaire. Now it looks as though he's jumping into the political arena with both feet!

An extremely reliable source told this office that Tom is running for Congress against Ron Paul.

No, not a city, county or state-wide position to start with and get his "feet wet". Tom went almost to the top to begin his political career. He's in the process of building his "grass-roots" organization at this very moment.

All kidding aside, good luck Tom. (Does this mean we have to call you "Mr. Reed" now?)

•Ramona and Chad Ferguson had out-of-state visitors for a few days last week. Her parents, who are retired, decided to come down to Texas from Mississippi and visit for a while.

Of course they also got to see their great grandson, Dylan, Chris and Lena Ferguson's son.

Sheriff

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Rock Island. The complainant reported approximately \$1,200 in jewelry was stolen.

Friday, Aug. 15, at 4:00 p.m., Lt. Holub and Deputy Peterson responded to a call concerning an assault on Hwy. 90A, west of Rock Island.

A case report was completed but no charges have been filed at this time.

Saturday, Aug. 16, at 5:18 p.m., Deputies Knighten and Pavicek responded to the burglary of habitation on FM 109.

The complainant reported a television and one rifle were stolen.

Just a reminder to all citizens...the 1997-98 school year has begun and I would like to take the time to remind everyone to drive extra careful in and around all school zones.

Remember, when a bus is stopped, whether loading or unloading, you must stop and wait for the bus to resume its travels.

The Sheriff's Department will be enforcing traffic laws in and around school areas.

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied

Merger

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The two companies already have complementary international operations. For example, in June HI's foreign power subsidiary, Houston Industries Energy Inc. (HI Energy) and a partner purchased a majority interest in the electric utility serving 270,000 customers in the Valle del Cauca Province of Colombia. NorAm has been awarded concessions to build and operate natural gas distribution facilities in four Colombian states including the Valle del Cauca Province.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the merger on July 30 and the Securities and Exchange Commission approved HI's request to retain its exemption under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 on July 25.

All other required state and municipal approvals were completed in

Feb. and shareholders of both companies approved the merger in Dec. 1996.

HI Power Generation, headed by President and Chief Operating Officer Charles Crisp, includes the regulated and unregulated power generation operations of the company.

HI Trading and Transportation, under the direction of President and Chief Operating Officer Charles Oglesby, encompasses electric and natural gas trading and marketing, natural gas pipelines and the gathering of natural gas from the wellhead.

Houston Industries Incorporated is traded on the New York, Chicago and London stock exchanges.

"The business of life is to go forward." — Samuel Johnson

Graffiti

against the property owner.

And, that the force of the law may be used to right the wrong, establish justice and make the victim whole again.

Anything less than \$20 would be considered a "Class C" which is a justice of the peace or municipal court citation.

This sanction is increased fairly severely by the new graffiti law.

First, the criminal mischief law was changed so the lesser offense, the Class C citation, includes all damages under \$50 (rather than \$20); which unfortunately allows larger amounts of mischief to escape more serious prosecution.

The graffiti law more than makes up for the easing of the penalty in criminal mischief.

If the mischief falls within the definition of graffiti ("with aerosol paint or indelible marker... makes inscriptions, slogans, drawings or paintings...") then the penalty is more severe.

In effect, there is no Class C graffiti. Graffiti of ANY amount less than \$500 is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in the county jail and up to \$2,000 in fines.

Hypothetically, if you write your name on the bathroom wall with a magic marker, resulting in \$1 worth of damage, if found guilty, you could be incarcerated for up to six months and

fined up to \$2,000. I don't expect to see those kinds of sanctions being levied (a name on the bathroom wall) but for writing of gang slogans on buildings in our community, staking out of gang turf and such, the penalties can be very severe.

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Sale Every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursdays, live at ring side, from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

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"We are at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week," say George, Art, Ken, Roy and Charley. "We appreciate your business."

Market Report for Aug. 14, 1997

Animals on hand: 1243; 6 horses, 15 sheep and goats

Packer cows: higher dressing quality &

cutter cows, 38-42-1/2¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 33-38¢ per lb.; lighter weight canner cows, 25-33¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 45-54¢; utility cutter bulls, 40-45¢; light weight canner bulls, 40-47¢.

Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings
Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., \$1.18-1.40; 200-250, \$1.10-1.18; 250-300, \$1.00-1.30; 300-350, \$1.00-1.21; 350-400, \$1.00-1.13; 400-450, \$1.00-1.06; 450-500, 90¢-1.01; 500-550, 82-94¢; 550-600, 79-84¢.

Heifers #1: 150-200 lbs., \$1.00-1.15; 200-250 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 250-300 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 300-350 lbs., 85-98¢; 350-400 lbs., 85¢-1.08; 400-450 lbs., 85-95¢; 450-500 lbs., 80-94¢; 500-550 lbs., 80-93¢; 550-600 lbs., 79-86¢.

Stocker cows: good stocker cows & heifers, 55-65¢ per lb.; med. stocker cows & heifers, 50-55¢ per lb.; good cow & calf pairs, \$700-800; med. cow & calf pairs, \$600-700; common cow & calf pairs, \$350-500.

Have a nice day, say George, Art, Roy, Ken, Max & Charley

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*Menu is subject to change without notice.