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graduantes de parte de todos nostros que trabajamos aqui en El Editor! Mucho exito y En estos tiempos cuando recuerden que ustedes son el

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Threat of Illiteracy Cavazos: The

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Thomas Jefferson's lasting words did not address prison overcrowding, a depressed oil economy, revenue shortfalls or the other problems that Texas now consider the most pressing.

But Jefferson did address the But Jefferson did address the issue that is, in fact, the most pressing today in this state. If we don't address it, and soon, we could lose even democracy, our American birthright. Jefferson wrote, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a covernment without

have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate for a moment to prefer the latter." An equally important part of his statement often is omitted when it is quoted: "Every man should receive those napers man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them."

and be capable of reading them. Why was our third president so concerned about literacy? Because Jefferson and his contemporaries knew about tyranny firsthand. They had an extensive knowledge of mankind's wretched history of uneducated masses presided over by despots.

They saw that American's new experiment with democracy depended upon an educated making informed choices. Today in Texas, we are drifting toward, a future in which our

toward a future in which our electorate will be largely uneducated. Some will have completed the required number of years in the educational system, but too many will have dropped out as soon as possible and will have opted out of learning long before then.

Of all Texas students who enter Of all Texas students who enter high school today, about 33 percent drop out before graduation. There are dropout problems within every ethnic group. Think of the loss of human potential in these figures: 27 percent of all Anglos and 34 percent of all blacks drop out. But the really dismaying figure is that nearly 45 percent of all Hispanics drop out.

nearly 45 percent of all Hispanics drop out. This is dismaying because Hispanics have a heritage of educational and cultural achievement. The Spaniards established seven universities in America before Harvard opened its doors in 1636

America before Harvard opened its doors in 1636. Now only 7 percent of Hispanics in the United States complete college, and just 2 percent finish a professional or graduate degree. The fabric of

our society simply cannot hold together under the stress of a growing percentage of under-achievers flooding into the electorate.

achievers flooding into the electorate. The state is changing. This past fall, more minority children than majority children enrolled in the first grade in our largest Texas cities. Minorities in Texas will be the majority of students in our public schools by the year 2000. If we want the electorate to be educated, let's act now. Our strategies must be financial, educational, cultural and social. Hispanics, like other cultural groups, draw assets from their heritage that can be applied to this problem. One is the importance of the family. We cannot overlook Hispanic families that place a high value on

families that place a high value on education and can participate in

education and can participate in implementing solutions. Where families are in financial crisis, we must provide common-sense solutions such as work-study programs for students. Where families do not understand the educational system, counselors must work with paraetic to make them partners in parents to make them partners in their child's education.

their child's education. Time and again, Hispanic students tell researchers that the single most important factor in their education is at least one

caring adult. Educators, parents and the rest of us need to make sure we involve ourselves as caring adults.

adults. Only 39 percent of Texas school systems have a method of identifying dropouts. Only 12 percent have programs to prevent students from becoming dropouts. Certainly, state policy should require early identification of potential dropouts and retention programs beginning retention programs beginning before high school. Rather than impose one kind of

however, we must make information on successful programs available to all systems so that strategies can be adapted to local needs.

future leaders, contemplate the question raised by Jefferson nearly 200 years ago. What kind of leaders will uneducated citizens

Lauro F. Cavazos is president of Texas Tech University in Lubbock and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He chairs the Dropout Task Force for the Lubbock Independent School District.

The following is the first in a series of two articles on the condition of public education affecting the Hispanic community

Falling Dropout

Rate Endangered

by Bilingual Attacks

by Alan Boese

Early returns are too scattered to be conclusive, but cautiously optimistic school officials in Lubbock and its surrounding

bubbock and its surrounding small towns may sense a modest reversal in the historic and crippling trend of Hispanic and general dropouts from high school, an El Editor Education Special Survey indicates. But those same officials fear the Lubbock Independent School District's drive for "unitary" status and the state-wide push for English education perils the slow and painful gains the Hispanic community is scoring in her determination to achieve educational achievemet by its children.

children. Those Those officials specifically wonder if unitary status will not mean the end of the program they consider basic to continued Hispanic educational progress: bi-

Hispanic educational progress: bi-lingual education. In contrast, some officials in smaller school districts near Lubbock say that not only Hispanic, but general dropout rates are declining sharply. The Lubbock Independent School District will not have statistics about dropouts ready until sometime late in June. Still, like someone seeing the

