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**Likely Passage Of Road Bill Lessens Special Session Odds**

AUSTIN — Here's a Friday, May 25, snapshot of what's going on at the state Capitol with sine die, the end of the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature, set for 10 p.m. Monday, May 28.

A conference committee of House and Senate members concurred on SB 792, the transportation bill that lawmakers had to rework to avoid the governor's calling a special session. Gov. Rick Perry said he would summon the Legislature back to Austin if the bill stripped too much author-

ity from the Texas Department of Transportation in devising a new, comprehensive road plan.

So, the bill satisfies Perry and gives lawmakers and their constituents a two-year study period they can use to get a better picture of how their own local and regional road plans might interface with Perry's statewide plan.

**Senate kills voter fraud bill**  
 HB 218, the "voter I.D." bill, died in the Senate. Under the bill, Texans would have had to present a valid picture identification card

or two other forms of identification other than their voter registration card in order to cast a ballot.

Rep. Betty Brown, R-Terrell, the author of HB 218, said her bill was meant to prevent voter fraud. Opponents said the bill targeted minorities, the elderly and the disabled. Opponents also disputed allegations of widespread voter fraud enabled by false identification at the polls.

Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, who is recovering from a liver transplant, disobeyed doctor's orders by remaining at the Capitol to help block the bill from further consideration by the full Senate.

**Memorial Day observance is held**

Because the end of the legislative session coincides with Memorial Day, May 28, the House and Senate met in a joint session on Thursday, May 24, for an early observance.

Lawmakers, the governor, lieutenant governor and other state officials honored present

and former members of the military and especially the loved ones of military men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

Family members and friends were seated in the House chamber and came forward to be recognized as the names of fallen military members were called.

**TYC-fixing bill moves forward**

Texas Youth Commission reform is in the works with the adoption of the conference committee report on Committee Substitute to SB 103 by Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Richardson.

At early presstime for this column, the legislation was due for a final vote by the full House, and delivery to the governor's desk.

Investigative reporting initially published by The Dallas Morning News spurred a growing body of detail bringing to light corruption at the agency, including rape, abuse and mistreatment of TYC

inmates.

Public outcry prompted management changes at the agency and public hearings drew input from people across Texas. Lawmakers filed more than two dozen bills, including SB 103, to fix problems at the agency.

**Final work due on state budget**

A Sunday, May 27, vote was expected for the \$150 billion 2008-2009 state budget.

Passage of a budget is the Legislature's primary and only constitutionally mandated duty.

The budget bill, HB 1, was in conference committee at press time for this column.

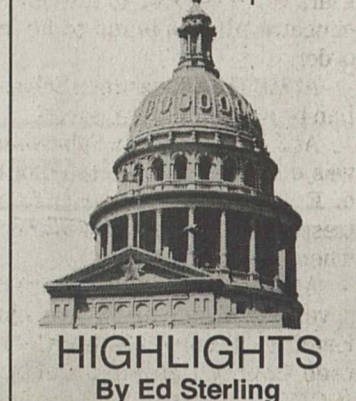
**Speaker change rumors continue**

On and off huddles of lawmakers and murmurs in the halls and House gallery in the final week of the session kept rumors alive about a possible ousting of Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker.

Lawmakers could attempt to remove the speaker by a vote of

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
 By Ed Sterling

no confidence or wait until after sine die to mount campaigns for the powerful post.

Already mentioned as definite or possible candidates are Reps. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, Brian McCall, R-Plano, and Jim Keffer, R-Eastland. Another name to emerge is Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson.

But Craddick appeared unruffled about the prospect of challengers and stuck to his assertion that he intends to finish his third and current term as speaker and run for a fourth.

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As part of your general health team your dentist is interested in your overall well-being. Discuss any physical conditions you have and about any medications you take. A healthy, balanced diet that avoids sweet foods and drinks between meals is important, as is brushing twice a day - particularly after meals - and flossing to remove the plaque that causes tooth decay and gum disease. In addition to using a fluoride toothpaste, ask your dentist about special tooth pastes available for sensitive areas of your teeth.

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**Texas Senate Wraps Up 80th Legislature**

AUSTIN - After 140 days, the Senate adjourned *sine die*, ending legislative action until 2009. Barring a special session, legislators will spend the next year and a half working on interim charges, preparing for the big issues of the 81st Session, and monitoring the changes they made to state law this year.

Though much of the media coverage in the last month has been focused on leadership issues in the House, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst said the Senate accomplished many of its goals through the waning days of the session. "I think that we got a lot of really good important legislation passed, and I hope the people of Texas realize that, and don't get confused by some of the back-and-forth that was going on in the House," he said.

The only bill the Legislature has to pass, the state budget, was

approved by both chambers late Sunday night.

The \$152.5 billion budget puts more money toward border security, education, Medicare, and family protective services. Finance Committee Chair Steve Ogden said Senators can be proud to say they voted for the spending bill. "This is a responsible budget, that will meet the needs of Texas," he said.

In the health care arena this session, the Legislature approved a Medicaid reform bill, aimed at coping with the ever increasing share of the state budget directed to health care costs.

It would attempt to increase medical insurance coverage by creating a fund to cover more uninsured, and allowing the state to share the cost of premiums with companies and individuals under a three-share system pilot program. The Legislature also ap-

proved a Children's Health Insurance Program bill that would add coverage for more than 100,000 eligible children.

Also on the Governor's desk is a measure to create a \$3 billion cancer research institute in Texas.

