Sales tax

tion for March was \$7.9 million, up months of last year. 10.6% over the March 1997 payment of \$7.2 million. Year-to-date, San million was down 2.3% from the \$2.8 Antonio has received a 9.3% increase million payment delivered in March year-to-date. in local sales tax payments.

March was \$6.6 million, up 15.8% ahead of those for the first three April 10. over the March 1997 payment of \$5.7 million. For the first three months of 9% more than those for last year.

Ft. Worth's \$4.1 million sales tax in Feb. allocation was 10% more than the \$3.7 million rebate for March of last year, other Texas cities showing increased putting year-to-date rebates 8.7% year-to-date rebates were: ahead of 1997.

Arlington received \$3.6 million in to-date; sales tax allocation, up 6.1% from the \$3.4 million for the same month last 9.6% year-to-date; year. Arlington's rebates are running 2.9% ahead of those for the first three year-to-date;

El Paso's sales tax rebate of \$2.7 1997. However, El Paso's local sales The Austin sales tax allocation for tax payments year-to-date are 3.9%

in Jan. and reported to the Comptroller month last year are:

Corpus Christi, \$1.9 million, up \$74,955.97, -10.20%.

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

allocation is scheduled for Friday,

This month's payments include of their sales tax rebate this month \$65,111.01. Austin County received 1998, Austin's sales tax rebates are sales taxes collected by monthly filers along with the change from the same \$63,590.05, up 6.26%. Wharton

Columbus, \$53,193.56, up 4.21%. March sales tax rebates to some 23.01%; Weimar, \$8,461.04, down 6.58%; Sealy, \$75,254.87, up 67.94%*; Bellville, \$16,117.54, Plano, \$2.3 million, up 4.9% year- down 25.01%; El Campo, \$128,761.83, up 4.35%; and Wharton, +14.36%.

Lubbock, \$1.7 million, up 4.3% and the change from last year are: not an accurate comparison. Columbus, \$188,742.37, +14.16%;

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Tyler, \$1.4 million, up 8.4% year- 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 The Comptroller's next sales tax Wharton, \$255,780.67, -3.37%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$38,059.90, down Other cities in our area, the amount 11.06% from last year's payment of County received \$86,843.40, up

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,

*Sealy increased their portions from Year-to-date for the above cities 1% to 1.5% in Oct. 1997, therefore, this is

Antrich gets probation

The jury trial of Hubert Steve in the death of Olga and Timoteo Antrich of Sheridan was held in Dis- Mendoza. trict Court last week, March 9, 10 and

Antrich was charged with two a \$2,000 fine for each count. counts of intoxication manslaughter, stemming from an automobile accident on March 3, 1996, which resulted April 30 for sentencing.

The jury assessed Antrich be placed on four years of probation with

Antrich will return to court on

Youens to address TACC

The Taxpayer's Association of 24. Colorado County (TACC) is pleased to announce that Mr. Billy Youens, orem tax operations of the 253 ap-Chief Appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, has agreed to address the group for their regular monthly meeting March butions are made.

Mr. Youens will discuss ad valpraisal districts throughout the state.

He will explain how the budget is prepared and funded and how distri-

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.

Wallis church holding 1998 'Gospel Explosion'

Pastor Rev. Clay Spears and the Royal Notes" and more. Greater New Faith Church family of 6406 Guyler Street, Wallis, are spon-community and surrounding areas soring a Spring Gospel Concert March hoping you come out and have a good 20 at 8 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Ur- time praising the Lord. ban Center in Richmond, where the Rev. Curtis Lucas is pastor.

E. Stewart and The Stewart Singers under \$5. ministering their CD titled "I Be-

welcomes Rev. O.C. Palmer and "The at 409-478-2169.

They extend this invitation to the Tickets are being sold now and can

be purchased at the door as well; Featured guests will be the Rev. adults are \$10 and children 12 and

If you need ticket information, Along with others, the church please call Greater New Faith Church

Eagle Lake City Council learns juvenile boot camp to open April 17

Eagle Lake's juvenile boot camp facility will officially open with a rib-service! bon-cutting ceremony April 17, according to an announcement made to that cable would be available to resithe Eagle Lake City Council at its

March 10 meeting. Eagle Lake City Manager Ron at the facility.

Holland also announced that Cor-(CSC), the private vendor constructing the boot camp facility, will begin work on a 150-bed female juvenile facility to be located behind the male

The second facility will be totally separate from the boot camp.

Texas Youth Council inmates.

ond juvenile facility was initiated by a request from the State of Texas.