Still, like someone seeing the approach of a threatening storm, some persons with personal and professional interest in Hispanic

education locally view the immediate future with anxiety. "If the school district is allowed to go unitary, bilingual education is dead," said Herman Garcia, director of the bilingual education program at Texas Tech

caused continuing high Hispanic dropout rates. Personal factors included high

Personal factors included high rates of absenteeism, a lack of initial success, repeated suspensions, low parental degrees of invovlement, teen-age pregnancy, and low self-esteem, often reinforced by failure at school in the primary years. The six system, or school factors, which Garcia said could be more complex, included a "severe lack of Hispanic role models, lack of proper support from the school administration, underserving students by inadequately funding or staffing programs like work study, lack of appropriate methods of meeting appropriate methods of meeting cultural and linguistic needs; low per-pupil expenditures, high pupil-teacher ratios, and overage

students. Garcia said students were underserved in Lubbock because LISD "programs are geared for the majority student. Overall, LISD's human and material resources for bilingual education are very limited."

Several points registered by Garcia were repeated, in separate interviews, with local school officials.

embattled director Ine embattica director of LISD's bilingual program, Mona Mojica, who confirmed rumors she is leaving her position at the end of the present academic year, admitted the bilingual program of LISD's had its faults and limitations.

But Mojica, laughing, said she "could not comment" on further rumors that indicated she was leaving because of a lack of support from school administra-

"I believe the program here (at LISD) works," Mojica said. "I also believe the problem is the need to educate parents, both majority and minority, who are not familiar with the program. And we've got to educate the public as a whole."

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Lubbock: Tahoka Highway and 128th Street, next door to Lubbock Speedway, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. June 2 - Last name beginning with A though H; June 3 - Last name beginning with 1 through Q; June 4 - Last name beginning with R through Z. Wolforth June 8 - Rosales Welding Shop, 2-5 p.m.; Shallowater June 9 - 4-H Building, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Slaton June 10 - Guadalupe Catholic Church, 2-5 p.m.; New Deal June 11 - Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Church, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Idalou June 11 - County Barn, 2-5 p.m.

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COMA the Lubbock Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will have their monthly luncheon Friday, May 29, 1987 at twelve noon at Montelongo's Restaurant - 3921 Colvis Road. The sponsor for this luncheon is Law Firm Wischkaemper & Martinez. Guest Speaker will be Ray Diekemper with the South Plains Food Bank. Persons attending the luncheon are asked to bring a can of food as a donation for the South Plains Food Bank

There is a Three dollar charge for non-members. The public is invited to attend

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Performances are scheduled for Sunday evenings beginning May 31 and continuing through July 19. All concerts will begin at 8:15 p.m. and will be held in Wagner Park, 28th and Flint. Concerts In The Park are free and the public is invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the outdoors and

evenings of musical entertainment.

to local needs. We must convince all young people that high achievement is possible. That they must not sell themselves short. That their lives can improve if they stay in school. If you believe that we can leave this program to be solved by tuture leaders, contemplate the

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Our Lady of Grace will be having their annual Jamaica June 7, 1987 at 3100 Erskine. The Jamaica committee and parishioners of Our Lady of Grace would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come out and enjoy themselves. will be lots of games, food, music, and a "volleyball tournament". Everything will start at 9:00 am, until the *Sun Goes Down*. Our raffle will be held during one of our remote controls. Prizes will be \$500.00-1st prize; \$100.00-2nd prize; and \$50.00 for 3rd & 4th place. Music will be provided by: Johnny G. y El Momento; Pete

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Citizens of minority descent origin and representatives of in minority organizations and of organizations having an interest in minority affairs are invited to attend a meeting at the Mae Simmons Community Center Meeting Room located at 23rd Simmons Community Center Meeting Room located at 23rd and Oak in Lubbock, on Wednesday, June 10, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. to participate in the election of individuals to the Board of Directors of the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) as representatives for minority residents of Lubbock Country

Aviso De Junta

Representativos de organizaciones minoritorias y organizaciones con interes en asuntos de minorias, estan invitados a atender la reunion en el Mae Simmons Community Center Meeting Room, 23rd & Oak, Lubbock, el Miercoles, 10 de Juno, 1987 a las 7:00 p.m. para participar en la eleccion de personas a la Mesa de Directores de South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) como represendantes de residentes of Governments (SPAG) como represendantes de residentes minorias en el candado de Lubbock.

For more information contact: Karen A. King, Director of Regional Services, South Plains Association of Governments, (806) 762-8721.

Garcia said the root proble with bilingual education in LISD was philosophical. Its administration is opposed to the very idea of bilingual education. They view bilingual education as un-American, because it doesn't fit traditional method of

schooling." The Tech educator, a sometimes outspoken foe of the Lubbock educational establish-ment, noted that bilingual education came to Lubbock under court mandate and could disappear with unitary status, which would legally eliminate the district's need to comply with specific directives of previous court orders.

