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Police report

Paul Supak of Entex reported to Sgt. Earl Jones on April 2 that a gas trucker had been taken from his company vehicle on W. Main St. The trucker was found April 3 near the creek on W. Main. There are no suspects at this time.

Sgt. Jones was advised of a prowler incident on N. McCarty in which a subject entered a garage, broke out the garage light and took a fire extinguisher. The extinguisher was dropped outside the garage. It was dusted for fingerprints and the case remains under investigation.

April 2, Officer Hart was dispatched to B Street to assist the ambulance with a transport to the hospital.

April 3, Officer Hart was dispatched to Minimax Grocery in reference to a theft. He was told by the manager that a carton of cigarettes had been stolen. After the suspect exited

the store, the manager and Hart confronted the suspect who pulled the carton of cigarettes from his pants. The suspect, Randal Estepe, was arrested and transported to the police station for processing and then to county jail for confinement.

Friday evening, April 3, about 9:35 p.m., Officer Hart was dispatched to a hit and run accident at 514 8th Street. It involved a parked Plymouth belonging to Tamara Hemphill and a Chevy pickup which left the scene of the accident. The pickup was located the next day and the owner, Juan Martinez, admitted to driving it. Martinez was cited for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and leaving the scene of an accident.

Saturday, April 4, at about 7:18 p.m., Officer Hart was dispatched to an accident in the 1300 block of State

St. Victor Valdez, in a Ford pickup, was attempting to proceed down State when his pickup was unable to pass a Chevy pickup, belonging to Willie Cleveland, which was parked blocking the lane of traffic. Valdez was meeting another vehicle and was unable to get farther over, striking Cleveland's truck fender. Cleveland was dispatched to a hit and run accident at 514 8th Street. It involved a parked Plymouth belonging to Tamara Hemphill and a Chevy pickup which left the scene of the accident. The pickup was located the next day and the owner, Juan Martinez, admitted to driving it. Martinez was cited for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and leaving the scene of an accident.

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Chief Lupe Villarreal received a report of a burglary of a residence on Beaks St. on Monday, April 6. Entry was apparently made by punching a hole in the screen and unlatching the door. A 410 gauge shotgun and some small change were stolen.

In another report, Chief Villarreal was advised of a burglary of a building on Dewey Street, where an AM/FM stereo with cassette player, one speaker and 12 cassette tapes were stolen. The investigation continues.

Officer Hart was dispatched to Bill's Dollar Store Monday, April 6, on a report of shoplifting. Taken were a child's shirt and shorts by a black female.

The suspect left the store before police could be advised and an officer sent, but the manager was able to give Officer Hart a good description of the female. So far she has not been located.

Tuesday, April 7, Chief Villarreal, Sgt. Jones and Officer Argo responded to the request from Washington County Sheriff's Office for additional officers to help at the disaster explosion. Our officers assisted in securing the area.

Colorado County Sheriff's Department Report

During the week ending April 4, the Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

April 3 at approximately 4:15 p.m. Deputy Leonard Peters, while conducting a routine search on Darryl Neal during booking procedure, found a marijuana cigarette in the pocket of the man's shirt. A further search of the person revealed a bag of marijuana with zig-zag rolling papers. Neal was charged with possession of marijuana, a class B. He had been

brought in on a charge of DWI.

At 11:55 p.m. on April 3, Deputy Eddie Arja was dispatched to a report of a robbery. On arrival at Tompo Kuhn Conoco, the complainant, Tompo Kuhn, told him he had been robbed by two white males. Kuhn said the suspects picked up chips and beer near the rear of the store and brought them to the counter. Kuhn asked for IDs then both suspects displayed handguns; one had a black automatic, the other had a stainless 357 magnum. They told him to hand them the

Farm Credit District reports profits

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated associations that comprise the Tenth Farm Credit District reported \$32 million in earnings for 1991.

The Tenth district is represented by the Austin based Farm Credit Bank of Texas; 49 Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 17 Production Credit Associations (PCAs) in New Mexico and Texas.

The district's year-end financial report showed a net income of \$32.1 million, down \$4.6 million from 1990. The district also recorded \$5.5 million toward the remaining portion of its allocated obligation for repayment of financial assistance provided to other Farm Credit districts by legislation in 1987. In addition, the bank returned \$15.6 million in patronage refunds to FLBAs and PCAs as a result of the district's strong financial performance last year.

