

Comentarios de Bidal

by Bidal Aguero
Well it's time to go to the polls again. This Saturday voters will once again be asked to make a choice for Mayor, four City Council candidates and three school board positions.

Foremost in the minds of minorities is one position on the City Council -- District 2 and two positions on the School Board - District 1 and 2. Of course we cannot ignore that the race in District 5 should also concern minorities in that a minority is also vying for that position. To move for a candidate to run in a predominantly anglo district is bold and certainly reflexes the progress and diversity of minorities to attempt to gain political posts not only because they are minority and not only in minority districts.

For District 5, Lillie Aguilar, a hard working mother of four goes up against James Cummings a Lubbock banker. If one only read the Lubbock A-J, one would probably think that Aguilar is just another GED graduate who all of sudden came up with the idea of running for office.

To us that have been involved in the minority community Lillie is a familiar figure inside political circles. She along with her husband Manuel have consistently worked on many political campaigns for the Democratic Party.

We endorse Lillie Aguilar not just because she is a minority but because of her concern for real issues including teen pregnancy and the drop out rate. Issues that can and should not be ignored.

In District two of the school board race, Incumbent Billie Cavel is being challenged by Kathy Anderson. Many would remember Kathy in her active involvement in the Dunbar struggle. Her efforts and work in District 2 was recently recognized by the endorsement of the Dunbar International Alumni Association.

Our endorsement of Kathy Anderson is given to her because of her real concern for the children and people in District 2. District 2 cannot continue to have a representative on the School Board that will simply "second the motion."

Our real concern on the school board is that we re-elect Linda DeLeon to the post she has held for 6 years. In actuality Linda has been the only true representative to serve on the school board for our community. Before her we saw Jose Ramirez, who is publicly supporting Linda's opponent, serve for eight long years. Years in which we saw continual discrimination against minorities as well as the decaying of many of our schools.

Since then parents and notably see the improvements in the physical appearance of our schools as well as the education that is provided to our children. We can also notably see the increase in minority graduates and in the minority teacher population.

Linda DeLeon has been doing a good job for the past 6 years. The annoying and near lies being continually printed by the A-J accusing her of causing problems on the school board are only a ploy to deny minorities of true representation on the school board. Please join me in voting for Linda DeLeon.

Our only real concern as to the election of our next representative in District Two of the City Council is that minorities get out to vote. Many in our community do not realize that two strong districts were added to T.J. Patterson's district that could pose a few reelection problems. T.J. Patterson has done a good job and continues to do so for everyone in Lubbock. More than that T.J. is a real friend.

As for the Mayor's race. Our advertising representative spent many hours trying to convince Langston that he need to advertise in our paper and ask our people for their vote. He finally put in a small ad. Phillips never answered his calls. Putting ads in our paper is not really that important but talking to our community is.

Flip a coin. Neither got my vote.



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LA BATALLA DEL 5 DE MAYO

El Cinco de Mayo de 1862, México comprobó a Francia y al mundo entero, ser digno de ser libre y contar con los recursos suficientes para defender la nacionalidad e independencia.

Esa fecha quedó como un símbolo de las luchas por la libertad, cuando Ignacio Zaragoza dijo a sus valientes: "Nuestros enemigos son los primeros soldados del mundo, pero vosotros sois los primeros hijos de México y os queremos arrebatar vuestra patria. Soldados: leo en vuestra frente la victoria".

Hoy vais a pelear por un objeto sagrado, vais a pelear por la Patria, y yo me prometo que en la presente jornada la conquistaréis un día de gloria".

Los antecedentes de este momento crucial de la guerra de intervención francesa se remontan a inicio de la expansión imperialista de Napoleón III, quien buscaba establecer en México un dominio territorial para obtener materias primas y controlar los mercados.

El Bonaparte pequeño justificaba su empresa mexicana, alegando que se proponía establecer en la frontera sur de los Estados Unidos una monarquía fuerte, como barrera a la expansión futura de dicho país, barrera de latinos, contra los sajones.

En realidad lo que más interesaba eran las minas mexicanas, la posible apertura de un canal en el istmo de Tehuantepec, la colocación de empréstitos que dejarían jugosos intereses y entre otras, la idea de convertir a México en un gran productor de algodón para los telares franceses.

Francia, con España e Inglaterra firmó la triple alianza, para cobrar adeudos que México tenía con esas naciones y ante el decreto de suspensión de pagos de Benito Juárez en 1861 tal situación hizo crisis, decidiendo cobrar al gobierno mexicano por medio de las armas.

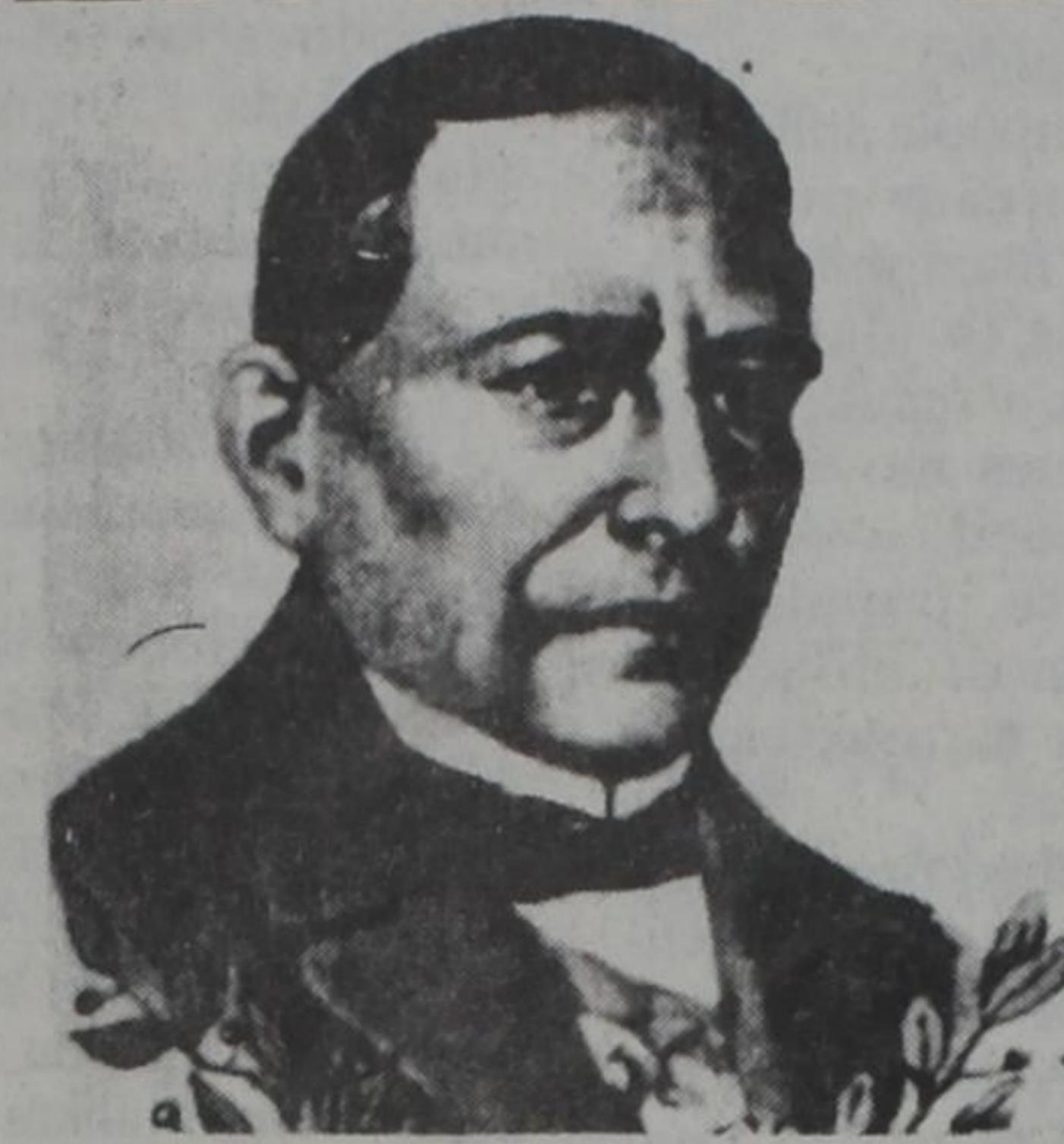
En una excelente batalla diplomática, Juárez y sus ministros lograron que Inglaterra y España negociaran y retiraran sus tropas de invasión, pero Francia, violó los tratados de La Soledad e inició las hostilidades el 9 de Abril de 1862.

Benito Juárez dispuesto a responder con la fuerza a la agresión de Francia, decretó la Ley Marcial y el estado de sitio en todos los lugares ocupados por el invasor, organizó la defensa por medio de guerrillas y para evitar que los extranjeros obtuvieran vivieres ordenó una política de tierra calcinada.

Como jefe supremo de las fuerzas mexicanas fue nombrado un joven general: Ignacio Zaragoza, quien ordenó que todos los varones de 20 a 60 años tomaran obligatoriamente las armas contra los franceses.

El Presidente Juárez dijo a su pueblo: "Tengamos fe en la justicia de nuestra causa, tengamos fe en nuestros propios esfuerzos y unidos salvaremos la independencia de México, haciendo triunfar, no sólo a nuestra patria, sino a los principios de respeto y de inviolabilidad a la soberanía de las naciones.

Lo que buscaba para México el patrón, era además de una victoria militar, un triunfo político, para demostrar al mundo que en el país existía un gobierno constituido fuertemente apoyado por el pueblo y capaz de enfrentarse a la primera potencia de la época.



Zaragoza fortificó febrilmente la ciudad de Puebla, en donde acordó resistir después de la batalla a las cumbres de Acultzingo, donde sufrieron un revés las fuerzas mexicanas, cinco mil hombres esperaron el ataque de siete mil franceses al mando de Lorencez.

El Cinco de Mayo de 1862, a las 12 del día, se rompió el fuego de cañones por ambas partes. Los

franceses arrojaron miles de granadas sobre los cerros de Loreto y Guadalupe, fortificados por Zaragoza. Atacaron con mas de cuatro mil hombres durante tres horas.

Los soldados del primer ejército del mundo llegaron hasta los fosos de Guadalupe y estuvieron a punto de tomar la posición, pero fueron rechazados tres veces por los aguerridos mexicanos, quienes los hicieron huir a las cuatro de la tarde en completa retirada.

