

RAIDER REVIEW

Who's Zat?

By Carrie Engstrom

Just look at these adorable big eyes! The only clue given was that this little cutie is a freshman.

Christie Crane failed when she thought it was Stephanie Braden. Valerie Johnson guessed wrong when she thought it was Heather Henske.

Sharon Pavlicek was way off when she thought Holly Waligura.

Jonathan Pope, Lori Grigar, Rachelle Kallina, Robyn Rucka, Clint Leopold, Brooke Crane and Lance Grigar knew without a doubt that it was Nicole Krenk.

Nicole is the daughter of Beverly and J.P. Krenk of Garwood.

She plays volleyball and is very active in the band.

She also is in Student Council, FCA, is a freshman class reporter and a JV cheerleader.

Nicole enjoys going out with friends on the weekends.



Performing Arts update

Through Oct. 6—*In the Jungle of Cities*, Alley Theater, 226-8421. Through Oct. 20—*Acadia*, by Stoppard; Main Street Theater, 524-6706. Oct. 10-27—*Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady*; Music Hall, call 1-800-766-6048 for tickets.

Oct. 15-20—*West Side Story*, by Jerome Robbins; Jones Hall for tickets call 629-3700.

Oct. 23-24—David Copperfield, *The Magic is Back*, Jones Hall, 629-3700 for tickets.

HOME reports first meeting

The Hispanic Organization of Mentors and Educators (HOME) held its first meeting on Sept. 13 to discuss ideas for the new school year. This organization was started at the end of the last school year to address the problems facing many of the Hispanic youths of the Rice CISD.

As some people may remember, HOME helped to bring the performer Patsy Torres and her Positive Force Tour to Rice High School for the students of RCISD, grades four through 12. Her performance was choreographed to music to help students understand the dangers of drugs, gangs, sexually transmitted diseases and dropping out of school.

We felt that the performance had a positive impact on the students and the comments were very good. We would also like to say thank you to everyone in the communities who helped in making this event a success. A special "thank you" to Veronica Villafuera for her hard work and dedication to this project.

Many issues were discussed at this meeting, but, at this time, one issue deserves our full attention. That is, to find ways to help the Hispanic students at Rice High School better their educational performances in reading and math. Last year, HOME members went to RHS and addressed the Hispanic student body to find out what they need and how we could help.

The number one reply was that they needed help improving their scores and maintaining passing grades. With that, members of HOME have decided to search for people who may be interested in tutoring students in math, reading and other subjects in dropping out of school.

Students need to be sure to save their receipts which they will receive at the time of registration. On the test date students will need the receipt and a photo ID to enter the test facility.

The PSAT is a very good indicator of how they will do on the SAT test, which is required for college admission.

After students have received the results from the PSAT, they should begin a serious testing schedule for college entrance. Many of the larger schools will not accept scores after Dec.

The PLAN test is for sophomore students and is basically the same concept for a pre-college entrance test as the PSAT. The only difference is that it is thought of as the Pre-ACCT.

The cost of the PLAN is \$7.50 and it will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Registration will be handled through Mr. Wendel's office as well.

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Kris is the son of Taylor and Enola Carroll and the late Jim Gertson.

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Meet the Raider

By Christie Crane

This week, playing offense guard/defense-tackle and wearing jersey #61 is Kris Gertson. Kris plays for the Rice Raider Varsity football team.

When asked how he thinks this season is going, he replied, "We are doing pretty good so far, but we have room for improvement. Our defense is very promising this year, but our offense still needs work."

He also thinks that his team has talent and potential.

His reply when asked about the coaches was, "I think the coaches are doing a great job this year. They work harder than most coaches have to."

An extra comment Kris added is that, "We need more people in the stands backing us up."

When asked about their expectations this year for district he answered, "Every year we plan to make district, but this year we plan to make district, but this year we plan to make district."

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The Other Santa Claus

By Rollin H. Baker - Chapter Three - Prelude to Departure

NOTE: Since we have skipped some time since the first two chapters, we hope to include more than one chapter a week in order to finish just before Christmas.

Last time, we left the two elves rushing back to tell the others about their vacation plans.

They literally ran all the way to the workers' recreation hall. An already-assembled throng of elves awaited them. Brother Sigmund and Sister Belinda quickly mounted the stage before them and called the meeting to order.

