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To The Editor & You

Food bank needs supplies, your help

The Eagle Lake Community Food Bank is in need of nonperishable food items in order to serve the numerous families in need. Donations may be dropped off at the Food Bank housed at First Baptist Church or left at your

local church. The Ministerial Alliance and volunteer workers at the Food Bank thank Jeannine Fearing and the Eagle Lake Headlight for donating the \$75 gift certificate for groceries, which was

purchased at the Study Club Auction, to the Food Bank. The commitment of the entire community is needed to help with feeding the needy in the community. Every donation is appreciated.

Rumor concerning tear gas is untrue

Those of you who have heard that the altercation at the Eagle Lake K.C. Hall last Saturday night/Sunday morning was broken up with the use of tear gas have heard a rumor and only a rumor.

The trouble was apparently caused by two males who "crashed" the party which was in progress, according to Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall. These same two men had reportedly fought each other several months ago.

"Tear gas will never be used in this town unless under the direct supervision of the chief," stated Hall. "We don't even have that. There's none in the property room or any other room of this office (the police station)," he added.

Tear gas is not available to the officers of the Eagle Lake Police Department. They carry only their service revolvers, batons and a can of pepper mace.

According to Hall, the officer on duty was called to the K.C. Hall at approximately 12:30 a.m. when the trouble started. He called for backup and proceeded to the party. Apparently the situation progressed to the point where the officer felt the use of mace was called for. The problem and rumor of the use of tear gas arose from the mace being used in a closed-in environment.

"It looks like the air conditioning system picked up the mace the officer sprayed and spread it throughout the building," Chief Hall said. "Therefore, everyone, including the small children who were there, was affected."

Letters to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

1. Letters should not be more than 1500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
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Whitehead recommends abolishing treasurer's office



State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Bullock's chief of staff and general counsel, 40, will succeed Larry Milner, who will become president of the Texas Chamber Service Corp., a nonprofit organization that offers consulting services to local chambers.

Gibson said he will work with the 400 local chambers to develop a legislative agenda. Obvious issues, he said, include tort reform, workers' compensation insurance, health care, education and taxes.

Officials Want Tuition Hike

The presidents of the University of Texas and Southwest Texas State University said last week it is time for lawmakers to increase college tuition.

"I remain an advocate of higher tuition," UT President Robert Berdahl told the University Council, a legislative body at the school, last week.

"When students complain about tuition here, I urge them to find a daycare center in the city of Austin that is as inexpensive as the university," Berdahl said.

"I believe the time is right for us to consider an increase in tuition," Jerome Supple, president of STSU in San Marcos, told a higher education summit in Corpus Christi.

But Texas Higher Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth told the UT University Council, "legislators do not want to raise tuition."

Texas is one of the few states where the legislature sets tuition levels. "Most states delegate that to presidents and the boards of regents so they can take the heat," Ashworth said.

Abortion Clause Questioned

The Texas Department of Insurance

has proposed guidelines for a new health insurance plan for small businesses that would cover the expenses from an abortion if the life of the mother is endangered, the fetus is diagnosed as nonviable or the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.

But Bill Price, president of Texas United for Life, said the guidelines should be clarified. If the guidelines are adopted, he said, small businesses would be forced to pay for abortions because "an unborn child at three weeks is clearly nonviable."

Jim Davis, spokesman for the state department of insurance said the proposed guidelines are based on common insurance practices and do not require any employer to buy health care.

United Telephone Overheard?

United Telephone is earning profits greater than authorized, based on the past year's figures, according to a staff analysis by the Public Utility Commission.

United Telephone disputes the PUC's findings, which show the company overcame a \$3 million loss in 1992.

The PUC and United Telephone are negotiating for a settlement to avoid a possible lengthy and costly hearing in which the company would have to prove it is not overearning.

The Killen based company serves 118,000 customers in North Central and East Texas.

Other Highlights

-Gov. Richards has appointed Lukin T. Gilliland Jr., 42, a San Antonio businessman and restaurateur to the Texas Racing Commission. He replaces Hugh Fitzsimmons Jr., of Carrizo Springs, whose term expired.