Los franceses tuvieron en su ataque unos 700 muertos y heridos, según parte del cuartel general mexicano: llevaron una lección muy severa; pero en obsequio de la verdad se batieron como bravos mexicanos, quienes los hicieron huir a las cuatro de las trincheras de Guadalupe.

A las cinco de la tarde de ese Cinco de Mayo, Ignacio Zaragoza envió un telegrama al ministro de guerra:

"Las armas nacionales se han cubierto de gloria, puedo afirmar con orgullo que ni un sólo momento volvió la espalda al enemigo el ejército mexicano, durante la larga lucha que sostuve".

El General Felipe Berriozabal, uno de los héroes de la jornada, hizo notar que el gran triunfo de la Armada Mexicana, fue en el aniversario de la muerte de Napoleón Primer y que esa batalla honrará siempre a México, sean cuales fueren los sucesos posteriores.



VIVA EL 5 DE MAYO

VOTE Recueden Su Voto Es Su Voz! - No se Rajen VOTE

¿Que Pasa?

Head Start Child Services

Child Services Head Start Full-Day Centers in Lubbock will be taking applications for four year old children beginning April 27th for the 1992-93 school year. To be eligible the child's family must meet the Head Start income Guidelines and both parents must be working or in a job training program. The child must be four or five years old by September 1, 1992.

The Head Start program is designed to aid preschool children from low income families develop their educational, physical and social potential for entrance into the public schools.

The names and locations of these centers are: Green Fair Center - 2601-A Weber Drive, 747-7550; Northeast Center - 420 N. Quirt (Rear), 763-1570; Zenith Center - 1907 E. Correll, 763-1570; Broadway Center - 2323 Broadway, 747-7550.

The center will be open from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday beginning September 8, 1992 and ending May 1993. Registration for the program will be at the Head Start Centers listed above from 8 am until 4:30 pm April 27, 1992 thru May 15, 1992. For further information call Martha Valdez at 763-5261.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters - Million Dollar Shootout

Big Brothers Big Sisters Shootout A Million Dollar Hole-In-One Shootout, yes, you can have a shot at one million dollars. Come out to Treasure Island driving range May 14-17 and tee it up for a million dollar hole-in-one. For more information call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 763-6131. Sponsored by Coke, Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Caprock Ambucs and Friends.

Prayer Rally

The Public is invited to a Prayer Rally to be held Sunday May 17, 1992 at St. John Neumann Church located at 5802 22nd Street in Lubbock, TX 79407 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Our best speaker will be Caro Everett, Director of Life Network Ministries. The topic will be 'A Former Abortion Consumer and Provider gives her testimony and an inside look at the abortion industry.'

The Lubbock Legal Secretaries Association

The Lubbock Legal Secretaries Association will be hosting the Annual Convention of the Texas Association of Legal Secretaries (TALS) at the Lubbock Plaza, 3201 S. Loop 289, April 30 through May 3, 1992. TALS is a nonprofit, nonunion organization of legal secretaries, legal assistants, law office administrators, court clerks, and other legal support personnel.

In addition to the annual meeting, other events will include seminars and workshops on a variety of topics. Seminar topics for Friday, May 1, include: Small Office Management by Jeanne Fairman; Bankruptcy by Byrnies Bass of Harding, Bass, Fargason & Booth; Advanced Estate Planning by Jack McCutchin of Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam; Sexual Harassment by Don Graf of McCleskey, Harriger, Brazil & Graf; and a panel discussion on Ethics by Honorable Brad Underwood, Malinda Standifer, Tim Floyd, and Carol McVay.

Also on the agenda for Friday are an all-day Beginning Legal Secretary Seminar and a workshop to prepare for the Certified Professional Legal Secretary examination.

For registration forms or further information, contact the Ann Camarena Law Office of Jorge

Juarez, Lincoln Cheech Marin and the Celebration of El 5 de Mayo

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

In the final scenes of "Born in East L.A.", Cheech Marin's hit movie, he and his girlfriend climb up through a Los Angeles street manhole into a Cinco de Mayo parade. Bewildered, she asks, "What's the parade?" He replies, "It's for Cinco de Mayo." She asks, "What's Cinco de Mayo?" He shrugs, "I don't know, but we have a parade for it every year."

On the 5th of May, 1862, from dawn until dark, 4,850 ill-equipped untrained teenaged Mexican soldiers thrashed 6,000 invading French soldiers and 2,000 battle-tested Mexican reactionary allies. Only 250 casualties were suffered by the Mexicans in contrast to one-eighth of French forces killed or wounded. French conquest of Mexico was stopped cold in the mountains east of Mexico City. French dreams of empire would have to wait.

This Battle of Puebla on the 5th of May, Cinco de Mayo, 1862, is a tiny footnote in world history: Nevertheless, it is commemorated by 90 million Mexicans, 16 and a half million Mexican Americans and millions of our friends and neighbors throughout the United States. Why? It is not Mexican Independence Day.

There are a number of reasons, most symbolic. Napoleon III's invasion of Mexico was a direct violation of United States policy, the anti-European Monroe Doctrine. Busy with Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln pledged his support to Mexico's first Indian president, Benito Juarez, imposed an arms embargo on Mexico, then allowed Juarez's agents to buy guns. Buoyed by Lincoln's support and help, the Mexicans fought with every resource available.

Lincoln needed a Mexico free of French domination, fearing unlimited arms shipments through a royal Mexico into Texas to the Confederacy from a sympathetic Napoleon III.

By defeating the French on Cinco De Mayo, Mexico handed Lincoln a year's delay in French aid to the Confederacy through Mexico. During that year (May 1862 through April 1863), many key Civil War battles were fought on Southern territory, with Confederate victories in most of them.

Nevertheless, when the South tried to break out of its own territory, the Union forces defeated and contained it. The

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E. Hernandez, at 763-7257

Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, Executive Director to Speak at Banquet

Margorie Bronk, RN, Executive Director of BVNE will speak at the annual awards banquet held for the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas, Division 18 on May 9, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Bronk will address the concerns of L.V.N.'s in Texas.

Other presentations will include, Nurse of the Year, celebration of National Nurse Week and presentation of a \$200 scholarship to a deserving vocational nursing student from South Plains College.

The banquet will be held at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel and Conference Room, at Loop 289 and Indiana Ave. in Lubbock. Cost per person is \$20, and one hour of continuing education will be awarded to nurses.

Deadline for purchases of tickets is May 5. For further information contact, Nellie Salsman, 765-0028; Opal Robinson, 763-1219; Sefrina Perez, 799-0526 or Olivia Dillard, 747-9742.

Paul Archinal will MC the program and music by Wilson Baldwin & Group will round out the program. To register by mail: Send check or money order of \$20. to LVNAT Division 18, 3011 2nd Pl., Lubbock Tex. 79415

Advocacy, Inc. Invites Public to Opening of the West Texas Regional Office

The public is invited to attend the Open House on Friday, May 8, 1992 at 4:00-8:00 p.m. Advocacy, Inc. West Texas Regional Office 1212 13th Street Suite 101 Lubbock, Texas.

Advocacy, Inc. is a non-profit corporation created by Congress to protect and advance the legal rights of persons with disabilities across Texas. Specifically, Advocacy, Inc. is funded to advocate for legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities, persons with mental illness, and for persons who are clients in the state vocational rehabilitation system. Advocacy, Inc. is an independent, statewide legal advocacy system staffed by attorneys, paralegals, social workers, psychologists, rehabilitation specialists, and other professionals.

The Board of Directors will hold its regular Board Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 1992 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Lubbock, Texas, at the Adobe Room, Sheraton Inn, 505 Ave. Q. Our meetings are always open to the public and interested persons.

Mande sus informaciones para publicación gratis a EL EDITOR, P. O. Box 11250 Lubbock, Tx o llame al teléfono (806) 763-3841 Salga a Voatar este Proximo dia 2 de Mayo. Vote en su Escuela mas cercana. Para información llame a El Editor. Requerde:

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Ambulance Chasers

by Raul Lowry Contreras

Despite overwhelming support in the state for the death penalty and a death penalty law written and approved by the people of California, 10,000 votes in Cleveland 16 years ago provided a stay of execution last week for Robert Alton Harris, murderer.

If Jimmy Carter hadn't carried Cleveland by 10,000 votes over President Ford, he wouldn't have been president in 1980. Given that, he wouldn't have appointed former American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) boardmember and sometime counsel to the National Organization of Women (NOW), Marilyn Hall Patel, judge of the Federal District Court in San Francisco.

It was Judge Patel who granted a last-minute stay of execution in response to Harris' ACLU-directed appeal asking for a finding that California's gas chamber use is cruel and unusual punishment, barred by the U.S. Constitution. She did so on a Saturday night. Imagine a federal judge, or any judge for that matter, available for a Saturday night hearing.

You can never find a cop when you need one, but the ACLU can find a former ACLU boardmember to hear an appeal for a notorious murderer. Notorious? He brutally killed three people, one by kicking and beating over a period of six hours. The death penalty was for killing two teen-aged boys. He shot them in the back.

Testimony by his accomplice brother indicated that Harris sneeringly told one of the 16-year-old boys to quit crying, "to take it like a man." After killing the boys, Harris ate the hamburgers, french fries, turnovers and medium soft drinks they had purchased at the fast-food restaurant where Harris had kidnapped them.

Does any of this matter to Judge Patel and the ACLU? No. The gas chamber is "cruel and unusual," according to these people. The chamber has been in use since 1938, and hundreds have been executed in it.

Are they concerned that the families of the two boys have suffered for 14 years, the 14 long years since the murders took place in the summer of 1978? No. They only want the death penalty abolished, because it assaults their sensibilities. Strangely enough, they completely and totally support abortion under the guise of "free choice" and "privacy."

The death penalty has been assaulted from all directions in recent years.

For example, detractors claim the death penalty doesn't deter anyone from killing. Society suffers from collective murder of one of its own, they preach. Innocent people may be executed by legal accident, they remind us and do so by quoting the famous Judge Learned Hand's exclamation, "Better that 100 criminals be set free than one innocent executed."

As a civilized person, I have to agree, in principle, with each and every one of these positions. But...

In this case, there is absolutely no question that Robert Alton Harris is guilty of premeditated murder of the two teen-agers. He and his brother stole guns to use in robbing a San Diego bank 200 miles away. They kidnapped the boys and used their car as a getaway vehicle. He murdered the boys so they couldn't identify him as their kidnapper or as a bank robber. These are the incontrovertible facts.

Society has already lost three innocent people at the hands of Robert Alton Harris. It can lose no more.

