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Politically, it's spring in Texas

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

The leaves may be falling from some of the trees shading the park-like Capitol grounds, but politically, it is spring in Texas.

The first of the 5,000-8,000 or so pieces of legislation that will be filed for consideration during the 78th session of the Legislation began to appear on Nov. 12 like so many wildflowers after a good rain. (Of course, some, depending on their political or business perspective, will view much of this new growth as a noxious weed infestation needing a quick dose of pesticide.)

And, like spring, opposites are pairing. Lions and lambs are lying together. Lobbyists and associations that supported losing candidates suddenly seem like the best of friends of those who won. The lunch crowd in downtown restaurants and private clubs has picked up. Everyone in politics now appears, at least publicly, to be willing to let bygones and vetoes be bygones.

What a change. For a few days after the election, the Capitol was a pleasant place to visit during a lunch break, a quiet, and a stately place of contemplation. After Veteran's Day, parking suddenly became more difficult as men and women with aspirations, dreads and brief cases crowded the sidewalk leading to the Capitol and the various House and Senate offices.

The early bills reflect the politics of their sponsors.

Though the Republicans have control for the first time since Reconstruction in both houses, Democrat Rep. Steve Wolens of Dallas wasted no time filing a tax that would add a half-dollar to the current 41¢ tax on cigarettes.

Bills filed so far range from a measure that would provide capital punishment for those who murder in the name of terrorism to a bill from Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio providing for a moment of silence each day in public schools.

King's X on insurance pullout

In another blossom of civility, thousands of Texans got a price break with the announcement last week that Farmers Insurance Group would postpone by a month its planned exit from the state's home insurance market.

The interim agreement, spearheaded by Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, includes a 6.8% rate cut for Farmers customers whose policies are due for renewal before Dec. 10, the end date of the 30-day truce.

A permanent solution to the dispute between Farmers and the state is still a long way off and insurance reform will be one of many issues in the coming legislative session.

Wild opening day

Thousands of Texas deer hunters took to the woods Nov. 2 for the first day of deer season, but few had a day like one couple that own a small tract of land down the Colorado from Austin.

The woman was in one of the blinds on her property before dawn, waiting to see if a good buck would show up. Not long after daylight, a buck silently appeared, grazing on corn broadcast from the feeder.

Shouldering her rifle, she had the cross hairs of her scope squarely on the deer's shoulder and was about to pull the trigger when the deer dropped dead. A few parts of a second later she heard someone else's shot. No one else had permission to be on her property, and her husband, the only other hunter, was in a blind at a different location.

As she watched, a poacher came up and dragged away her deer.

Meanwhile, her husband was sitting in his blind when a bullet ripped through it, barely missing him. The next thing he saw was a man crawling under his fence, a rifle in his hands.

As the startled landowner looked on, the intruder took a second shot, this one knocking down a spike buck. To his amazement, all this was happening on his land.

The couple separately but simultaneously decided they'd had enough hunting for one day and hurried home.

The story has a happy ending, at least for the landowners. They called the State Parks and Wildlife Department and game wardens later arrested the two poachers.

Killing a deer on private property without the owner's permission is a state jail felony and, upon conviction, the hunting license is automatically revoked.

Chamber says thanks

To all of you who came out to the fried chicken lunch Sunday, Nov. 10, thank you. Veterans or the widows of veterans were asked to sign in and patriotic music was played during the lunch for people dining inside the Prairie Edge Museum.

Special thanks goes to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Pageantry winners who helped serve desserts: Miss Eagle Lake Andrea Contreras, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake Courtney Andrejczak, Eagle Lake Princess Alyssa Young, Eagle Lake Prince Joseph Rutledge, Little Miss Eagle Lake Ashley Cook, Little Mr. Eagle Lake Dalen Rutledge, and Eagle Lake Ambassador Morgan Perry.

These young people and their families gave up their Sunday to support Eagle Lake. The Chamber appreciates all their hard work and bright smiles!

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To the Citizens of Colorado County,

My wife and I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those who supported us in the recent election through word, deed and gift. We especially thank the 2,700 voters who expressed their confidence through their votes. We gave it our very best because we felt it was important for the people to have a choice. We have met many wonderful people throughout the county. We have learned a lot about human nature and ourselves. We thank you again.

Jim and Paulina Kearney

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

Oct. 12, 1978

Troopers Joe Garcia and **Mark (Andy) Tacquard** now man the Eagle Lake station for the DPS...

17-year-old Eagle Lake youth **James Knight,** died from injuries received in a one-car roll over accident on FM 102. Other passengers in the car **Roy Addicks Jr.** and **Johnny Lewis** were not seriously injured. Knight was thrown from the vehicle...

Rice High School Band Director **Floyd Spenrath** and drum major **Lori Mahalitc** accepted a first place trophy in the band division of the Lions Club parade...

Brian and **Renee Balas** won first place with their entries in the children's division of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club parade...

Mr. & Mrs. L.V. Davison of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, **Carol D'Ann,** to **Jerry Dale Williams,** son of **Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Williams,** also of Eagle Lake. The couple will be married Jan. 6 at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake...

New officers elected for the Auto Mechanic Club at RHS are **Orlando Ramirez,** president; **Gus Moreno,** vice-president; **Manuel Munoz,** secretary; **Daniel New,** reporter; **Clarence Davis,** parliamentarian; and sergeant-at-arms, **Arthur De La Garza**...

Rice Band officers elected were **Lori Mahalitc, Kitty Thomas, Cheryl Crabb, Angel Farrow, Theresa Becak, Carolyn Pavlu, Carol Crabb, Cliff Bradshaw, Rich Farris, Peggy Leopold** and **Michelle Sibley**...

Russell Johnson, filling in for quarterback **Kenny Hyek,** led the Rice High School JV Raiders to a 20-14 win over the Sealy Tigers...

Winners in the Lunchroom Week Poster contest were **Frances Cobia, Leslie Sunderman** and **Patty Ann Stephens**...

A familiar voice on KANI, the local radio station in Wharton, is none other than **Brenda Argo.** She is employed at the radio station as a night disc jockey while attending Wharton County Junior College.

Oct. 14, 1954

Colorado County Commissioners' Court received an estimate of $41,739 for re-wiring the Courthouse and County Jail...

Evangeline Loessin is to represent

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