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Sales tax

2.1% gains in employment and consumers continued to increase their spending," Sharp stated.

The \$16.4 million payment to the City of Dallas for Aug. was up 2.4% above the \$16 million for the same period last year.

"Dallas added more jobs than any other metro area during this reporting period," Sharp said, "and has sustained 4% growth in employment for five of the last six months."

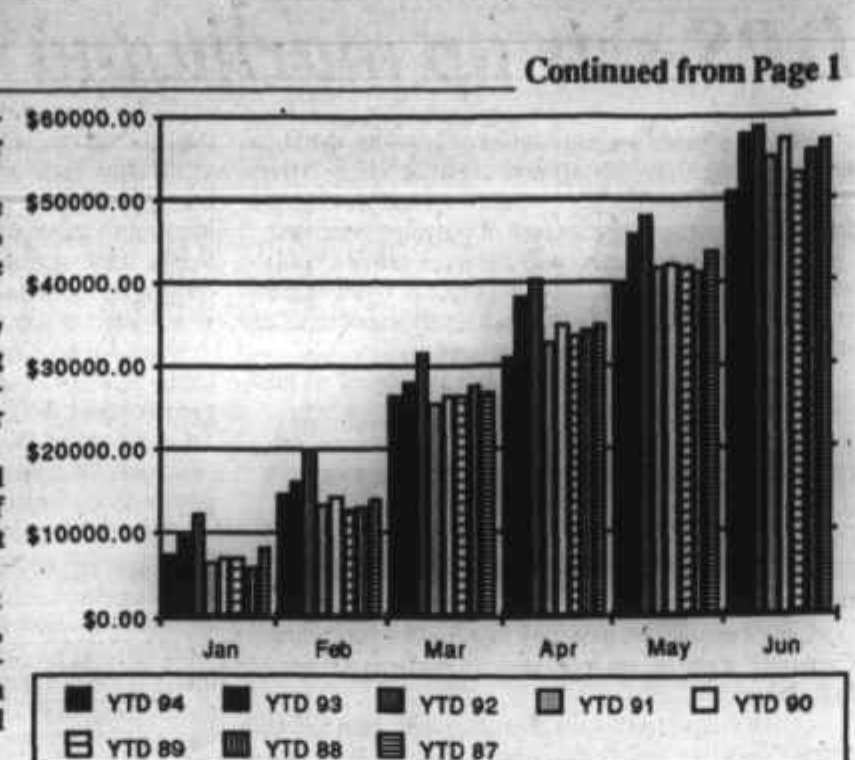
The City of San Antonio received the state's third largest payment of \$10 million, a 9.8% increase over last year's payments of \$9.1 million.

"Year-over-year employment gains also continue in the Alamo City, and West Telemarketing has announced expansion of its facilities in San Antonio that will bring their local workforce to 3,000," Sharp said.

Austin's monthly sales tax payment of \$8.1 million represented the largest increase in Texas' six major metro areas, a whopping 15.4% more than the Aug. 1993 rebate of \$7 million.

"The Austin metro area regained its post as the fastest growing major metro area in Texas, pushing the City's sales tax allocations up well above last year's," Sharp said.

The City of Ft. Worth, with a \$5.6 million rebate, increased by 2.6% from its Aug. 1993 payment of \$5.4 million. The City of Arlington's payment of \$5.6 million was an increase of 7.4% from the \$5.2 million delivered last year.



City of Eagle Lake sales tax revenues year-to-date are charted by the month the tax is collected by merchants and businesses.

"The service industry added 7,900 new jobs in the Ft. Worth-Arlington metro area in June, continuing to boost the area's overall economic situation," Sharp added.

The Aug. rebate to the City of El Paso was \$4 million, up 5.2% from the \$3.8 million for the same period of 1993.

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, \$43,091.39, -0.39%;
Weimar, \$15,923.62, +12.19%;
Sealy, \$47,309.38, +2.90%;
County received \$65,018.98, +4.03%; year-to-date, \$417,335.53, up 2.16%.