As for deterrence, there's no question that true criminals couldn't care less about the death penalty. We know this because they tell us. Thus, it's safe to say that the death penalty doesn't deter anyone from killing another person.

Except in the case of Robert Alton Harris and the 327 others on California's Death Row. Once these people are executed, they will kill no more. And that, on balance, far outweighs the collective reservations and objections against the death penalty by the ACLU, Amnesty International, et al.

Another objection raised by these people, and by Robert Alton Harris himself, is that the application of the death penalty is unequal and racial in implementation.

Surprise, Mr. Harris. Last year 33 men were sentenced to death in California. Eighteen were white, eight black, four Latino and three Asian. No women were sentenced to die. The Supreme Court turned down this argument.

Despite all this, Judge Patel and her ACLU buddies stalled California's first execution in 25 years. Jimmy Carter's revenge continues.

Almost a generation after being cast, those Cleveland votes continue to haunt murder victim families and the community. A few more votes for Gerry Ford in 1976 and we wouldn't be going through this pain and suffering in 1992. But for these very few Ohio votes so long ago, Judge Patel would be chasing ambulances for a living.

Who says a vote doesn't count? Yes, votes count. In reaction to Jimmy Carter, the American people elected Ronald Reagan and George Bush, producing the Reagan-Bush Supreme Court.

At 6:21 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, Robert Alton Harris was declared dead.

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Journalism Education: How Long Will It Shirk Coverage Ethics?

By Mercedes Lynn de Uriarte

It is time that journalism education be called to account for the poor quality of coverage of non-white communities in the national press.

For close to a quarter of a century, the issues have been argued as matters of civil rights. This is a predictable reaction since the Kerner Commission's 1968 overview of social conditions during the civil rights era includes a critique of press performance.

The press contributed to conditions that led to the 1967 violence because of its consistent omission noted. "The media report and write from the standpoint of a white man's world," it concluded.

While that myopia still hamstrings mainstream publications, there are even more serious blind spots in journalism education. As a result, while the United States moves with increasing speed toward a greatly diverse population, much of its most influential media reflect a narrow, exclusive perspective.

Long established press ethics standards require comprehensive coverage of the entire population. However, framing the discourse as a matter of civil rights allows the profession to avoid discussion of its long, flagrant disregard--where coverage of non-white communities is concerned--for its own ethical guidelines.

As long as these shortcomings continue, the press contributes to continued negative stereotyping and escalating hostility toward affirmative action and minority equity.

The confusion and debate need never have happened. Ethical standard to prevent such exclusionary press practices were established in 1946. The Commission on Freedom of the Press, headed by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Hutchins, explored the role of the press in a democratic society and laid the ethical cornerstone for modern U. S. journalism.

The five basic responsibilities incurred by the press in a free society, conceived with vision yet to be matched, were listed as: 1) a truthful, comprehensive and intelligent account of the day's events in a context which gives them meaning; 2) a forum for the exchange of comment and criticism; 3) the projection of a representative picture of constituent groups in the society; 4) the presentation and clarification of the goals and values of the society; and 5) full access to the day's intelligence.

The first and third standards are particularly relevant to the matter of coverage of non-white populations and expanded readership--to say nothing of the crucial role a free press must play in stimulating active citizenship in self determination. Indeed, some social analysts argue that low voter participation of slighted groups may be the direct result of their marginalization by the media.

Such organizations as the American Society of Newspaper Editors actually led reform efforts--limited as they might prove to have been--by focusing on newsroom demographics.

In 1978, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Kerner Commission report, ASNE initiated an annual census as part of the attempt to reach a Year 2000 parity goal. But it has received scant support from journalism educators.

Not until almost 20 years after the Kerner Commission report did the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication give these issues attention. In 1984, they adopted Standard 12 of the accreditation requirements for journalism education units:

"Organized efforts must be made to recruit, advise and retain minority students and minority female faculty members and to include in the curriculum information for all students about contributions to journalism and mass communications made by minority and female practitioners."

However, the 92 accredited journalism schools and departments remain largely untouched by the standard. Perhaps that is why 98 percent of faculty holding associate or full professor rank are still white. Nationwide last year, only 10 blacks and one Latino received Ph. D.s in journalism, a requirement for tenure-track faculty in most journalism departments.

Until recently, accreditation council treatment of Standard 12 was more ritual than substance. There was also widespread faculty disinterest, most clearly evident at recent annual conferences of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, where panel discussions about such issues or Standard 12 were scarcely attended by white professors.

Then in January 1991, the National Association of Black Journalists' board of directors decided to follow the accreditation process and to analyze AEJMC's commitment to Standard 12. That summer, the NABJ chapter in Austin, Texas, challenged the accreditation team's finding that the Department of Journalism at the University of Texas, Austin, had complied with the standard.

NABJ members questioned the integrity of evidence presented by the department to support its compliance claim and the Accreditation Council process in examining the Standard 12 records of those units undergoing review. Despite NABJ objections, the Council made no independent check of the department's claims of accomplishment. Although at the accreditation committee level the University of Texas journalism department was given only provisional accreditation--a status that would have required the department to show evidence of improved performance within one year--the Accreditation Council overturned that finding and awarded the department accreditation.

Throughout the debate, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists remained silent--a puzzling strategy given the Latino demographics of Texas. Neither the small, local affiliate, which was approached by black journalists in Austin, nor the national unit which learned of the conflict early in the struggle, provided support to the NABJ or the Latino students and faculty at UT.

In the industry, there is growing concern about how to deal with coverage issues. But ACEJMC and AEJMC, the educational associations charged with guiding the field, ignore them altogether. In its only mention related to issues addressed in Standard 12, the Council calls for the teaching about contributions to the profession by non-whites and females, but fails to make such a course required by students.

Little wonder that--with very few exceptions--journalism departments have no courses designed to teach those young professionals who will report on the "new America" how to cover these communities.

Thus the educational component of the profession, the arena where one hopes to find the kind of vision and critical thinking that nourish the First Amendment, is intellectually limp. The National Association of Black Journalists deserves both support and appreciation for its leadership in addressing the accreditation process.

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P.S./WASHINGTON

a weekly column by
U.S. Senator Paul Simon of Illinois

The Roots of Cynicism, The Opportunity for Change

There has always been some questioning of government, and that is healthy. But when questioning deepens into cynicism and a belief that democracy cannot work, that is unhealthy.

Today, there are millions of Americans who have gone beyond a healthy questioning to an unhealthy cynicism.

Why? I believe there are two reasons.

First, they see leaders not responding either to their needs or to the problems of our nation. They sense that both political parties are playing games to win elections, rather than courageously facing our problems.

Second, they sense that the people who finance campaigns are calling the shots on decision-making, rather than the needs of our society dictating what should be done.

Unfortunately, there is much truth to both reasons, but we do not solve either by crawling into a shell and not voting, not writing letters, not participating, and simply complaining.

People see a budget deficit mounting, threatening the future of our children as well as draining our economy of millions of jobs, and the President and Congress are basically doing little about it.

Citizens hear leaders making grand speeches about the importance of education, but the federal government's support for education is now 3 percent of the budget compared to 9 percent in 1949. And when it comes to a choice of providing a real lift to students of all income groups or using that money to subsidize banks, Congress and the President have temporarily decided to help the banks, thanks to the lobbying power of the lending institutions. But that one we still have a chance to win.

The public sees the government doing little to meet our health care needs, though the record of Congress on this is better than the President's, but not superb.

We will make decisions on higher education soon, and if you favor a program to provide a self-financing plan of greater assistance to students, now is the time to let Congress know.

Health plans are all over Congress, and finally even the Administration is recognizing the need for change. The danger is that we will have talk, but no action.

If you favor action on these matters or others, let your leaders know. You can lead the leaders.

In our system of government, change is possible.

In fact, now when the public anger is stirred is a good time to contact your legislators on matters about which you feel strongly.

We can make our system of government work better.

Check This Out!

by Gregory Tijerina

I was tempted to write a column last week telling Maria Hernandez exactly where to go but I decided that a response was not really worth my time especially since the election is over and now we have to start to concentrate on uniting our Chicano community in order to elect Bidal. She like many other people I know criticize but very rarely do anything else. Bidal has told me many times that many readers comment on my writing. He says that one thing for sure is that people are reading what I am writing and that is what really counts. He tells me that when he first started writing for La Voz 20 years ago he was also criticized every week by people who said that he did not know how to write. A few months ago I was talking to Nephtali DeLeon, a writer formally from Lubbock that is now known around the world. He told me that Bidal used to write in a mixture of Spanish, English and Chinese. I don't think my writing is that bad. I only hope that if I keep writing my knowledge will continue to grow.

This week I want to talk about a program here in Lubbock that is good for Lubbock and especially for poor people who are in trouble because they own a fine to some law enforcement agency. Anyone who owes a fine might consider the Work Release program.

The county work release program is an excellent way to pay off traffic tickets by working for the fine or fines. Ruben Torres, project manager for Reese Air Force Base, says, "I feel this program is very effective, it provides an avenue for people to pay their fines without actually going to jail." People can work at their regular jobs and also participate in the work release program. This program helps to prevent the overcrowding in jails. The program collects and maintains information for the selected participants and interviews the client to obtain information concerning the client's background. This information is used to determine if a client is or is not eligible to participate in the work release program. Transportation is provided to the projects (local, state and non-profit agencies) and Reese AFB.

The following people make the work release program a success: Col. W. Heney, Col. K.W. Hess, Lt. Col Klein, Capt. James Reynolds from Reese AFB; work release officers, phyllis Yeager, Shonda Williams and Sheriff Sonny Keesee.

We are indeed lucky to live in Lubbock and have Reese AFB next door. Now if you owe a fine and you cannot afford to pay it, the sky's the limit. As about getting into the Greater Lubbock Work Release Program. For information call, between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm to 767-1497 or Ruben Torres at 767-1462 for Spanish speakers.

THOUGHT: Go to vote this Saturday, I recommend Linda DeLeon and Kathryn Anderson.

JOKE: What does George Bush, Bill Clinton and H. Ross Perot have in common? Answer: All of them think that tamales and beer are enough to get Chicanos out to vote.

