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House Votes To Limit Legislative Flow In First Sixty Days

AUSTIN — When the Legislature convenes, one of the governor's duties, so says the Texas Constitution, is to recommend to lawmakers "such measures as he may deem expedient."

That means the all-important state budget and the governor's top issues — usually referred to as emergency issues — go to the front of the line.

Other bills can be acted upon quickly too, if a well-oiled procedure is followed: the House simply votes to suspend a constitutional rule that reserves the first 60 days of the legislative session for the passage of bills that top the governor's priority list.

However, as January drew to a close, the House departed from its normal behavior when a motion to suspend the rule, which required a supermajority (four-fifths) vote to pass, failed.

Thirty-four of the House's 150 members voted "no" despite cries that doing so would create a

logjam of bills late in the session and likely prevent many local bills from ever making it out of committee.

So, for the first time since the 1981 legislative session, House bills won't get past the committee level in the first 60 days of the session.

The vote not to suspend has been interpreted as retaliation against House Speaker Tom Craddick, who doled out committee assignments perceived as punitive by some members who supported Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, in his short-lived speaker candidacy.

Despite the vote, there is a movement among Craddick lieutenants and other House members to vote again on rule suspension.

Child safety program launched

John Walsh, host of the Fox television program "America's Most Wanted," joined Lt. Gov.

David Dewhurst in a Capitol news conference to announce Dewhurst's "Texas First!" child safety initiative.

The initiative teams the state and private sector in helping kindergarten through second grade students learn how to be safe around strangers and to educate the children about the dangers of predators online, in schools and in neighborhoods.

The Safe Side Company, co-founded by Walsh, is donating more than 1,000 Stranger Safety Resource Kits to Texas school districts.

Kits include lesson plans and activities for classroom use, and a media library that includes 25 copies of the "Stranger Safety" DVD for take-home use.

Texas is the first state to participate in the program, Dewhurst's office said.

Order issued for vaccination rules

Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 2 issued an executive order directing the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules requiring girls age 11 and 12 to be vaccinated against the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) before they enter sixth grade.

The rules are to include an opt-out provision for parents who don't want their daughters to be vaccinated.

Perry wants the program to be up and running by September 2008.

Certain strains of HPV are known to cause cervical cancer.

TEA publishing expenditures

Gov. Perry is now publishing his office's expenditures online and on Feb. 1 proposed requiring all state agencies to publish their

expenditures online as part of his budget reform package.

The Texas Education Agency went ahead and published its check register online. It can be viewed at <http://tea.state.tx.us> by clicking on the "About TEA" button. The check register will be updated at least quarterly, the agency said.

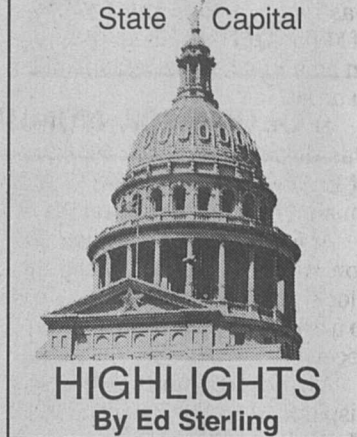
State lottery may be up for sale

Gov. Perry indicated he is thinking about selling the Texas Lottery to a private firm. Other states are contemplating doing the same in exchange for a chunk of the profits. Perry was to give more details in his Feb. 6 State of the State speech.

Opinion page mainstay dies

Widely read and published syndicated columnist and best-selling author Molly Ivins, 62, died Jan. 31 at her home in Austin after

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an eight-year recurring battle with breast cancer.

Ivins focused strongly on the Texas Legislature in particular and state politics in general for nearly four decades. In recent years she devoted extra attention to the political career of President George W. Bush.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

February 10, 1983

Miss Denise Wiese bride elect of Robert Marburger, was honored with a miscellaneous tea shower Saturday, Jan. 8 at the home of Mrs. Frank Higgins. Co-hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Bill Harrison, Sr., Mrs. Carl Pate, Mrs. Dale Casady, Mrs. John Clipson, Mrs. Carl Seaholm and Mrs. Henry Sunderman...

