

RAIDER REVIEW

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Who's Zat?

By Kim Lott

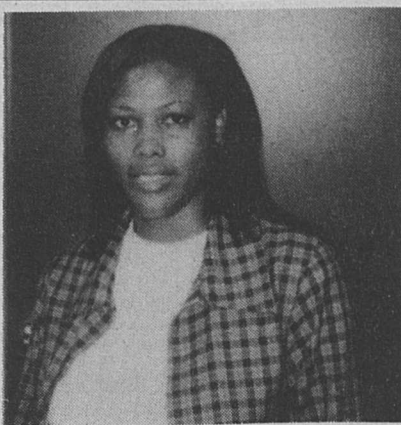
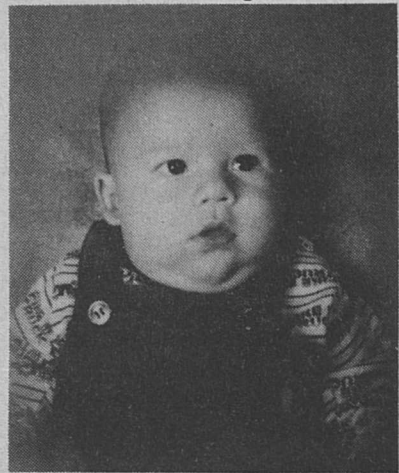
Now, who could these chubby cheeks belong to? That's the question that was asked to a few people in the hallways of Rice High School. The only clue given was that this adorable little boy is a senior.

Levi Zuniga immediately thought it was Coy Sunderman. Sorry, Levi, that's incorrect! Rose Sosa saw the picture and thought it was Jeremy Weishuhn, but she was also incorrect. Amy Fearing, Brian Cardenas and Joel Baggett were all clueless.

Some people were not fooled so easily. Lisa Valigura, Debbie Leopold, Scott Bittner, Mrs. Brewer and Mr. Talton all knew that this little boy had to be Joey Sommerlatte.

In his spare time, Joey likes to run and sleep. His future plans are to attend San Jacinto Junior College in Pasadena and study Chiropractic medicine.

He is the son of Pedro and Hortensia Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake.



Sylvia Willis

Meet the Teacher

By Lisa Valigura

Sylvia Willis is another new face on the faculty this year at Rice High School.

She teaches the life skills class with Mrs. Pustejovsky and is the junior varsity cheerleader sponsor.

Mrs. Willis attended Navarro Junior College. She lives in Eagle Lake with her husband, Patrick, who also teaches and coaches at the high school.

Mrs. Willis has been teaching for three years. She says Rice is different but has many nice qualities that make it unique. She enjoys teaching because she loves working with kids.

When asked what she tries to instill in her student, Mrs. Willis replied, "As a teacher, I stress the importance of finishing high school and making something of themselves."

In her free time, Mrs. Willis enjoys shopping and sewing.

Money presented to student council

By Angie Leopold

Sylvan Miori of the Miori Investment Office rewarded \$750 to the Rice High School (RHS) Student Council for the blood drive they sponsored on behalf of the Gulf Coast Medical Center on Sept. 30 in the high school gym.

The money was presented in the form of gift certificates, creditable at Wal-Mart and Sam's stores, to the president of the Student Council, Lori Grigar, and sponsor, Coach Lee Politch.

The money will be used to support the Student Council scholarship fund.

The next blood drive is scheduled for RHS is April 13, 1999.

We encourage everyone to donate their blood and help a person in need.

Did You Know...
Iced tea is the most popular form of the beverage in the U.S.



Cheerleaders experience New York

By Angie Leopold

Memories of Thanksgiving are always special, but this year, Lori Grigar, Caleche Cranek and Rebal Canar have experienced holiday excitement that will be treasured forever. These three seniors spent their Thanksgiving in the nation's largest city, New York.

Lori, captain of the Rice High School Varsity Cheerleaders, and Caleche, co-captain, were chosen by the Universal Cheerleaders Association as representatives in the 72nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. After flying into the "Big Apple", Lori and Caleche joined other UCA cheerleaders to begin practicing for their shining moment in the famous parade.

