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# Dozens Of Bills Awaiting Governor Sign-Off

AUSTIN — Out of those thousands of bills lawmakers have filed in the 80th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, about 150 already are on their way to the governor, having passed both House and Senate.

Hundreds more will land on Gov. Rick Perry's desk before the

Legislature adjourns on May 28. Perry will have a 10-day period following adjournment to sign, veto or ignore legislation on his desk. Bills he chooses not to sign or veto will take effect without his signature.

Here are just a few bills of general interest awaiting action

by the governor.

• HB 5 by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, cuts the homestead property tax of the elderly and disabled.

• HB 1098 by Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, prohibits immunization against human papillomavirus as a condition for admission to public school.

• HB 2061 by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, provides that a county or district clerk is not liable for the disclosure of a living person's Social Security number contained in a document filed with the county or district clerk.

• SB 90 by Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, establishes a pilot program to provide ballot by electronic mail to military personnel serving overseas.

• SB 112 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, allows a peace officer to confiscate an individual's firearms and ammunition during a state of disaster.

• SB 369 by Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine to alter or obscure a motor vehicle's license plate.

HB 1892, which achieved Senate approval on April 27, slows

down by two years the governor's plan to close the deal on the Trans Texas Corridor, a 50-year, state-wide toll road-building project.

The bill, by Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown, and sponsored in the Senate by Williams, passed 27-4. "No" votes were cast by senators who hoped to get started on plans to relieve traffic congestion, or wanted to keep all options active and on the table.

After the vote, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said, "I believe privately financed road projects play an essential role in our transportation future."

But, Dewhurst added, a two-year moratorium would give the people of Texas and lawmakers time to make sure such projects "actually work and benefit all Texans."

**Property tax protest bill passes**

The House on April 27 passed a measure to give landowners more flexibility to postpone and reschedule their property appraisal protest hearings.

HB 538 by Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, allows a land owner to postpone their property tax protest at least once without show-

ing cause, and lets a land owner make additional postponements upon demonstration of reasonable cause.

The bill also increases the amount of time for the postponement of a protest hearing from 15 to 30 days.

Under current law, appraisal districts may choose to allow a land owner to postpone their appraisal protest hearing if the owner or their agent show good cause for the postponement. A hearing may be postponed by no less than five days, and no more than 15. The law does not allow additional postponements.

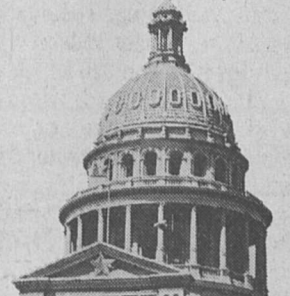
**House OKs govt spending site**

A proposal to create a "one stop shop" on the Internet where citizens would find a detailed accounting for all Texas state government expenditures earned tentative approval of the House.

HB 3430 by state Reps. Mark Strama, D-Austin; Bryan Hughes, R-Marshall; Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Houston; Juan Garcia, D-Corpus Christi; and Ken Paxton, R-McKinney, is modeled after federal legislation passed last year by U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

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HIGHLIGHTS  
By Ed Sterling

"Direct citizen access to information has already created a powerful additional check and balance on government and the media," Strama said.

The Web site would be accessed through TexasOnline and maintained by the state comptroller.

**Dog bite legislation is OK'd**  
HB 1355 by Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, would increase penalties to owners who fail to reasonably secure their dog, if the dog makes an unprovoked attack on a person, resulting in serious bodily injury or death.

The House passed the bill, and it has been assigned to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee for further consideration.

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

**May 5, 1983**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Klop-  
steck of East Bernard are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter Amanda Nichole, born Tuesday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. She was born at four pounds, two ounces and measured 17 inches at birth...

Miss Debra Lynn Cooper bride-elect of Robert Sheppard, was honored with a rice bag party and bridesmaids luncheon on Saturday, April 9 by Mrs. Howard Wiese and Mrs. Ed Wiese...

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prihoda of Nada announce the engagement of their daughter Janice Marie to Gail Dean Thompson son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Altair. The couple will be married at 2:30 on June 18 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Keith Willis Austin was honored on his third birthday with a swimming party held at the Gene Jones residence on April 30...

A miscellaneous shower was held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Nada Parish Hall honoring Janice Prihoda, bride-elect of Gale Thompson...