Loan volume at year-end was \$3.6

billion, up \$33 million from the level at year-end 1990. "We saw an increase in production loan volume last year," Henson said.

"In addition, some borrowers are reducing their debt expense to improve the profitability of their operations," he said. "This is another indication of some improvement in the agricultural industry."

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$811 million for the year ended Dec. 31, 1991, compared to net income from the prior year of \$608 million.

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Esterling, Peschel, Seifert emerge from run-off

With approximately half the number of voters turning out to vote in Tuesday's Democratic run-off as compared to last month's primary, incumbent Sheriff Bill Esterling emerged the victor. Esterling received 1964 votes (55.4%) compared to 1581 for challenger Ed Michalske. Esterling will now face Republican candidate Earl Jones in the Nov. general election.

In the race for the District 25 judicial seat, Dwight Peschel out-paced Richard Crozier almost three to one

in Colorado County and two to one district-wide. Peschel received 2570 votes from Colorado County and a total of 7004 in the district. Crozier's numbers were 841 and 3783. Peschel will go up against Republican Linda Z. Jones in November.

Richard Seifert made it by Ricky Meyer in the race for Colorado County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Seifert gathered 643 votes to Meyer's 505. There is no Republican candidate for this position on the Nov. ballot.

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The first place window art (pictured above) was at the Diplomat Beauty Salon and Gift Shop. Wanda Rosario, Linda Matura, Inez Matura, Janice Dutcher and Robert S. Delgado show off their handiwork. Unfortunately, Nelva Cooper missed the photo session.

Window painting art brightens downtown

The artists who painted windows of downtown businesses with wild-flower art have added a bright touch to our community. The window painting contest was sponsored by the Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi sororities of Eagle Lake as their contribution to the Wildflower Celebration.

Winners of painted windows were selected April 3. The first place window art (pictured above) was at the Diplomat Beauty Salon and Gift Shop, painted by employees Inez Matura, Janice Dutcher, Linda Matura, Wanda Rosario, Robert S. Delgado and Nelva Cooper. As first

place winner, they received a prize of \$125.

The second choice for the window painting contest was Johnny Prazak's Eagle Barber Shop. This window was painted by Rhonda Prazak, a student at

(See Winning windows, Page 12)

Area churches, groups announce Easter Services

Christ Episcopal Church

There will be a Holy Eucharist for Maundy Thursday at 6 p.m. tonight at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake. A Good Friday liturgy is set for noon Friday, April 17 and Easter eve, April 18, will be a vigil, lighting of the

Paschal candle and first mass of Easter Day beginning at 6 p.m. There will be two services on Easter Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Rev. Russell Minter is pastor.

Friday night service
Friday night, April 17, a service

will be held at 7 p.m. at the E.H. Henry Gymnasium. There will be singing by local churches as well as a group from Houston.

Easter Sunrise in Lissie
There will be an Easter Sunrise Service on April 19 at 6:30 a.m. The

Lissie Methodist Church is sponsoring the event at Frances Adkins' Lake County Line Road. The featured speaker will be T.J. Smith.

Providence Baptist
The 28th Annual Combined Easter Sunrise service will be held Sunday morning, April 19, at 5:30 a.m. at the Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State Street. Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. is the host pastor.

E.H. Henry Gym
The public is invited to join in celebrating Easter Sunrise Service. (See Easter services, Page 12)

Study Club ticket deadline nears

Just one week is left for Eagle Lake Study Club members to claim their two tickets to the President's Luncheon to be held Friday, May 8. The sale of tickets will be open to the public on April 24. The tickets are \$6 each.

Dues may be paid at the same time you pick up your tickets. They are available at the Eula and David Winterman Library. The final day for all ticket sales will be May 4. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Ann Thomas of Musabell's Book Store on "Southern Women".

Gifted, talented students sought
The Rice CISD is accepting nominations of students to the RICSD Gifted and Talented Enrichment Program. Nominations may be made by parents, students, teachers or members of the community who feel a student meets the guidelines of the program. Send nominations to Mr. Joe Wendel, G/T Coordinator, Drawer 338, Altair, TX 77412.

