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The Annual Sales Tax Holiday Is Set For August 17-19

AUSTIN — The annual state sales tax holiday is Aug. 17-19 and Texas shoppers will get a break from state and local sales taxes for most clothing and footwear priced under \$100.

Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

For the first time backpacks under \$100 specifically used by elementary and secondary students also are exempt. The new exemption includes backpacks

with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack.

Comptroller Susan Combs estimates that shoppers can save about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the state sales tax holiday.

Examples of items that qualify for the sales tax exemption include baby clothes, boots, diapers, neckwear and ties, pajamas and swimsuits.

Items not covered in the holi-

day include belt buckles, most sport specific shoes such as baseball cleats, purses and jewelry.

This year the annual sales tax holiday was moved to the third weekend in August to better coincide with the first day of school.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many districts," Combs said. "Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

TPWD to hire 200 new workers

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is adding 200 new employees to state parks after receiving increased funding from the Texas Legislature during this year's session.

The staffing increase is the first for the state park system in many years and follows several lean years where the department was forced to make major cuts to park services, staffing and hours of operation.

The available positions will be advertised through the TPWD Web site www.tpwd.state.tx.us and will be filled in September and October.

"We're looking for people who are really excited about helping take care of some of the most special places in our state, folks who are interested in a long-term career with Texas State Parks," said Walt Dabney, TPWD state parks director.

Gov's speechwriter resigns

Gov. Rick Perry's director of communications, Eric Bearer, resigned Aug. 6 to form his own consulting business, specializing in speechwriting, public affairs and political consulting.

For the last nine years, Bearer has been Perry's principle speechwriter, authoring two inaugural addresses, the governor's initial oath of office speech, four State-of-the-State speeches, and three Republican state convention speeches among nearly 2,000 speeches given by Gov. Perry since 1999.

Carrollton rep gets pacemaker

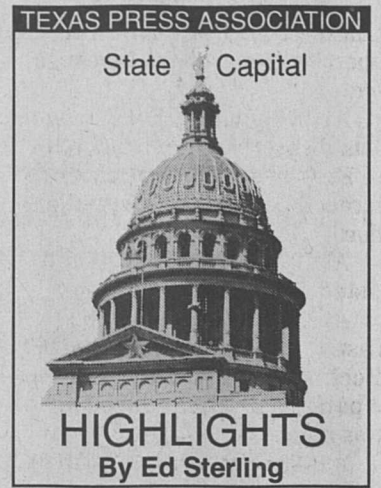
State Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, was admitted to Massachusetts General Hospital Aug. 6 with a low heart rate. On Aug. 8 he received a permanent pacemaker and flew home a day later.

Jackson was in Boston attending the National Conference of State Legislatures' annual meeting.

AG alerts parents to toy recall

The Office of the Attorney General is urging Texas consumers to stop using certain toys after Fisher-Price and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall due to potential lead poisoning hazards.

According to the safety commission, toys and figures bearing the likeness of characters from Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and other popular children's programs contain surface paints with excessive levels of lead, which could be toxic if ingested.



More than 950,000 of the recalled toys were sold nationwide from May 2007 to August 2007. The products were sold both alone and as parts of sets. The toys are all marked with "Fisher-Price" and may have a date code between 109-7LF and 187-7LF marked on the product or packaging.

A detailed list of the recalled toys can be found on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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The meeting will be held by and for diabetics as a means of support.

This meeting will not offer medical treatment and is not affiliated with the Methodist Church.

For more information call 234-2853 (nights)

Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

August 18, 1983
 Mrs. Mable Lucille Ware, 63, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday afternoon in a Houston hospital. Funeral arrangements are being made through Dulany Funeral Home...

On Saturday, August 13 in summer commencement exercises at G. Rollie White Coliseum at Texas A&M University Kathy Hodde received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology...

Mrs. Elena Fernandez recently celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and close friends...

Gilbert Caridad Corella of Eagle Lake was among 210 students who were named to the 1983 spring semester honor roll at the College of Fine Arts of the University of Texas...

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Jay Thomas, Jr. of Calgary, Canada are proud parents of their second child, a son, born Wednesday, August 10 at 4 p.m. **Mark Porter Thomas** weighed six pounds, and 10 1/2 ounces and measured 20 inches long...

Mr. and Mrs. Benton New of Lissie are proud to announce the arrival of their son, **Brent Alton**, born at Bellville General Hospital at 6:45 p.m. on August 1. He weighed eight pounds, and measured 21 1/2 inches long...

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Pavlicek of Sugar Land are proud to

announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, named **Beth Marie**. The little lady was born on August 8 at the Women's Hospital of Texas in Houston tipping the scale at seven pounds, and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length...

Mr. and Mrs. Case A. Holub of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child, a daughter, born at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 10:05 p.m. August 7. Given the name **April Dawn**, the little miss weighed eight pounds, three ounces and measured 21 inches long...

