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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	\$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	\$18,995 ⁰⁰
1996 Buick Park Avenue	Maroon. 26,000 Miles.	\$19,995 ⁰⁰	\$18,995 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. Low Mileage!	\$13,995 ⁰⁰	
1994 Olds 88 Royale LSS		\$12,495 ⁰⁰	
1994 Buick Road Master	Perfect!	\$13,995 ⁰⁰	
1993 Chevy Camaro Z-28	Excellent Condition!	\$12,995 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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could have the documents reviewed at its own scheduling by a committee of county staff, as well as sheriff's staff. He told the Court that in case of litigation, the burden of proof will be the plaintiff's (deputies) responsibility. "The County has made the effort to resolve this matter, so it behooves the employee to search," Krueger said. According to Krueger, should a lawsuit be filed, the first step in the judicial process will be to see if the claims are valid.

It was agreed that extreme burden could be placed on both the Court and deputies if the issue continues to fester and arbitration should be the answer, rather than litigation.

The bottom line seems to be that the Court's intent is to pay the hours. The question is the how many hours.

Lunch time is not allocated for the deputies 12-hour shift, according to policy now in place.

"We've got to find out if every deputy in the sheriff's department worked every lunch hour for the past two years," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elstner.

"We're willing to pay, it's coming up with the hours," said Pct. 1 Richard Seifert.

Pct. 4 Commissioner "Sonny" Spanihel cited being in a restaurant when an officer was present for quite a length of time.

According to present policy, that time would show up on the dispatcher's log. This was not the case during the past administration.

It was agreed that a resolution will be attempted by sitting down with the County judge, auditor and a representative of the Court and the sheriff's department, plus Chadwick.

Krueger told the deputies that the bottom line is, "If you check out at lunch, then go to lunch."

The department continued its no comment policy with Wied saying, "I want what's fair for my men; I will stick with them."

The statute of limitation runs out in two years; three years if the act was malicious.

When Wied referred to his department as the County's stepchild, Slominski replied that he hoped the comment was a passing one.

"The sheriff's department is the biggest budget item of Colorado County so that feeling of stepchild needs to be resolved. We (the Court) have an obligation to watch public funds and safety. You have to have been here

with the taxpayers to understand," Slominski said.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Tommy Hahn told the group it was disappointing to see a wall building between the sheriff's department and Court.

Deputy Michael Schleider, who did most of the talking in defense of the deputies during the discussion, did not agree with Krueger on the cases

cited as precedent cases, but did agree that the Court and deputies are part of a County family.

The question remains on how many deputies have never taken a lunch break and how many have?

As Krueger plainly put it, "If you respond you are compensated... if you're not called to respond, you are not compensated."

Drugs

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They are ranked according to production, such as amount of drugs seized, number of seizures, forfeitures, arrests and drugs seized by assisting other agencies, etc.

The 25th Judicial District Task Force ended 1996 with an overall rank of 20th out of 46. Statistics for fiscal year 1996 are given below.

The total budget for the Task Force in fiscal 1996 was approximately \$457,592.00, of which \$343,193.00 was supported by the Texas Narcotics Control Program Grant through the governor's office.

The remaining \$114,399 was made either by local match from the three counties and the City of Seguin or by seizing and forfeiting the assets taken from drug traffickers.

Street Value of Drugs Seized	\$1,179,277.00
Value of Assets Seized	\$149,731.00
Misdemeanor Arrests Made	63
Felony Arrests Made	94
Arrest Assists	37
Value of Drug Seizure Assists	\$1,802,574.00

City

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dividual returned to to home after a lengthy hospital stay to find her water turned off the same day.

City Secretary Lucille Perry told Cooper-Scott that such incidences are taken into consideration if the City is notified of an extenuating circumstance, such as illness, but no such notification was received in this case.

The City's new policy that a cut-off valve must be installed in all new water lines and those being reconnected posed a problem for the elderly individual.

In other business, Council: *Approved a request by the Arabia Temple to conduct its annual fundraiser for the Shriner's Children's 19 orthopedic and three burn hospitals on Saturday, Oct. 4;

*Approved a request by Jamex Inc. to conduct a seismic survey on 1.43 acres of land behind B&B Food, east of Austin Road, that was donated to the City last Dec. by Joe H. McCreary;

*Voted to bid the City's insurance coverage in lieu of automatically continuing with Texas Municipal League;

*Learned the City's health insurance program will be going up to \$17.10 per month, an 8.5% increase.

*Dropped the out-dated cancer insurance coverage and added eye coverage to the City's medical plan as per request of City employees; and

*Heard a request by Melvin Gordon regarding drainage at his property on Hubbard Ferry Road and the length of time (five years) he has waited for the City to do something.

Police

will begin procedures to revoke Barrios' probation.

Eagle Lake Police Department also reported these additional calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 2.

On Aug. 28 at 2:25 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson met a complainant at the police department who reported the theft of materials from a construction site on C Street. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 4:44 p.m., Officer Crume was contacted at the department in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. Information was gathered. A report filed.

