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**Michael Franks**

for State Representative - District 28

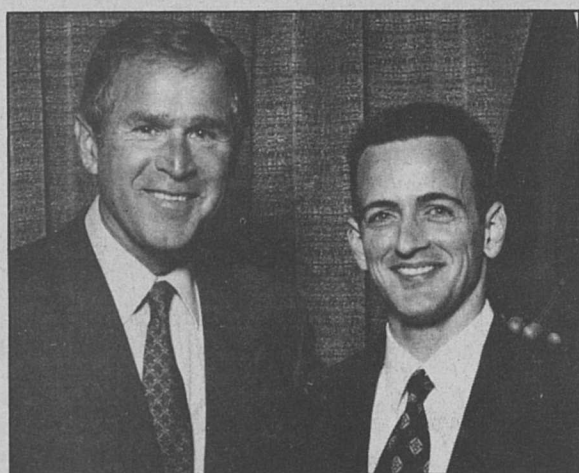
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- Less Taxes, "Relief for Property Owners"
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who will support and vote for his conservative  
ideas for Texas.

## About Michael Franks

- Fourth generation and lifelong Wharton County resident.
- Small business owner.
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Southwest Texas University; Attended Texas A & M; Boling High School.
- Member: Wharton County & Texas Farm Bureaus, National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, Texas Sportsman Association.
- Worked on campaigns for President Bush, Senators Hutchison and Gramm, Governor Bush; serving as campaign chairman for Congressman Ron Paul.

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Year-to-date still ahead of 1997...

## City's monthly sales tax rebate falls off

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$173.6 million in monthly sales tax payments on Oct. 9 to 1,093 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 7.1% increase over the \$162 million allocated in Oct. 1997.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$9,474.59, 11.68% less than the \$10,728.48 received last Oct.

This month's rebates include local sales taxes collected on Aug. sales and reported to the Comptroller in Sept. by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

"Consumer confidence is still up across the state, as spending in Texas shows no signs of slowing down," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 10.4% over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$159.3 million to Texas cities, 7.8% higher than last year's payments of \$147.7 million in Oct. Rebates of \$14.2 million to Texas counties were virtually unchanged from county allocations in Oct. 1997. Another \$5 million went to 34 special purpose districts around the state.

One of those special purpose districts, Rice Hospital District, received \$5,752.42 for its Oct. allocation.

The City of Houston received a sales tax rebate of \$20.3 million in Oct., 4.3% higher than last year's \$19.5 million payment for the same month. Overall, payments to the City of Houston year-to-date are up 10.4%.

The \$13.3 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Dallas for Oct. reflects a 7.4% increase from the \$12.3 million sales tax rebate for the same month last year. The year-to-date increase in payments to Dallas is 9.9%.

The San Antonio sales tax allocation for Oct. was \$8.5 million, up 5.4% over the Oct. 1997 payment of \$8.1 million. Year-to-date, sales tax payments to San Antonio are up 9%.

The Austin sales tax allocation for Oct. was \$7.2 million, reflecting an increase of 4.4% from the Oct. 1997 payment of \$6.9 million. For the first 10 months of 1998, Austin's sales tax rebates are 11.7% more than last year's.

Ft. Worth's \$4.4 million Oct. sales tax allocation was 12.8% more than the city's rebate of \$3.9 million for Oct. of last year, putting year-to-date rebates 10.7% ahead of 1997.

Arlington received \$4.3 million in

sales tax allocation, up 13.6% from the \$3.8 million payment for the same month last year. Year-to-date, Arlington's rebates are running 3.9% ahead of those last year.

El Paso's sales tax rebate of \$3.1 million was up 3.1% over the \$3 million payment delivered in Oct. 1997. El Paso's local sales tax payments year-to-date are 6% ahead of those for the first 10 months of 1997.

Oct. sales tax rebates to other selected Texas cities, along with their increases year-to-date were:

Amarillo, \$3 million, up 5.1%;  
Plano, \$2.4 million, up 11.3%;  
Arlington, \$1.7 million, up 6.5%;  
Mesquite, \$1.6 million, up 7.4%;

and,  
Round Rock, \$1.6 million, up 65.3% (due at least in part to a sales tax increase beginning in Jan. 1998).