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HISTORIA DEL 5 DE MAYO

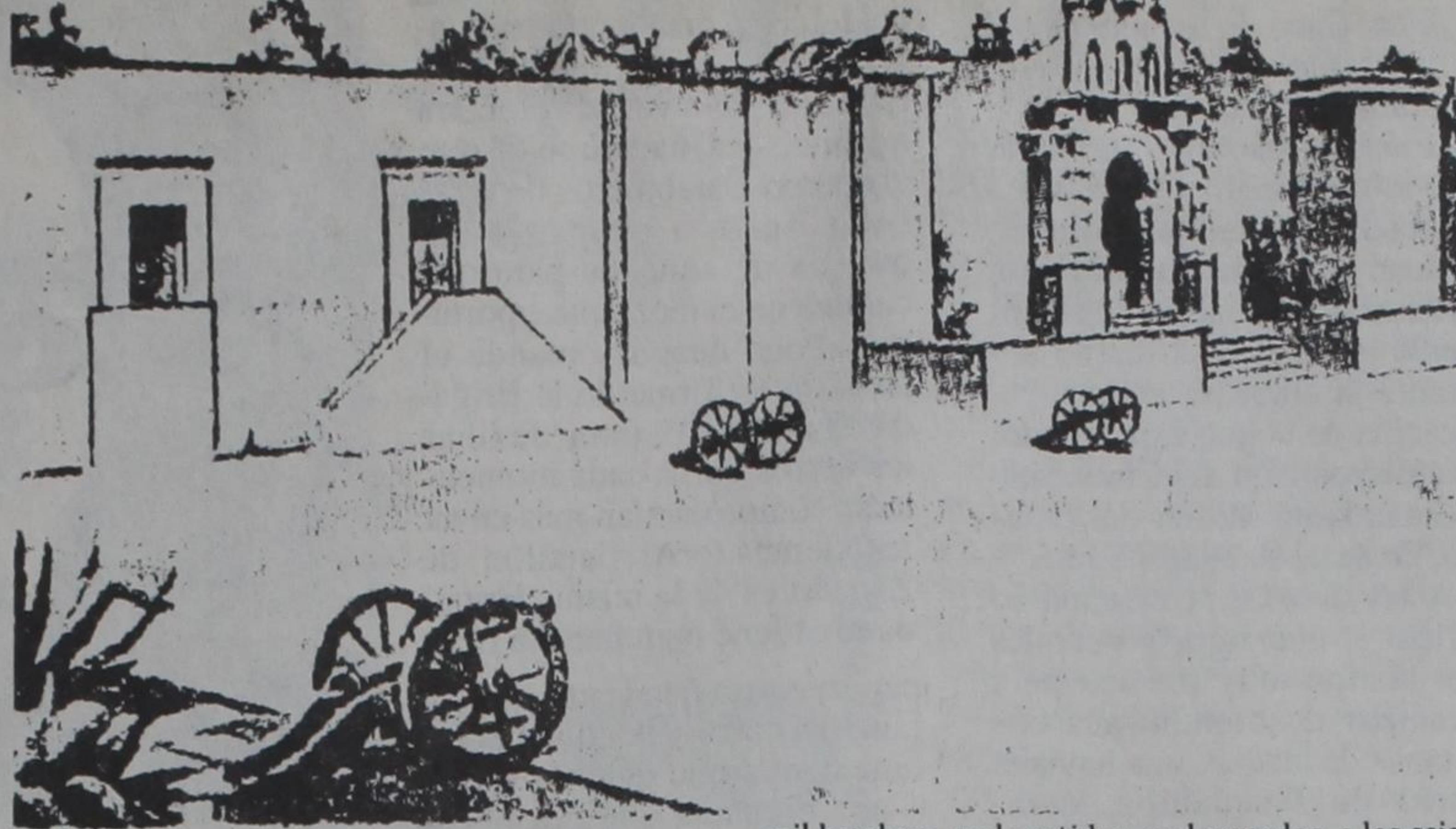
El dia 11 de enero de 1861, el presidente Juárez hizo su entrada triunfal en la capital mexicana, poniendo punto final a la Guerra de Tres Años. Los golpes militares decisivos habían sido asesistados por el general Jesús González Ortega en Silao, y después en Calpulalpan, acciones en que se jugó papel importantísimo un joven General de 33 años de edad, Ignacio Zaragoza, a quien Juárez llevó al Ministerio de la Guerra en premio a sus servicios en los campos de batalla.

La guerra fratricida había concluido, pero dejaba tras si una serie de arduos problemas. A la inseguridad de los caminos, infestados de asaltantes, se agregaba la escasez de fondos en el erario, y por su parte los grupos políticos se esmeraban en mantener al país en constante zozobra.

Pero si la situación interna era delicadísima, allá en Europa se fraguaban conspiraciones ominosas, en las que intervenían no solamente los jefes de Estado de Inglaterra, sino hasta las damas de cortes imperiales, y algunos mexicanos conservadores de renombre (como Gutierrez Estrada y Manuel José Hidalgo, sin parentesco con el Cura de Dolores, que movían todos los recursos diplomáticos para darle a México un gobierno monárquico, encabezado por un príncipe europeo).

De conformidad con el Acuerdo de Londres, firmado por las tres potencias citadas, desembarcaron en Veracruz, su pretexto de cobrar intereses de una deuda que el Presidente Benito Juárez se vela imposibilitado para cumplir, fuertes contingentes de tropas británicas, francesas y españolas.

Deseando extremar todas las medidas posibles para llegar a un acuerdo pacífico, un delegado de Juárez se reunió con los jefes aliados europeos en La Soledad, Veracruz, y allí mismo el General Juan Prim anunció que su gobierno "trataba únicamente de obtener un acuerdo satisfactorio de sus reclamaciones y no tiene la intención de perjudicar la independencia, la soberanía y la integridad de



Méjico.

En las reuniones subsiguientes de La Soledad, los diplomáticos británicos y españoles le descubrieron el juego a los franceses, que no era otra que establecer una monarquía en México, con príncipe escogido por Napoleón III y su esposa Eugenia de Montijo.

Hasta aquí, a grandes rasgos, el marco general, interno e internacional, sobre el cual destaca la Batalla de Puebla. El Presidente Juárez, alentado por las naves británicas y españolas, que se esfumaron en las lejanías del Atlántico, empezó a hacer acopio de todos los escasos elementos con que podía contar, enviando al General Zaragoza a Puebla, encajada a medio camino de la capital mexicana, para que se enfrentara con sus cuatro

mil hombres, mal vestidos, mal armados, a los seis mil que enviaría sobre él el General Lorencez, uno de los más aguerridos soldados de Francia, y héroe de Magenta y Solferino. Lo que siguió al primer encontronazo entre mexicanos y franceses lo saben hasta los alumnos de primeras letras en las escuelas mexicanas. Tres veces lanzó Lorencez sus huestes disciplinadas sobre los cerros de Loreto y Guadalupe y otras tantas fueron rechazadas. Ya caía la tarde de aquel histórico 5 de mayo de 1862. Los franceses, derrotados y humillados, emprendieron la retirada, seguidos muy de cerca por las caballerías de Porfirio Díaz. Ya en su puesto de campaña, pudo enviar Zaragoza al Presidente Juárez su lacónico e histórico mensaje: "Las armas Nacionales se han cubierto de Gloria".

EDUCATION

THE Priority For All Our Children A MESSAGE FROM LILLIE AGUILAR

As a parent watching her second group of children proceed through the system at L.I.S.D. I am very concerned with the direction that our education system has taken. I, as a parent, encourage my children to excel. But, who is encouraging the others to do the same?

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Who Is Lillie Aguilar?

Lillie Aguilar was born in Lubbock, Texas on January 24, 1945. She is the 7th of 10 children born to Pedro and Florencia Garcia. When she completed the 1st grade her family moved to Ogden, Utah. During her school years they travelled the western states as migrant farm workers. She attended schools in Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Texas. She earned her GED from L.I.S.D. after her second child, Timi entered kindergarten.

She has lived in Lubbock for the past 29 years and is married to Manuel Aguilar, Jr. They have 4 children, Stevan, Timi, Jaime and Annikka. Stevan and Timi graduated from Lubbock High School, Jaime is an 8th grader at J.T. Hutchinson Jr. High and Annikka is a 3rd grader at Wolfforth Elementary, in Lubbock. Timi is a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Stevan attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University.

As a resident of Lubbock she has been active in the PTA, served on the American Red Cross Board and the United Way planning council. She has taught religious education in the Diocese of Lubbock for over 20 years. Her family attends St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church where she teaches 6th grade CCE. During her 11 year employment at United Parcel Service she has worked as C.O.D. Clerk, Payroll Clerk and Administrative Aide in the collections department.

