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'Tax holiday' shoppers saved over \$33 million

Shoppers who purchased clothing and footwear during Texas' first sales tax holiday, Aug. 6-8, saved nearly \$33 million in state and local taxes. Over those dates, shoppers purchased more than \$400 million in tax-exempt clothing and shoes, about double the amount that normally

would have been sold on a typical three-day weekend in Aug., said Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander.

"The sales tax holiday allowed families to stretch their shopping budgets at a critical time - the back-to-school shopping period," Rylander said in announcing the savings.

The 1999 Texas Legislature approved an annual sales tax holiday to fall on the first weekend of Aug. each year.

Starting in 2000, cities, counties and other taxing entities will be allowed to opt out of the sales tax holiday and not offer the exemption from local sales taxes, but shoes and clothing priced at less than \$100 will continue to be exempt from the state sales tax.

Chancellor Successor Sought

John Montford, chancellor of Texas Tech University has been mentioned as a possible candidate to become chancellor of the University of Texas System, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

As the UT Board of Regents began meeting in Dallas, the newspapers said several agents mentioned that Montford, a former state senator, has qualities they're seeking. But Montford says he is happy at Tech. Other names mentioned as pos-



sible candidates are Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; Harry Reasoner, a UT distinguished alum and managing partner of the Vinson & Elkins law firm; Mark Yudof, president of the University of Minnesota; and Ed Sharpe, the UT system's executive vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Current UT chancellor William Cunningham has said he will await the appointment of a successor and resign no later than Aug. 31, 2000.

Regents hope to name a replacement in the spring.

Hacker Hits State Web Sites

A computer hacker vandalized Web sites of at least five state agencies Nov. 5-8, posting profanity.

Among those targeted were Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Department of Licensing and Regulation, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, state auditor's office and the Department of Public Safety.

All of the agencies' Web sites use the Microsoft Windows NT Internet Information Server, The Associated Press reported.

Computer hacking is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each offense.

School Safety Discussed

Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos conducted a statewide summit on school safety Nov. 11 in Austin. Among topics discussed were school security, bullying and gang activity.

The university established a center to study causes and solutions for school violence in the wake of the Columbine, Colo. school shootings last spring.

Attorney General John Cornyn, who spoke at the summit, called for a study on school violence earlier in the year.

Other Highlights

Thousands of Texas veterans marking the last Veterans Day of the 20th Century marched in a parade up Congress Avenue to the steps of the state Capitol. Bands played and

speeches were made, honoring the men and women who pledged their lives and sacred honor to the country.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has introduced the state's first wildlife conservation license plate, which sports the image of a horny toad and the slogan, "Keep Texas Wild." Cost of the specialty plate is \$25 in addition to regular registration fees.

The state of Texas has terminated its contract with Wackenhut Corrections Corp. to run a state jail in Travis County. Last week, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice assumed operations of the 1,033-bed facility.

State Rep. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, moved to the state Senate last week after winning a special election to succeed the late Sen. Greg Luna, who died Nov. 6 of complications related to diabetes. Luna was buried in the State Cemetery.

The Texas Department of Transportation has released a list of the most problematic cars in 1998: Chevrolet Malibu and Cavalier, Dodge Caravan and Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Aug. 8, 1974

Levis J. Rosprim of Eagle Lake and **Troy Krenek** of Garwood, both agriculture teachers at Rice High School, received tenure awards from the State Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. Krenek has taught 25 years and Rosprim, 30 years...

Charlie Haines was designated "Outstanding Senior Citizen of Sheridan" and presented a plaque by **Miss Dorothy Shomberg**, Colorado County Home Demonstration Agent...

Miss Donna Danklefs of Garwood was crowned queen of the Texas Flying Farmers organization at the 1974 summer convention held in San Antonio. She is the daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. James T. (Ted) Danklefs** of Garwood...

Marine Lance Cpl. Randy E. Hudson, son of **Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Hudson** of Rock Island, has departed

for Jacksonville, N.C., for a six-month Mediterranean cruise with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162...

Many relatives and friends gathered for final rights for **Russell James Mahalite**, 14, on Thursday, Aug. 1, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church...

Miss Susan Lyn Waligura, bride-elect of **Chris F. Dettling**, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at St. Mary's Parish in Nada on July 31. On the same day, she was also honored with a lingerie shower in Nada. Hostesses for that shower were **July Wied, Bobby Jean White, Sherry Dettling, Butcie Vacek and Beady Ruchunck**...

Eagle Lake Middle School major-ettes recently attended twirling clinic at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. Attending the clinic were **Luann Brown, Tracy Gertson, Dianne Van Nort, Lori and Lana Mahalite and Johanna Griffith**...

Tommy Balusek, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek** of Garwood, attended the Wharton County Youth Rodeo and won many titles there...