At 11:23 p.m., Officers Lattimore and Carl Risk were dispatched to El Zarape Bar in reference to an unwanted person on the premises. The subject was located and issued a criminal trespass warning to leave and not return.

On Aug. 29, Lt. Johnson met with a complainant on Glen Lake Court in reference to a possible burglary. From the investigation, it was learned that a juvenile had entered the residence without consent. The subject was issued a criminal trespass warning and advised not to go into the house again.

On Aug. 30 at 5:28 p.m., Officer Crume and Reserve Officer Tobin Thomas were patrolling in the 700 block of S. McCarty when they observed a vehicle apparently speeding. After stopping the vehicle in the 100 block of Boethe, the driver, Joe Gonzales Villalobos of Rosenberg, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

The passengers, Joe Garcia and Richard H. Rodriguez, also of Rosenberg, were arrested for public intoxication. After processing, the three were transported to CDC.

At 9:05 p.m., Officer Lattimore and Sgt. Knox were advised of a gas drive-off at 734 E. Main. After receiving a description, the area was searched, but the suspect was not found.

At 11:57 p.m., Lattimore and Officer Thomas were dispatched to 601 E. Main in reference to a gas drive-off. Information was taken, a search made, but the vehicle was not found.

On Aug. 31, at 1:45 p.m., Officer Ochoa and Reserve Officer Brian Baklik were contacted at the police department in reference to a terrorist threat that had occurred about 2 a.m. Information was gathered, statements were taken and a report filed.

At 6:20 p.m., Officer Lattimore and Sgt. Knox were contacted by a complainant who reported an assault. After investigation, Mary Kimberly Shuler was arrested for family violence assault. She was processed at the police department then transported to CDC for confinement.

At 11:25 p.m., Officer Risk met

with a complainant at 200 W. Post Office about a theft. A report was taken. The case is under investigation.

On Sept. 1, at 1:38 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to Mills Street in reference to an assault. After investigation, Anthony Michael Barrios was arrested for family violence assault, processed at the police department, and transported to CDC.

At 6:57 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to an attempted burglary on Dobbins. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 10:08 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Keith Street in reference to

Attempted murder suspect surrenders

Santiago Gonzales, a 47-year-old man from Columbus surrendered to Eagle Lake Police Thursday, Aug. 14, accompanied by his attorney. A warrant for attempted murder had been issued for his arrest on July 17. Gon-

an unconscious person. It was learned that the victim had taken an unknown amount of prescription pills. The ambulance was called and took the victim to the Rice Medical Center where she was listed in stable condition.

On Sept. 2 at 9:29 a.m., the dispatcher was advised of a gas drive-off at B&B Pump & Save; Lt. Johnson was dispatched. A computer check showed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Houston. The clerk was not sure of the vehicle's direction of travel. Johnson searched the City, but was unable to locate the vehicle; a county-wide broadcast was also issued.

zales was processed in Eagle Lake then transported to the Colorado County Detention Center, but was released the same day after posting a \$50,000 bond set by Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski

Go Texan

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Donnie Head is in charge of the BBQ cook-off. Cookers will check in from 6 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, or at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Call 409-725-8139 or 1-800-421-2847.

Men and women's hay haling will be by pre-registration only. Contact Clinton Mascheck at 409-234-5347; Henry Potter, 409-732-2288; or Joe Mike Spanihel, 409-234-3491. Deadline is 5 p.m., Sept. 11.

Horseshoe pitching with two member teams will be Sunday, Sept. 14. Boys and girls will register at 12:30 and play at 1 p.m. Men and women will register at 1, play at 2. Call Billy Ray Krenek, 409-758-3588.

Steve Wicke is the washer pitching chairman. Two member teams (male or female) will compete in junior or senior divisions. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. with play at 11 for junior; registration at 11:30 a.m. with play at 12 noon for seniors.

For photography information, call Lynda Appelt, 409-234-5878; or Jack Hunter, 409-732-2082. Photography will be judged at the Fair and will also

Convention

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The main purpose of this meeting is to adopt policies for next year.

New officers and directors will also be elected at this time as well as voting delegates to represent for the state convention Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in Arlington. Board members' up this year are: Russell Trefny, Kenneth

Koehl, Perry Kloesel, A.R. Dittich, Larry Hillmer, Leon Hattermann, Gary Kainer, Otto Loessin and Al Mahalitic.

Do your part; be a "voice of agriculture" by attending your county meeting and letting your opinion(s) be heard!

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Rice Consolidated I.S.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 22.36 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building in Altair, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Mr. Vawter, Ms. Milentz, Mr. Powers, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Wiese

AGAINST the proposal: Mr. Leopold

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Mr. Smith

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 27, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$38,684	\$38,684
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$12,737	\$22,737
Average taxable value	\$25,947	\$15,947
Tax rate	\$1.42170/\$100	\$1.42170/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$368.89	\$226.72 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$142.17 or 38.54 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or zero percent compared to last year's rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.