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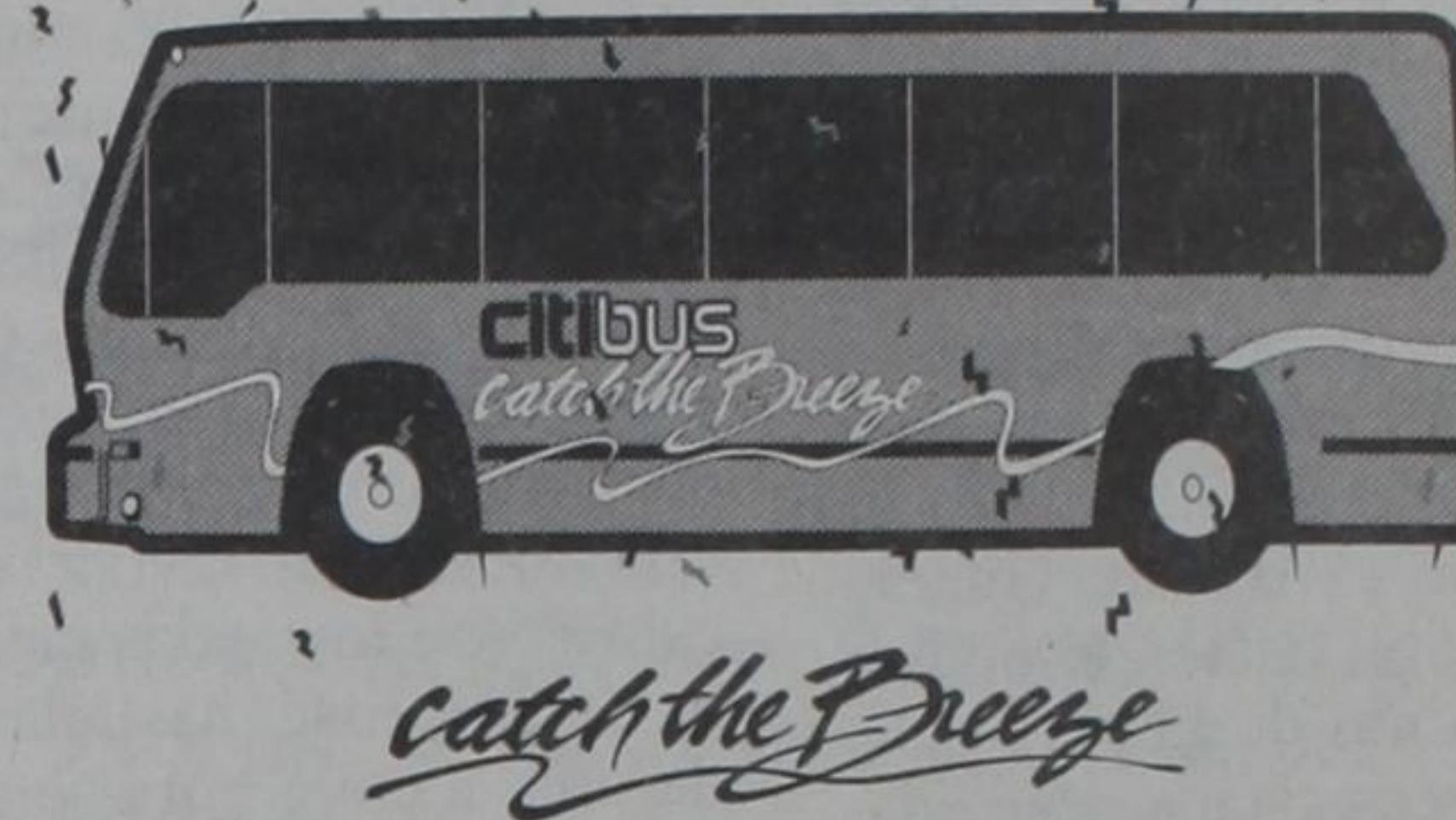
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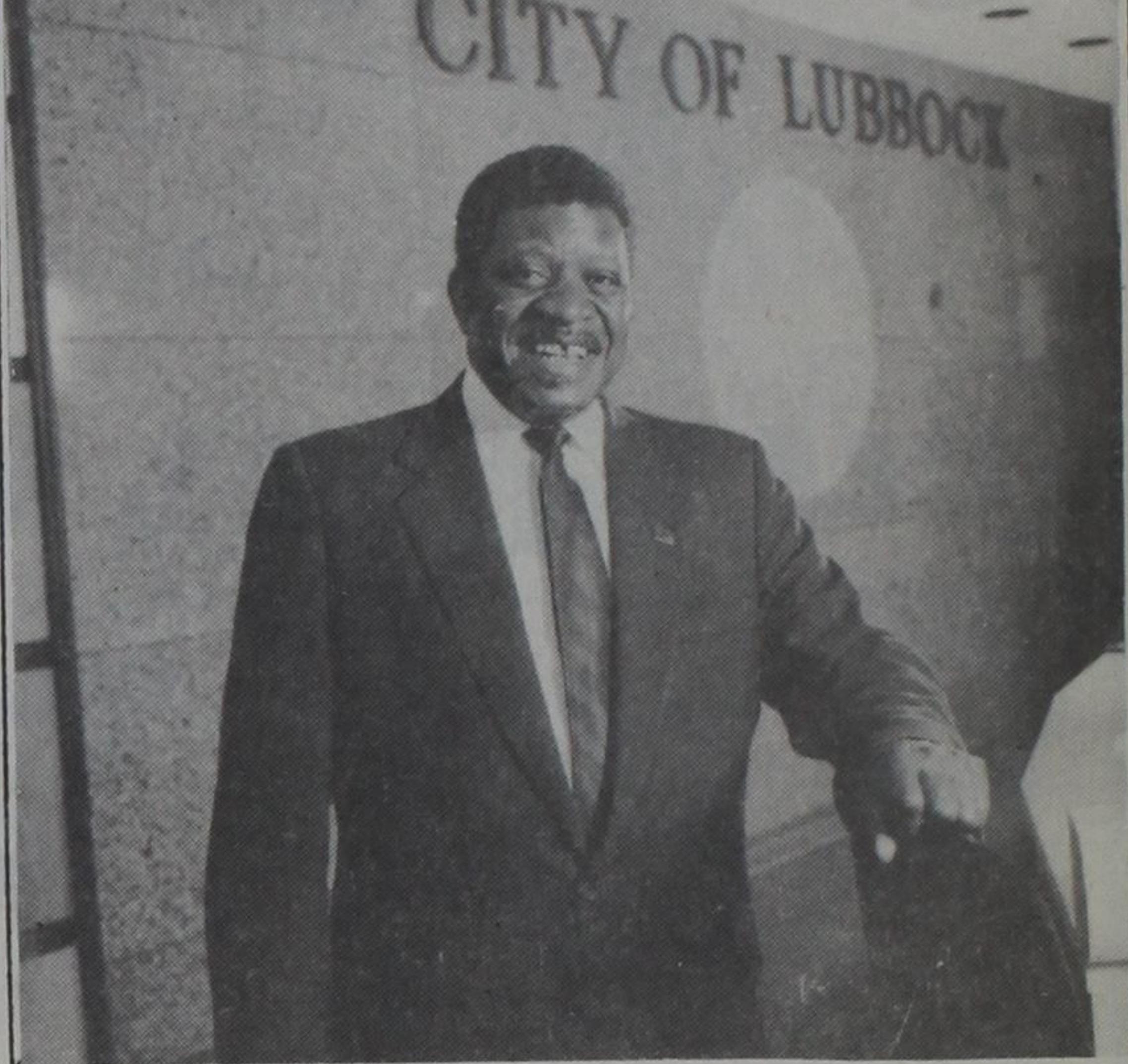
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Zaragoza Relata La Batalla

Memorable batalla en la que el ejército mexicano con menos tropas derrotó a un poderoso ejército. He aquí el parte del general en jefe.... "Ejército de Oriente. - General en Jefe.

Después de mi movimiento retrogrado que emprendí desde las cumbres de Acultzingo, llegué a esta ciudad el día 3 del presente, según tuve el honor de dar parte a usted. El enemigo me seguía a distancia de una jornada pequeña, y habiendo dejado a retaguardia de aquél la 2a. Brigada de caballería, compuesta de poco más de 300 hombres, para que en lo posible los hostilizara, me situé como llevo dicho en Puebla. En el acto de mis órdenes para poner en un regular estado de defensa los cerros de Guadalupe y Loreto, haciendo activar la fortificación de la plaza que hasta entonces estaba descuidada.

Al amanecer del día 4 ordené

al distinguido General C. Miguel Negrete que con la 2a. División de su mando, compuesta de 1,200 hombres, lista para combatir, ocupara los expresados cerros de Loreto y Guadalupe, los cuales fueron artillados con dos baterías de batalla y montaña.

El mismo día 4 hice formar de las Brigadas Berriozábal, Díaz y Lamadrid tres columnas de ataque, compuestas: la primera, de 1,082 hombres, la segunda de mil, y la última de 1,020, toda infantería, y además una columna de caballería con 550 caballos, que mandaba el Ciudadano General Antonio Alvarez, designando para su dotación una batería de batalla. Estas fuerzas estuvieron formadas en la plaza de San José, hasta las doce del día, a cuya hora se acuartelaron. El enemigo pernoctó en Amozoc.

A las cinco de la mañana del memorable día 5 de Mayo, aquellas fuerzas marchaban a la línea de batalla que había yo determinado y verá usted marcada en el croquis adjunto: ordené al Ciudadano adjunto: ordené al Ciudadano comandante general de artillería sobrante la colocara en la fortificación de la plaza, poniéndola a disposición del Ciudadano Comandante Militar del Estado, General Santiago Tapia.

A las diez de la mañana se avistó el enemigo, y después del tiempo muy preciso para acampar desprendió sus columnas de ataque, una havía el cerro de Guadalupe, compuesta como de 4,000 hombres con dos baterías, y otra pequeña de 1,000, amagando nuestro frente. Este ataque, que no había previsto aunque conocía la audacia del ejército francés, me hizo cambiar mi plan de maniobras y formar el

de defensa, mandando en consecuencia que la Brigada Berriozábal a paso veloz, reforzara a Loreto y Guadalupe, y que el cuerpo Carabineros de a caballo, fuera a ocupar la izquierda de aquellos para que cargara en el momento oportuno. Poco después mandé el batallón Reforma de la Brigada "Lamadrid" para auxiliar los cerros que a cada momento se comprometían más en su resistencia. Al batallón de Zapadores de la misma Brigada le ordené marcharse a ocupar un barrio que le stá casi a la falta del cerro y llegó tan oportunamente, que evitó la subida a una columna que por allí se dirigía al mismo cerro trabando combates casi personales. Tres cargas bruscas ejecutaron los franceses y en las tres fueron rechazados con valor y dignidad; la caballería situada a la izquierda de Loreto, aprovechando la primera oportunidad, cargó bizarramente, lo que les evitó reorganizarse para nueva carga.

Cuando el combate del cerro estaba más empeñado, tenía lugar otro no menos reñido en la llanura de la derecha que formaba mi frente.

El Ciudadano General Díaz con dos cuerpos de su Brigada, uno de la de Lamadrid, con dos piezas de batalla y el resto de la de Alvarez, contuvieron y rechazaron a la columna enemiga, que también con arrojo marchaba sobre nuestras posiciones; ella se replegó hacia la hacienda de San José Rentaría, donde también lo habían verificado los rechazados del cerro, que ya de nuevo organizados se preparaban únicamente a defendérse, pues hasta habían claraboyado las fincas; pero yo no podía atacarlos, porque derrotados como estaban tenían mas fuerzas numérica que la mía: por tanto mandé hacer alto al Ciudadano General Díaz que con empeño y bizarra los siguió, y me limité a conservar una posición amenazante.



El general Ignacio Zaragoza se encontraba organizando la defensa de Puebla, cuando contrajo en las trincheras la fiebre de tifo. Toda la ciencia médica se puso en acción, pero la enfermedad no pudo ser dominada, muriendo el 8 de septiembre de 1862, a los 33 años de edad.

Republique por el digno conductor de usted, en el concepto de que puedo afirmar con orgullo que ni un solo momento volvió la espalda al enemigo el Ejército mexicano, durante la larga lucha que sostuvo.

Indicaré a usted por último que al mismo tiempo de estar preparando la defensa del honor nacional, tuve la necesidad de mandar a las Brigadas O'Horan y Carbajal a batir a los facciosos que en número considerable se hallaban en Atlixco y Matamoros, cuya circunstancia acaso libró al enemigo extranjero de una derrota completa, y al pequeño Cuerpo de Ejército de Oriente de una victoria que habría inmortalizado su nombre.

