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## Tax

created by only 1.9% over the payments made by the Comptroller's office in Feb. 1995.

Cities received \$215.7 million in local sales tax rebates, 2.4% more than the \$210.6 million payments one year ago. County rebates were \$19.6 million, down 2.7% from the \$20.2 million in Feb. 1995.

The City of Houston's Feb. rebate was \$30.7 million, the largest ever issued by the Comptroller's office, but it increased by only 1.4% from the previous record-setting rebate of \$30.3 million to Houston in Feb. 1995.

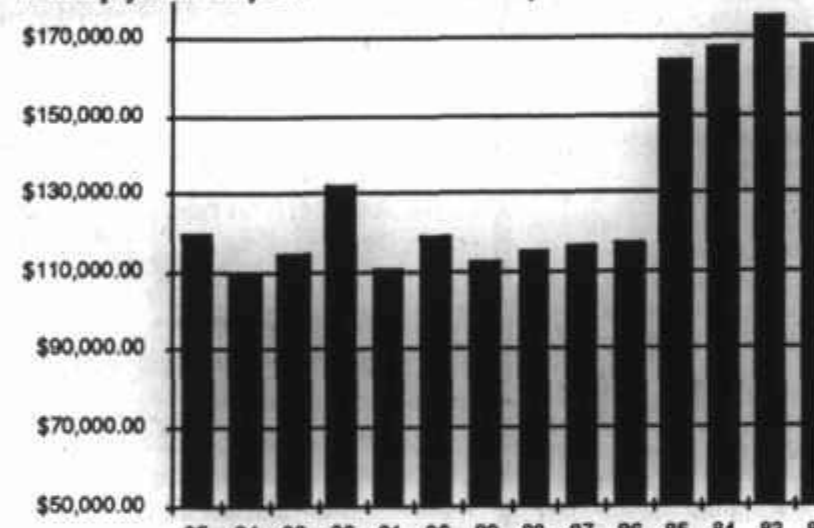
"Houston's employment rose by 3% in the last year, with the largest gains coming in the service sector, which added 19,500 jobs," Sharp said.

The Feb. rebate to the City of Dallas was \$18.41 million, a decrease of less than 1% from the \$18.47 million reported last year.

San Antonio was delivered \$11.6 million in sales tax rebates, 1.6% more than the Alamo City's payment of \$11.4 million for Feb. 1995.

The City of Austin's Feb. sales tax rebate of \$9.2 million, virtually no change from the Feb. 1995 payment.

The City of Fort Worth received a \$6.9 million rebate for Feb., which was 5.2% above the \$6.6 million de-



The City of Eagle Lake's state sales tax rebate totals for 1982 through 1995, using the month the tax was collected by retailers as the basis for the end of the year.

## Program

lenges and satisfactions of primary care as it is practiced, and to examine family practice as a serious personal career option.

Dr. Jack Haley, Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program Coordinator, has directed the program since its inception.

The program is supported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, utilizing funds provided through House Bill 282.

## Nature

open to members and to the general public. The state board is composed of representatives from all chapters; its officers elected by the membership. Prairie Chicken update

Terry Rossignol, acting manager, reported that sadly one prairie chicken didn't make it through the cold snap. We are now at two birds still alive from the last release.

"That is really good news as we are learning more from every day that they can make it. He also informed the group that another release of 'surplus' males is scheduled soon and might coincide with the festival.

However, the safety and survival of these birds is of primary importance and whatever the refuge decides about

## Court

hours of community service, pay \$3,800 in restitution plus a \$750 fine and serve 30 days in jail.

Michael Gonzalez, who had previously been on probation for burglary of a building, was ordered placed in a substance abuse treatment facility for six months to a year because of violations in the terms of his probation.

Wayne Hemphill, who was ordered to prison on Oct. 5 for an aggravated assault, was returned to court on Feb. 1 and granted five years probation, ordered to perform 240 hours of community service and pay a \$1,000 fine.

Bobby Semora, who had been ordered on Oct. 5 to prison for aggravated assault, was returned to court on

## Rice CISD

changes in the drivers education program and more academics at RHS; construction of a small computer lab for use in the RHS art class; network each campus in the district; and upgrade all 286 computers in the district to 486 processors.

Specifications and bid figures will be brought by Govt to the March board meeting, at which time the board can say "go" or "no go."

