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1997 Geo Tracker	2.9% Financing	\$14,975 ⁰⁰	\$12,975 ⁰⁰
1997 Geo Metro	2-Door, 2.9% Financing, Smart Buy Priced at Only		\$8,300 ⁰⁰
1997 S-10 Pickup	Stock #921-97, 2.9% APR! Only		\$11,177 ⁰⁰
1997 Chevy Camaro	Stock #915-97, 2.9% APR!		\$16,270 ⁰⁰
1996 Olds Cutlass Ciera	White With Warranty Remaining!		\$11,995 ⁰⁰
1996 Oldsmobile Achieva Coupe			\$11,495 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy Corsica	White		\$8,995 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy Corsica	Blue		\$7,995 ⁰⁰
1995 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4x4	with 4-Wheel Drive		\$10,900 ⁰⁰
1994 S-10 Extended Cab	White, Tilt & Cruise!		\$15,500 ⁰⁰
1994 Chevy Suburban	2-Tone Silverado		\$8,000 ⁰⁰
1994 Ford Aerostar Minivan	Dual Air, Extended		\$7,495 ⁰⁰
1993 Olds Cutlass Ciera	Red, Rental Car, Priced to Move!	\$6,995 ⁰⁰	\$6,500 ⁰⁰
1992 Pontiac Grand Am Coupe		\$6,995 ⁰⁰	\$6,500 ⁰⁰
1991 Chevy Suburban			\$8,000 ⁰⁰

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Sheridan

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that purchased tickets for the drawing, showed up to eat a bowl of stew, played a game of bingo or bid on or bought auction items. The Sheridan Lions THANK YOU!

Winners in this year's drawing were:

1. Model 700 BDL Remington (270) rifle, Tommie Crumpton, Sheridan.
2. Crossbred heifer calf, Patrick Milentz, Rock Island.
3. Portable outdoor cooker, Ken Kram Insurance, Weimar.
4. \$100 H.E.B. gift certificate, Fred Kubesch, Victoria.
5. \$100 H.E.B. gift certificate, Lillian Boryla, Sheridan.

6. \$100 Savings Bond, Ruth Brisco, Sheridan.
7. \$100 Savings Bond, Lara Sudik, Port Lavaca.
8. Kenco 30 lb. deer feeder with smart timer, Marshall Peck, Hallettville.
9. Cut-n-Jump Rally Sports Skis, B. J. Vavrusa.
10. \$50 Savings Bond, Don Janik.
11. Professional blender, Don Luedecke, El Campo.
12. Mary Kay gift basket, Margo Harrison, Eagle Lake.
13. Car wash, Sonntag's Service Station, Eric Garza, Sheridan.
14. \$25 gift certificate, Robert's

- Automotive, Mike Dupre, Houston.
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate, Jack Vawter, Altair.
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate, Hill Bank & Trust, Weimar.
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate, Charles Herzik, Weimar.
- \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate, Bumper Crop Ag. Service, Schulenburg.
- Fire extinguisher, Eugene Garza, Sheridan.
- Candle and potpourri, Roy G. Gallegos, Devine.
- \$15 gift certificate, Margo Harrison, Eagle Lake.

Friends

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vee Peterson, a library assistant who helps keep the library functioning smoothly.

Mary Lou Criswell, a library volunteer, recognized the Library Board members: Zelda Walker, Chairman of the Board; Ed Parham, Representative

from the Lions Club; Natalie Dupre, Ruth Brisco, Carolyn Brisco, Representatives from the PTS; and Lillian Gohlke.

The reception closed with the awarding of door prizes by Joyce Ohm and Ed Parham.

Eighty-seven patrons joined the 1997 Friends of the Library, thus breaking the record for membership. In 1995, the Friends had 86 members. The names of the Friends will be on the 1998 community calendar.

Secrets

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son. They understood that it interfered with their right to know, and consequently, the public's right to know.

As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association want the Texas Legislature to revisit this issue and find a way to deal with the "ambulance chasers" without infringing on the public's right to know. We support that effort.

In another recent instance, our office was asked by a non-profit organization whether the phone records of the Texas Supreme Court were open to the public according to the Texas Public Information Act.

We drew on a number of court cases which made a distinction between the court records of the judiciary, which are excluded, and the ad-

ministrative records of the judiciary, which are not, in our view, excluded from the Act. We ruled that while judiciary was clearly granted an exemption under the Act, the telephone records that were subject to the request were administrative, not judicial.

The state Supreme Court, in what we believe was a good faith disagreement, rejected our ruling, and reading the law very literally, said that all their records were exempt and they had no intention of releasing any of them.

It will surprise no one that lawyers disagree. We interpret the law differently than the Supreme Court. But that disagreement can serve as an opportunity for us to look beyond differing interpretations of the law. We mustn't lose sight of the spirit of open government laws which articulate a moral obligation for Texas government to operate openly in the light of day. We must never lose sight of the plain truth

that darkness breeds secrets.