Al rendir el parte de la gloriosa jornada del día 5 de este mes, adjunto el expediente respectivo en que constan los pormenores y detalles expresados por los jefes que a ella concurrieron.

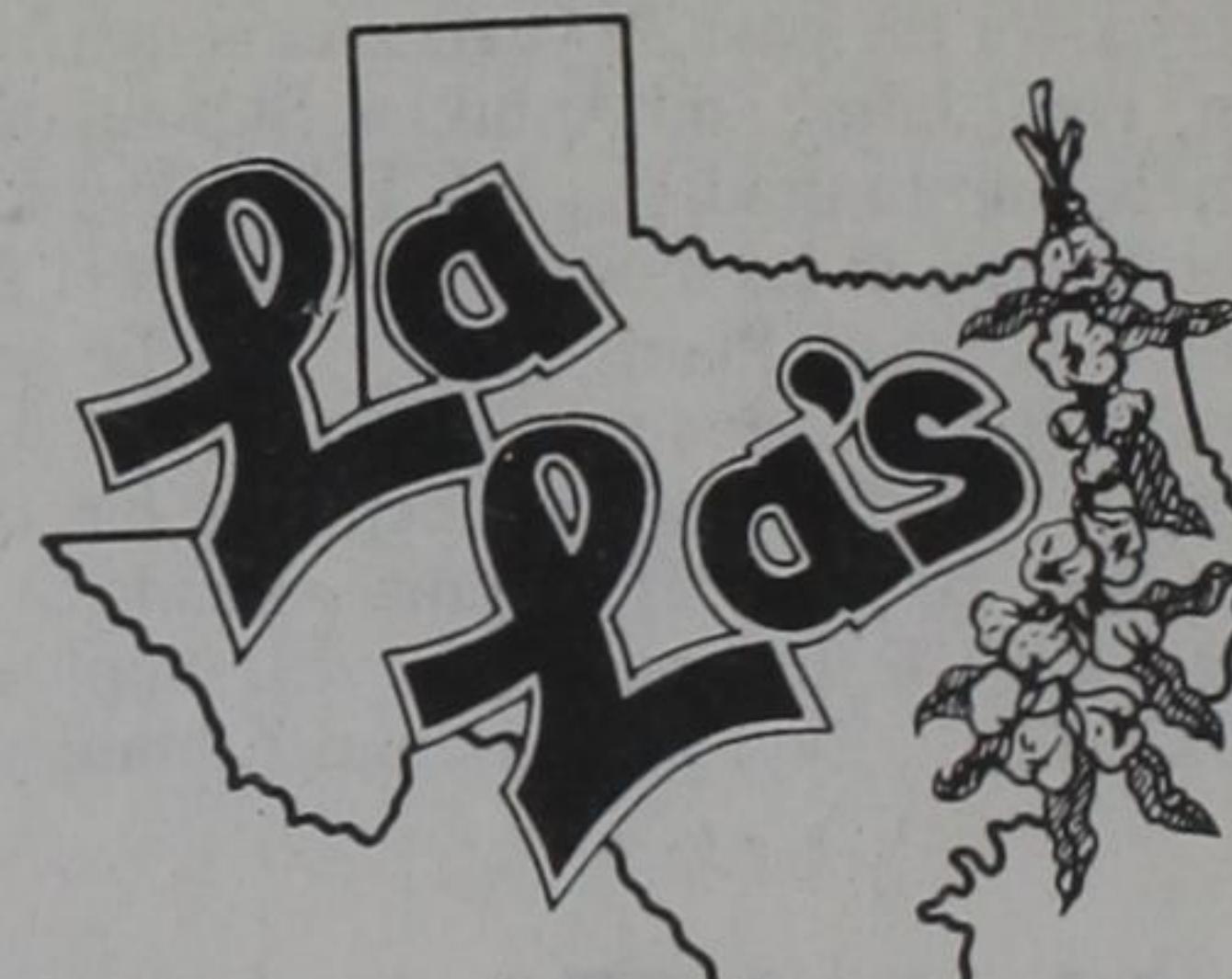
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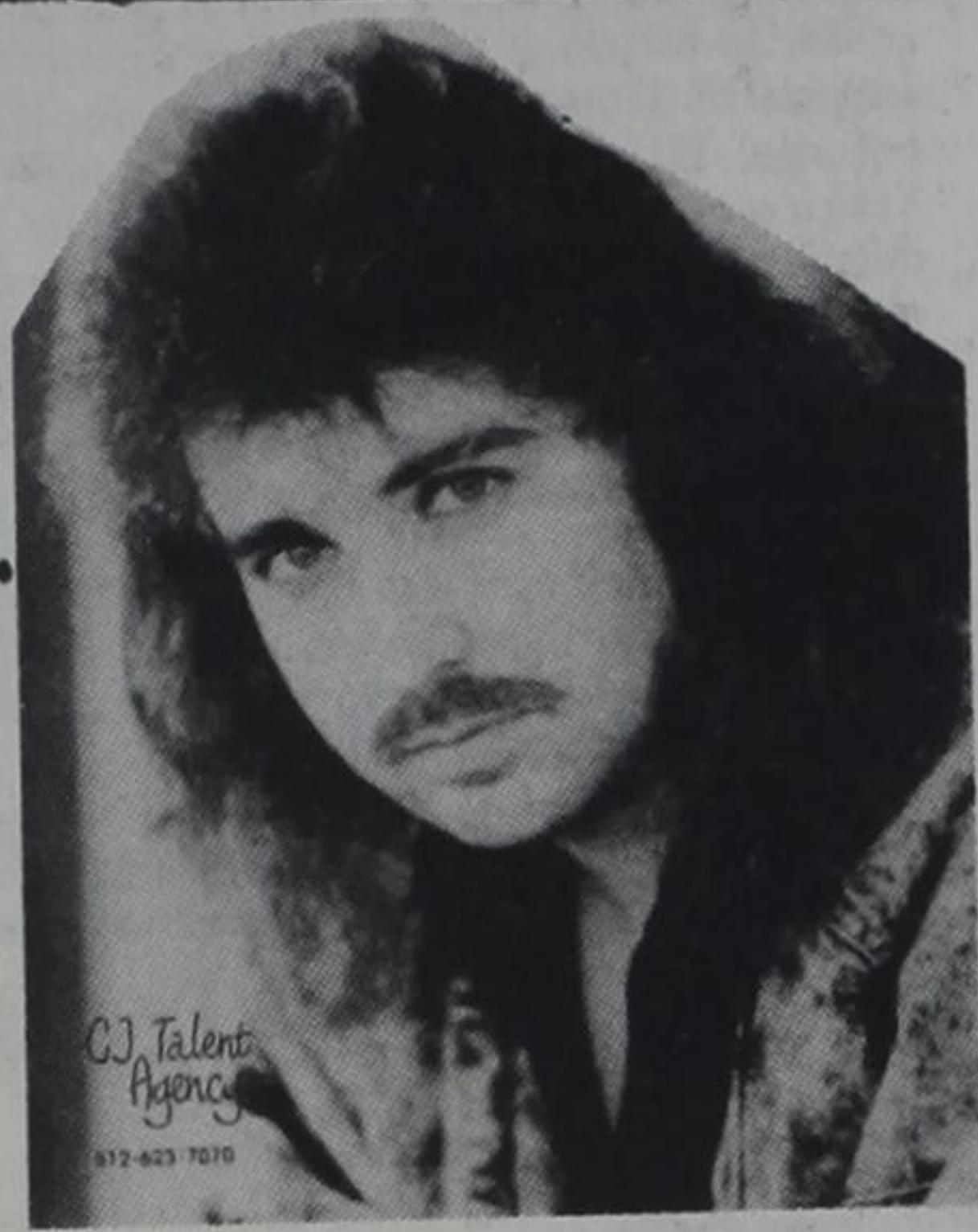
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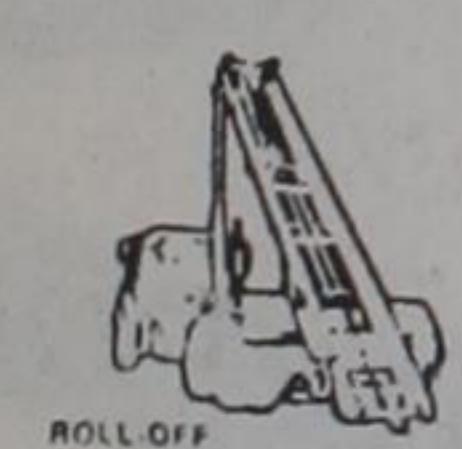
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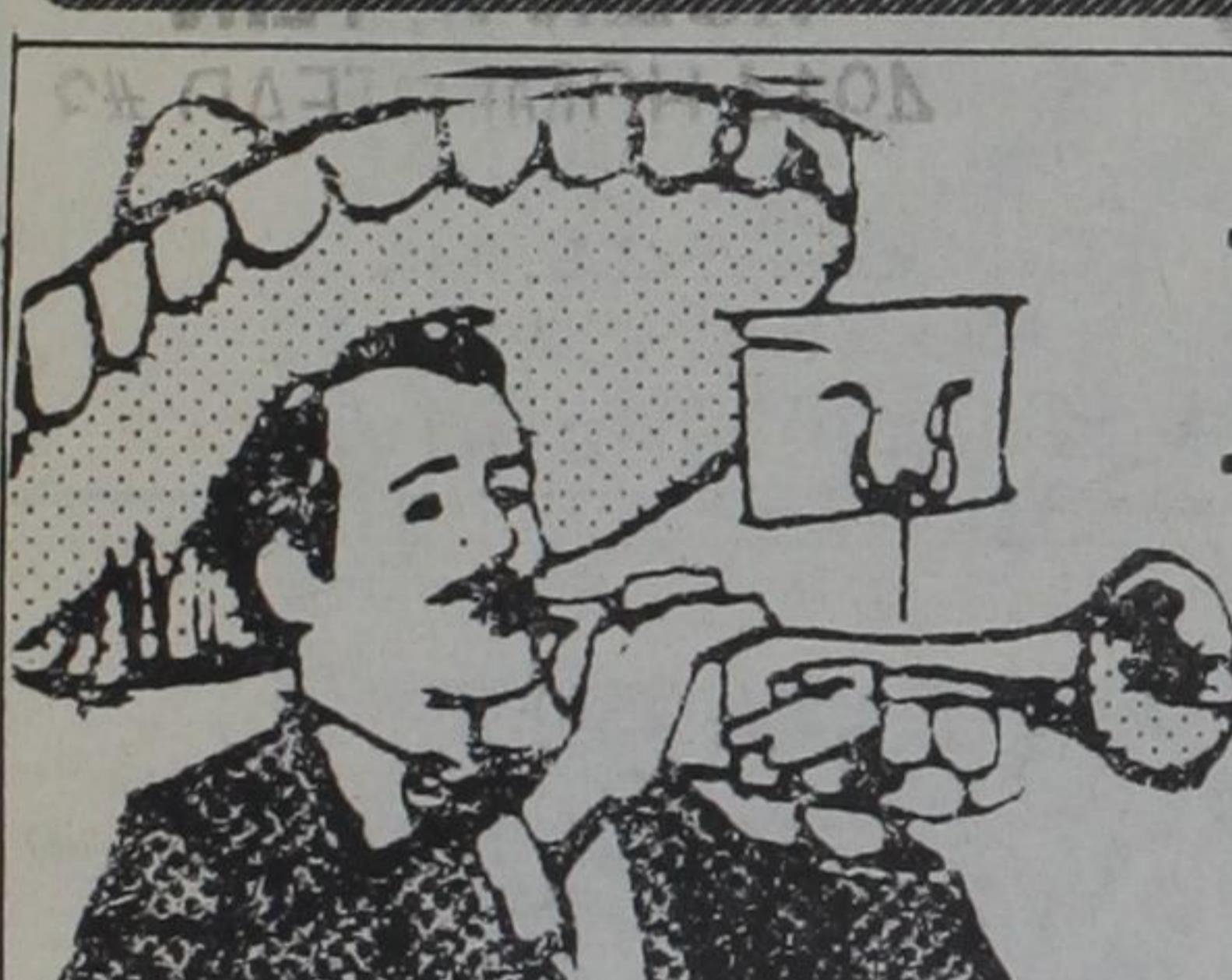
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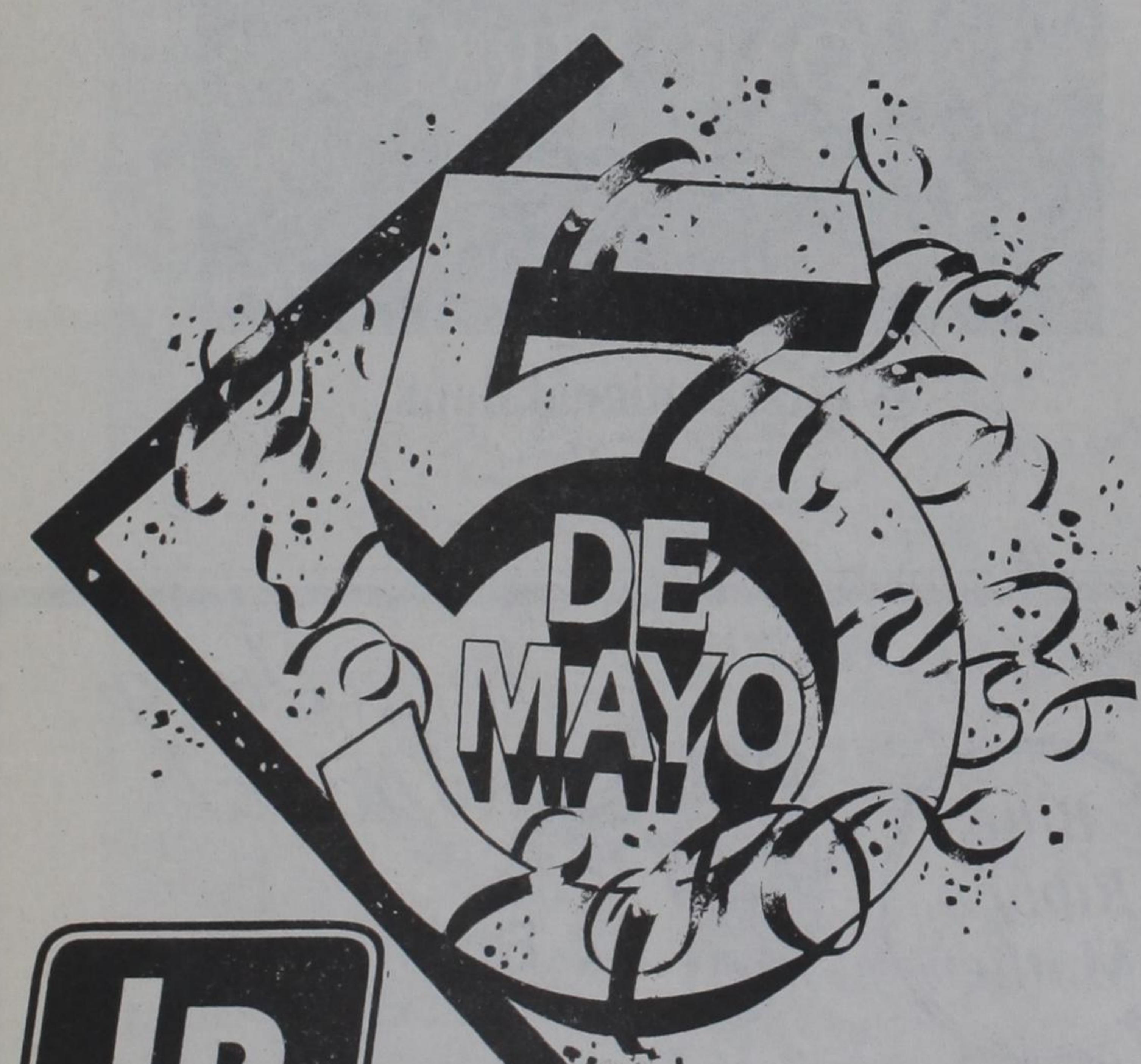
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Antes del frío amanecer del Cinco de Mayo de 1862, en las orillas del montañoso pueblo de