## Commissioners

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by having the students in school. I believe they should cover some of the costs," said Rct. 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elstner said he had spoken with Superintendent Wayne Wise of the Weimar Independent School District and was informed that only one or two students would be affected in that district.

"This is not something the County should pay for," said Elstner.

In other business, the Court:

- Approved adding 1.23 miles of roads in the Simmons Subdivision in Pct. 4 to the county road system;
- Agreed to seek proposals to repair the air conditioning system at the Confederate Museum;
- Approved membership dues in the amount of \$735.32 to the Houston-Galveston Area Council and appointed Commissioners "Sonny" Spaniel and Seifert as delegate and alternate, respectively, to its board of assembly;
- Tabled a decision on additional costs to the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport until the County receives correspondence from Klotz & Associates of Houston, the project engineer;
- Received notification that the Texas Association of Counties had granted the County a 20% reduction in premium, totaling \$11,298, in workers' compensation insurance;
- Entered an agreement with Rice-Land Mental Health Services to provide an officer for mental health services through the sheriff's department;
- Received a letter from Roger Lewis, project manager, stating that Beason's Park on the Colorado was now complete and maintenance was turned over to the County; and
- Denied a request by Sheriff Bill Esterling to purchase a new radar unit at a cost of \$2,625 unless the funds were already in his budget. It was suggested that he obtain the unit being used by Pct. 2 Constable Joe Dusek.

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## Early

Early voting by personal appearance begins Feb. 21, 1996.

Persons voting by mail must have their applications in the County Clerk's office by the close of regular business hours on March 5, 1996. This also includes FPCA applications.

Persons voting early by personal appearance may vote at the County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 21-March 8, 1996. Also, on Saturday, March 2, the Clerk's Office will be open for early voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the convenience of persons unable to vote the regular business hours.

A person is eligible to vote a limited ballot by personal appearance or by mail if:

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1. The person would have been eligible to vote in the county of former residence on Election Day if still residing in that county.

2. The date of the election is not more than 90 days after the new residence was established.

3. A voter registration for the person in the county of new residence is not effective on or before Election Day. A person is not eligible to vote a limited ballot by mail unless, in addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed above, the person is eligible to vote early by mail under the standard voting early by mail rules.

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## Filing begins for school, city elections

The official 1996 election year begins with the March 12 Primary Elections.

Following the primaries will be elections to choose school board trustees, mayors and city council members on Saturday, May 4.

Filing for these positions began Tuesday, Feb. 20, and will continue until Wednesday, March 20.

Trustees in the Rice CISD with expiring terms are

Frederick Leopold in Place 6 and Jim Wiese, Place 7. Both places will be filled for three-year terms.

Eagle Lake will be filling the seat of Mayor Robby Cook who served one term at the two-year post. Cook has opted not to run for mayor, but to seek the position of State Representative presently held by Robert Saunders, who is stepping down after eight terms.

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## Council questions TCI Cable representatives

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

TCI Cablevision Area Manager Randy Grimes and Bill Beresky, local manager, discussed the issue of TCI's proposed new channels to the Eagle Lake City Council at its meeting last week.

The issue surfaced after several citizens met with Council last month concerning inequality in the number of channels Eagle Lake receives vs. Columbus' channel capacity.

Grimes told Council that Columbus received a complete rebuild just before the Cable Act that put an end to rebuilds in small systems because companies were forced, due to regulations, to put their capital into larger markets.

The rebuild contributed to Columbus' larger band width.

According to Grimes, no rebuilds of smaller systems have occurred since Columbus received its rebuild.

"From the standpoint of the company and its commitment to its stockholders and from a business standpoint, we must put money where we get the highest return," said Grimes.

New technology and the race to get into the larger markets before the phone and power companies get there was another reason for lack of capital funds for smaller markets, according to Grimes.

Mayor Pro-tem Mike Duarte, who presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Robby Cook, asked Grimes, "What can the citizens of Eagle Lake expect from TCI Cablevision?"

Grimes indicated that in two years Eagle Lake would be upgraded for its present channel capacity by using major parts from larger system rebuilds.

When questioned by citizen Mi-

chael Cooper, who first brought the inequality to attention of Council,

about Eagle Lake reaching Columbus' channel capacity in the future, Grimes said, "Unless you get a total rebuild, you will never catch up."

Duarte expressed to Grimes the fact that Eagle Lake, however small, is still a market and "we expect the best you can give us... so see what you can do for us."

