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conducted among soybean producers to determine whether they favor conducting a referendum on the continuation of payment of refunds under the Order.

If the poll shows that at least 20% (not in excess of one-fifth of which may be producers in any one state) of all eligible producers want to have a referendum, it will be held within one year.

Any person (individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative or any other legal entity) who, during the period Sept. 1, 1991 through June 1, 1995, has been engaged in the growing of soybeans in the United States and who owns or shares the ownership and risk of loss of such soybeans is eligible to sign the poll.

The poll will be conducted at Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFS) formerly Agricultural and Stabilization Conservation Service

(ASCS). Participation by individual producers in person or absentee must be in the county CFS office in or serving the county in which the producer resides.

The in-person poll will be conducted on one day, July 26, during regular business hours.

There is also absentee participation in the poll. Forms for absentee participation may be requested by mail or in person during the period through July 14, 1995.

Completed forms must be post-marked or received in the County CFS office no later than July 14.

Remember, only those producers who want to request that a referendum be conducted are asked to participate and sign the poll.

Those who do not want to request that a referendum be held do not sign the poll.

The Colorado County CFS office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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How to grill meats safely

Grilling meat outside is a favorite warm weather activity. Follow safe food handling practices to assure that meat is safely prepared and safe to eat.

Cook ground meats to a well-done stage; brown throughout. Cook chicken until juices run clear; fish until it flakes easily with a fork.

Use a clean serving plate and utensil to pick up and serve cooked meat.

Never use the same utensils or plate that held raw meat or marinade mixture without washing them first. Any item that was in contact with raw meat may carry bacteria that cause illness.

Keep everything clean, including containers, utensils, hands, and any surfaces that come in contact with meat.

Legal Matters... Child support: help us help you

By Attorney General Dan Morales

The birth of a child can mean a lot of things to different people. It is a time when parents and families should come together to celebrate the beginning of a new life. Unfortunately, the birth of a child may also mean unexpected, unplanned-for expenses, and an uncertain future.

Raising a child today is expensive, and it is very difficult for one parent to carry the load alone.

We at the Office of the Attorney General recognize this. So does the law. The law requires both parents to help provide their child with basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and health care.

Who needs paternity, support?

Before our Child Support Division can collect support for any child, we must know the location of the child's absent parent. For the child born to unmarried parents, we also must legally establish paternity.

But the need to establish paternity and child support orders is not always obvious at first.

To a young, unwed mother still living at home, it may seem easier for any number of reasons to take care of the baby herself or with the help of her parents. But what happens as the child grows older?

A case in point

Jane, a 25-year-old working, single parent, had a baby at 15. For the first five years, raising her daughter Lisa did not seem too difficult because Jane lived at home with her parents.

John, Jane's boyfriend and Lisa's father, helped as much as he could to provide for Lisa.

When Jane was 19, she and John grew apart and went their separate ways. It was not until Jane moved out of her parents' home that she came face to face with the reality of raising a child on her own.


What she once took for granted, she now struggled to obtain.

John would occasionally visit and bring Lisa clothes and gifts. Over time, his visits turned into phone calls, the phone calls into birthday and holiday cards, and then nothing.

Tired of trying to make ends meet by herself, Jane applied for child support. The only information that Jane was able to furnish the caseworker

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Research underway for WWII veterans

Joe C. Fling, member of the Colorado County Historical Commission, is researching the lives of all men from Colorado County who were killed during World War II. This research is expected to be published later this fall and will be available to the public.

Fling has already spoken on the subject to several civic groups this year. In his research, he has had the help of many members of our community who have let him copy their letters and photographs of the deceased service men. This project will help perpetuate the memory of the men and what they did for our country.

Fling is seeking further information on the following men: E.A. Ahlgren, Felton Alley, Orville Baker, (See Research, Page 8)

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Laidlaw landfill applications once again deficient

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) recently told Laidlaw Environmental Services (Altair) Inc. that Laidlaw's landfill permit applications were deficient. Laidlaw has applied to amend their municipal solid waste permit to convert their existing landfill on Hwy. 71 in Altair into an industrial waste dump.

A notice of deficiency was issued by TNRCC to Laidlaw on this application on June 27, 1995. Laidlaw also has a separate permit application pending at TNRCC to expand their operation by opening a new industrial waste dump on adjacent land north of the existing landfill.

TNRCC issued a notice of deficiency to Laidlaw for the northern tract on July 11, 1995. This is the second notice of deficiency relating to each proposed operation. Laidlaw submitted additional information to try to correct the original deficiencies. After review of the additional information, the TNRCC again says that the applications are deficient.