"We think that we have an exciting trip plan," called out Brother Sigmund.

"Yes," exclaimed Sister Belinda, "and we must thank Santa and Mrs. Claus for their suggestions."

"Well," all voices sounded in unison, "tell us the good news!"

"Simply this," announced Brother Sigmund, trying to be at ease and formal even as excitement swelled in his chest.

"We propose a trip to explore the very edge of the earth. Even Santa himself has never seen this remote and surely mysterious part of our planet."

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even replace or augment the present equipment when more advanced gadgetry becomes available."

This air-traveling craft performed so well that at one time Brother Sigmund became even bold enough to suggest to Santa that he might want to use it as a back-up for his famous sleigh.

You and I know that Santa's answer to this offer was "Humph! No and never in my lifetime!"

Oh well, the nifty elf made a good try.

The elves had persuaded Sinbad and three other friendly Arctic Terns to standby that winter and serve as guides for this vacation trip. These strong-winged seabirds with their red bills and black caps surely knew the world's geography. Annually they flew thousands of miles back and forth between their northern nesting areas and southern wintering grounds.

Sinbad and his graceful, fork-tailed associates had their own ideas about the actual shape of the world. These notions contrasted sharply with those emphatically expressed by Santa.

Not wishing to make waves of controversy, however, the terns refused to dispute Santa's insistence that the world was flat — or at least a domed planet.

The tour-tram taxied out of its hangar and on to the artificially lighted landing strip under the direction of Chief Pilot Sorab. In short order, the flight crew loaded the food, other necessities, and finally the haversack of each of the elves.

Brother Sigmund then announced, "Before boarding, will all passengers line up as usual so to first pass under the arch."

He referred to a hoop-shaped structure. The gadget did not look impressive. Yet when the elves passed under it they were exposed to a harmless but magical electrical field. It rendered each of them and their clothing invisible and their voices inaudible.

This did not keep them from seeing or hearing each other. However, it did prevent them from being seen or heard by ordinary people, with whom they might come in contact during the course of the trip.

You see, Santa had insisted long ago that the elves could have his permission to travel beyond the confines of the North Pole Headquarters only if they could not be seen by others.

Chapter 4

Off to the Edge of the Earth

At Brother Sigmund's signal, Chief Pilot Sorab and his crew lifted the tour-tram off of the icy landscape. It soared through the black Arctic sky closely following the flight of the guiding Arctic Terns.

The flight plan devised by Brother Sigmund, Sister Belinda, the Arctic Terns, and Chief Pilot Sorab meant following a path southward between the 90th and the 110th meridians. This route, as shown on any world map, allowed the sight-seeing travelers to view more land surface and less trackless and monotonous oceanic waves.

Zigs and zags in traversing this course depended on Chief Pilot Sorab's ability to follow Sinbad and his guiding Arctic Terns. Of course the Arctic winter sky, save for twinkling stars and points of light from planets, was almost pitch black. However, the bright white feathering on the terns' bodies served as navigational beacons to the tour-tram's pilot.

The tour-tram had a hand atlas showing Santa's annual trail around his earthly domain. Thus Sparty, a most knowledgeable elf and an assistant to the navigator, would consult it periodically and then announce on the public address system pertinent geographical information.

"Now hear this," Sparty's voice suddenly boomed through the loud speakers, "the tour-tram is now reaching the northern shore of the vast Asiatic continent. Although the dark sky obscures the earth's features below, we can now say goodbye to the ice-covered Arctic Ocean!"

Naturally, the happy, holiday-bound passengers cheered loudly.

As the tour-tram continued in a southward direction, the sky, beginning in the direction of the southern horizon, slowly brightened. The passengers welcomed this and could thus obtain an increasingly better view of the land surfaces below, uncluttered by ice and snow cover.

The black shroud of the Arctic winter was beginning to fall away. The sun even began to peek over the southern horizon.

"Look!" cried Sarah, one of Sister Belinda's helpers. "There's the first green vegetation. Goodbye to the cold!"

(See Santa, Page 10)

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE WORTH \$7500!!

(\$15.00 Added Weekly If No Winner In Previous Week)

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Attend ALL the Games!

And Enjoy the Weekly Headlight



FOOTBALL CONTEST

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