The City of Eagle Lake entered into a 15-year non-exclusive franchise with TCI on July 23, 1987, preventing the City from considering a different cable company at this time.

Council joined a Cities Steering Committee in Dec. concerning Central Power & Light's request for a rate increase.

A resolution was adopted at that time to deny or suspend operation of the proposed rate schedule for 90 days to allow consultants to analyze CPL's request.

The study was completed and sent to the City with the recommendation that the City oppose the rate increase, plus ask for a base rate decrease of \$54,562 million from CPL.

Council adopted an ordinance supporting both recommendations of the Steering Committee.

CPL representative Bryan Hale told Council that an appeal to the Public Utility Commission asking that rates not be reduced would be filed within 24 hours of Council's action.

Police Chief Keith Webb reported on a meeting with County Commissioners, 25th Judicial District Attorney Bud Kirkendall and representatives from all law enforcement agencies in Colorado County concerning a drug task force which will include



## Wintermanns honored

Eula and David Wintermann were honored by Ducks Unlimited Inc. and Texas Parks and Wildlife last Friday during the dedication of the Wintermann Wildlife Management Area just outside Eagle Lake. Pictured with the Wintermanns in front of the sign naming the area is Andrew Sansom, Executive Director of Texas Parks & Wildlife, at left.

The 245-acre tract was donated by the Wintermanns to DU in 1995 to be developed as a waterfowl area. Ducks Unlimited enhanced the area with a series of levees and water control structures then transferred the deed to Texas Parks & Wildlife for management.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department submitted a correction to their Feb. 7 report:

"The Eagle Lake Police Department incorrectly reported that 'Darrell Black aka James Lee Black' was

arrested for outstanding warrants.

"James Lee Black was arrested for outstanding warrants in which he had identified himself as Mr. Darrell Black. Our apologies go out to Mr. Darrell Black for any embarrassment

which this may have caused him."

The Department reported the following arrests made between Tuesday, Feb. 6, and Sunday, Feb. 18:

Kenneth Cavit, outstanding warrant; Parth Deshaun Hodges, outstanding warrants;

James Christopher Hampton, possession of marijuana;

Desi Rivera, public intoxication;

Juan Robles, public intoxication and disorderly conduct;

Eugene Mendoza, outstanding warrant;

John Fuentes, outstanding warrants;

Norris Simon III, outstanding DPS warrants;

Gabriel Corona Jr., public intoxication; and

Adrian Jerome Carroll, outstanding warrant.

Other calls this week included the damage caused by a vehicle driven by Dempsey Henry James of Houston.

Apparently, when he was unable to turn around, he backed into the Paul Powers' residence on West Main. The vehicle remained against the house long enough to catch both the house and car on fire.

Officer Carl Risk, along with the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps, responded to the call.

On Feb. 18, Officer Brian Bakik was dispatched to a report of damaged mailboxes. A report was taken and the case remains under investigation.

On Feb. 1, Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to L.W.'s Diamond Shamrock in reference to a gas drive-off (theft of service).

The area was checked, but the vehicle was not found. The case is

under investigation.

On Feb. 20, Chief Keith Webb was dispatched to a burglary on Lake Ave. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Other calls this week include suspicious persons, welfare checks, rooster crowing, loud music, disabled vehicle, bank alarm and civil disturbances.

**Monthly summary**

The Jan. 1996 summary from the Eagle Lake Police Department reports the answering of 115 calls including 79 miscellaneous, 11 disturbances, eight criminal mischief, seven assaults, five burglaries, four thefts, and one accident.

Officers investigated 23 criminal cases, cleared 31 and made 28 arrest (22 misdemeanor and six felony).

They issued 97 citations and 99 warnings.

## Correction

It was reported in last week's edition of *The Headlight* that Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District was awarded a contract extension through the 1998-99 school year.

However, the Rice CISD Board of Trustees only amended his current contract to increase his annual salary to \$65,000, effective July 1.

Board President Melody Grigar said that Gott's current contract expires on June 30, 1997, and trustees will take action on that item in Jan. of next year.

## Sponsors sought for upcoming Eagle Lake 'Royalty Pageant'

Plans are underway for the second annual Eagle Lake Atwater's Prairie Chicken Festival. In conjunction with the festival, Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce will co-host the Eagle Lake Royalty Pageant on Thursday, March 21, at the Community Center.

Winners will also be recognized on stage with Eddy Raven at the Friday night outdoor concert.