Transportation became a central issue this session, with growing displeasure from the public and lawmakers alike over the state's policy of ceding control of toll road projects to private entities to oversee and manage for decades.

The transportation omnibus bill would halt construction of private toll roads for two years to give legislators more time to study the issue.

It would also give local transportation entities more say in construction and management of toll projects, and would make the contracting process more

transparent.

The state will have its own version of Jessica's Law, which increases penalties for sex offenders, including the death penalty for certain offenders.

It would impose a 25 year minimum sentence for those who commit an aggravated sexual crime against a child, and would give prosecutors the option of capital punishment for two time offenders.

The Senate and House also approved a measure that would require steroid testing for high school athletes, and would put defibrillators at all schools and school sporting events.

The Governor will have until mid-June to veto any bills sitting on his desk, but Legislators won't have a chance to rebut any measures vetoed until the Legislature resumes business in January of 2009.

*Let's Look Back...*

**24 & 48 YEARS AGO**

**June 2, 1983**  
 Georgia Huffman of El Campo announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Suzanna Lynne, to Paul Anthony Labay, son of Connie Labay of Nada and the

late Fred Labay, Jr. The couple will be married at 2 p.m. on June 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Carl L.W. Israel passed away May 23 at Austin Hospital. An impressive service was held at the Crestview United Methodist Church in Austin May 26...

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Lawrence of Columbus were honored with a reception commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday April 17 in the home of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Reinhart, Jr. in Old D'Hanis, Texas...

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Walker gave her sister, Mrs. C.L. Buenger of Garwood, a surprise birthday party Sunday, May 29 at her home in Garwood...

Funeral services were here May 26 at 2 p.m. for Willie Sutton of California from Calvary Baptist Church in California. He is the brother of Luvina Chavis and Annie Mae Tolan of Eagle Lake...

Funeral services were held for Nathaniel Lemons, Jr., at noon Saturday, May 21 from Elm Grove

Baptist Church. Rev. Namon Williams officiated at the services...

Little Henry Walker Duncan, son of Walker and Janice Duncan of Altair, came home last week after staying in a hospital for almost two months. Henry was born April 3 and weighed two pounds, eight ounces at birth.

**June 4, 1959**

Mrs. E.O. (Mamie) Ranft retired after 40 years of teaching home economics and math and 28 years of being a member of the Eagle Lake school faculty...

L.S. Tate is now associated with Farmers Equipment Co., Inc., in personnel changes. He was formerly manager of Gless Farm Equipment Co. Owners of the farmers equipment are Charles P. Boggess and Joe S. Reed, Jr....

W.R. Chappell of Sheridan was honored May 18 on the completion of 30 years of service with Shell Oil Co. A shift foreman at the Sheridan Cycling Plant, he was presented with a special Shell service emblem...

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Austin

announced the birth of a daughter, Peggy Renee, born May 30 at Laughlin Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, at birth...

Gerald Birdwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birdwell and student at Eagle Lake High School, left for a five week seminar at Southern Methodist University from June 8-July 10...

Eagle Lake's Little League entry in the Colorado Valley Little League lost to Weimar 10 to 1 in Weimar and won over Sheridan 6 to 1. Dick Waddell scored a single to bring Bob Klockman in for the only run in the Weimar game. Against Sheridan on Tuesday night Bill Blair hit a home run in the fourth with John Laughlin and Dick Waddell singling for two runs. Eagle Lake added four more runs in the sixth to wrap up the game...

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Woodruff of Garwood observed their 25th wedding anniversary on May 26...

Helmuth A. Poppe, maintenance mechanic at Sheridan Cycling Plant, retired after 15 years of service with the company.

**The 23rd Annual Knights of Columbus\***

\*Council #4843 - Eagle Lake, Texas

**Golf Tournament**

Sunday, June 3, 2007

(Rain-out date - Sunday, June 10)

**4 Player Scramble**

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start - Eagle Lake Golf Course

Entry Fee - \$200 per team

**Includes: Caps, Mulligans, Grab-bags and Chicken Fried Steak Lunch! The chicken fried steak lunch will also be offered to the public.**

Buick Open Modified Handicapping System will be used.

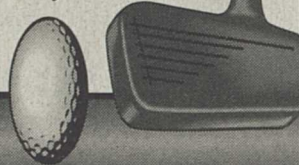
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1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes for Gross and Net and Closest to the Pin #4 and #7. Ties decided by Highest Handicap Hole - back.



**Library Kick Off Day Set June 1**

On Friday, June 1, Wintermann Library will have their "Kick Off" day beginning at 10:30 a.m. The program will feature Ronald McDonald.

He will have a presentation promoting the reading program.

He will be around following the program to take pictures with the

children and sign autographs.

The official opening day for the Summer Reading Program "Sail Away with Books" will be on Wednesday, June 6. Sign up for the program begins on Wednesday, May 30.

If you are interested in your child attending the program, you are encouraged to come by before

opening day and sign the child up and, if needed, get them a library card.

In order to obtain a library card for a child, the parent must present a valid driver's license or picture ID and two items with their correct address - a bill, letter, check, etc.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The Rice Little League would like to apologize to Rod Adkins for the comments made at the meeting with the District Administrator. Rod Adkins wasn't asked to

resign or step down, he resigned his position on his own as coach, but is still a active member with Rice Little League.

-Darrell Pagel, President Eagle Lake Little League