Bruno Shimek of Garwood and Kitty Thomas of Eagle Lake earned the Distinguished Student status at Texas A&M University...

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaver on the occasion of their 44th anniversary on Feb. 10...

Ethel Balusek officially became the manager of Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club last Friday...

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Eva McBride Chappel Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Providence Baptist Church with Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr. officiating. Mrs. Chappel passed away January 31 at 1:30 p.m....

Mrs. Anna Faldyn Ripper passed away last Tuesday morning in the Heritage House Nursing Home after a brief illness. Rosary was recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday from the Mill Bauer Chapel with Joseph Wendel officiating. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery...

Robbie Ann Milliard of Garwood passed away Saturday in the El Campo Memorial Hospital at the age of 82. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. from the Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church in Garwood. The Rev. Laurina Matthews officiated. Interment followed at the Wharton City Cemetery...

Lucio Garza Yanez died last Tuesday morning in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted

Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Gethsemane Baptist Mission with the Rev. Mathias V. Quintanilla officiating. Mrs. Charles Spalinger was the organist...

Mrs. Geraldine Cason, long time resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Sunday after a brief illness in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Mill-Bauer Chapel with the Rev. Lorena Matthews officiating. Clara Mae Nash provided the organ accompaniment...

Mrs. Alma Helen Davidson, life long resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday morning at her residence after a lengthy illness. Funeral services for Mrs. Davidson were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Mill Bauer Chapel with the Rev. Charles Runk officiating and Mrs. Lorena Matthews serving as organist...

February 5, 1959
 Mrs. Charles Schamerhorn has leased the Rice Theatre and will take over operation Thursday as manager of the movie. She will succeed J.C. Ricketts...

Three aldermen will be elected April 7 to serve on the City Council. Councilmen whose terms expire this year are: A. H. Seaholm,

H.E. Tate and Alvin F. Wiese...

Approximately 600 members of the Texas Trail Riders Association area expected to make the fifth annual Trail Drive to help promote San Antonio's 10th Anniversary Stock Show and Rodeo Feb. 13-22...

Orville L. Mill, 52 prominent Eagle Lake businessman and rancher, passed away at his home Thursday. Funeral services were held January 31 at the First Baptist Church with interment in Lakeside Cemetery...

Firemen rescued Mrs. Howard Fitzgerald and son, Bud Fitzgerald, from their home, which was on fire. Mr. Fitzgerald had gone down stairs to try and extinguish the fire, but was unable to go back up to rescue them...

Eagle Lake boy's team dropped three district games this week. They lost 45-46 to the Sealy Tigers with Ben Castillo the high scorer with 15 points, Gerry Clipson 14, Bill Uzzell 8, Melvin Wright and Johnny Nash 2. The Eagles lost a 38-27 game Saturday night to the East Bernard Brahmas. Castillo led scoring with 9 points. On Tuesday night the Eagles took a 49-33 whipping at the hands of the Sugar Land Gators...

Teams Getting Ready For Relay For Life

Everyone is excited about the upcoming Colorado County Relay For Life 2007 to be held this year at the Weimar Wildcat football stadium/track April 20-21.

It is not too late to organize a team to participate in this worthy fundraising event to benefit cancer research.

If interested in forming a team,

you may contact Valerie Harmon in Weimar at 979-725-8912 or Robin Maertz in Columbus.

Team captain meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus on the following dates: Feb. 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 2, 9, and 16. See you there!!

