

# RAIDER REVIEW 2002

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## New faculty at RHS

By Nick Sharp

This year at Rice High School (RHS) there are a number of teachers that are new to our campus. Some came from other Rice campuses while others are completely new to the district, and one returns to RHS after a two-year hiatus.

Desiree Blaschke is a teacher/coach who comes from Eagle Lake Middle School. She is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University with three years of experience. The opportunity to coach volleyball,

basketball and track at the high school level is what brought her to RHS. Blaschke is single and teaches resource English.

From the Garwood Elementary campus come John Henry Post and Sher Sunderman.

Post is a world history teacher and coach. What attracted him to the Rice district was the opportunity to coach with the Roarks, who were his coaches in high school in Cuero. He obtained his college education at

Southwestern University and the University of Houston. Recently, he was married.

Sunderman is a graduate of Texas A&M with eight years of experience. Her teaching field is content mastery and resource. She is a single mom with one son. A RHS graduate, teaching in the district she grew up in is what Sunderman likes about being at RHS.

Kristen Guthman is a native of Lissie who came to Rice to be closer to her family. A graduate of Texas A&M at Corpus Christi, she has four years experience and teaches biology. Her last job was at North Side Alternative School in San Antonio. Guthman is engaged to be married.

Taking over the Life Skills program is Judy Lux. Lux comes to Rice from Weimar with 20 years of teaching experience. Educated at Rice University and New Mexico State, she came to Rice because it offered a good opportunity and closer involvement with students. Lux is married with two daughters.

A high priority this year at Rice is rebuilding the band program. Houston Cummings was recruited away from Edna to head the effort. Cummings

has 17 years experience, is a graduate of Louisiana Tech, married and has three daughters. He was attracted here by the challenge of turning the band around.

One new college graduate has begun a teaching career at RHS this year. Yvonne Garcia is a recent graduate of University of Texas-Pan-American. She came to the high school for the opportunity to be the head volleyball coach. Her teaching field is resource math. Garcia is single with one daughter.

Back at Rice after a two year absence is Deborah Reed. Reed hails from Australia and was educated there and at the University of Houston. She has 17 years teaching experience. Marrying a native of Eagle Lake brought her to this area and she enjoys teaching in the same district that her two children attend. She teaches English, theatre and heads the new PALS program. Drama Club and One-Act Play are also her responsibilities.

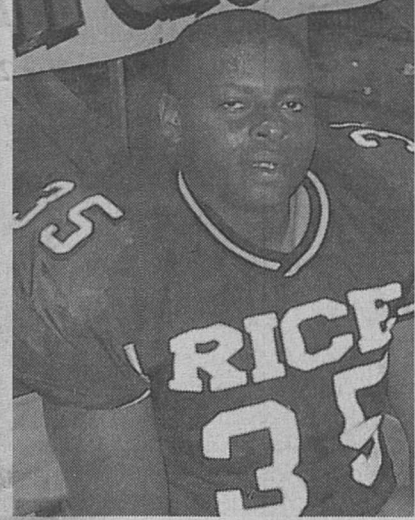
Principal Michael Lanier feels very fortunate to add these teachers to the faculty at the high school. Best wishes are extended from him on behalf of the faculty, students and community members.

## Homecoming Queen, King

Alma Tapia was chosen 2002 Rice High School Homecoming Queen. Crowned by 2001 Queen Imelda Posada during halftime of Friday night's game, she was escorted on the field by her mother, Irma Tapia.

Others in the Court were Erin Gold, Lisa Rangel, Ebony Price and Sandra Rodriguez.

Chosen Homecoming King was Tyreance Dabney, at right. Others nominated were Miguel Mendoza, Jeffrey Leopold, Reggie Ford and Michael Sosa.



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## Homecoming rumble

By Jessica Allmond

Clothes worn inside-out, safari hats, pajama pants, and nerly glasses were just some of the things that were seen last week at Rice High School (RHS) as students showed their Raider Spirit.

The RHS cheerleaders planned a fantastic Homecoming week full of fun. The theme for the week was "Rumble in the Jungle". The commons was transformed into an exotic jungle scene. Crepe paper and balloons in shades of green decorated the halls. Decorating was done by the cheerleaders and Student Council.

Wednesday students voted for the 2002 Homecoming King and Queen. The nominees were Erin Gold, Alma Tapia, Lisa Rangel, Ebony Price, and Sandra Rodriguez. Nominees for Homecoming King were Miguel Mendoza, Tyreance Dabney, Jeffrey Leopold, Reggie Ford, and Michael Sosa.

As Friday, game day, began, the

sounds of bells jingling from mums and garters filled the halls at RHS. During Friday's pep rally winners of the spirit days were announced: Inside-out Day, Carlos Hernandez; Nerd Day, Ruthie Austin; Sloppy Day, Donovan King; Triplet Day, Coach Bezetsny, Coach Garcia and Mrs. Villafuerte; Safari Day, Russell Hadley; and overall winner, Marshall Peterson.

A car-decorating contest was held on Friday. The winners were first place, \$25 winner, Lauren Spanihel; second, Amanda Burrow; and third, Alma Tapia.

The 2002 Homecoming King was also announced during the pep rally. Tyreance Dabney was voted 2002 Homecoming King.

During Friday night's half time show, Alma Tapia was crowned as the 2002 Homecoming Queen.

Congratulations to all the winners. Participation throughout the week was appreciated.