Even though it rained during the entire event, the cheerleaders still exhibited their holiday spirit by chanting cheers as they paraded down Central Park South and Broadway, ending at Macy's. Rebal supported her fellow RHS cheerleaders as a spectator of the parade.

After the parade, the three girls, along with some of their family members, had the opportunity to visit a few well-known attractions.

As tourists, Lori, Rebal and Caleche fought through crowds on the streets to visit places such as the New York Stock Exchange, NBC Studios, Central Park and Rockefeller Center, where their eyes were captivated by the illumination of the huge Christmas tree. They also remember seeing the famous Statue of Liberty standing tall.

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They also encountered New York's interesting people. They were impressed by the friendliness of their chaperones and of two especially nice security guards that they met. According to Rebal, the talented entertainers on the streets amused the crowds. Lori recalls the enjoyment of watching entertainers perform the Broadway production, "The Lion King."

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By Chrissy Leopold

The Rice High School (RHS) FFA Chapter held its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 7. During the meeting, several matters were discussed.

The members decided on a date for the RHS Show and Sale. The show is scheduled for Jan. 16 beginning at 8 a.m. with lunch being served at 11:30 and catered by Austin's Catering of Eagle Lake.

After the barbecue lunch, the sale will begin at 1 p.m. with auctioneer Bunge Halla taking the bids.

The topic of award buckles and ribbons was also discussed.

Members decided to once again order prizes from Weimar Trophy with some buckles being donated by businesses in the surrounding area.

Also, there is some extra meat left from the recent fund-raiser. If anyone would like to purchase items such as turkeys, hams, bacon, etc., please contact an FFA member.

RHS participates in parade

By Lisa Valigura

Several organizations from Rice High School (RHS) participated in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5.

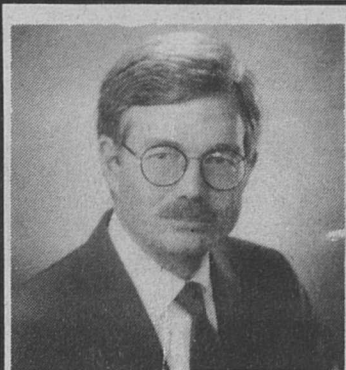
The band placed first in the Marching Category. They wore their uniforms and Santa hats and performed "Christmas Greetings March" and the "Fight Song."

The Special Olympics team joined the Colorado County Special Olympics group, which consists of Eagle Lake, Columbus and RHS.

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From left to right, front row, Ashley Pavlicek, Amanda Henry, Heather Henske and Jamie Hutchison; second row, Harley Alley, Jared Korenek, Adrian Middleton and Brian Janish.



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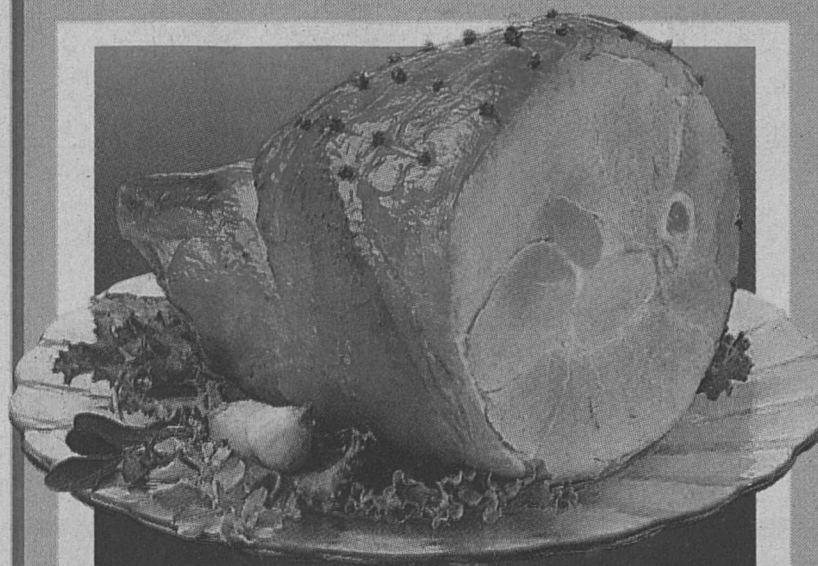
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