Puebla, al este de la Ciudad de México, 4,850 soldados mexicanos, casi todos adolescentes, revisaban sus rifles viejos, se secaban la frente, y le rezaban a la Virgen de Guadalupe. Ellos se enfrentaron con 6,000 franceses invasores y 2,000 reaccionarios mexicanos aliados a los franceses. Los jovencitos mexicanos tenían las desventajas de preparación militar, personal y fusiles.

A pesar de esas desventajas, catorce horas más tarde, una octava parte de los invasores franceses estaban muertos o heridos, y solamente habla 250 bajas en las tropas mexicanas guiadas por su joven general de treinta y dos años Ignacio Zaragoza. Así la conquista francesa en México tuvo que cesar.

Esa Batalla del Cinco de Mayo en Puebla, apenas si alcanza un lugar pequeño en la historia universal. Sin embargo, es conmemorada por 90 millones de mexicanos, 12 y medio de mexico-americanos, y millones de nuestros amigos y vecinos de los Estados Unidos.

¿Por qué celebramos tanto esa fecha? ¡No es el Día de la Independencia de México!

Después de estar 300 años bajo el mando de la corona española, México declaró y luchó por su independencia a partir de 1810. Después de esa fecha, vivió décadas caóticas bajo el poder de criollos, emperadores, y dictadores. Los criollos son aquellos que nacen en México de padres nacidos en España. Después de esas décadas, en 1846, el presidente Polk de los Estados Unidos mandó secretamente tropas estadounidenses a los territorios mexicanos en "conflictos", y se desató una guerra entre México y los Estados Unidos. La guerra resultó desastrosa para los criollos y para México, y el resultado fue la pérdida del enorme territorio llamado ahora California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah y Nuevo México. Los criollos también perdieron poder político, y mediante un sistema electoral, surgió el primer presidente indígena mexicano, Benito Juárez.

Los criollos no se dieron por vencidos y no queriendo perder el poder pidieron préstamos en Europa, compraron armas y empezaron una guerra civil. Poco tiempo después, México estaba en deuda con los países que ayudaron a financiar la guerra, pero no podía ni quería pagar. En 1862, los españoles, los ingleses y los franceses empezaron a llegar a México para cobrar esas deudas atrasadas.

Los británicos y españoles negociaron la deuda y se fueron, pero los franceses proclamándose "liberales y pacifistas", anunciaron que su bandera había venido a México para quedarse.

Los soldados americanos cruzaban abiertamente la frontera del Río Grande y con su experiencia en la guerra supervisaban los ataques que los mexicanos hacían a los franceses y a los reaccionarios mexicanos. Sheridan en una conspiración con Juárez, dejaba rifles, artillería y otras armas

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Miles de americanos se fueron a México; pocos con los franceses y muchos con Juárez. Algunos fueron por dinero, otros por la tierra y otros por la doctrina de Monroe, o por la libertad. Muchos fueron y pelearon, y para contrastar a los franceses, se formó el grupo americano de la American Legion of Honor y usaron sus propios oficiales y colores. El compromiso de Estados Unidos en México se aceleró con el asesinato de Lincoln y la derrota de la Confederación. El sucesor de Lincoln, el presidente Andrew Johnson, continuó la política de Lincoln y mandó tropas de 100,000 soldados y al general William Sheridan a la frontera de Texas para proteger los "intereses americanos".

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THE FIFTH OF MAY

Por Raul L. Contreras

A great deal of blood drenched Mexico's soil to uphold a political principle of the United States of America on the 5th of May, Cinco de Mayo, 1862, and none of it was American. It was mostly French, and it was the first defeat of the French Army in 50 years.

The victors? Mexicans armed with half-century old rifles; and, Mexicans armed with machetes. Mexicans who had thrown out their Spanish masters forty years before in a decade-long War of Independence.

The beneficiaries? Mexican self-determination; Latin American self-determination; and American pride, dignity and position in world affairs. When American Secretary of State James Monroe bravely proclaimed that European powers could not reimpose their monarchical or other systems on any country in the Americas, neither he nor the thirty-year-old United States could do anything to back up his "MONROE DOCTRINE".

Nevertheless, the Doctrine was respected by European powers until Communists took over Cuba in 1959, with one glaring exception, the 1862 French invasion of Mexico.

More beneficiaries? Abraham Lincoln and his struggle to keep the Union whole as the great Mexican victory prevented European royalty from flooding the American Civil War with munitions for the Confederacy. And, American soldiers who swiftly made their way to Mexico when the Confederacy had been defeated to join the Mexican Army; as well as every American who savors freedom today.

Freedom won, in part, by Mexican teenaged soldiers in the mountains 100 miles east of Mexico City 138 years ago on the 5th of May, Cinco de Mayo.

