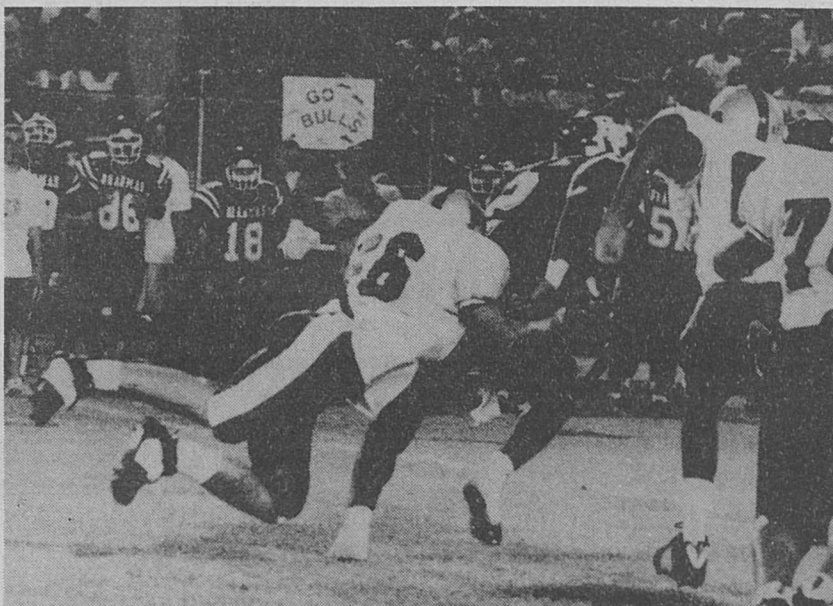


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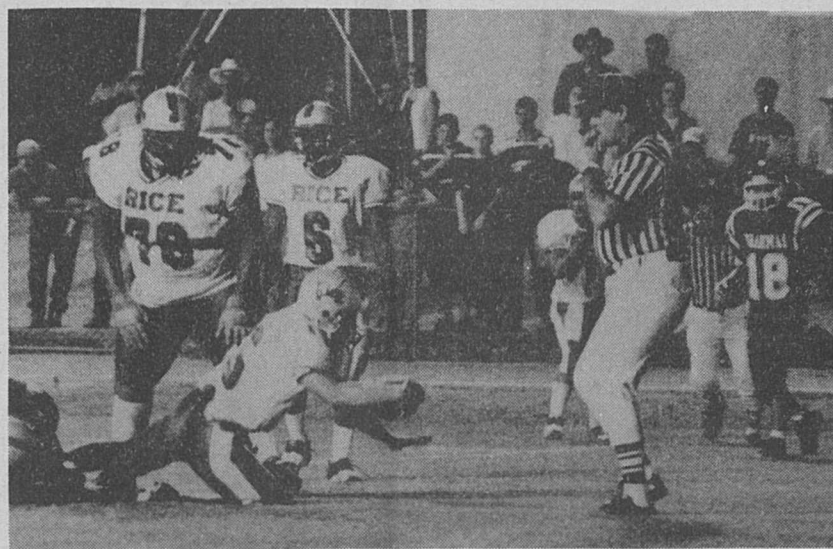
Scoring the Raiders' first touchdown of the season was #6, Conrad Diggs, left, crossing the goal line with less than 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter.



Defensive end Trent Korenek made his way behind the Brahma's offensive line and dropped their quarterback for a loss of five yards, giving Hallettsville a third and 14.



A group effort paid off for Adam Baird, Quentin Whitfield and Gerald Williams (hidden by Hallettsville player) as they got to the Brahma's quarterback for a loss of six yards.



Shortly after Dabney's fumble recovery and return, Raider quarterback Patrick Milentz scored Rice's third touchdown of the evening on a keeper. Also pictured are Norris Powell and Bennie Glover.



Raider #35, Tyreance Dabney, furthered the Rice cause by recovering a Hallettsville fumble and rambling 45 yards to the Brahma's three yard line.

Raiders

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Coach Roark selected fullback/linebacker Conrad Diggs as outstanding player of the game.

Diggs had two tackles and a sack on defense while adding 144 yards rushing on 23 carries. He also scored the first touchdown of the season just before the end of the first quarter.

Also noted for outstanding play were linebacker Dante Fuller, defensive end Trent Korenek with 10 tackles and linemen Adrian Espinosa and Norris Powell.

"Even though we were in control pretty much throughout the game, we have lots of room for improvement. The temperature was ridiculously hot, which may have resulted in many of our players' sub-par performances,"

said Coach Roark.

