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## State could have lost \$10.5 million during sales tax 'holiday'

cently predicted a loss of about \$10.5 Aug. 8. million in revenue from the state sales

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The Texas Legislative Board re- Friday, Aug. 6, to midnight Sunday, the sales tax holiday as part of a \$2 cluded were protective sportswear, Texas merchants were expected to

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billion tax cut. Cities, counties and other entities American-Statesman reported last

On the list of non-taxable items Statesman reported. over the sales tax holiday were school clothes and shoes with price tags sales tax holidays before Texas. under \$100. Among items not in-

backpacks and purses.

public awareness of the annual sales ana. tax holiday increases, the American-

Florida and New York initiated

Because of the sales tax holiday,

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enjoy an influx of across-the-border In the next state budget, which shoppers from Oklahoma, southeastthat charge a sales tax were expected covers 2000 and 2001, the state ex- ern Colorado, southwestern Kansas, to lose about \$7.6 million, the Austin pects to lose about \$60 million as New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisi-

#### Oversight of Executions A Duty

ing governor when Gov. George W. Bush is out of state, and recently, the governor has been on the presidential campaign trail.

job to decide - if the Texas Board of in Texas in Dec. 1982. Pardon and Paroles recommends clemency - whether to grant a 3-day reprieve or commute a death sentence to life in prison.

half of August.

tions, it appears that due process was served-certainly more that the victims ozone gas in Austin. of these horrible crimes received, he told the Associated Press.

given the ultimate penalty.'

The governor has overseen 14 of the 16 executions carried out in Texas

**State Capitol Highlights** By Ed Sterling

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry serves as act- this year. Perry has overseen one and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, president pro-tem of the state Senate, oversaw the other.

An Aug. 4 execution was the 181st When Bush is away, it is Perry's execution since executions resumed

Other Highlights

·Last week, Austin's fifth Ozone Action Day in 1999 was declared. An Six Texas inmates have been Ozone Action Day is declared when scheduled for execution in the first ozone gas is expected to exceed 84 parts per billion-safety standard set by "I look at the technicalities of the the U.S. Environmental Protection case, making sure that due process Agency. Internal combustion engines was served. In (upcoming) execu- in cars, trucks and lawnmowers are the primary emitter of lung-irritating

•Austin city leaders proclaimed Monday, Aug. 9, to be "Yellow Shirt "The message is clear in Texas. Day" in honor of 1999 Tour de France The vast majority of Texans support winner Lance Armstrong of Austin. the death penalty. If you're going to Bicyclists were invited to join Armcommit a heinous crime that fits the strong for a ride up Congress Avenue, death penalty, you're going to be and a parade and festivities were planned.

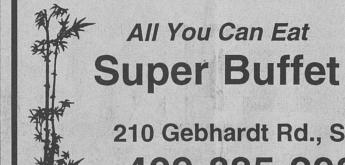
•The U.S. Justice Department last (See Highlights, Page 4)

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Jan. 17, 1974

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Dean's List of Honor Roll for grades Among those were Billy Joe Briscoe Mrs. Jones Connally Laughlin... of Eagle Lake and Miss Kathleen

Rees of Garwood...

Mrs. Elizabeth Nau was complimented on her 90th birthday anniverwhen nine-year-old Henry Morgan sary Dec. 27th with a party that afternoon in the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. cycle was struck by a car on Austin Brunner. Mrs. John Adkins assisted Mrs. Brunner with hostess duties...

Our Lady of Perpetual Help was the setting for the marriage of Miss Theresa Frances Theuman and Jo-seph Connally Laughlin on Satur-Seven hundred forty-one Texas day, Dec. 22, at five o'clock in the A&I University students attained the afternoon. Miss Theuman is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Miles Theuman, earned during the fall semester. and Mr. Laughlin is the son of Dr. &

## To THE EDITOR & YOU

### Proud of my hometown

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present today... the July 15 Headlight away, I've wondered how I could with its account of the action by the sustain my ties to Eagle Lake. I found citizens of Eagle lake following the my answer in the Headlight. Sunset Limited crash.

moved by the unaffected kindness of right thing to do. the people of my hometown. Eagle Lake's citizens turned what might want to come home. have been a horrible memory for many of those passengers into a pleasant one.

With both my father, Mac Jones, I received a wonderful birthday and my mother, Agnes, having passed

No matter where I reside, Eagle Having lived and worked in the Lake is my home. I'm proud to have Washington, D.C., area for most of the grown up in a town where kindness past years, engaged in a job that almost and generosity are given to strangers, demands cynicism and distrust, I was for no other reason than that it's the

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Sincerely, Walter M. Jones

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