

RAIDER REVIEW

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RHS student experiences crisis

By Kinsey Hoffman

Over the holidays, a major crisis in the country of Argentina took place, capturing news headlines all over the world.

The government collapsed as well as their leadership.

Argentina is caught in a crushing debt burden as well as angry government leaders.

During the month of Dec. violent protests against the government's actions took place killing many people. Also, Argentina has recently gone through five presidents in the past few weeks and most of the cabinet has resigned.

There are many reasons for Argentina's downfall. First of all, the money system in Argentina was changed a decade ago by Economy Minister, Domingo Cavallo.

The Argentinean peso was changed to legally equal the dollar. He hoped this change would benefit Argentina, however, foreign investors and buyers found their dollars could buy more in Brazil than in Argentina.

This resulted in Argentina's foreign investment and exports becoming scarce.

The second crisis results from the extensive borrowing done by the government of Carlos Menem in its second term.

Menem's government acquired a lot of debt, both domestic and foreign, which sent domestic interest rates up. The more the government was borrowing, the more expensive credit became for businesses.

A downward spiral increased the debt burden and eventually the three-and-a-half year recession forced many companies to lose their businesses and also many businesses were forced to lay off even more people.

During the holiday break, a student from Rice High School traveled to the troubled country of Argentina. Leila Baggett, a senior at RHS, left before Christmas and returned Jan. 8.

Leila's mother is originally from Argentina and her parents and brother still reside there. They usually try to visit the family at least once a year. During the time she was there, she noticed a big change and she said that it's all anyone can talk about. Leila commented that the main question on everyone's mind is, "Who is going to be our next president?"

When asked what she observed going on in Argentina she responded, "It all depends which city you are in. I know from the news and newspapers in Argentina that Buenos Aires is the most economically affected. The only major difference I notice is the money. They made new bills that don't look very professional. They're easily copied and sold for practically nothing."

"People are scared because the government has no count of the Argentinean money. The American dollar has been raised to almost \$2 to the \$1 peso. They can no longer depend on the country's money," comments Leila.

Leila is not worried about her family, however, before returning to the states, she left her dollars for her family because the dollars are worth much more there.

Welcome home, Leila!

Special Olympics

By Kinsey Hoffman

Eric Guthrie, Erika Ellenbogen and Clifford Miller traveled to Austin Dec. 6-9 for the State Special Olympic Winter Games. Since each athlete qualified during the Area Meet, they were able to compete in the State Bowling Meet.

Figure skating, powerlifting, table tennis, and volleyball were also offered to participants. The four days consisted of Opening Ceremonies, Games, Victory Dance and Closing Ceremonies.

With more than 2,000 athletes from across Texas participating, the Special Olympics Texas Winter Games is one of the largest amateur athletic events in the state of Texas each year.

In the ramp bowlers division, Clifford bowled scores of 81 and 92, capturing 5th place. This is well over his average score of 78, which he entered with.

Erika also received 5th place with three total scores of 48, 72 and 65.

Eric was able to exceed his average of 82 with three games of 129, 93, and 102. He triumphantly brought home 2nd place.

Eric's mother, Sandra Guthrie, Clifford's mother, Lisa Tise, and his grandmother, Mrs. Henderson, along with Molly Valdez and Mrs. Pust-

jovsky, were all on hand to cheer them on.

Here are a few facts about Special Olympics:

•Special Olympics is for persons with mental retardation and closely related developmental disabilities.

•Special Olympics is year-round. In Texas alone, athletes participate in 167 competitions in 20 sports.

•Special Olympics is for all ages. From eight years old until... In Texas,

61% of the athletes are school age and 39% are adults.

•In Texas, 39% of the athletes are female and 61% are male.

•Special Olympics is a volunteer-driven organization. More than 28,000 volunteers give their time annually in a variety of roles from coaching to fund raising to organizing competitions to training to day-of-event. There are 1,900 volunteer coaches involved with the program.

Teens

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A teen entering the second phase of the program receives a provisional license, with restricted driving privileges.

Under the new rules, teens driving with provisional licenses are not allowed to have more than one passenger under the age of 21 who is not a family member and are prohibited from driving between midnight and 5 a.m., unless it is necessary for work, school or a medical emergency. The time and passenger restrictions do not apply if a licensed driver at least 21 years old is in the front seat with the teen driving with a provisional license.

For more information on this program or any other issue, please visit the State of Texas website at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Powerlifting is underway

By Amanda Burrow

The Rice Powerlifting team has really made a name for itself over the past few years. With Coach Rachelle Kallina and Coach Tritschler in charge of the team this year, they are determined to live up to the tradition.