Church revival underway
The Church of God of Prophecy is holding a revival, through April 17, at 414 East Davitt in Eagle Lake. Pastor is Eola McFay. The revival is each evening at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop H.L. Davis from New Ulm as guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Practical Parents meet today
The Practical Parents will meet Thursday morning, April 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle School. There will not be a meeting on April 23 due to a PPE workshop. The next scheduled meeting will be April 30 at Eagle Lake Primary School.

Health Fair Thursday in Sheridan
A Health Fair is planned in Sheridan Thursday, April 16, by the Sheridan Lions Club. The Health Fair will be in the Sheridan Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. in conjunction with a blood drive. Area hospitals and medical facilities will offer testing and information on health related subjects.

Chamber plans May barbecue
The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual barbecue on Sunday, May 3, at the recreation center. Tickets at \$5 a plate are available from the Chamber office, 408 E. Main, any Chamber board member and several businesses around town. Serving will be by presale ticket only so get your tickets soon. A fun golf tournament is also planned. Contact Pinto Brosche for details at 234-5981.

Diabetes meeting
features endocrinologist

Dr. Brian Tulloch, M.D., well known endocrinologist from the Diagnostic Clinic of Houston, will speak to the American Diabetes Association in Columbus Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the meeting at the Methodist Fellowship Hall, 419 Washington St. in Columbus.

Chamber meeting changed

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting place for Monday, April 20, at noon has been changed from Taco Tony's to the Sportsman's Restaurant. Call 234-3071 for your food reservations.

Laughlin assistant in Columbus
Congressman Greg Laughlin will have an assistant in Columbus at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 16. The caseworker will be able to handle problems of Social Security, veteran's benefits and other topics involving the federal government. No appointment is needed.

Courthouse closed Friday
The Colorado County Courthouse will be closed Friday, April 17, in observance of Good Friday.

Parents to preview AIDS program
Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., the Houston AIDS Foundation will give a presentation to parents about the program they will be giving later in the Rice CISD middle schools. The meeting will be in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

60+ seniors to meet and eat
The 60+ senior citizens group will meet, April 22, at Dider Hall for lunch and games. All senior citizens are invited to attend.

Bake sale to offer holiday treats
A bake sale will be held Friday, April 17, at two locations... in front of Wilcox Minimax on McCarty and next to the Eagle Lake Headlight office on Main Street. The sale sponsored by My Friend's House, will begin at 8 a.m. Proceeds go to benefit My Friend's House and purchase playground equipment.

Forum set for school board candidates
The Rice Classroom Teachers Association will host an open forum for the school board candidates in the Rice CISD Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to the Rice High School Commons to meet the candidates and take part in the open forum.

Talent, fashion show set
White Cloud Baptist Church will present its fourth annual Person of the Year Talent and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. The show will be in the E.H. Henry Building. Tickets for the program are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Business planning workshop set
"Putting you business in the black and white" will be the topic of a business workshop April 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the conference room of the County Ag. Building at 916 Spring in Columbus. The registration fee is \$5. For information or to register call Duane Smith at 409-732-8774.

School board approves usage fee schedule, hears from 'Concerned Parents'

By LYNDIA APPELT
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees Monday night approved a facility use rate schedule, heard principal reports, approved a contract for a teacher of the visually handicapped, heard a presentation on the objectives and purposes of the newly-formed Concerned Parents Organization and heard from a

former district employee who spoke on behalf of teacher-coach Jack Sanders.

The board adopted a rental fee schedule for use of school facilities. It is as follows:

Rice High School - football field, \$75 per game; gymnasium, cafeteria (commons) and library, \$35 per hour; PAC Center gymnasium and locker room, \$15 per hour; PAC Center

gymnasium, \$10 per hour; and new addition classroom and band hall, \$5 per hour.

Eagle Lake Middle School - cafeteria and gymnasium, \$25 per hour; and band hall, weight room and classroom, \$5 per hour.

Eagle Lake Primary School - cafeteria, \$25 per hour; and classroom, \$5

(See School board, Page 11)

Statewide sales tax rebates total \$100 million...

Eagle Lake's sales tax again on the up-side

"At least we're going in the right direction," stated Eagle Lake Mayor Roy Van Nor when he learned the city's sales tax rebate check in the amount of \$7,801.16 received this week was 13.5% higher than last year's April check of \$6,873.08.

