

Sales tax

tion for March was \$7.9 million, up 10.6% over the March 1997 payment of \$7.2 million. Year-to-date, San Antonio has received a 9.3% increase in local sales tax payments.

The Austin sales tax allocation for March was \$6.6 million, up 15.8% over the March 1997 payment of \$5.7 million. For the first three months of 1998, Austin's sales tax rebates are 9% more than those for last year.

Ft. Worth's \$4.1 million sales tax allocation was 10% more than the \$3.7 million rebate for March of last year, putting year-to-date rebates 8.7% ahead of 1997.

Arlington received \$3.6 million in sales tax allocation, up 6.1% from the \$3.4 million for the same month last year. Arlington's rebates are running 2.9% ahead of those for the first three

months of last year.

El Paso's sales tax rebate of \$2.7 million was down 2.3% from the \$2.8 million payment delivered in March 1997. However, El Paso's local sales tax payments year-to-date are 3.9% ahead of those for the first three months of 1997.

This month's payments include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in Jan. and reported to the Comptroller in Feb.

March sales tax rebates to some other Texas cities showing increased year-to-date rebates were:

Plano, \$2.3 million, up 4.9% year-to-date;

Corpus Christi, \$1.9 million, up 9.6% year-to-date;

Lubbock, \$1.7 million, up 4.3% year-to-date;

Tyler, \$1.4 million, up 8.4% year-to-date; and,

Abilene, \$1.5 million, up 6.9% year-to-date.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, April 10.

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

Columbus, \$53,193.56, up 23.01%; Weimar, \$8,461.04, down 6.58%; Sealy, \$75,254.87, up 67.94%; Bellville, \$16,117.54, down 25.01%; El Campo, \$128,761.83, up 4.35%; and Wharton, \$74,955.97, -10.20%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$188,742.37, +14.16%;

Weimar, \$32,102.93, +10.98%; Sealy, \$298,065.61, +64.23%; Bellville, \$62,377.31, +4.77%; El Campo, \$433,816.40, +6.85%; and Wharton, \$255,780.67, -3.37%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$38,059.90, down 11.06% from last year's payment of \$65,111.01. Austin County received \$63,590.05, up 6.26%. Wharton County received \$86,843.40, up 4.21%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are, Colorado, \$147,408.75, up 2.69%; Austin, \$224,082.84, +14.12%; Wharton, \$315,133.73, +14.36%.

*Sealy increased their portions from 1% to 1.5% in Oct. 1997, therefore, this is not an accurate comparison.

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Antrich gets probation

The jury trial of Hubert Steve Antrich of Sheridan was held in District Court last week, March 9, 10 and 12.

Antrich was charged with two counts of intoxication manslaughter, stemming from an automobile accident on March 3, 1996, which resulted

in the death of Olga and Timoteo Mendoza.

The jury assessed Antrich be placed on four years of probation with a \$2,000 fine for each count.

Antrich will return to court on April 30 for sentencing.

Youens to address TACC

The Taxpayer's Association of Colorado County (TACC) is pleased to announce that Mr. Billy Youens, Chief Appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, has agreed to address the group for their regular monthly meeting March

24. Mr. Youens will discuss ad valorem tax operations of the 253 appraisal districts throughout the state.

He will explain how the budget is prepared and funded and how distributions are made.

He will go through the tax calendar for the appraisal district with special emphasis on the protest procedure, so citizens will better understand just what deadlines must be met.

Finally, recent issues of special concern such as the effect of appraised values on school funding and status of the new CAD building will be presented. Youens has graciously agreed to answer audience questions.

TACC encourages all interested citizens to attend this important meeting to learn more about how the operation of the CAD greatly effects all taxing entities within our county.

This meeting will be held at the Nesbitt Memorial Library meeting room, on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

For more information, please call Crockett Leyendecker at 409-732-3302 or Bob Raborn at 732-6483.

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APC Festival to include talent show

Attention! Attention! Attention! Come join the fun at the Attwater's Prairie Chicken (APC) Festival Talent Show to be held Saturday, March 28, starting at 1 p.m. on the Eagle Lake Shore. All ages, individuals and groups are welcome. There is no charge to enter and prizes will be awarded.

Donate to scholarship fund

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High Student Council would like to thank all the people who have donated money to the Sheridan Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to any senior who has graduated from Sheridan Elementary and goes on to graduate from Rice High School (RHS). In the past our school has been able to give scholarships to deserving RHS seniors. This year we would again appreciate any donations to this fund so we may carry on this fine tradition. Anyone desiring to make donations may contact the office at Sheridan Elementary School 234-7334. Any and all help will be appreciated.

Greater Union schedules Youth Revival

The Greater Union Youth Annual Revival is being held through March 20 at 7 p.m. each night. Rev. David Everson, Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brookshire, will be the evangelist. Rev. L. Robertson, Pastor, Dave Curry, Youth Director.

Lenten Luncheon is March 23

The United Methodist Church will have the fourth Lenten Luncheon Monday, March 23, at 11:45 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Sue Taylor. There will be soup, sandwiches and desserts available. Love offerings will be accepted with half the proceeds going to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. You are invited to come and bring a friend.

APC Festival needs auction items

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival is scheduled for March 27 and 28 and auction item donations are needed. Call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

Nada KCs having Friday fish fries

The Nada Knights of Columbus will be hold a fish fry every Friday through April 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nada Community Center. The all-you-can-eat meal of catfish, French fries, slaw and trimmings, is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 for children (6-11) and children under six eat free. Plates to go are \$5.75. Drinks and desserts will be sold by the Catholic Daughters and PTC. Also, come and enjoy St. Mary's Penny "Raffle" going on during the KCs fish fry. For more information on the drawing, call 409-234-5202.

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