The 2002 Powerlifting team consists of Shelley Boenisch, Maria Najera, Aimee Bubela, Amanda Burrow, Theresa Henry, Morgan Perry, Charles Anzaldua, Joe Lee Perez, Francisco Najera and Jose Elizondo.

"The powerlifting team has been working out extremely hard for their up coming meets. There are four re-

turning girls. I expect them to all make a showing at the state meet. There are two new girls, a freshman and a sophomore, who have been working hard and will help out our team as well," commented Coach Kallina.

"The guys team is extremely young. They have been at practice everyday. If they keep it up, they will do great," added Coach Kallina.

Ben Ortiz has also been an asset to the team. He is in the weight room every day motivating everyone to lift hard!

The team's first meet was Saturday, Jan. 19, in El Campo.

Mrs. Clipson and Mr. Vornsand assign the most homework.

If you walk through the halls of RHS for a little while, you will undoubtedly hear a senior complaining about the 100 pages that have to be read by tomorrow, not to mention having to write journals over it.

You will definitely hear students stressing over finishing the nine page homework assignment for Geometry by next period.

Mrs. Beall and Mrs. Pavlicek are the quickest to write a student up. Not much acting around in their class.

Mr. Seay and Mr. Politsch have the best sense of humor.

The most creative teachers are Mrs. Christ and Mrs. Michalcik. They are always having their students doing something really interesting.

Mr. Streit is the teacher to most likely appear on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."

Mrs. Grigar and Mrs. Coreathers are the two best dressed teachers, so if you need any fashion advice, you know who to go to.

Mr. Vornsand, Mrs. Clipson and

By Erin Gold

Mr. Streit give the hardest tests. You're always studying when you have one of them as a teacher.

Coach Pustejovsky and Mr. Williams have the worst temper. You don't want to make them mad.

Coach D. Dietrich and Mr. Williams would be the two most likely to become WWF superstars.

Mrs. Volkmer has the hardest class to fall asleep in. She has a water gun for kids that start to doze.

Coach Besetzny and Mrs. Engstrom are the easiest to confide in.

Each of our teachers have interesting traits that set them apart from each other and make them memorable to each us.

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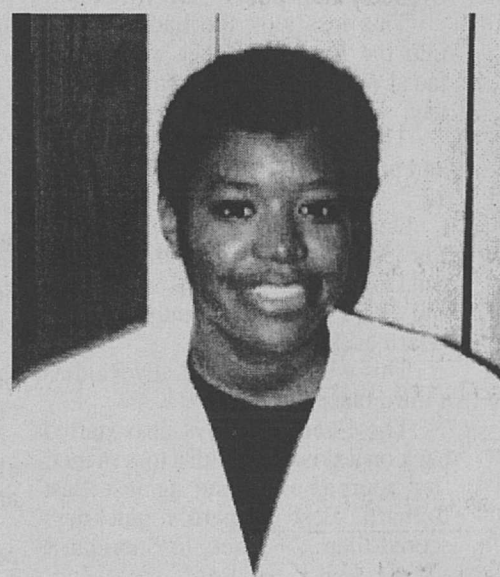
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Market Report for Jan. 17, 2002

Animals on hand: cattle, 2533; two horses. Sellers: 363.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 38-43¢ per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 32-37¢ per lbs.; thin cows, 27-31¢. Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls 53-58¢; utility cutter bulls, 48-52¢.

Stockers/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.30-1.45; 300-400 lbs., \$1.25-1.37; 400-500 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 500-600 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 600-700 lbs., 80-86¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-78¢. Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., \$1.00-1.15; 400-500 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 500-600 lbs., 78-85¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-78¢; 700-800 lbs., 66-71¢. Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.30; 300-400 lbs., \$1.04-1.14; 400-500 lbs., 93¢-1.03; 500-600 lbs., 84-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 76-83¢; 700-800 lbs., 68-75¢. Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 300-400 lbs., 90-98¢; 400-500 lbs., 80-88¢; 500-600 lbs., 72-81¢; 600-700 lbs., 68-74¢; 700-800 lbs., 62-67¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$700-800 by the head; medium cow/calf pairs, \$625-690; common cow/calf pairs, \$550-610; good stocker cows & heifers, \$550-650; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$460-530.

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Retreat

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vide free transportation to and from the event in La Grange. The retreat begins at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at La Grange Middle School.

Children will be entertained with balloons, face painting, a moonwalk and a visit from "Doodle Bug" the clown.

Lunch will be provided to everyone who attends, along with a t-shirt. "It's not a stuffy classroom setting," said Ward. "It's fun you can share with others, have a good time and become a better parent."

If you have questions about the Family Retreat Day, contact your local Cen-Tex Family Services Head Start Center, or call the main office at 1-800-484-6634, code 7737, or 512-303-7737.