"We must step it up a notch if we expect to be a playoff contender. I'm very happy with the win, but we must protect the ball better and be much smarter. I think our kids will rise to the challenge," he added.

The Raiders, now 1-0 on the season, will travel to Victoria this Friday to meet the Corpus Christi West Osos Bears.

The game is being played at a neutral site, on Victoria ISD's new astroturf field. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Rice will be the home team.

Let's rally behind our Raiders and cheer them to victory against the state's #12-ranked 3A team.

Call
234-5521

CLASSIFIED ADS

Deadline
5 p.m.
Monday

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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received by Colorado County, Texas, for furnishing all plant, labor, material, and equipment, and for performing all work required for the construction of:

PHASE III SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION TO SERVE SHERIDAN WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION CITY OF SHERIDAN COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS

Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2000 at the office of County Judge A.G. Jamison, Colorado County Courthouse, 400 Spring, Columbus, Texas 78934. Bids may be mailed to the

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Office of County Judge A.G. Jamison - Post Office Box 236, Columbus, Texas 78934. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Commissioners Court Meeting, County Courthouse, Courthouse, Columbus at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 11, 2000.

Major items of work include:

- (1) 8" Sanitary Sewer line
- (2) Grinder Lift Station and Force Main
- (3) Manholes and House Service Connections.

Bid/Contract Documents, including drawings and technical specifications are on file at the office of the Project Engineer, Kelly R. Kaluza & Associates, Inc., 101 Southwestern Boulevard, Suite No. 202, Sugar Land, Texas 77478.

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Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$50.00 with the Project Engineer, Kelly R. Kaluza & Associates, Inc., for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is non-refundable.

A pre-bid conference for bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2000, at Sheridan Community Center - Avenue "C" and West First Street, Sheridan, Texas 77475. It is recommended that all bidders attend the pre-bid conference; however, attendance is not mandatory.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to Colorado County or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Successful Bidder must

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furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond prior to beginning construction.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Colorado County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. The award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest acceptable bid.

Bids may be held by Colorado County for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, plainly marked, addressed to the Commissioners' Office of Colorado County, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge at Columbus, Texas, until 10:00 a.m., September 21, 2000, publicly opened and read in the County Courtroom, Courthouse at Columbus, Texas, for the following:

VHF Communications System.

Specifications to be obtained from the County Judge's Office (979-732-2604). Bids may be awarded at the September 25, 2000 Commissioners' Court Meeting at the regular meeting place of said Court in the County Courthouse at Columbus, Texas.

Successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond prior to beginning construction. Bidder will use lump sum or unit pricing as per specifications. Payment will be made upon receipt of invoice after delivery and proper processing by Commissioners' Court.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to waive all technicalities and the right to reject any and all bids.

By Orders of the Commissioners' Court dated August 28, 2000.

Al Jamison, Colorado County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of MIKE EVERETT GERTSON, Deceased, were issued on August 28, 2000, in Cause No. 9350, pending in the County Court of Colorado County, Texas, to: RONNIE SEDGWICK.

The residence of the Administrator is Eagle Lake, Colorado County, Texas; the post office address is:

RONNIE SEDGWICK
c/o: DONALD N. BENDY
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 858
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 29th day of August, 2000.

DONALD N. BENDY, P.C.
P.O. Box 858
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434
By: DONALD N. BENDY
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 02129000

CAUSE NO. E-157-770
BART OWENS, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,
VS.
TCI CABLEVISION OF DALLAS, INC., TCI CABLEVISION OF HOUSTON, INC., and TCI CABLEVISION OF TEXAS, INC.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
172ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CLASS NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO RESIDENTIAL CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE PROVIDERS: VALLEY CABLE TV, INC.; CABLEVISION V. INC.; HERITAGE CABLEVISION OF TEXAS, INC.; OR TEXAS CABLE PARTNERS, L.P. OR THAT DID BUSINESS UNDER THE TRADE NAMES TCI CABLEVISION OF TEXAS; EAGLE VISION COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES INC.; TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS; TIME WARNER CABLE; PARAGON CABLE; PARAGON COMMUNICATIONS; OR ANY OTHER TIME WARNER OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC. (TCI) ENTITY THAT HAS PROVIDED CABLE SERVICES IN THESE AREAS:

FCC #	Community Name	TX2165/	TX0811
TX0165	ALAMO	TX1303/	PALM VALLEY
TX1302	ALTON	TX2166/	TX2097
TX0166	BROWNSVILLE	TX2168	PALMHURST
TX2164/		TX1435	PENITAS
TX0501/		TX1436	PHAROS
TX2144/		TX0170	PORT ISABEL
TX2100/		TX1234	PRIMERA
TX2142	CAMERON COUNTY	TX1439	RANCHO VIEJO
TX1437	COMBES	TX1407	RAYMONDVILLE
TX1265/0204	COLUMBUS	TX0499	TX2109
TX0337	DONNA	TX0500	RIO BRAVO
TX0345	EAGLE LAKE	TX0181	RIO GRANDE CITY
TX0337	EDCOUCH	TX0331	RIO HONDO
TX0168	EDINBURG	TX1408	ROMA
TX0336	ELSA	TX1871	S. PADRE ISLAND
TX1235	GARCIAVILLE	TX0497	SAN BENITO
TX0169	HARLINGEN	TX1433	SAN JOAN
TX2167/		TX0171	SANTA ROSA
TX2143/		TX0172	STARR
		TX0173	WESLACO
		TX1935	WILLACY

AND WHO HAVE PAID ONE OR MORE LATE FEES OF \$5.00 OR MORE IN CONNECTION WITH THAT SERVICE:

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. THIS IS NOT A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU. YOU MAY BENEFIT FROM READING THIS NOTICE.

A class action lawsuit concerning late charges imposed by certain cable television providers in Texas is now pending in the Jefferson County District Court in Beaumont, Texas. The court certified the lawsuit as a statewide class action on May 14, 1999, and appointed plaintiff Bart Owens as the representative of all persons assessed late fees or administrative fee charges by any TCI entity or their affiliates in the State of Texas. The parties to that case, together with the parties to a similar case pending in the Harris County District Court (Haga v. Texas Cable Partners, L.P. et al., Case No. 98-57297, Dist. Ct., Harris County, Texas) and the parties to several cases pending in other states, have reached a global settlement of late fee claims against specified cable television providers to the extent they arise from late fees of \$5.00 or more. The Jefferson County District Court has preliminarily approved the settlement. If you subscribed or now subscribe to cable television in any of the communities listed above, and if you paid at least one late fee of \$5.00 or more in connection with that service, you are a member of the class and you may be affected by the settlement.

SUMMARY OF THE LITIGATION.

The plaintiffs allege that "late fees" assessed by cable television service providers in Texas are excessive or unreasonable, and claim that the amount, imposition, and/or notice relating to the late fee violate Texas and/or federal law. The cable television providers deny those allegations; they contend that the fees are a fair and lawful means of collecting from late-paying subscribers the costs caused by late payment. The merits of the parties' dispute have not been decided by a court. The parties have reached a proposed settlement that will resolve the claims of all class members who have paid a "late fee," administrative fee, or "processing fee" of \$5.00 or more to the cable television providers participating in the settlement. The Jefferson County District Court will conduct a fairness hearing to decide whether the settlement is reasonable and fair to the class.

SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT TERMS.

If the settlement is approved and the other conditions to the settlement are satisfied, current customers of those cable television providers which assessed a late fee of \$5.00 or more will receive a product certificate which may be submitted as payment in full for certain premium cable television services by class members who have paid at least one such late fee within the last four years. The premium services consist of either two (2) pay-per-view movies or, for certain subscribers who lack the capacity to view pay-per-view, one (1) month of HBO, Showtime, or Cinemax or three (3) months of Starz and Encore. Those class members who do not have a converter box will also be able to obtain free use of an analog box for two months. Class members who are not current customers, who have paid at least one late fee of \$5.00 or more to one of the participating cable television providers within the last four years, and who submit a properly completed claim form, and certain current customers who both lack the ability to receive pay-per-view and who already subscribe to all of the premium channels, will receive, in lieu of the premium cable television services described above, a check for \$6.95 or an equivalent credit against any balance owed to their cable television provider. If the settlement is approved, the participating cable television providers will also eliminate

any current late fee of \$5.00 or more imposed when an invoice has remained unpaid for thirty to forty-five days, and will substitute either (1) a lower fee of \$2.95 (when an invoice has remained unpaid for thirty days), coupled with a second fee of \$2.00 (if the invoice remains unpaid for an additional two weeks), or (2) a single combined fee of \$4.95, which may be imposed only if an account has remained unpaid for at least forty-five days. The Laredo System owned by Texas Cable Partners, L.P., commonly known as Time Warner Communications, which currently charges variable late fees of \$1.00, \$3.00, and \$5.00, shall not be required to change its current assessments of less than \$5.00 provided that the assessments do not exceed the aggregate fee of \$4.95 at day 45 required by the settlement and judgment.) Subject to the Court's approval, the cable television providers will also pay the Texas plaintiffs' attorneys fees (in the maximum amount of \$375,000) and will pay class representative costs incurred on behalf of the class members in Texas (in the maximum amount of \$20,000) and will pay class representative compensation. In return for the consideration summarized above, the class members will release all claims against the participating cable television providers relating to their practice of charging a late fee of \$5.00 or more at any time prior to the Effective Date of the Settlement. Provided that all of the conditions to the settlement are satisfied (including the dismissal of other pending late fee-related actions and final approval of the global settlement in another jurisdiction), the claims of class members arising out of late fees of at least \$5.00 will be resolved through this settlement. Claims of class members arising from late fees of less than \$5.00 will not be resolved through this settlement.

