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The Rice 7-on-7 Club would like to THANK all the supporters of our recent fundraiser meal. Funds raised help to cover tournament entry fee, lodging and meal expenses for the 2-day event at Texas A & M July 9th and 10th. This is the second year our Raiders have qualified for this event, with last year's team placing in the top 8 of 64 teams.

The Club is still accepting donations to help defray the cost of the trip. Any help will be most appreciated. Donations can be made at the First National Bank of EL or contact Brad Dumont at 234-6343.

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Gov. Announces Special Session

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on June 25 summoned the 81st Texas Legislature back to Austin for a special session to begin July 1.

"After speaking with legislators I am calling a special session to extend the operation of five critical agencies and help reduce gridlock by continuing to provide options for financing our state's highways," Perry said.

Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst share an optimistic goal for the special session to last only a couple of days.

The governor's call includes three goals for lawmakers.

He wants them to pass legislation:

Extending the life of the five state agencies close to expiration: Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Insurance, Texas Racing Commission, Office of Public Insurance Counsel and Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.

Allowing the Texas Department of Transportation to issue \$5 billion in general obligation bonds to build roads.

Extending the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation and a regional mobility authority to use "comprehensive development agreements" to design, finance, build and maintain transportation infrastructure.

Perry lauded work done by lawmakers during the Legislature's regular session that ended June 1.

He expressed satisfaction with

the profit-margin tax cut given to 40,000 small businesses and the 40 percent increase in financial aid for college students "all without touching our state's rainy day fund."

The rainy day fund, about \$7 billion set aside for emergency needs, was left untouched because lawmakers plugged gaps in the 2010-2011 state budget with \$12 billion in federal stimulus funding.

Back to the special session: Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, filed SB 1 on June 26.

SB 1, if passed, would give the Texas Transportation Commission statutory authorization to issue road-building bonds that voters approved by constitutional amendment in 2007. It also would create a revolving transportation fund for local governments to borrow from.

Road project is federally funded

Texas will break ground June 30 on a local highway project on FM 60 in Burleson County, near Bryan.

Funding comes from the federal government's new American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The \$7.5 million, 2.8-mile project, is the first of 29 ARRA-funded mobility projects approved in March by the Texas Transportation Commission, the governmen-

tal body that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation.

Tax break for disabled veterans

Military veterans who reside in Texas and who have a 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are temporarily exempt from paying property tax on the total appraised value of their homestead, thanks to the passage of HB 3613.

The legislation, authored by Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, and signed by the governor on June 19, makes the exemption effective for the 2009 tax year.

Comptroller Susan Combs on June 26 prompted local tax assessors to update property tax rolls to ensure eligible veterans receive the new tax break.

TEA rejects standardization

The Texas Education Agency has decided not to join 46 other states in adopting the Common Core curriculum, a set of voluntary national standards for math and English textbooks and curriculum.

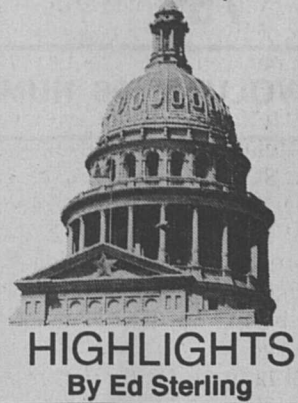
Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott's reasons for not joining: loss of local control, increased costs, and Texas has its own standards.

Schieffer announces candidacy

Democrat John Thomas

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HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

"Tom" Schieffer of Fort Worth, a 61-year-old gas and oil industry lawyer, businessman, former Texas House member, former president of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club and former U.S. ambassador on June 24 announced his candidacy for governor.

Party primaries will be held in March 2010.

Former speaker arrested for DWI

Former state Rep. Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, who served as speaker of the Texas House from 1983 to 1993, was charged with drunken driving after being arrested June 26 in downtown Austin.

Marriage of Lt. Gov. is reported

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst reportedly married Houston attorney Patricia Bivins, former wife of former state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, in Houston, on June 27.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 25, 1985
 Kinsey Hoffman celebrated her first birthday with a party given by her parents, Thierry and Lisa Hoffman and brother Kevin on July 18...

The funeral for Arthur W. Merton, 89, of Carmine was held Sunday, June 30 at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church under the Foechner Funeral Home. The Rev. Stephen Clarke officiated at the services and burial was at the Carmine Cemetery...

Baudelio Castillo, 100, of Eagle Lake passed away on July 19 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The funeral was conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 22 from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Burial was

at Lakeside Cemetery...

Eloise Martindale Freeman of Texas City passed away July 6, in her home. Services were held Friday, July 12 at the St. John Baptist Church in Galveston. Final services were held at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake on Saturday, July 13 with Rev. D.G. Byrd officiating...

Services for Jack D. Briscoe were held Saturday, July 20 at Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Duane Contois of Schulenburg officiating. Burial was in the Chesterville Cemetery...

Maurice Clifford Glenn, 73, a resident of Heritage House in Eagle Lake passed away on July 21 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday July 23 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Neil Mills officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church was the setting on Saturday, June 8 at 6 p.m. for the double ring wedding vows, which united Patricia Christine Stiles of Eagle Lake and Robert Gordon Reitz of Houston in marriage. Rev. Ray Widacki officiated...

Miss Dina Marie Kohleffel and **Stephen Lee Cromer** were united in marriage on Friday, June 14 at eight o'clock in the evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Pace at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston...

Pvt. Michael T. Hemphill, son of Preston Hemphill Sr. of Eagle Lake, has completed one station unit training at the UJS. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia.

July 27, 1961
 Three prominent citizens passed away recently, Alvin

R. Glueck, 77, a native of the Bernardo area and a resident of the Eagle Lake area for the past 44 years, passed away on July 19. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. **Armit Thomas**, 63, of Lissie passed away last Sunday. He was buried in Lakeside Cemetery. **Roger Killough**, 81, passed away of a heart attack Tuesday. He also was buried in Lakeside Cemetery...

H.L. Popp of Garwood has been officially sworn in as Garwood's new postmaster...

Bill Hendrix took over as manager of the Skull Creek Lanes at Altair...

Inez Alley and Daniel Matura were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22 at the First Baptist Church...

Harley Waldrop hurled for the Cubs and allowed only two hits for the Sox defeating them 15 to 5. In the second game, **Jim Mathis** hurled for the Braves, who were playing the Cards, and allowed only three hits. The Braves scored 15 times in the first before the Cards got their chance and ended the game with a 25 to two win. The Braves and Cubs ended in a tie with 7-2 records and will battle it out in a playoff game scheduled for Thursday night.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

Two Lawsuits In District Court
 Two lawsuits were filed in Colorado County District Court in the past week.

On June 25, Discover Bank filed suit in a dispute with Chad Ferguson over an account. The amount in dispute is \$15,181.

On June 26, Mangum's Oil Field Services Ltd. filed suit against Express Oil Co.

The suit says that Mangum rents equipment to oil field business and had rented equipment to Express Oil.

On May 8, 2008, the suit states that an explosion at an Express well site destroyed a mobile home returned by Mangum and also damaged to two mobile homes and other equipment.

The amount in dispute is \$62,463.