"In Lubbock, it's a political issue, not an education issue. Local attitudes will kill the program every time," Garcia said. Garcia listed six personal and system factors which he said

Mojica said "We have a lot of

She added that she was leaving her position to take another job with LISD because of health

LISD's dropout statistics are not available yet, and the superintendent of administration said he could not make projections or comments until all the numbers were counted.

the numbers were counted. "We'll have the numbers of dropouts in a couple of weeks," said Jerrel Snodgrass, "and we'll also have the reasons why students dropped out." The most recent LISD dropout report, published in El Editor last lunga is complete only through

June, is complete onlyl through 1985

Week of May 29 thru June 3, 1987

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Elementary News



How to Care for Pets

Dr. Bullard, a Lubbock Veteranarian, discusses how to care for pets with second graders during Harwell's Science Fair. He also shared his Boa Constructor with these students.

Problem Solving Lesson

Dr Larry Hovey, a Texas Tech University professor in the department of Elementary Science, works with second graders in Mrs Catherine Rodriguez's class at Harwell. During the Science Fair he presented Problem Solving lessons to these youngsters.





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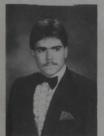
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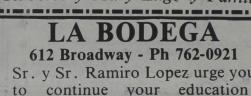
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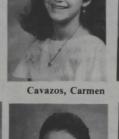
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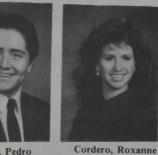
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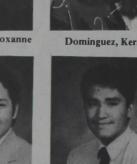
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Koyais. Other games and dates on Channel 34's Ranger schedule: June 5, Minnesota; June 19, Oakland; July 3, New York Yankees; July 7, Toronto; July 24, Cleveland; August 7, Baltimore; August 10, Milwaukee; August

14, Boston; August 27, Kansas City; August 28, Detroit; and September 3, Chicago White Sox

Channel 11, KCBD-TV, carries NBC's major-league baseball, but nearly every game features Los Angeles- or New York City-based teams, apparently for marketing reasons.

reasons. Local sponsors for the televised games on Channel 34 are Texas Schools, Inc, Blair Florsheim Shoes, and Paul's Parts. Nearly all Rangers games--home and away--are broadcast on radio by station KFYO-AM of Lubbock.

Jesse Pushing For Affirmative Action

Channel 34 Airs

The Rev. Jesse Jackson will meet Friday with professional sports officials and former name stars in Chicago to push for affirmative, action in sports management positions.

Former players include Henry Aaron, Oscar Robertson, Jose Cardenal, Richard Daniels and Tony Dungy. US Rep John Conyers, a Democrat from Michigan, also will attend.

Democrat from Michigan, also will attend. NBA Commissioner David Stern will not attend. NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle will not attend, but will be represented by Mel Blount, NFL director of player relations. Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is undecided.

Jackson, the leading Democrat-ic presidential candidate, says he will picket major league stadiums July 4 if an affirmative-action program to hire blacks, Hispanics and women in the front office isn't

"This is a conference to come together and share research so we know what the facts are," Jackson's press secretary, Frank Watkins, said. Lackcon bas hear publicly de

Jackson has been publicly de-manding that professional sports organizations hire blacks, Hispanics and women ahead of others ever since the Al Campanis flap on ABC-/TV's Nightline program early in April.

narrate a daily radio sports show for the Mutual Radio Network.

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our boys, at least those who died

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Sugar Ray at home with his wife, Juanita Sugar Ray Says He'll Quit Ring working for HBO television and

clinics

Sugar Ray Leonard announced Wednesday that he from the boxing ring. that he is retiring Again.

Agan. Leonard, the World Boxing Council middleweight champion since his upset of Marvin Hagler in April, also wore the welterweight and junior middleweight crowns during his brilliant 11-year professional career. career "I h

career. "I have peace of mind," Leonard told reporters. "I'm going to try to retire again. For me to perform, it takes a stimulus, and now there's none out there." Leonard said he plans to keep

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Glenn Davis of the Houston Astros receives congratulations from coach Denis Menke after hitting a homer against Pittsburgh Monday. Astros Still In **Orbit Despite**

Power Failure

WEDNESDAY--Two victories over Pittsburg in the Astrodome early this week reversed a five-game loss string and temporarily recharged the batteries of the previously backfiring Houston Astros. Before the victories Monday and Tuesday, the Astros had fost nine of their last eleven games and trailed surprising San francisco by four games. The loss string had dumped the Astros into fourth place in the competetive National League West. After launching a 6-0 start, the .500 Astros have won 16 and tost 22 since April 12. Houstons' major problems this year include a surprise. Everybody knew the Astros would not score a lot of runs. But most expected their starting pitching to carry them to victories in low scoring games.