-PUC examiners have recommended TU Electric get less than the 15.3% rate increase it began charging customers in August. Examiners recommended a 10.6% rate increase, which would generate about \$530 million in additional revenue.

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Nov. check way behind 1992's...

Sales tax rebate total still ahead for year

"The economic climate in Texas continues to show improvement," State Comptroller John Sharp said last week as he sent a total of \$188.4 million in Nov. sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 109 counties, reflecting a 16.2% increase in consumer spending over the same period last year.

Texas cities received \$171.6 million, up 16% over last year's payment of \$147.8 million. Counties received a total of \$16.7 million for their Nov. rebates, a 17.4% increase over their payment one year ago of \$14.3 million. The City of Eagle Lake received a check for \$11,156.54, down 27.9% over the \$15,474.89 received in Nov. 1992.

"Our state's total employment has risen an impressive 2.2% in the past year," Sharp said, "with the Austin and San Antonio metro areas leading the pack in employment growth."

The City of Houston received a monthly payment of \$25.6 million, the largest city sales tax rebate for Nov., up 9.9% over its \$23.2 million in Nov. 1992.

"While the Houston metro area continued to experience an employment slump, increased consumer confidence was reflected by increased spending," Sharp said.

The \$16.2 million payment to the City of Dallas for Nov. was the second largest, up 10.2% from the \$14.7 million for the same period last year.

"The Dallas metropolitan area continues to show healthy growth," Sharp said. "Slight employment setbacks due to the closing of the Superconducting Super Collider are expected," he added, "however, due to the area's diverse economy, the setbacks should be minor."

San Antonio continued in its role as a leader in economic growth, reflected by a \$9 million sales tax rebate, a 15.5% increase over the Nov. 1992 payment of \$7.8 million.

"The Alamo City ranked second behind Dallas in total number of new jobs, with employment gains concentrated in services as well as the wholesale and retail trade sectors," according to Sharp.

The City of Austin's payment of \$6.8 million this month ranked as the fourth highest rebate, a 13% increase over its Nov. 1992 payment of \$6 million.

"Fortune magazine recently ranked Austin fifth on its list of the nation's 'intellectual capitals,'" Sharp said, "and, according to an international economic consulting firm, Austin's economic growth from 1990 to 1993 was higher than any other large U.S. metro area."

Fl. Worth, with a \$5.6 million rebate, was up an impressive 18.1% from the \$4.7 million Nov. 1992 allocation. Fl. Worth's monthly sales tax allocation showed the largest percentage increase for the month of any of the state's major metropolitan areas.

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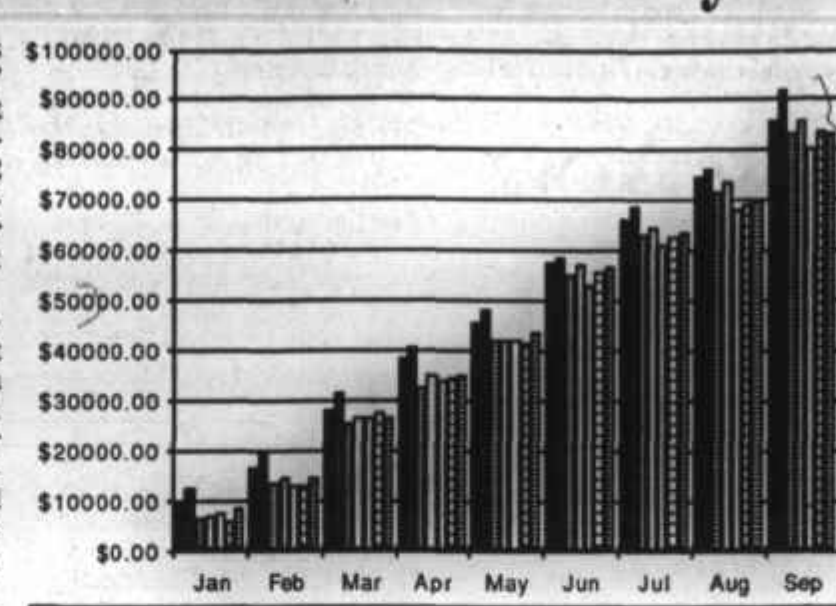
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Year-to-date sales tax rebate totals for the City of Eagle Lake starting in 1987 are charted according to the month the sales tax was collected by city merchants.

city merchants. The construction sector continues to improve," said Sharp.