Honest, open government is the essential obligation of every person whose salary is paid by tax dollars. No one is excluded from that obligation, not presidents or governors or attorneys general or judges.

The preamble of the Open Records Act (since renamed the Public Information Act) says it best: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

Courthouse

Nov. 14, 1997
Kenneth Drik, Houston, terroristic threat, 8-20-97, Frank's Friendly Place, Rock Island.

Robert Glenn Woolard, Garwood, assault, 8-3-97, 200 Mansfield, Garwood.
Annie Zikuhr Henry, Rock Island, permittee intoxicated on licensed premises, 8-20-97, Frank's, Rock Island.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITION
Robert Charles Scott, injury to disabled individual, 7-14-96. Sentenced 11-13-97, 2 years deferred adjudication, 200 hours community service, \$564 restitution, court costs, \$1,000 fine.

CASES FILED
Whyman Psenick and Carolyn Psenick d/b/a Water Systems Inc. vs Tommy Palmer and Belon Palmer d/b/a Palmer Moisture Systems; promissory note; filed 11-13-97.

DIVORCES FILED
Stephen Ford Scott, Kristy Ann Scott; filed 11-4-97.
Jack B. Hilburn Jr., Alma F. Hilburn;

Charles Earls III, Eagle Lake, assault, 6-22-97, 708 East B St., Eagle Lake, ELDP Lattimore; pled guilty; fined \$2,000 (\$1,750 probated upon successful completion of anger management course), court costs, 4 months jail (probated over 1 year).
Zachary Daniels, Eagle Lake, theft, 7-14-97, 700 Milam, Columbus, CPD Kellogg; pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs, 4 months jail (probated over 1 year concurrent with Cause #13,853).

Zachary Daniels, Eagle Lake, burglary of a vehicle, 7-14-97, 700 Milam, Columbus, CPD Kellogg; pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs, 4 month jail (probated over 1 year concurrent with #13,851).

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED
Now, 10, 1997

Michael Rico, Eagle Lake, motion to revoke probation filed and capias for arrest requested. Defendant placed on probation 11-12-96 for DWI. Motion alleges defendant violated probation by failing to pay fine, court costs and restitution and perform community service.

Henry Servantes, Columbus, motion to revoke probation filed, capias for arrest requested. Defendant placed on probation 11-12-96, unlawfully carrying a weapon. Motion alleges defendant violated probation by being arrested for public intoxication, failing to pay fines and court costs.

Indictments

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•Alcario Barrios Jr., possession of a controlled substance, 8-28-97;
•Rebecca Ann Melendez, possession of a controlled substance, 8-28-97;

•Michael A. Gonzales, delivery of a controlled substance, 10-31-96;
•Jacqueline B. Gonzales, delivery of a controlled substance, 10-31-96;
•George Clarence Scott III, possession of a controlled substance, 7-15-97;

•Robin Alexander Mitchell, burglary of a building, 8-28-97.
Three indictments were sealed as of press time.

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Nov. 14, 1997
Charles Kropelnicki, Jenny Griffith Kropelnicki; 11-13-97.
Thomas Wayne Felty, Leeann Faye Felty; 11-14-97.

DIVORCES GRANTED
Amanda Elaine Camp Supak, James Charles Supak Jr.; granted 11-13-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Toriano DeShon Thomas and Tushana Montreze Price; 11-5-97.

Robert Lugo Hernandez and Nancy Frances Hernandez; 11-5-97.

Melvin Lee Otto and Mary Annell Horndt; 11-10-97.

Justin Ray Vidrine and Natalie Lavene Mahalic; 11-10-97.

Gregory Lee Pitchford and Roxanne Marie Riefkohl; 11-12-97.

Twaymon Leroy Boone and Lashanda Ronyea Rainey; 11-12-97.

Freddie Garcia and Gloria Hilda De Leon; 11-12-97.

Timothy P. Jones and Kimberly Eyvette Korenck; 11-14-97.

Goal

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tions will be presented certificates!

The board of directors has set its goal this year at \$10,150 with a number of groups approved as recipients: Ministerial Alliance.....\$1875
Eagle Lake

Salvation Army.....\$1,125
Colorado County

Special Olympics.....\$1,000
Prevention of Alcoholism

& Usage of Drugs.....\$1,000
Little League Operation.....\$925

Youth Development.....\$850
Colorado County Children's

Service Board.....\$850
Colorado County Mental Health

Mental Retardation.....\$750
Administrative Costs.....\$600

Boy Scouts.....\$400
Girl Scouts.....\$400

Colorado County Red Cross.....\$375
Total.....\$10,150

"All these agencies benefit the citizens of this area. If you desire, you can earmark your contribution to a specific organization," said Duarte.

Contributions may be made to any teller at The First National Bank of Eagle Lake or by mailing it directly to The Eagle Lake United Way, P.O. Box 902, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

"Meeting our goal will make the difference in the agencies' ability to serve our community. These agencies make the difference in the quality of life for everyone - the stranger, friend, family member and you," said Duarte.

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