Mrs. Emil (Eleanor) Schindler, a resident of the area of Eagle Lake for over 50 years, succumbed to an illness in Eagle Lake Community Hospital on Aug. 4...

Coach & Mrs. Butch Watson are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, a son. He has been named **Michael Keith**...

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society of North America, announced the election of **Gerald Gordon Birdwell** to Association Membership...

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Muzny were dinner guests of **Miss Sallie Little** and her daughter, **Mickey**, in Schulenburg Sunday...

Friends throughout the area learned with great sadness that **Mrs. Ben McElhinney** died Aug. 1 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Aug. 2 from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church...

Mrs. Carol Birdwell Jones will be among the graduates to receive a degree from Sam Houston State University on Saturday, Aug. 10...

Mr. & Mrs. Gus Seaholm of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter. She has been named **Kari Renee**...

Aug. 15, 1974

Mrs. Glen (Esther) Sunderman, was honored by being named the Outstanding Senior Citizen of Eagle Lake...

Miss Dana Wiese will compete with six other County Farm Bureau queens for the title of District 11 Farm Bureau Queen Friday, Aug. 16...

W.E. (Bill) Lenhart received a Life membership in the Eagle Lake Club of Rotary International last week at their monthly meeting...

Pamela Sue Cranek, daughter of **Judge & Mrs. Lester J. Cranek** of Garwood, was recently awarded a trophy for best 10-year-old model at a (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

Letter to Editor Policy

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines:

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The *Headlight* must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
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Happy Birthday "Daddy Oliver"
Love, Ryan & Jadelynn

Good Samaritans

By Carol Nelson, Headlight Staff

Are there any good Samaritans left in Eagle Lake? I am proud to say there are.

Last Wednesday afternoon, a fire could have destroyed a trailer house on State Street due to a house fire on Seaholm Street. But, with the quick thinking of **Marty Manciaz** and **Isreal Aguilar**, it never got to the trailer.

Marty and **Isreal** should be commended for their quick thinking in grabbing the water hose outside the trailer and dousing the trailer house to keep it cool. They also doused the fire from the opposite side. They both looked like wet rats when it was all over but their efforts made them heroes that day.

Families who live in homes on either side of the trailer were also in danger but started fighting the fire as well, by dousing it with water from buckets and water hoses.

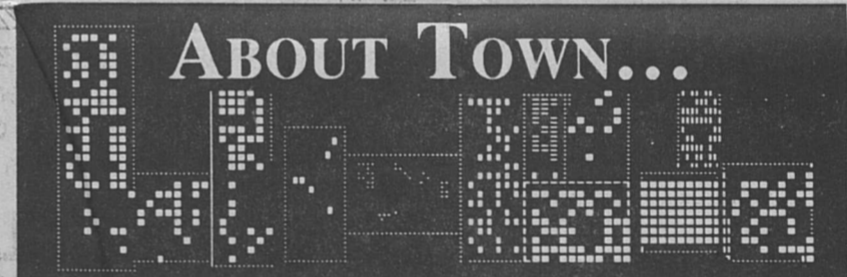
Hats off to all the "volunteer firemen and women" that day!

In another incident, it was my pleasure to be rescued by good Samaritans. Not a fire, but a double blow-out on the passenger side of my car on Hwy. 102 near Ramsey.

What an experience! With two children in the car, I couldn't go for help, but God sent plenty of angels to me. They were my cousins, **Robert Navarro, Robert Paul Moreira**; my brother, **David** and my husband, **Ben**.

Without their help, I wouldn't have made it home. Special thanks to **Jacob Ramirez** and **Rubin Noska** for their help as well. God bless each of you and keep you in His merciful hands...

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." — *John 15:13*



Congratulations to **Ms. Ollie Carter** and **Jackie Burton** for being named manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the Dollar General Store here in Eagle Lake. Good luck!

It's been said that more people now enjoy going to the store because of the friendly, smiling employees and the store's cleanliness.

On Nov. 6, **Mary Kuba** celebrated her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Kuba's husband of 64 years, **Jerry**, along with several of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attended a party in her honor at **Hackemack's Restaurant** nestled among the hills and trees of the cozy town of New Ulm. Relatives in attendance traveled

from as far as Austin and Houston and as close as Wharton and La Grange.

Mrs. Kuba's family includes 10 children, 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Clay Cerny, son of **Robbi and Bounci Cerny** of Eagle Lake, has made it to the rodeo National Finals to take place in Las Vegas on Dec. 3. You can watch it on ESPN 2.

Clay also recently won the San Angelo Fiesta Roping event held Saturday, Nov. 6. For his efforts, he was awarded a beautiful saddle with all the accessories and \$6,400 in cash. He won the first round, short go, average and had the fastest time for tying a calf.

Good luck to him in all his future endeavors.

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