The Nov. rebate to El Paso of \$3.8 million was a 17.1% increase over the \$3.3 million payment to the city in Nov. 1992. "Total non-farm employment rose 2.3%," said Sharp, "which can be attributed to the expansion of plastic and apparel manufacturers in the area."

Other cities in our area, the amounts of their sales tax rebates this month, along with the change from this month last year are:

Columbus, \$4,011,355, +0.97%; Weimar, \$15,001.24, +28.12%; Sealy, \$47,153.35, +13.56%; Bellville, \$24,704.70, +9.67%; El Campo, \$146,170.26, +24.55%; and Wharton, \$180,543.40, +48.45%.

Year-to-date totals for the above cities are: Columbus, \$358,219.93, +2.40%; Weimar, \$112,004.23, +11.06%; Sealy, \$394,986.56, +6.76%; Bellville, \$190,233.35, +13.09%; El Campo, \$1,329,348.08, +45.95%; and Wharton, \$974,968.88, +9.22%.

On the county level, Colorado County's Nov. check was \$45,146.90, up 4.85% from last year's payment of \$43,079.08, +4.09%.

Wharton County received \$109,436.05, up 6.15%, making the year-to-date total \$977,056.87, +1.16%. Austin County received \$55,387.69, down 1.25% from 1992. Year-to-date Austin County's total is \$555,468.75, up 6.47%.

This month's sales tax payments include taxes collected by monthly filers for July, Aug. and Sept., and reported to the Comptroller in Oct.

*El Campo now collects 1.5% city sales tax giving an inflated percentage of increase.

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COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Gift Deed: Charles E. Schoellmann, et ux to John J. Schoellmann and Elizabeth Kreep, 10.4 acres of the John Rickard Survey, Abstract No. 873; filed 10-12-93.

Deed: Estate of Rosemary G. Waddell to Gary P. Waddell, et ux, in 2 tracts in the P. Reels Survey, Abstract No. 475; 10-12-93.

Deed: Estate of Rosemary G. Waddell to Gary P. Waddell, et ux, in 2 tracts in the P. Reels Survey, Abstract No. 191, et ux, 10-12-93.

Deed: Estate of Rosemary G. Waddell to Gary P. Waddell, et ux, in 160.815 acres in section 23, Morris and Cummings Survey, Wharton County, 10-12-93.

Deed: Eunice Genter to David E. Pavlock, et ux, part of Lot 1, 2 and 5, all of Lot 3 and 4, Sempere Addition, Block No. 2, P. Reels Survey, City of Eagle Lake; 10-12-93.

Deed: Ricky Lee Sheridan to George A. Koenig, et ux, 1.629 acres of the Preston Gilbert League, Abstract No. 25; 10-13-93.

Deed: Kitty Lovelady Jay to Michael Paul Wanjura, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block No. 6, City of Weimar; 10-12-93.

Deed: Arthur L. Miller Jr., et ux to Kenzie Partners, Ltd., tract in Block 9, City of Columbus; 10-14-93.

Gift Deed: Alma Wagner to Henry John Wagner, 760 acre of the J. Cummins League, Abstract No. 12; 10-15-93.

Deed: Gretchen Lehrer McMenimen, et ux to William N. Lehrer and Caroline Newhouse Lehrer, 1302.44 acres in the Samuel Kennedy Survey, Abstract No. 30; 10-15-93.

Deed: Zina Grohmann to Joseph Miller Jr., et ux, 0.3191 acre in the H. Austin Five League, Abstract No. 4, City of Weimar; 10-15-93.

Deed: Estate of Lottie C. Davis to Cecel A. Henry, et ux, part of original Lot No. 1, subdivided into Lot No. 5 and northern 73 ft of Lot No. 6, Block 63, City of Columbus; 10-15-93.

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Deed: Gerald Staffel, et ux to Martin Brown, trustee to the L.J. Red Diamond Trust, 217.414 acres of Joseph Thompson League, Abstract No. 42, et al; 10-15-93.

Gift Deed: Joe Escam