Year-to-date totals for the above cities are:

Columbus, \$261,015.90, +0.17%;
Weimar, \$78,540.75, -2.77%;
Sealy, \$292,551.43, +4.49%;
Baylorville, \$161,246.07, +5.94%;
El Campo, \$959,313.12, +0.57%;
and Wharton, \$901,527.18, +37.17%.

On the county level, Colorado County's Aug. check was in the amount of \$51,777.58, down 0.21% from last year, giving a year-to-date total of \$297,412.35, down 6.29%.

Wharton County received \$107,527.81, down 0.35%; year-to-date, \$805,445.21, up 15.53%. Austin County received \$65,018.98, up 4.03%; year-to-date, \$417,335.53, up 2.16%.



Repairs begin on primary school

Repairs to the Eagle Lake Primary School Monday, Aug. 15. Workers had removed the portico at the front entrance to the building by Monday afternoon.

The structure, now three years old, began showing problems in the design before the end of its first year of use. The Rice CISD Board of Trustees have since come to a verbal agreement concerning the needed repairs with the architectural firm, Feldman and Associates of Houston, who designed the building.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Police

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Stop. Stovall was later transferred to the county jail for confinement. Officers Brian Davis and Sandra Davis were dispatched to a residence on Dobbins St. in reference to criminal mischief.

The complainant advised the officers that someone had damaged the window of her car. The case is open pending further investigation.

Officer Hart had a complainant come to the police station and report a theft which occurred sometime Sunday night on State St. The case is open for further investigation.

Sgt. Johnson received a call at the police station on the 14th reporting mailbox damage on Church St. This case also remains open.

Deputy Parrell responded to a call concerning family violence at the Borden Store at 4:17 p.m.; at 4:18 p.m., he gave a courtesy transport.

He arrested one subject for family violence at 4:50 p.m.

At 7:22 p.m., Deputy Stavinocha responded to a call concerning a vehicle fire on I-10 west bound at the 696 mile marker. He arrested one subject for public intoxication at the same time.

Neisner responded to a call concerning a motorist near Myrtle Cemetery at 9:03 p.m.; at 11:28 p.m., he responded to a call concerning criminal mischief in New Town.

At 6:20 p.m., Latimore responded to an alarm on FM 2434.

At 6:30 p.m., Deputy Stavinocha responded to a call concerning a theft at the I-10 rest area.

Deputy Peters responded to a vehicle fire on I-10 west bound at the 691 mile marker at 10:44 p.m.

Deputy Scott served two civil citations.

Sgt. Latimore and Deputies Stavinocha and Neisner worked the dance in Rock Island.

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Council wants you to be informed

To the Citizens of Eagle Lake:

In keeping with the new direction of open city government that our Mayor R. Cook is pushing for, your City Council seeks to keep you informed about what's taking place by being forward and above-board. You will always know the direction we are going and the

position we are taking.

There will be a public hearing on Aug. 30, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. We will be discussing the following:

1. Overview of Eagle Lake City Council procedures (See Council, Page 2)

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Commissioners accept County Attorney Sebesta's resignation

Special To The Headlight
By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

Voters in Colorado County will have the opportunity to choose a new county attorney on Nov. 8 since Steve Sebesta, who has held the office since

Jan. 1, 1989, resigned last week and will leave the post on Aug. 31.

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court officially accepted his resignation Monday morning and initially decided to appoint a replacement to fill Sebesta's unexpired term

which will be up for election in 1996. After researching some election laws, the Court learned an election will have to be held to fill the seat's unexpired term.

State election laws state that if an elected official resigns or leaves office for any reason on or before 60 days prior to a scheduled general election for state and county offices, the county has to hold an election to fill the vacancy. Since a general election was set for Tuesday, Nov. 8, Sebesta's office will appear on the ballot.

County Clerk Darlene Hayek said that any qualified licensed attorney interested in serving as county attorney should contact either George Casch, Democratic chairman, or Jon Loessin, Republican chairman, to be considered for nomination.

Each party will choose a nominee and file the person's name with the county clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 9. Cascan can be reached at 409-



County Attorney Steve Sebesta

234-2148 and Loessin's telephone number is 409-732-6404.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk said Assistant County Attorney Barry Rutta will take over the

reins of the office. The office's staff will not change and cases will continue to be handled after Sebesta's Aug. 31 resignation day and until the Nov. 8 election.

