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Lawmakers File 318 Bills On First Filing Day

AUSTIN — Early filing of legislation for the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature has begun.

Some of the 181 members of the Texas Legislature (150 in the House and 31 in the Senate) got right to it, filing 318 pieces of legislation on Nov. 13, the first day they could put a bill in the hopper.

Lawmakers file about 10,000 bills in a regular, 140-day legislative session. It isn't a race to see who can file the most bills, but a few lawmakers are off to a quick start.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, led the pack on day one by filing 29 bills. Then came Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, with 21. In the House, big filers were State Reps. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, and Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, with 17 bills each.

A sampling of subjects among the 318 early-filed bills:

- health care, prisons, crime, taxes;
- education, campaign contribution limits, raising the minimum wage;
- defibrillator, seatbelts, road signs and neck wear.

That's right: neck wear. Rep. Armando "Mando" Martinez, D-Weslaco, filed a resolution designating the bolo tie as the official

State Tie of Texas.

Nelson, Branch, Sens. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-Laredo, Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Rep. Hubert Vo, D-Houston, each filed bills requiring schools to have an automated external defibrillator ready to use in case anyone goes into cardiac arrest at extra-curricular athletic events.

Republicans and Democrats apparently agree on the need for defibrillators, but the chronic tension between the two parties is as strong as ever.

Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, is seeking another term to preside over the Texas House. While he has dissenters, Craddick claims to have pledges for more than the 76 votes he will need to remain as speaker. Sixty-nine of the 150 members of the House are Democrats.

An effort is brewing to back someone other than Craddick for the high post. Supposing Democrats hold together, it would take at least seven sympathetic Republicans to bring on another speaker.

The legislative session opens Tuesday, Jan. 9, and the bill filing deadline is 60 days later.

Writers call for end to lobby team

With Democrats coming into

Congressional power in January and a "lame-duck" session in progress, Gov. Rick Perry's tax dollar-funded GOP lobbyists won't have the punch they once enjoyed at the U.S. Capitol under Republican control.

The Austin American-Statesman and other newspapers have called for an end to funding for those lobbyists, some of whom were associates or employees of criminally convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff and indicted former U.S. Rep. and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Official says utility bills too high

Jim Scogin, director of the

Texas Council on Competitive Government, says the state's \$200 million a year utility bill is too high.

The council has contracted with LPB Energy of Dallas to audit state agencies' energy-use and bookkeeping related to it, to look for ways to conserve energy use and to shop for better rates.

The goal is to cut the state's energy bill by 25 percent.

Senator to file smoking ban bill

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he plans to file legislation to create a "Texas Smoke-free Workplace Law" banning smoking at all work sites and in all public places.

Ellis made the announcement in conjunction with the 30th annual Great American Smokeout on Nov. 17.

Landmark bridge to be renamed

The Austin City Council voted to rename Congress Avenue Bridge the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge in honor of the late governor who died Sept. 13.

The city placed a plaque on the bridge Nov. 16 and the official christening will take place later.

Hurricane aid near \$1 billion

Texas residents who suffered damage from Hurricane Rita in

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

September 2005 have been approved to receive more than \$984 million in disaster assistance, including grants from FEMA and low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 24, 1982

The Eagle Lake Revitalization Committee asked Tommy Pilkington to be Grand Parade Marshall as an honor for all the community work he has done for the city...

Cody Shorter III was honored by the Future Farmers of America, by being chosen National Convention Organist for next year...

Didner Hall in Eagle Lake was the setting for the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Mary Zahradnick. The party was held on Saturday, Nov. 6 and was given by their children and grandchildren...

Funeral services for Mrs. Emmie Hurd were held Sunday Nov. 14 at Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews with Rev. Terry officiating...

On Nov. 14 a surprise anniversary birthday party was held at the Bob Meitzen home in Kingwood celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Glaisher and the birthday girl celebrating 94 years of age was Mrs. Mary Glaisher all of Eagle Lake...

Kenneth R. Abel of Eagle Lake has won one of seven prizes awarded this month in a national contest. He received an eight-day, seven-night vacation for two at a choice of five destinations in the

Caribbean...