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, \$59,341.42, up 15.27%;  
Weimar, \$9,430.60, up 7.23%;  
Sealy, \$85,061.65, up 52.39%;  
Bellville, \$17,646.10, -2.68%;  
El Campo, \$137,473.93, up 5.85%;

and, Wharton, \$70,977.93, -7.11%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are:

Columbus, \$609,914.45, +11.63%;  
Weimar, \$119,867.59, +10.36%;  
Sealy, \$956,775.42, +67.20%;  
Bellville, \$201,076.33, +8.01%;  
El Campo, \$1,433,451.23, +5.84%;

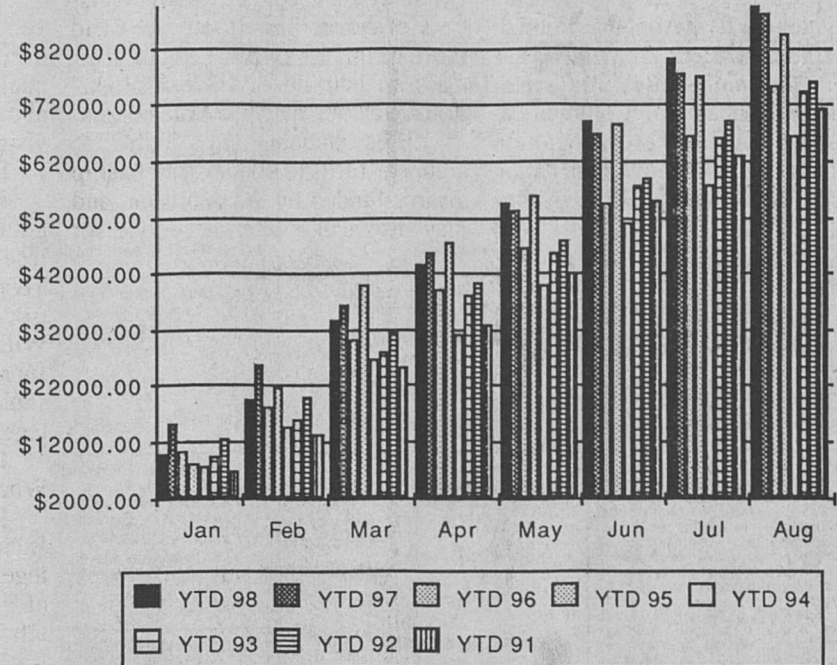
and, Wharton, \$847,717.02, +1.48%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$44,680.27, down 19.86% from last year's payment of \$55,758.62. Austin County received \$75,393.24, down 0.06%. Wharton County received \$86,805.52, down 1.08%.

Year-to-date figures for the above counties are, Colorado, \$487,196.30, down 7.45%; Austin, \$760,831.08, +16.32%; Wharton, \$992,654.14, +6.06%.

Due to the Veterans Day holiday in Nov., the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delivered earlier than usual, on Friday, Nov. 6.

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



The year-to-date totals of the City of Eagle Lake's sales tax rebates are charted against the month the sales tax was collected, not when the City received the rebate.



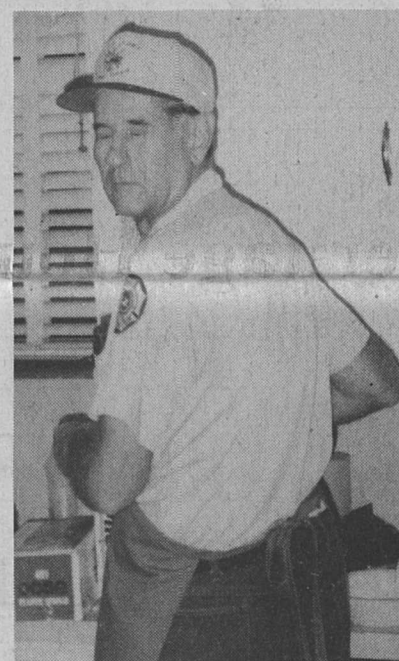
### I think this one's next

Assisting with Saturday night's Study Club Auction by taking the auction items around so everyone could get a closer look were Theresa Henry, Cathy and Amy Fearing, Amanda Henry and Chris McCreary. They are shown here with Fair Wells who has been the spear head of the auction for many years.

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

### Did You Know...

The "killer whale" is actually a large dolphin and has not been known to attack people.



### K-P duty

Even though he looks like he's in pain, Harold Raabe was just caught unaware while cleaning the kitchen at the Community Center following the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's annual Stew Supper. The firemen present at Saturday night's fund raiser reported all the stew was eaten by patrons at the Community Center and those who took advantage of the drive-thru line at the fire station.

## Police

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civil matter. No action was taken.

Officer Nelson met with a complainant in reference to phone harassment at 8:14 p.m., and a report was filed.

At 9:22 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant on Raezer St. in reference to a juvenile throwing rocks, and a report was filed.

On Oct. 26, at 9 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Stephens St. in reference to civil matter. No action was taken.

At 4:38 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to FM 3013 south in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to a verbal dispute in the 300 block of South Lake at 8:23 p.m. Subjects had left the premises prior to the officer's arrival.

Officer Nelson received a report of suspicious persons in the 400 block of E. State St. A close patrol was conducted.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."  
— Psalms 103:2  
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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