State Comptroller John Sharp sent sales tax payments totaling \$89.4 million to 974 Texas cities, an 8.8% increase over the \$82.1 million returned last April. Checks to 106 Texas cities added another \$9.9 million, up 8.1%.

"Overall payments to Texas cities and counties have increased each

month this year, indicating slow economic improvement and a gradual increase in consumer confidence," Sharp said.

The City of Houston received \$13.9 million, the largest city sales tax rebate for April and nearly 3.1% higher than the \$13.5 million payment in April 1991. "Over the past year, Houston and the surrounding area have lead growth in the state," Sharp stated. "A gain of 4,300 jobs in the trade sector over the past year has helped boost retail sales that have

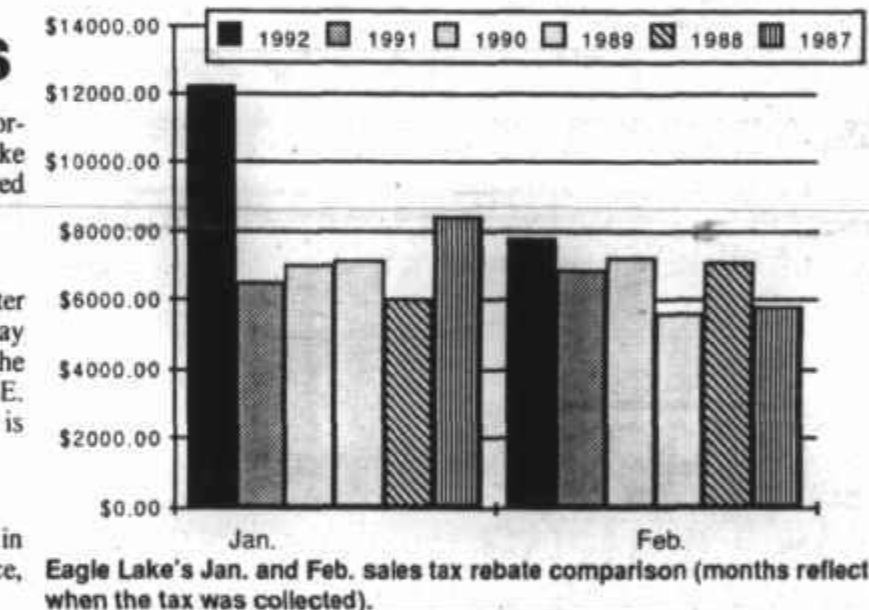
helped Houston's tax allocations by more than three percent. While

growth is slower than in recent months, Houston's economy remains positive."

The payment to Dallas was the second largest, but down from the same period last year. The April payment of \$8.6 million dipped 2.2% below the \$8.8 million sent the city for the same period last year.

"Despite wholesale and retail employment gains, the Dallas area continues to suffer from the national recession and defense cutbacks. Manufacturing jobs declined 6,800

(See Sales tax, Page 12)



Jazz performers win regionals, preparing for state

Jazz, Etc. competed Sunday, April 5, in the Starlight Productions Regional Dance Competition at Klein Forrest High School in Houston. The troupe came home with three first place awards and one second place award. These qualify them for national finals competition in Pom-Pom, Pro-Am and production.

The advanced jazz group captured

two first place trophies. The members in pom pom are Heather Henske, Lori Grigar, Holli Shindler, Dawn Schwenn, Stephanie Braden, Rebal Canaris, Britni Wood, Amy Obenhaus, Lisa Waligura, Paula Barrow, Sammi Garton, Erica Wilkerson, Amalie Kucherka and Ginger Case.

The pro-am members, who also placed first, are Ginger, Dawn, Rebal

Amalie, Paula, Dawn, Britni and Lisa. A second place trophy was also taken by the troupe in the production category.

Dance coach for the group is Robert Delgado. He is a 12-time title holder for Starlight Productions dating from the very first national finals held by them.

(See Jazz performers, Page 11)



Getting ready

Pictured are some of the Jazz, Etc. members as they practice for national competition. Included are Heather Henske, Lori Grigar, Dawn Schwenn, Rebal Canaris, Britni Wood, Amy Obenhaus, Lisa Waligura, Erica Wilkerson, Amalie Kucherka and Ginger Case. (See Garwood-Nade News on Page 6 for photos of other area winners.)

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