A birthday party for Ralph Gertson, the son of Ralph and Connie Gertson was held on Thursday, Nov. 18 upon turning two years of age on Nov. 22...

Patricia Eggemeyer, bride-elect of Brian Sanders, was honored Friday Nov. 12, with a lingerie shower given in the home of Clarence Eggemeyer. Hostesses were the honoree's future bridesmaids Carolyn Pavlu, Janie Kulhanek, Laura Welsch, Nancy

Pieprzyca, Kathy Bazinet and Lisa Bubela...

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Floyd Wiene of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Denise Carol, to Robert Cecil Marburger, Jr. of Columbus. The couple will be married February 26, 1983 at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake...

Barbara Ann Leopold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Leopold of Nada, was elected secretary

of the Texas Home Economics Student Section at a workshop held recently. The prestigious honor is bestowed upon those home economics students who show outstanding abilities and credentials in their field.

Editor's Note: Due to missing issues for 48 years ago, we will only be running the 24 Years until we catch up with where the archives pick-up. This will be sometime in January.

MUSEUM MEMORIALS

Recent memorials to Prairie Edge Museum include: In memory of William Brunner: Wm. H. and Rosanne Harrison; Mae Ashby; Briggs & Vselka Co; J. J. & Janet Grigar; Stella Tate and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris; Frankie and Carol Tupa; Jack and Jean Leopold; Elliott & Jeanette Hoelscher; In memory of Clarence Bolton: Christine Owen. In memory of Gilbert Wheeler: Christine Owen. In memory of Leonard Walker:

Ted and Louise Brunner. In memory of Tishann Wilde: Ted and Louise Brunner. In memory of Georgianna Dutcher Sexton: Mike and Grace Cooper; Ted and Louise Brunner.

In memory of Charles Spalinger: Kenneth and Helen Craig; Christine Owen. In memory of William J. Martin: Ted and Louise Brunner. In memory of Bill Tarrant: Christine Owen. In memory of Ura Horton Miller: Mae Ashby; Kenneth and Helen Craig; Lucy Contreras; Fay Rutledge.

In memory of Joe Lee McCrea: Wm. H. and Rosanne Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott; Obie Rhodes; Kenneth and Helen Craig; Leo and Jean S. Leopold. In memory of Lillian Sykowski: Lucy Contreras, Kenneth and Helen Craig. In memory of Gene Linke: Kenneth and Helen Craig.

All money given in memorials at the museum goes into its Endowment Fund and is used for upkeep and modernization of the building.

Pearl Harbor Ceremony Dec. 7

Pearl Harbor Day Ceremonies the Hill Country's Annual Remembrance of the Attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 will be held at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg on Thursday, December 7, at 12:25 p.m.

The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission property operated

by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation located in Fredericksburg, Texas, is the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of World War II.

Located on a six-acre site, the Center includes the George Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans'

Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

Originally named The Admiral Nimitz Museum and housed solely in the historic Nimitz Hotel, the Museum has grown into a dynamic, first-class experience that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and from all backgrounds, a great family educational experience.

In addition to nearly 34,000 square feet of indoor exhibit space, the Museum boasts an impressive display of Allied and Japanese aircraft, tanks, guns and other large artifacts made famous during the Pacific War campaigns.

An additional 40,000 square-foot expansion is planned for the Museum's future.

"We Inspire Our Youth by Honoring Our Heroes" - www.Nimitz-Museum.org.

The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway

Count the number of symbols in advertisements in this edition and submit your guess in writing to the Headlight by Monday, Nov. 27

(including symbol on this entry form)

A drawing of all the correct entries will be held to determine the winner

Two winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any one of the businesses advertising in this edition.

Kris Kringle Cash Entry Form

(Return to The Headlight by 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27)
PO Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

My Guess Is _____ (including symbol on this entry form)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I'd like to use my certificate at _____ (Must be business advertising in this week's Headlight)

One Entry Per Person

Remember to look in the Holiday Gift Guide!

Happy Thanksgiving

WHERE'S THE TURKEY?

WHERE'S THE DOG?

ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER — WHEREVER YOU FIND IT!