Miss Sherrye Lynn Hunter, bride-elect of Daryl Scot Hunt, was complimented with a tea shower in the home of Mrs. Lee Roy Lundquist of Garwood, Saturday, August 6...

Funeral services were held for **Nicholas Pimentel**, 91, of Austin, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Rosary was led by Eusebio Salazar at 8 p.m. Monday in the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel. Pimentel died in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital early Sunday morning...

Funeral services were held last Friday at 3 p.m. for Mrs. **Florence Catherine Painter** at the Cole Funeral Home Chapel in McGregor, with Rev. Carrol Hambrick officiating. Interment followed at the

Osage Cemetery...

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday for Mrs. **Connie Simmons**, 41, who passed away Monday in Seaton Hospital in Austin. Services were scheduled for 11 a.m. at Cook-Walden Funeral Home in Austin with the Rev. Richard Baldwin officiating. Graveside services and interment was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Lakeside Cemetery.

August 20, 1959
Curtis Laughlin was the junior champion at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf championship matches last Sunday. Mrs. **Howard Wiese** won the women's division and **Clyde Brown** was the champion in the men's division...

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall and family are purchasing the **D. Wallace** home on the corner of Prairie Street and Strickland Avenue...

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sens have completed sale of their home on Davitt Street to **Mr. and Mrs. Howard Merz**. Mr. Merz is a member of the Eagle Lake school faculty...

Mrs. Sue Briscoe will open a general insurance agency to be known as the Briscoe Insurance Agency in conjunction with her accounting office, in her home on McCarty Ave...

Miss Betty Toups of Sheridan

was honored with a bridal shower August 14 at the Shell Recreation Hall. Miss Toups will be married to **David Smith** on September 5 at the Baptist Church in Sheridan...

Ben Davis Faber, son of **Ben Faber** of Eagle Lake, graduated with a B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York...

Miss Sally Gideon, bride-elect of **John Hoggard**, was honored with a kitchen shower Friday night in the **Louis Miller** home...

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, **James Thomas**, born August 15 at Laughlin Hospital...

Frank Lee Graves, Jr. returned home from Gulfport, Mississippi after a 10-day stay in the Gulfport Hospital. He was hit by a car while walking across the street to the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi...

Glenda Altman, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Altman** and **Judith Johnson**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Johnson** have been selected as twirlers for the WCJC Starlettes. **Susan Davidson**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Davidson**, has been chosen as an alternate...

Gardner Seaholm has been elected president of the Eagle Lake Quarterback Club.

DPS Troopers To Step Up Labor Day Enforcement

The Department of Public Safety will have all available troopers on Texas roadways during the upcoming Labor Day weekend targeting speeders, seat belt violators and drunk drivers.

DPS — along with law enforcement throughout the state and nation — will increase patrols from Friday, August 31st through Monday, Sept. 3rd, in an effort to reduce highway deaths and injuries.

During this time frame the DPS will participate in Operation C.A.R.E. — Combined Accident Reduction Effort and Operation Holiday.

Operation C.A.R.E. — focuses on strict enforcement of speed limits, alcohol and drug related offenses, and occupant restraint laws.

Operation Holiday — allows the assignment of other DPS uniformed personnel to supplement highway traffic enforcement.

DPS troopers will participate in another nation-wide crackdown known as Drink Drive. Go to Jail. This campaign begins Friday, Aug. 17th to Monday, Sept. 3rd.

"The Labor Day period tends to have a large number of DWI fatalities," said Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "Because Labor

Day is traditionally the last weekend of the summer, more people are out celebrating — creating potentially dangerous situations on our roadways.

DPS wants to remind motorist that state law makes driving while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15 a state jail felony, punishable by a maximum of two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

This will result in a \$3,000 surcharge (paid over three years), if an offender is convicted of driving

while intoxicated.

"Never consume alcohol and then plan to operate a motor vehicle," stated Pflughaupt.

"Our job is to make sure the highways are safe for everyone, so drivers who insist on drinking and driving — will go to jail."

Motorist who become disabled on the highway can use the statewide stranded motorist hotline, 1-800-525-5555, to call for assistance.

Library Seeking Board Nominations

The Wintermann Library Board of Directors is taking nominations for the Eula & David Wintermann Library Wall of Honor. Nominees should be those who have taken part in the accomplishments and/or support of the library.

The Wall of Honor was established in 2006. The first inductees were Fair Wells, Betty Wegenhof, Dr. Raymond Thomas, Elmer

Struss and Harry and Nancy Anderson. Their names are included on a plaque that hangs in the library.

The inductee this year will be presented at the Study Club Auction on September 22, 2007. If you are interested in nominating someone, stop by the library and pick up an application. Nominations must be made before September 11, 2007.

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