This year, there will be the following divisions: 5 year-olds through third grade for Little Miss & Mr. Eagle Lake; fourth through seventh grades, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake and Junior Ticket Queen; eighth through 12th grades, Miss Eagle Lake and Ticket Queen.

Assistance in finding a sponsor will be available.

The contestants in the Junior and Miss divisions will be required to sell Eddy Raven concert tickets.

For entry forms, contact Laker Printing at 409-234-3360 or the Chamber Office at 234-2780.

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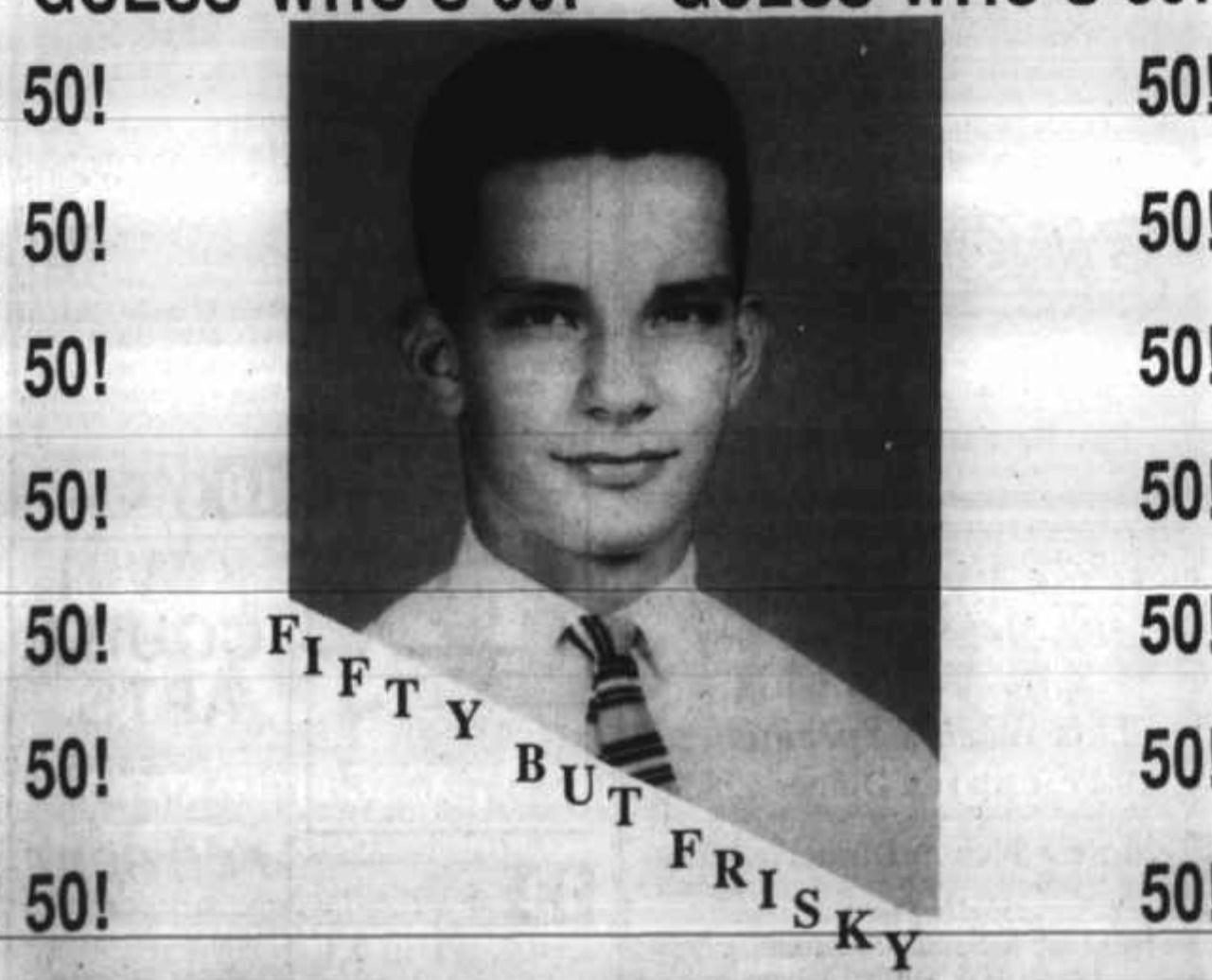
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