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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Wow! What a start!

The kids are excited and so are the fans that showed up.
The Rice Raider Booster Club was to thank all of the people who signed up at the scrimmage against Palacios and all those who have joined since.
This is exciting when the community supports its athletes.

There was a good crowd at the volleyball games, too.
So no matter what sport you enjoy, join the Booster Club.
Show these athletes that you are supporting them!
Thanks,
Denis Hentzell, President
Raider Booster Club

Good news... bad news

Dear friends, members and supporters of PJs:

I am writing to give you some good news and some bad news!
The first piece of good news is that we have a beautiful new baby girl who was born June 25. She is a jewel, and our son, John, is getting adjusted to this big change in our lives.
The other piece of good news is that my husband, Tom Reed, is running for the U.S. Congress.
Our whole family is very excited for him and we will be working very hard in the next 16 months to see that he is elected.

The bad news is that because we will be so busy with our new baby and running for office, I will be unable to direct a PJs' production this fall.
Please believe me when I say that I am as saddened by this as you may be, and I will miss it terribly.
We hope to have PJs up and running as soon as my schedule will allow.
Until then, please see if you can help us in any and every way in our campaign to have Tom elected to Congress.

Fondly,
Deborah Reed

State may lose federal funding if restrict teens

Texas may lose millions of dollars in federal funding if it restricts minors' access to birth control and other prescription drugs, an official with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services warned in a letter presented at a hearing last week.

Federal regulations state that funding will be denied to programs that discriminate on the basis of age in providing services, wrote Dr. James Randolph Farris, regional administrator for the U.S. Health Department. State District Judge Scott McCown took the case under advisement after listening to arguments from Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southwest Texas and the attorney general's office, the *Dallas Morning News* reported.

The State Legislature attached a rider to its 1997 budget stipulating that "no state funds may be used to dispense prescription drugs to minors without parental consent". The rider was aimed primarily at the dispensation of birth control pills. Planned Parenthood filed suit, asking the judge to invalidate the Legislature's action.

State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, who sponsored the rider, attended the hearing. "As a matter of policy, I believe parents ought to always have an



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By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

opportunity consent on whether their children are receiving prescription drugs," he told the *Morning News*.

Rollback Amount Is Questioned
Texas would benefit from a \$555 million insurance premium rollback in 1998 under a plan announced by the state Department of Insurance.

The rollback would reflect the insurance industry's cost savings that have come about since 1995 laws limited frivolous lawsuits and capped civil damages.

But, a consumer advocacy group testified last week at a public hearing that Texans were overcharged \$1 billion in 1996 by insurers who failed to pass on savings from legal reforms brought about by the 1995 laws.

provided savings for Texans but are "providing a \$1 billion windfall for insurers."

"If the rates were reduced as they should have been, consumers would have paid \$1 billion less than they did. That averages out to a \$100 per car overcharge in 1996 alone. That overcharge will be even bigger in 1997," he said, adding that the next rollback should be \$1.5 billion for automotive liability coverage and \$2 billion for all types of coverage.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer disagreed with Powers' figures and took the testimony under advisement. Bomer said he will announce later whether he will adopt the department's recommendation of a \$555 million rollback or set his own amount, according to an Associated Press report.

Bullock Names More Panels

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who is retiring Dec. 31, 1998, continued to name Senate interim committees to get a head start on the agenda for the 76th Texas Legislature, which convenes in Jan. 1999.

He appointed panels to study issues regarding air emissions, public schools, state finances and accounta-

bility in handling taxpayers money, and the funding of higher education, including the cost of tuition and other concerns that affect students' ability to earn degrees.

Bullock requested that each committee submit a progress report by March 1, 1998, and a final report by Oct. 1, 1998.

Other Capital Highlights

•Comptroller John Sharp has assembled a 10-member team to study high unemployment, low wages and pollution along the Texas-Mexico border. Sharp's "performance review" is intended to dissect, analyze and make recommendations to remedy the border's persistent problems.

•Attorney General Dan Morales last week unveiled the state's new computer system for processing child support payments. The system, which was to be operational in early 1993, has cost \$68 million, so far. Six months of staff training are needed before the system is fully operational, Morales said.

•Comptroller Sharp, a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, said he won't accept a \$1,000 a month raise in the new budget that became effective Sept. 1. Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, said he would accept the raise.

•Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza announced that astronauts will be allowed to cast votes via "electronic mail" to NASA, which would forward the encrypted ballots to county election officials. The procedure is authorized under a law signed by Gov. George W. Bush.

•The Texas Supreme Court reversed an opinion from Attorney General Morales, ruling that its telephone and telecopier records are not subject to the Texas Public Information Act.

Let's Look Back...

Nov. 2, 1972

The Rice High School Raider band has put on some exceptionally fine entertainment at the Rice Raider football games and for some other activities. Leading the Raider Band on the field are twirler Dana Wiese, twirler Dina Kohleffel, drum major Jacalyn Bauer, twirler Rhonda Kochwelp and twirler Janelle Bauer. Floyd Spenrath is the band director...

Miss Connie Crowe was chosen

the Sheridan PTO Halloween Queen at the 1972 Sheridan PTO Carnival and Coronation held last Saturday...

Five high school senior girls have been nominated by election of the student body as nominees for the honor of being the Rice High School's 1972 Homecoming Queen. Nominees are Miss Robin Engstrom, Miss Delores Morales, Miss Ann Williams, Miss Marsha Thomas and Miss Brinda Cunningham...

Friends of the Neal Stallman family of Garwood will be happy to hear that he is recuperating nicely in the Columbus Hospital from a severe heart attack on Wednesday morning of last week...

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie J. Matcek of Ganado announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gail Marie, to Tommy Ray Guthman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Guthman of Lissie. The wed-

ding is calendared for Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Ganado Assumption Church...

Temple N. Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Thomas Jr., celebrated his sixth birthday with a party given by his parents at their home, Thursday, Oct. 26...

Mr. & Mrs. Cano Hernandez Jr. of Sheridan, welcomed a baby daughter into their family Monday, Oct. 23. The young lady was born at 6:44 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital

weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces. She has been named Patricia Gail...

Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Reel announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Agnes, to Patrick L. Duke, son of Mr. & Mrs. P.L. Duke of Rosenberg. The couple plan a Dec. 30 wedding at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church...

Glenna Gertson was named 1973 Texas Trail Ride Association Sweet- (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

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FOR CONGRESS
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