Cinco de Mayo does not celebrate Mexican Independence Day; it commemorates the Battle of Puebla between 6,000 French soldiers and 2,000 Mexican allies and 4,850 Mexican soldiers under the command of Texas-born General Ignacio Zaragoza.

Following the same route Spaniard Hernando Cortes took in 1519 from the Gulf of Mexico towards Mexico City and American General Winfield Scott took in the Mexican American War in 1848, French General Charles Ferdinand Latrille, Count of Lorencez, marched his soldiers into the Mexican mountains hoping to engage the Mexican soldiers of President Benito Juarez in one decisive battle. He did and he lost.

On the 4th of May, General Zaragoza ordered Colonel Porfirio Diaz, later Mexico's President and dictator for thirty years, to take his cavalry several miles away from the city of Puebla to be used as a battle reserve.

The Count divided his forces and sent one column to chase Diaz's cavalry and his main column to attack two forts guarding the city of Puebla. The evening of May 4th was used by both sides to prepare for battle.

Confessions were heard, letters written, rifles cleaned and prayers uttered by Mexican citizen-soldiers who knew the army they faced hadn't lost a battle since Waterloo, fifty years before. The French prepared for battle as only professionals can, for they knew they hadn't lost a battle since Waterloo and, brimming with professional confidence, they prepared to win.

The rains came. Heavy torrential rains. Then, before dawn, came the Indians, the Indians for whom there were no rifles, only machetes. They also brought their cattle with them, cattle they stampeded through the French troops causing the professional soldiers to scatter, giving Zaragoza time to reposition his cannon and troops.

The Mexicans waited. Dawn came. Onward came the French through the mud, to be slaughtered. Porfirio Diaz and his cavalry, probably some of the best cavalry in the world, attacked the French sent to hunt him down.

When the sun went down, that 5th of May, 1862, almost a thousand French were killed or wounded. Diaz was chasing French late into the night. The Indians scoured the Killing Fields and retrieved



BENITO JUAREZ

French rifles, then melted back into the hills. The Hills from which they would wage a guerilla war for the next five years.

With tails between their legs, the French retreated to the coast to await 30,000 More men; to wait for a year. They would return, and they would win the second battle of Puebla. They would chase Benito Juarez to within yards of the American Border. They would bring Prince Maximilian from Austria and crown him Emperor of Mexico. They would occupy most of Mexico.

They came, they told the world, to collect legal debts. The reality was, however, they came because the United States of America was busy dismembering itself and couldn't enforce its Monroe Doctrine. But when America defeated its domestic enemies it turned a jaundiced eye towards the French interlopers on its southern border.

Thousands of combat-veteran Americans, an-

swering Juarez' 1864 call for volunteers, rushed across the border to help the very army and country they had fought less than twenty years before in America's bloodiest war ever. Armed with weapons covertly supplied by the U.S. and protected by U.S. soldiers in Texas, Mexicans and their American volunteers took the offensive. It was now only a matter of time.

When the war ended in 1867, Juarez led his Army into Mexico City, an Army which included an American Legion of Honor. Though long and bloody, the war's end began on the 5th of May 1862 at the Battle of Puebla and continued through victory because, as one French General put it, "Bah! Every Mexican is a guerrillero, either he has been or he will be".

True, General. Every Mexican...every American...is a "guerrillero" for freedom. The 5th of May, like the 4th of July, is proof.

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Confederacy was effectively defeated at Gettysburg in 1863, thus preserving the Union. The United States, therefore, owes a incalculable debt of gratitude to the 4,850 Mexican soldiers at Puebla.

The French won the second Battle of Puebla in 1863 and then occupied Mexico City. But the year was lost. And Americans noticed Mexican victory on Cinco De Mayo and headed to Mexico to join the fight.

Taking advantage of American sympathies, Juarez's decree of Aug. 11, 1864, offered foreign volunteers regular Mexican army pay (10 pesos a month) and land, with no necessity of Mexican citizenship. Many Americans responded and went to Mexico -- a few to the French -- most to Juarez. The American Legion of Honor was formed by Americans with their own officers and colors.

U.S. involvement accelerated with the Confederate defeat and Lincoln's assassination. At the urging of Gen. U.S. Grant, new President Andrew Johnson sent Gen. Phillip Sheridan and 100,000 troops, including 25,000 "colored" to the Texas border "to protect American interests."

Dashing back and forth across the Rio Grande under the watchful eyes of battle-hardened American soldiers, Mexican guerrillas harassed French and reactionary troops. Openly, Sheridan "condemned" rifles, artillery and military supplies and ordered them left unguarded in wagons on the border.

Many Frenchmen died, killed with "condemned" American rifles and bullets. Many more died at the hands of mustered out American combat veterans who were allowed to buy their rifles and ammunition for \$6 at the explicit orders of Gen.

U.S. Grant. Prior to the assassination, Gen. Grant has told President Lincoln that he did not consider the Civil War completely terminated while the French remained in Mexico..

Side by side with Mexicans, Americans fought the French and earned the right to be-- and were -- present at the final defeat on the French puppet, Emperor Maximilian. In fact, Maximilian surrendered to the American unit's commander, Col. George Green. As a unit, they marched in Juarez's Mexico City victory parade on July 8, 1867. The long, bloody war was over.

Nineteenth-century Americans fought in the Mexican army against the French; to pay us back, 20th-century Mexicans walked across the border after Pearl Harbor to join in the fight against Japan and Germany.

Example: A couple of years ago, a prominent Mexican businessman died peacefully in his sleep in Tijuana. Among his effects, his son found a locked trunk in which was carefully packed a United States Army paratrooper uniform (101st Airborne) and several medals for bravery, including a Silver Star heroically earned in 1944's Battle of the Bulge, Hitler's final frenzy.

What was a Mexican teen-age volunteer doing in Belgium's Ardennes Forest, fighting in an American uniform in one of the most glorious battles in American history?

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The struggle for freedom by Americans and Mexicans knows no border, and that. Cheech Marin, is why we celebrate Cinco. Next time someone asks what a Cinco de Mayo parade is for, tell them.

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Un Rayito De Luz

Por Sra. Sofia Martinez

Ya no es la "Libertad Santa" de los hijos de Dios, la que esta triunfando, sino el lobertinaje de las malas costumbres, que ha llenado casi todos los rincones del mundo. El Papa Pio XII dijo: "El progreso de las gentes se debe a que la vida matrimonial y sus buenas costumbres sean conservadas obedeciendo los mandamientos de Dios." Pero, que pasara si no obedecemos la Ley de Dios?

Los cristianos somos muchos. Y los heroes y los santos, son muchos mas...Pero las costumbres estan...muy podridas...Y se van a podrir mas si, a caso, no nos ponemos a trabajar los que nos llamamos" buenos cristianos." Debemos de ponernos en contra de los que estan destruyendo. Y debemos de abrir de nuevo el camino al mando de Dios...Ya no es normas en las grandes ciudades, sino tambien en los pueblos, que no estan en el mapa, donde el aire puro iba a companado de santas costumbres, van contagiandose de podredumbre y de inmoralidad, y ese es un peligro muy

grande de nuestro tiempo. Muchos olores podridos se van desparramando muy rapido de la ciudad al campo, y de los llanos hasta las montanas, tambien para los campesinos, que "antes eran", y que muchos de ellos "todavia son" un gran ejemplo de fe y de exelentes costumbres...

Parece que se estan repitiendo los tiempos de Noc: Todos se ahogaron, porque no quisieron oir la voz de Dios, y se burlaban del castigo que Dios les prometia. Tambien ahora, Dios puede castigar asi a los que desprecian y pisotean y olvidan los Grandes Tesoros de la Gracia de Dios. (Genesis 6, 5-7).

Por todo el mundo, se oye un fuerte grito de rebeldia. No quieren oir la voz de Dios, y se burlan del castigo que Dios puede mandarles a los que se divorcian, cuando Dios ha unido para siempre, un hombre y una mujer, en el matrimonio cristiano. (Mat. 19, 3-9).

La mujer quiere tener los mismos derechos que el esposo. Los solteros quieren tener los derechos que, solamente, les pertenecen a los casados. Y los casados no quieren respetar la mujer del proximo, ni las casadas quieren respetar al esposo ajeno. Muchos preguntan: Porque tenemos que obedecer las leyes de la pureza y las leyes de la prudencia? Es que mucho creen que son ideas de los "antepasados"...Pero debemos de saber que es plirlos porque Dios nos ama y merece que le amemos. Los Mandamientos de Dios son siempre Nuevos y siempre buenos. (Exodo 20, 1-17).

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318 52ND ST	494-184892-721	3/1/0	\$19,000	*
204 54TH ST	494-172861-721	3/1/1CP	\$22,500	*/***
5013 60TH ST	494-128868-203	3/2/2	\$42,500	*
4711 64TH ST	494-136120-703	3/2/2	\$57,000	*/***
5730 64TH ST	494-149313-203	3/2/2	\$69,800	*
4906 66TH ST (A&B)	494-130010-203	4/2/2 DUPLEX	\$65,000	*/***
2130 71ST ST	494-136534-703	3/2/2	\$52,000	*/***
5512 78TH ST	494-173554-703	4/2-5/2	\$88,000	*
2827 91ST ST	494-164177-703	3/2/2	\$37,000	**
2323 92ND ST	494-149687-703	3/2/2	\$49,950	*
5641 AVE B	494-173219-703	2/1/0	\$20,000	*/***
6111 AVE G	494-162227-721	2/1/0	\$15,000	*/***
6111 AVE Q	494-118474-503	3/1/1	\$19,650	*/***
3320 HARVARD ST	494-166842-721	2/1/0	\$16,500	*/***
4615 KEMPER ST	494-159213-703	3/1-5/1	\$22,850	*
4622 KEMPER	494-176301-748	3/2/1	\$33,000	*
7703 VERNON	494-104184-203	3/2/2	\$45,000	*

BROWNFIELD

1004 N BALLARD	494-129132-203	4/2/0	\$26,000	*/***
703 E REPTO	494-121056-203	3/1/0	\$26,500	*/***

LEVELLAND

109 PAT	494-175469-721	3/1/1	\$21,000	*/***
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MULESHOE

213 W 11TH ST	494-140258-703	2/1/0	\$15,000	*/***
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SHALLOWATER

ROUTE 1	494-128658-503	3/2/1	\$44,000	*
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WOLFFORTH

837 W 9TH ST	494-121093-203	3/1/1	\$34,000	*/***
308 E 18TH ST	494-140157-748	3/1-5/1	\$37,000	*

LUBBOCK

1508 27TH ST	494-108580-203	2/3-4/1	\$18,500	*/***

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