## Academic Rodeo champions

St. Anthony School was named Champion of the First Annual Academic Rodeo, sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club, at the Colorado County Fair. Pictured above, from left, are St. Anthony Principal John O'Leary, Ricardo Arebalo Jr., Christopher Hobaugh, Cameron Blezinger, Chelsea Hollywood and Tom Kallina, Garwood Lions Club past president.

Photo Courtesy of Garwood Lions

## Forum

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Presentations by a panel of experts on the state of our groundwater, Texas groundwater laws, the roles of conservation districts, potential impact of overpumping on cities, and individual landowner property rights concerns will begin at 7 p.m.

After their presentations, the panelists will take questions from the audience.


The meeting has been organized by the advisory committee to the temporary board of the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District.

Bob Pickens, spokesman for the group, said, "We set up this meeting because we want to inform the public about groundwater districts. There are so many wild rumors floating around. We believe that once people know the

facts, they will support creating a district in this county."

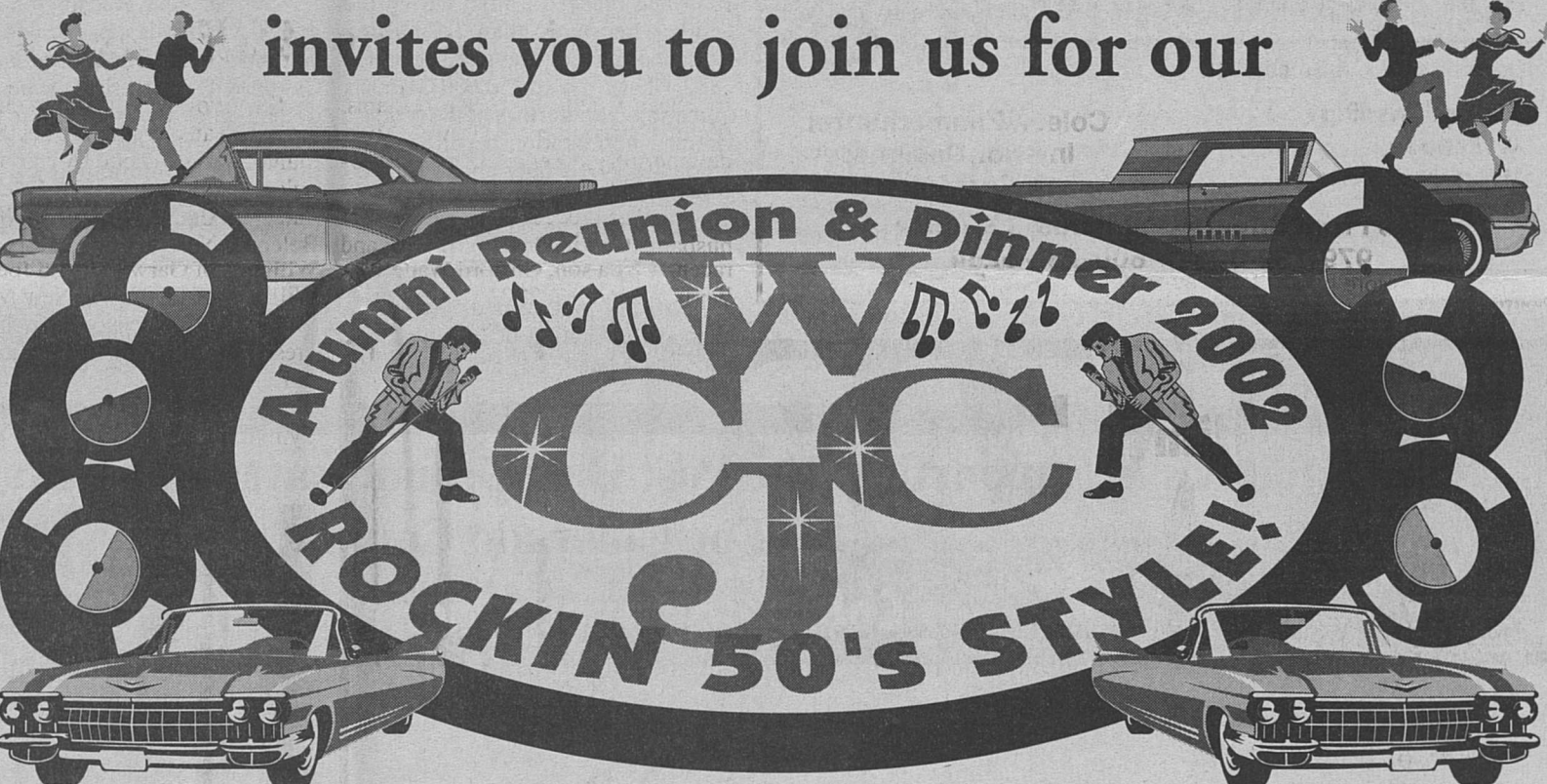
Voters will decide whether or not to approve the creation of the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District, a locally-governed groundwater district, at the general election this Nov. A previous referendum on the district a year ago failed by a narrow margin. At the same time, districts were approved in several nearby counties, including Fayette, Wharton and Matagorda. A proposed district in Lavaca County was not approved.

For more information about the forum or the groundwater conservation district, contact either Bob Pickens at 732-5058, Travis Wegenhof at 732-5572, or Bill Neiser at 725-6631.



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