Sebesta's future plans were not disclosed at the meeting.

The Court also accepted the resignation of Sgt. W.E. Latimore from the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, effective Tuesday. Latimore left his almost five-year post with the County to take a position with the Columbus Police Department.

County employees who stay with the County at least eight years will now be vested in the County's retirement plan. The Court changed the 10-year requirement to eight Monday morning.

Another change approved by the Court was to lower its Rule of 80 to a Rule of 75. County Auditor explained that if an employee's age and number of years of service total 75, they will

be eligible for retirement.

In other business, the Court agreed to aid the Colorado County Fair Association with manpower to set up and take down fair equipment on Sept. 6, 7 and 12.

"Gave audience to Mrs. Gussie L. Oberhaus who requested the County consider putting a hard top on Lyle Road;

"Approved a recommendation by the Jail Advisory Committee to reimburse the City of Columbus \$1,000 for costs expended in installing the storm sewer for the new jail;

"Received notice of the annual jail inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards set for Wednesday, Sept. 14;

"Approved a request by Central Power & Light to install underground electrical service to the county jail to comply with the County's underground service policy;

"Agreed to hold a public hearing to clothe a portion of Sens 3rd Class Road (See Commissioners, Page 10)

City facing taxing dilemma

By Lynda Appel
Contributing Writer

A public hearing to set a tax rate and adopt a budget for the City of Eagle Lake's new fiscal year was slated for Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. during a special City Council meeting last week.

Council used the proposed tax rate of 53.973¢ per \$100 valuation to prepare the 1994-95 City budget. When taking a vote to use the proposed rate, Councilman Jay Frazar voted against using it since it was higher than last year's 47.18¢ per \$100 valuation.

The Budget Committee, comprised of Mike Duarte, John Young and René Cooper-Scott, made the recommendation to Council to use the higher rate for the proposed budget.

The rate will officially be adopted or rejected after the hearing on Tuesday at the Eagle Lake Municipal Building.

When preparing the budget and proposing a tax rate, Council had the option of presenting the rollback rate to the public or staying with the County's operation.

In other action, Council authorized the City staff to develop an ordinance calling for an election to adopt a one-half cent sales tax increase for the purpose of reducing property tax.

According to City Manager Ron Holland, the earliest possible date the sales tax election could be held is Jan. 21, 1995, with the City receiving its first rebate on July 1, 1995.

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radio County Appraisal District (CAD) rate of 49.88¢ per \$100 valuation.

Since the 53.973¢ rate exceeds the rollback rate, a public hearing is mandated to receive comments from Eagle Lake City taxpayers.

The fiscal year for the City ended on March 31 at which time the budget was adopted with the proposed rate. When actual figures came from the CAD in Aug., the City found itself with 49.88¢ per \$100 valuation or \$28,500 less than expected for the City's operation.

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Police investigating burglaries, hit and run

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending Aug. 21.

On Aug. 17, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Officer Michael Krenke was dispatched to Minimax in reference to

a hit and run accident. After gathering information from the complainant and a witness, the suspect vehicle and driver were located. The driver was a juvenile without a driver's license and was referred to the juvenile officer.

Officers Jake Garcia and Krenke were dispatched to a report of a burglary on Glen Flora Road on Aug. 18, at 7:55 p.m. Entry was made into the building and numerous items were reported stolen. The case remains under investigation.

Officer Krenke is investigating a report of burglary of a motor vehicle reported on Aug. 18, at 2:45 p.m.

On the Aug. 19, Sgt. Clem Johnson and Officer Brian Ochoa arrested De Shannon Sims on an outstanding warrant for traffic violations and transported Sims to the county jail for confinement.

(See Police, Page 10)

Kumar begins practice in Eagle Lake

Eagle Lake Community Hospital is pleased to announce the opening of Eagle Lake Medical Clinic and the practice of internal medicine specialist, Ravindra Kumar, M.D.

Dr. Kumar recently completed his internal medicine residency at the New York Medical College-Vahalla and served as chief resident his last year there. Dr. Kumar is Board Certified in internal medicine and is a member of the American College of Physicians.

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