In their June 27 notice, TNRCC expressed several concerns about Laidlaw's proposed conversion of its municipal dump into an industrial waste landfill.

First, TNRCC expressed concern about the landfill having an unstable foundation. TNRCC reminded Laidlaw that some of the existing landfill cells received waste without prior lining and without provision for containment of waste and removal of leachate. TNRCC also indicated the landfill foundation could be unstable because of the presence of leachate and methane gas.

Second, TNRCC criticized Laidlaw's design of the landfill. Because of rising groundwater levels at the site, TNRCC expressed concern that during high recharge years, the bottom of the landfill cells could be under water.

Third, TNRCC expressed concern about the existing municipal and special wastes by covering the waste with overburden. Laidlaw wants to compress the existing landfill cells by bringing in massive quantities of fill material to place on the landfill up to 100 feet high. It is feared that the overburden materials could squeeze out leachate into the groundwater below the landfill.

Fourth, TNRCC reemphasized their concern about the absence of a sufficient natural clay barrier underneath the proposed landfill cells.

Fifth, TNRCC criticized Laidlaw for not specifying how much truck traffic would increase as a result of bringing in industrial waste. The application currently says traffic would increase by 40-50 trucks per day because of hazardous and municipal waste operations, but does not mention traffic resulting from non-hazardous industrial solid waste.

Laidlaw's original waste permit application requested landfill capacity for over 11 million cubic yards of waste to be disposed at the site. This tremendous volume equates to over 100 trucks per day dumping waste at the site for 300 days per year for over 19 years.

Sixth, TNRCC questioned Laidlaw's decision to use its own developed baseline fingerprint waste analysis methods for determining if waste

is nonhazardous rather than using EPA methods. Using unapproved methods could provide a potential for improper classification of wastes.

The seventh major area of concern involved groundwater issues. TNRCC criticized Laidlaw for not adequately addressing TNRCC questions regarding site groundwater and monitoring raised in the first notice of deficiency.

TNRCC pointed out further that high total organic halogen levels had been detected in groundwater in 1992 and 1993 and asked Laidlaw to determine the presence and extent of a possible contamination plume in groundwater below the site.

With respect to Laidlaw's plans to expand its landfill to encompass adjacent land to the north, TNRCC's July 11 notice of deficiency pointed out

several significant weaknesses in Laidlaw's plans.

For example, TNRCC questions whether the site meets the regulatory siting criteria. TNRCC pointed out that because the groundwater flows were so fast, Laidlaw would have insufficient reaction time to contain a leak in the landfill.

While TNRCC guidelines suggest that groundwater flow at a landfill not be over 10 feet per year, Laidlaw's application reportedly states that groundwater flow at the Altair site is 180 to 550 feet per year. This fast flow rate makes containment of escaping waste unlikely.

TNRCC pointed out further that the underlying clay may not have the required hydraulic conductivity. TNRCC also warned that the upper aquifer appeared to be only five feet

present significant health, safety and environmental risks to our community," he continued.

"Laidlaw's site is especially bad because the foundation is unstable, there is an insufficient natural clay barrier, groundwater levels are too close to the cells and flow too fast and the site is too close to nearby surface waters."

"All of these factors increase the likelihood that Laidlaw's waste will leak into the environment. And remember that Laidlaw accepts industrial waste, our ground and surface water supplies could be contaminated with industrial waste from a foreign country," added Hefner.

"We urge TNRCC to reject both of Laidlaw's applications," concluded Hefner.

July check takes slight dip, but... City's 1995 sales tax rebates still ahead of '94

"While the Texas economy continues to grow at a very healthy rate, retail sales have cooled somewhat from their previous torrid pace," State Comptroller John Sharp said last week as he delivered a total of \$134 million in monthly sales tax rebates to 1,076 Texas cities and 111 counties, 4.6% more than the payments of July 1994.

"Statewide employment continues to spiral upward to nearly 8 million jobs, a 3.6% increase in the past year," Sharp said.

Texas cities received \$121 million in sales tax rebates; counties received a total of \$13 million, up 3.9% from the \$12.5 million July 1994 payments. The City of Eagle Lake received a check in the amount of \$8,403.34, down 2.66% from the \$8,633.10 received in July 1994.

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on May sales and reported to the Comptroller in June by Businesses filing monthly tax returns.

The City of Houston received a sales tax payment of \$16.5 million, the largest rebate for July and a 3.4% increase over the \$16 million in July 1994.

