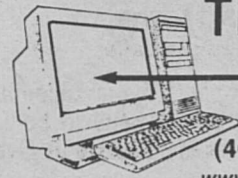


Upcoming Action!



Date Team, Place & Time
 Tues.-Thurs. Raider varsity basketball team at
 Dec. 28-30 Columbus Tournament, TBA
 Thurs., Dec. 30 Lady Raider varsity at Yoakum, 3 p.m.
 Rice CISD Christmas break: Dec. 20-Dec. 31

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A Big Thank You to the Pink Ladies and employees who worked so hard during the Extravaganza. A thank you to all the citizens who donated and also thanks to Santa & Mrs. Claus who made us all smile.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all.

From the Committee & Sponsor of RMC Volunteers Extravaganza,
 Annie Dancy, Mary Saucedo, Geri Vandermark, Mary Lou Castillo, Brenda Downing & Jody Carter

SPORTS

Raider varsity wins three

The Rice Raider varsity team took on Goliad on Tuesday, Dec. 7, winning by the score of 67-59.

The coach stated, "We played an extremely good first half. Goliad had an excellent three-point shooter that we shut down in the first half."

Leading scorers were Adrian Middleton, 21 points; Quentin Whitfield, 10; Conrad Diggs, nine; Jesse Upson, eight; Dustin Brisco, seven; Marques Johnson and Jason Barrow, five each; and Norris Powell, two points.

Leading rebounders were Whitfield, 12; Barrow, nine; and Powell, six.

Leaders in steals and assists were Upson, four steals, two assists; Middleton, two steals and two assists.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the Raiders participated in the Needville Tournament, taking on the Boling Bulldogs and winning 47-43 in double overtime.

"It was a big win for us over an experienced Boling club. We had the lead and lost it at the end of regulation, stole a tie in first over time and then played great defense in the second overtime. Diggs had an excellent game. Defensively, it was our best all year," said the coach.

Leading scorers were Middleton,

18 points; Diggs, 11; Upson, eight; Whitfield, six; and Johnson, four.

Leading rebounders were Whitfield, 11; Diggs, eight; and Barrow, six.

Leaders in steals, assists and blocks were Upson, 12 steals and two assists; Barrow, eight steals and two assists; Whitfield, four blocks; and Diggs, two blocks.

Saturday, Dec. 11, Rice played Tidehaven in the championship semifinals of the Needville tournament, winning 78-65.

"We jumped out to a 12-0 lead on Tidehaven and never looked back. The Raiders led by as many as 25 points in the third quarter. Brisco and Johnson came off the bench to have big games. This win avenged a two-points loss in the first game of the season," stated the coach.

Leading scorers were Middleton, 20 pts.; Johnson, 16; Upson and Brisco 10 points each; and Whitfield, seven.

Leading rebounders were Whit-

field, nine; Brisco, eight; Diggs and Johnson, five each.

Leaders in steals, assists and blocks were Middleton, six steals, two assists; Upson, four steals, six assists; and Powell one block.

The Raiders took on El Campo in the championship game of the tournament, but lost by the score of 67-85.

"We played extremely well against El Campo the whole first half. Fatigue became a factor in the finals; it was our third game in less than 24 hours. I was real pleased with the performance in the tournament," said their coach.

Middleton and Whitfield were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Leading scorers were Middleton, 19; Johnson, 17; Whitfield, 16; Upson, eight; Powell, four; and Brisco, three.

Leading rebounders were Whitfield, 12; and Brisco, six.

Leading in steals and assists were Upson, six steals, four assists; Middleton, five assists, five steals; and Diggs, three assists.

Freshman boys win after dropping three

The Rice Raider freshman basketball team lost to Goliad by the score of 58-64.

Leading scorers were Michael Cooper with 26 points. Jason Godley and Tyreance Dabney had eight points each.

Leading rebounder was Jesus Ortiz.

Top defensive players were Cooper, Matt Hinze, Godley and Ricky Cunningham.

The Raiders were pecked by the Columbus Cardinals, 34-54.

Leading scorer was Hinze.

The Raiders got back on the winning track with a 49-40 win over Gonzales.

Leading scorer was Cooper with 16 points.

Leading rebounders were Godley and Ortiz.

Top defensive player was James Phillips.

Rice lost to Wharton by the score of 40-57.

Leading scorers were Cooper, 15 pts.; and Godley, 10 pts.

7th grade A team shoots down Bluejays

On Monday, Dec. 13, the 7th grade Raiders split two games against the Needville Bluejays.