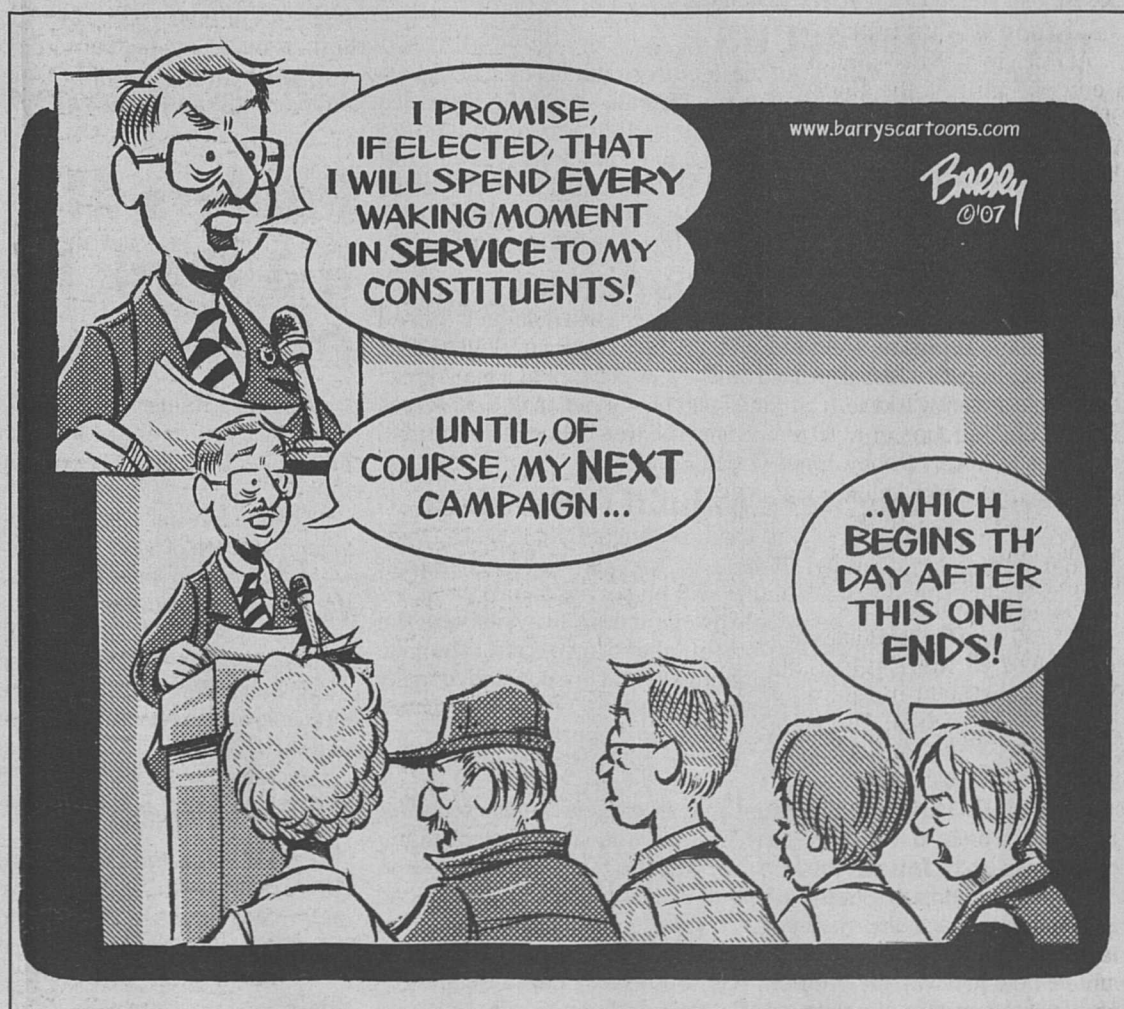
Clarification:

Colorado County Al Jamison said he was incorrect in a comment to this newspaper recently when he said that the language in proposed enabling legislation for a groundwater conservation district would be sent back to commissioners for approval before going to the legislature.

Jamison said the resolution of support passed at the Jan. 22 commissioners court meeting approved the submission of enabling legislation to Austin.

The actual rules and regulations of the district would be originated by the GWD board of directors, if the voters approve the GWD formation.

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