"The Houston metro area was behind only Dallas in the total number of new jobs created, with the largest gains in the service sector, which added 18,600 jobs," Sharp stated.

The \$110.9 million payment to the City of Dallas for July was the second largest, up 7.3% over the \$102.2 million for the same period last year.

"Employment in the Dallas metro area rose by 57,500, 3.8%, and has been above the state average in year-over-year employment growth for nearly two years," said Sharp.

The City of San Antonio was delivered a sales tax rebate of slightly more than \$7 million, down 9.1% from last July's payment of \$7.7 million. However, the July 1994 rebate was greatly inflated as the result of a large reallocation into the Alamo City's coffers.

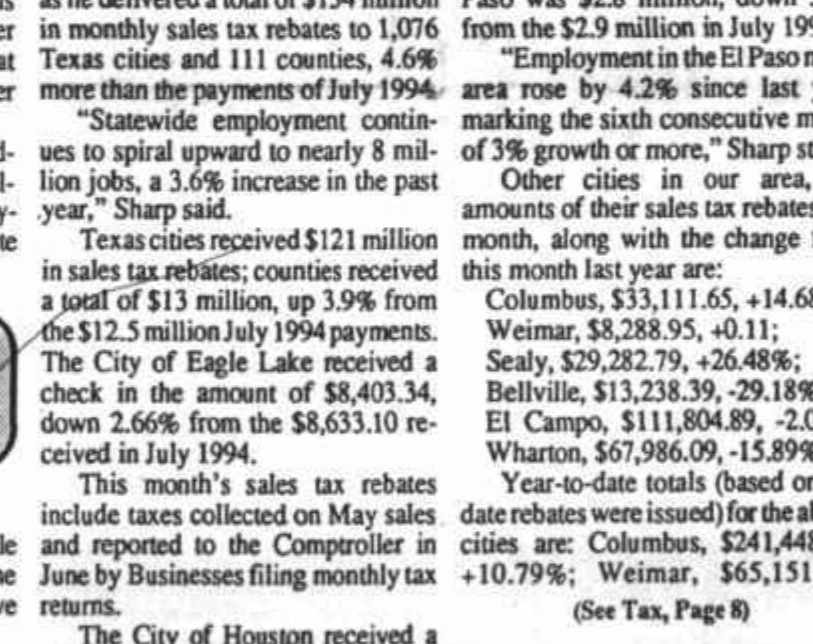
"The San Antonio metro area's year-over-year employment gains continue, adding 19,600 jobs for a 3.3% increase in the last year," Sharp said. "The service sector showed the largest growth with 8,300 additional jobs since the same period in 1994."

Austin's sales tax rebate of \$5.5 million was 1% more than the City's July 1994 payment of \$5.4 million.

"Employment in the state capital grew a whopping 6.4% since the same period in 1994, adding 30,500 jobs, and making the Austin Metro Area's economy again the fastest-growing in the state," Sharp added.

The City of Ft. Worth's \$3.25 million rebate showed less than a 1% increase above the July 1994 payment of \$3.23 million. The City of Atlington's sales tax rebate of \$3.3 million was 9.5% more than the \$3.1 million sent to them last year.

"The Ft. Worth-Arlington metro area employment grew by 20,000 jobs, 3.2%, in the last year," Sharp said. "The Tandy Corporation recently unveiled updated plans for its



Fl. Worth Outlet Square project, a 240,000 square-foot facility expected to be completed by the summer of 1996."

The July rebate to the City of El Paso was \$2.8 million, down 3.9% from the \$2.9 million in July 1994.

"Employment in the El Paso metro area rose by 4.2% since last year, marking the sixth consecutive month of 3% growth or more," Sharp stated.

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, \$33,111.65, +14.68%;
- Weimar, \$8,288.95, +0.11%;
- Sealy, \$29,282.79, +26.48%;
- Bellville, \$13,238.39, -29.18%;
- El Campo, \$11,804.89, -2.09%;
- Wharton, \$67,986.09, -15.89%.

Year-to-date totals (based on the date rebates were issued) for the above cities are: Columbus, \$241,448.30, +10.79%; Weimar, \$65,151.28, (See Tax, Page 8)

NEWSBRIEFS

Coaches, umpires to do battle

Anyone who served as a coach, umpire or sponsor for the Eagle Lake Little League is invited to participate in a softball game this Friday, July 21, at the field near Eagle Lake Middle School. The game will begin at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Wayne Bowen at Johnny's Sport Shop, 234-3516.