YOUR OPTIONS AS A CLASS MEMBER.

You Can Remain A Class Member. If you wish to remain a member of the class, and have no objections to the settlement, you do not have to do anything at this time. Your interests as a class member will be represented by plaintiff and his counsel. You will not be responsible for any legal fees or costs.

You May Object To The Terms Of The Settlement. Class members may object to the settlement by filing a written Objection and a Notice of Intention To Appear with the Clerk, Jefferson County District Court, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701-3707. A copy of any such Objection and Notice of Intention to Appear must be mailed to class counsel addressed as follows:

Vincent L. DiTommaso, Esq.
Peter S. Lubin, Esq.
DiTommaso & Associates, P.C.
1315 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523

Any Objections must state the specific grounds for your objection, your full name, your current mailing address, the case name, docket number, and date, time and place of the hearing. In order to be considered by the Court, your written Objection must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and mailed to class counsel (at the address listed above) at least fifteen (15) business days in advance of the fairness hearing, which is scheduled to take place on October 5, 2000.

You Can Represent Yourself. If you wish to remain a class member but do not wish to be represented by plaintiffs' counsel, you may enter an appearance yourself (in "propria persona") or through your own attorney. To do so, you must file an Entry of Appearance with the Clerk of Jefferson County District Court, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701-3707, and deliver copies to class counsel (at the address listed above).

You Can Request Exclusion From The Class. You can exclude yourself from the class by sending a written request for exclusion to the class counsel identified above. Your request for exclusion from the class must be signed by you personally, must state your full name, current address, and must specifically state that you request exclusion from the class. In order to be valid, your request for exclusion must be mailed to class counsel (listed above) at least fifteen (15) business days in advance of the final approval hearing. If you exclude yourself from the class, and the settlement is approved, you will not be entitled to the benefits of the settlement; you will instead retain the ability to assert the claims against the cable television providers released by the settlement agreement.

HOW THE SETTLEMENT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS.

The settlement, if approved, will resolve the claims of Texas cable television customers relating in any manner to late fees of \$5.00 or more assessed by, or paid to, the participating cable television providers, and will end pending litigation against the participating cable television providers relating to those fees. If you do not exclude yourself from the class, you will be deemed to have released any claims against the participating cable television providers related to their late fees of \$5.00 or more, and you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and any Final Judgment entered.

If the settlement is approved by the Court, the class actions will end and the settlement terms will be implemented. Class members who paid late fees of less than \$5.00, whose claims are not being released through the settlement, will retain the option of initiating litigation regarding the payment of such fees. If the settlement is not approved by the Court or does not become final for some other reason, class actions, including claims arising from fees of \$5.00 or more, will continue.

FINAL SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING.

The Court will hold a hearing on October 5, 2000 at 9 a.m. CDT in the Jefferson County District Court, before the Honorable Donald J. Floyd, to determine whether the settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate. The courthouse is located at 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701-3707. The hearing date may be changed without further notice to Class members. You need not appear at any hearing unless you have timely filed an objection.

FOR MORE INFORMATION.

This notice summarizes the settlement terms. For the precise terms and conditions of the settlement, you are referred to the detailed Settlement Agreement and Release (attached as Exhibit B to the Affidavit of Richard R. Patch in Support of Joint Application for Order Preliminarily Approving Class Action Settlement) on file with the Clerk of the Jefferson County District Court, State of Texas. The Settlement Agreement and other Court papers relating to the settlement of these class actions are available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Jefferson County District Court, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701-3707. In addition, the class action petitions, the Settlement Agreement, and the other Court papers relating to the settlement may be obtained by submitting a written request and self-addressed stamped envelope to class counsel at the address listed above.

DO NOT CONTACT THE COURTS, THE COURT CLERKS, OR YOUR CABLE TELEVISION PROVIDER WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE OR THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT. THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT WITH YOU. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CLASS COUNSEL AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

By order of the District Court of Jefferson County, State of Texas.

2 Personals

Novena to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Please grant me this petition. Say this prayer nine times for nine days. By the eighth day your petition will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. A.V.