"The girls' facility requires more employees per inmate than does the boys' facility," said Holland.

by CSC are still ongoing. CSC officials will be in Eagle

Lake April 17 for the opening of the boot camp.

A discussion with TCI Cablevision representatives who approached Council for approval of the filing for a rate adjustment increase left Council members feeling like as

"unhappy campers". A letter, dated Jan. 29 and ad- looks like a tax decrease from this area. dressed to Mayor Michael Cooper from Dan Herbert, regional manager of TCI Houston Metroplex, said, "TCI is presently responding to customer desire for more cable channels with Service. TCI Digital Cable Service offers customers the opportunity to add 36 channels of programming, entertainment."

According to Herbert, to permit this expansion of viewing choices, on Feb. 1, the present DMX service was transferred from its former position on the analog channel lineup to a featured position in the new TCI Digital Cable Service."

Theft

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By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

However, there has been no digital year's 65.1114¢," said Holland.

Herbert also had assured Council dents of the new duplex complex at the

Council was told by TCI represen-Holland told Council the ceremony tatives that it is impossible for the it's certainly better than it has been. will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. residents of the airport duplexes to receive cable without an upgrade.

The letter appeared to be a comrectional Services Corporation plete surprise to the representatives Holland. present at the meeting and they had no answers for Council. An apology was operation fund in case of an emerissued with a vow to have answers by the next day (March 11).

Council took no action on the 19¢ per month increase in the basic rate and 58¢ per month in the extended March 24 agenda. The female facility will house base rate requested by TCI.

Even though Council did not en-CSC's decision to construct a sec-dorse the request, the increase will still following renovation; go into effect on June 1.

> we're still waiting on better service, and you still get an increase," said

"It would appear that there is Holland told Council that plans for someone within the confines of the agreement for professional engineerthe 1,000 bed adult prison to be built United States that can give us some ing services with O'Malley Engineers answers."

> The 15-year franchise with TCI the City has no other cable choice until and the year 2002.

fiscal year 1998-99, which takes effect April 1, was conducted.

According to Holland, the final tax

rate will come from figures that are provided by the Colorado County Central Appraisal District in late sum-

"We're still a little bit short, but We will actually be able to move \$30,000 into our contingency fund for the first time in several years," said

The contingency fund is the City's gency. The transfer will bring the contingency fund to \$115,000.

The public hearing on the \$3,996,716.18 budget will be on the

In other business, Council:

Learned the airport is now open,

• Adopted an ordinance amending "We have no digital services, no the electrical code to allow for a According to Holland, the female rebuild as we were promised, no an- waiver of requirements of the code facility will employ at least 100 per- swers for future duplex residents, and and granted the waiver of the requirements of an outside electric main disconnect for the Colorado County juve-

nile detention facility; ·Authorized the mayor to sign an of Brenham for the park project;

 Approved an investment policy was signed in July 1987. Therefore, for the City as required by state law;

•Read letters of commendation to A discussion of the budget for the David Ramirez, Juan Rodriguez and Johnny Luna for stopping to render aid to an elderly Eagle Lake woman The budget was prepared on a tax who fell outside her home while the rate of 63.5¢ per \$100 valuation. "It three were collecting garbage in the

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the introduction of TCI Digital Cable APC Festival to include talent show 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 Square. All ages, individuals and groups are welmovies and music to their service come. 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

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.

ask your local post office or station for 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 boxes, call the police or U.S. Postal 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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W. CENTER: 3BR, 2BA, living room/dining room combo, office; re-CEMETERY STREET: 3BR, 1BA, dining room; Perma stone. PECAN VALLEY: 2BR, 1BA, frame; with 10 acres.

N. AIRLINE: 4BR, 3BA, den w/fireplace, formal dining room, 1-1/2 story brick w/wood siding, large corner lot (2 ac.) WHL sprinkler LAUGHLIN ROAD: 3BR, 3BA, formal living room & dining room,

den, office, brick; recently remodeled; with 2.5 acres.

DOBBINS: 3BR, 1BA, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, frame; recently renovated. FmHA loan available. E. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, den, formal dining room, frame. . LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/siding; large lot w/shed

S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/fireplace, formal dining room: brick: 0.76 acres. COMMERCIAL...

HWY. 90 & FM 3013: 1.6 ac. w/large metallic bldg. (former KC Hall). 4.4 ACRES: corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90-A. 2.7 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90-A & Glen Flora Road E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage HWY. 90A & GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage. W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick. W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units;

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FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: frontage; 2.180 acre industrial site. E. WAVERLY: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport; recently cleared. Owner finance; \$24,000. 38 Acres inside city, facing FM 3013. 90 Acres rice land inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage,

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