In the 7th grade B game, the Raiders and Bluejays played a tightly contested ballgame, with the Bluejays escaping with the tips of their wings, 8-6.

Leading scorers were Roger Tillman with four points; and Joe Brown, two.

Playing a very good game defensively were Jose Elizondo, Daniel Posada and Jimmy Navarro.

The team played with only five players the entire game and showed great effort until the final buzzer.

In the A game, the Raiders started out on fire as they built a 12-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Bluejays closed the gap to 16-9 before the Raiders made a 6-0 run at the end of the quarter to widen the lead to 22-9 at the half.

The Jays then outscored the Raiders 7-4 in the third to close the gap to 26-16 to begin the fourth.

In the final quarter, the Raiders withstood a furious Bluejay rally to escape with a hard-earned 31-29 victory.

Every Raider got in the scoring column with Jonathan Thomas scoring nine points; Charles Huffman, eight; Brandon Sims, six; Jeramie Hemphill, four; Emerson Dawson, three; and Gary McTear, one.

The guys showed a lot of heart and composure in this game. The players could have easily laid down and given the game to Needville after blowing a big lead, but they stood up and fought their way to their first victory of the season, commented their coach.

The Raiders next have a rematch with these same Bluejays on Thursday in the opening round of the Eagle Lake tournament.

Rice JV has 'bird trouble'

The Rice Raider JV basketball team had trouble with a couple of birds, the Columbus Cardinals and El Campo Ricebirds.

The Raiders lost to Columbus by

the score of 51-24.

Contributing to the game were leading scorers Acey Banks with six points; Cody Seay, five; Craig Dabney, four; Chaston Thomas and Ben Ortiz, with two points each.

Leading rebounders were Thomas, four; Lonnie Sims and Adam Baird, three each.

The Raiders then faced off against the El Campo team and lost 43-52.

Leading scorers were Dabney and Thomas with 12 points each; Baird, eight; Ortiz, seven; and Sims and Banks, two points each.

Leading rebounders were Thomas and Sims with five each.

Dunmore

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things from each one of them. Erica describes the team as, "a great team and if we work hard to get even better, we may have a chance to go to the playoffs."

Erica participates in many activities including Theater Arts and FFA. She also runs track for the Mighty Raiders. Her future plans are to go to the University of Houston or University of Texas and study in a medical field.

In her spare time, Erica enjoys playing basketball, reading her books and going to Katy Mills.

She is the daughter of Edna Spears of Eagle Lake.



Erica Dunmore

If you fear 2000, find people you can trust

If you fear the new millennium, you need to pick your friends carefully.

"Many people fear computers will crash, banks and ATM machines will shut down and that the end of the world is coming," said Dr. James Lomax, a psychiatrist with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"There will be people out there who will exploit a person's financial fears in ways that could be very costly to them. Others will try to involve people in group activities, such as going out into the desert on New Year's Eve, that could be dangerous."

Lomax believes people will feel a sense of relief once New Year's Day come and goes. However, many will be embarrassed about steps they have taken preparing for the worst and resent those who took advantage of them.

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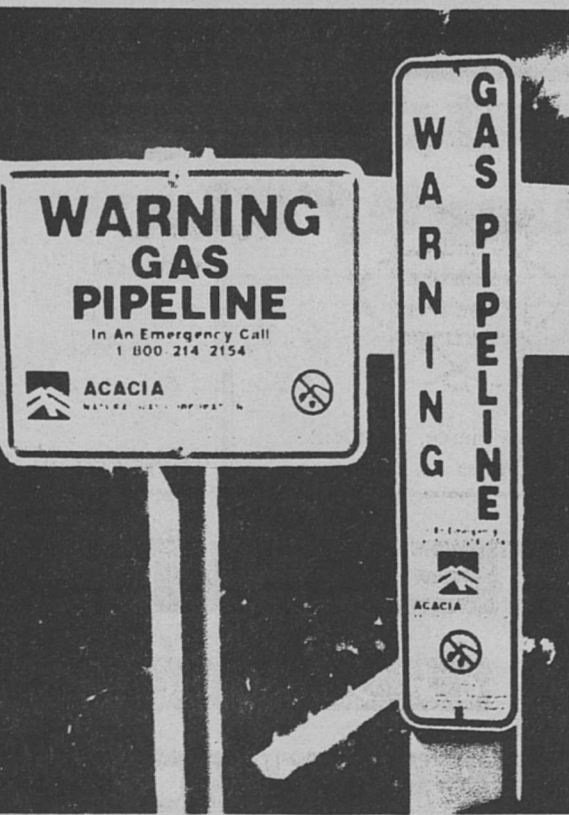
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