First rice reported from Garwood

Kallina Dryer in Garwood reported their first load of rice for this season came in Monday, July 17, from Anthony and Steven Driik. According to a spokesperson at Kallina, the Maybelle rice was cut from 115 acres and tested out at 19-20% moisture.

Swim courses scheduled

Adult Red Cross swimming courses will be offered at the Eagle Lake Community Pool on Tuesday and Thursday, July 25 and 27. The classes will continue on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, July 31, Aug. 1 and 3. Levels one and two will be offered provided that at least six students sign up per class. Classes will be an hour long and begin at 6:30 p.m. Lessons are free but there is a \$10 pool fee and Red Cross administration fee. To register, come by the pool during afternoon hours or call 234-5728.

VBS at Gethsemane Baptist, July 24-28

Vacation Bible School will be held at Gethsemane Baptist Church July 24-28 at 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The church van will come by for you if you need a ride. VBS is open to children ages 4 years through 6th grade. On Sunday afternoon, July 23, at 3 p.m. they will have a parade beginning at the church at 4 p.m. There will be registration and refreshments. Come join us for bible study, crafts and recreation.

White Cloud youth BBQ on July 29

The youth of White Cloud Baptist Church will have a barbecue plate sale on Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Contact Gussie Henderson at 409-234-3702 to place an order. The cost is \$5 per plate.

Fair catalogues are ready

The Colorado County Fair Catalogues and entry forms for all the home economics, fine arts and special events are ready. They may be picked up at the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, Heinsobn's Store in Frelsburg, Nada Grocery, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply and Oak and Acorn in Sheridan. The fair will run Sept. 14-17 in Columbus.

ELMS twirlers to have carwash

The Eagle Lake Middle School Jr. High twirlers will hold a car wash this Saturday, July 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the old Main Auto Supply parking lot. The funds raised will be used to purchase twirling outfits.

Fort Bend Singles dance July 28

Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance on Friday, July 28, at the KC Hall in Needville. Music will be provided by the Country Playboys, 8-11:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. The public is invited to attend; door prizes will be given. For more information, call 713-232-4782 or 409-793-4573.

Defensive driving course set

A Saturday defensive driving course has been slated by Gene Creemans at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake on July 29. The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To pre-register, call 234-5411 or 1-800-285-8297. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Eagle Lake Police handle mixed bag of calls, serve outstanding warrants

On July 9, Officer Carl Risk made a traffic stop, and after investigation, arrested Vincente Rodriguez for driving while intoxicated. He was processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Chief Keith Webb was dispatched to a non-traffic accident on July 13. Reportedly, a lawnmower threw a rock, breaking out the rear window of a pickup truck.

Also on July 13, Officer Hart made a traffic stop, and knowing that the subject had outstanding warrants, Hart arrested Anthony Barrios. He was processed at the police department, then transported to the county jail for confinement.

On July 12, Sgt. Steve Hassin issued a citation to a subject for public intoxication and released the subject to a relative.

Also on July 12, Officer Eric Hart served warrants on a subject. After paying his fines, the subject was released.

On July 12, Sgt. Clem Johnson met with a complainant at the police department and took a report of harassment. The case is under investigation.

On July 14, Kevin Middleton was arrested for loitering around Dan's Minute Stop parking lot, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Lonnie Ray Flowers was arrested by Sgt. Hassin on outstanding DPS warrants on July 15. He was processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Officer Jeremy Moore was dispatched to Wilcox IGA to meet with the owner on July 16, in reference to criminal mischief. A report was taken and the case is being investigated.

While on patrol on July 16, Officer (See Police, Page 8)

Colorado County Fair slated for Sept. 14-17...

Ty England headlines 1995 County Fair entertainment

The 1995 Colorado County Fair has scheduled several top-name performers for this year's fair.

Opening night, Sept. 14, Kenny Chesney will be on stage at 9 p.m. Opening for him will be Glenn Hoagland, a new comer to country music.

On Sept. 15 the Triumphs will take the stage at 8 p.m.

For Saturday, Sept. 16, Chevy Wright will perform at 8 p.m. followed by Ty England at 10 p.m.

Glenn Hoagland, 21, of Conroe, will open the show for Chesney. He began singing at home at the age of 15 with his first performance at the Conroe Oppy House at the age of 17. Glenn has booked numerous performances both regionally and internationally and will undoubtedly create a huge following among country music fans.

Chesney, 27, is a native of Lattrell, Tenn. His song "Fall in Love" ranked No. 6 on the Bill Board charts recently. He has also produced a solid album, "All I Need to Know."

The Triumphs started in 1959 in Rosenberg and for 20 years were in the music scene from Houston to San Antonio.

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