A shower honoring Melanie McCoy, bride-elect of Darrell Appelt, was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Nelson

(Michelle) Isenhower...  
Funeral services for Doris Mae Beisel were held last Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Mill-Bauer Chapel. Rev. Bill Couvillion, pastor of the Lissie United Methodist Church officiated. Burial followed in the Lissie Cemetery...

Funeral services were held last month for A.E. "Mack" Miculka, 63, of Fort Worth in Mount Olive Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Cemetery...

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from Mrs. Gladys Rae Pidgeon who passed away Saturday at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Services were conducted from the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery.

**May 7, 1959**  
Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens, local chairman for the American Cancer Society's Crusade, reported that \$824.36 was contributed to the fund by Eagle Lake citizens...

Glen Woodruff, president of the Garwood FFA chapter, received the Chapter Star Farmer Award at the Parent and Son Banquet at the Garwood gymnasium April 30...

Eagle Lake High School golfers will compete in the state golf tournament at Austin this weekend for the third time in five years. The team consists of Curtis Laughlin, Gerry Clipson, Mike Cheatham and Eddie Wiese. Ben Cobb is the coach for the Eagle Lake quartet...

J.V. Frnka, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Frnka of Garwood, and James Janish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Janish of Garwood, finished their high school work at Garwood High School with an equal average of 93.3 and will share valedictory honors at graduation time...

Miss Rosalie Andreas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Andreas of Eagle Lake, was named valedictorian and Miss Judith Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Johnson of Eagle Lake, salutatorian of the 1959 graduating class of Eagle Lake High School. Miss Andreas completed her school work with a 97.67 average while Miss Johnson compiled a high average of 95.97...

Miss Barbara Reese reached the finals in the Splash Day Bathing Revue in Galveston Sunday. She represented the Matagorda Beach Association as their "Splash Day" entry...

Mr. and Mrs. George Otradovsky of Eagle Lake are the proud parents of a daughter, Donna Gayle, born May 3 in Laughlin Hospital...

Clyde Brown defeated John Carroll in the first flight championship in the men's division at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Clyde goes on to meet Butch Parma, winner of the second flight, for the title Friday. In the women's division, Mrs. Howard Wiese defeated Mrs. Fred R. Frnka 3-2 to win the championship.

## Sheriff's Department Makes Drug Arrest On I-10

On April 26, 2007 at around 8:25 a.m., Colorado County Sheriff's Deputy John Mieth and Deputy Jeremy Pardo conducted a traffic stop on a 1998 Ford F-150 at IH-10 near the 693 mile marker westbound.

During the investigation, marijuana and prescription hydrocodone was located in the vehicle, along with over \$10,080 in cash.

After the investigation, Jorge Jacinto McCormick, 41 of Pace Florida, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of mari-

huana, and money laundering. The vehicle and cash will be submitted for seizure.

## Rice English Classes To Continue

Rice CISD will converse ESL classes for identified ESL students who attended the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes this past school year. Parents needing more information concerning dates and registration, please call 979-234-3587.

Rice CISD tendra clases de ESL para estudiantes bilinguales quines asistieron clases de Pre-K o Kindergarten este ano. Las clases empiezan el 5 de Junio, y continuan lunes- Jueves, 28 de Junio, y del 9 de Julio al 19 de Julio, 8:30-2:00. Si tiene preguntas favor de llamar 979-234-3587.

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## Relief of Symptoms of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a condition characterized by numbness, pain, and weakness of the hand. The carpal tunnel is a passageway found at the palm side of the wrist. The function of the tunnel is to protect the median nerve, as well as the tendons which bend the fingers. When pressure is applied to the nerve, the symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome may eventually develop. Symptoms may include tingling or numbness in the fingers, pain extending from the wrist up to the shoulder or down to the fingers, and weakness on the hands. As carpal tunnel syndrome progresses, a constant loss of feeling in several fingers may be present. Carpal tunnel syndrome may be related to other health conditions, such as rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, thyroid disorder, and menopause. Other potential causes include repetitively flexing and extending hand and wrist tendons and injury to the wrist. Women are three times as likely as men to develop this condition.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications may help relieve symptoms if inflammation is involved. Hydrocortisone or other steroids may be injected into the carpal tunnel. Steroids work by decreasing inflammation, which in turn, relieves pressure on the median nerve. Surgery is also an option.

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