Everybody knew the Astros would not score a lot of runs. But most expected their starting pitching to carry them to victories in low scoring games. Starters Jim Deshaies, Bob Knepper and Danny Darwin have been struggling. Each has an earned run average above 4.00. Starters Mike (Great) Scott and Nolan Ryan have kept the Astros in orbit. And so has the relief staff, led by stopper Dave Smith, who has recorded six saves and has yet to surrender an earned run in 12 appearances. The Astros are hitting, but not scoring, Billy Hatcher rates among the league leaders with a .329 batting average, Alan Ashby is batting .311, Craig Reynolds .298, and Ray Walling .295. After a slow start, slugging firt baseman Glenn Davis is beginning to hit home runs-his eighth Monday and his ninth Tuesday against Pittsburgh-and drive in runners. But the Astros continue to waste too many opportunities by leaving too many men on base. Their lack of speed prevents them from springing the kind of hit-and-run, base-stealing and bunting offense the air pressure and distant fences of the Astrodome dictate. Their total of 171 runs scored ties them with San Diego for last place in the entire league. Manager Hal Lanier must solve the Astros run-scoring problems, and get better starting pitching if Houston is to repeat as champions of the west in what looks like a race right up until the last day of the season, the first Sunday in October.

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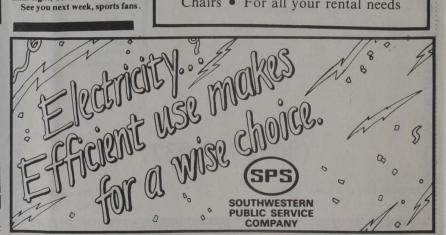
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n, always a threat on bases, steals home in a 1956 game Jackie and his legacy: last of three articles.

Don't Do This To Jackie's Legacy

by Alan Boese

April is the cruelest month. Al Campanis and Peter Ueberroth found that out several weeks ago when Campanis gave thoughtless answers to questions asked by television glamour boy Ted Koppel on questions asked ABC's Nightline.

"Why aren't there more blacks in managerial and executive positions in professional sports?", asked Koppel, in effect. "Because they lack the necessities," answered Campanis, in effect.

Even Koppel's Marx Brothers hair-do looked incredulous. Koppel asked Campanis to clarify his remarks. Campanis sure did

Al Campanis is a noble man and served the Dodger organization with distinction for more than 40 years. He was an excellent judge of talent and character, spoke fluent Spanish and was a friend to many Latin players. He was also the shortstop when Jackie broke in as a second baseman at Montreal in the International League in 1946.

Campanis clarified his remarks. As Koppel listened, Campanis also expanded his remarks, adding that blacks couldn't swim as well as whites because they "lacked buoyancy

So Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's careful if perhaps 10 year premature public-relations ploy to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Jackie's major league debut got knocked high and far into the bleechers of contemporary American culture

But in foul territory, not fair. As an immediate and hysterical reaction to the Koppel-Campanis dialogue, the media lept in with both feet and both faces. 'Ere long, liberals, feminists, and minorities across the country were pressuring professional sports organizations to clasp to their burly bosoms the favorite leftist domestic elixir of all "officienting across the favorite leftist domestic elixir of all, "affirmative action."

of al, "affirmative action. Stripped of its lawyer talk and social "science" smoke, affirmative action-especially in wake of recent Supreme Court decisions-simply means that blacks, Hispanics, native Americans, Fiji Islanders, Aleuts and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds go to the head of the line for jobs, regardless of their qualifications. To date the great liberal and feminist movements toward

To date, the great liberal and feminist movements toward affirmative action mercifully have been confined to essentially non-productive verbal trades like law, education and government

Sound and fury, especially a lot of sound, signifying nothing, but costing almost as much as the Penatgon's jillion dollar toys that do not or cannot fight back

So is affirmative action the way to pursue Jackie's legacy? Did Jackie Robinson need Gloria Steinham when he broke

into the National League and won the Rookie of the Year Honors in 1947? Did Jackie Robinson need Justice William Brennan when he won the Most Valuable Player Award and the National League

batting title in 1949? Did Jackie Robinson need government, lawyers, professors, media propagandists and feminists to lead Brooklyn to six pennants and its only world championship during his brief but brilliant 10-year career?

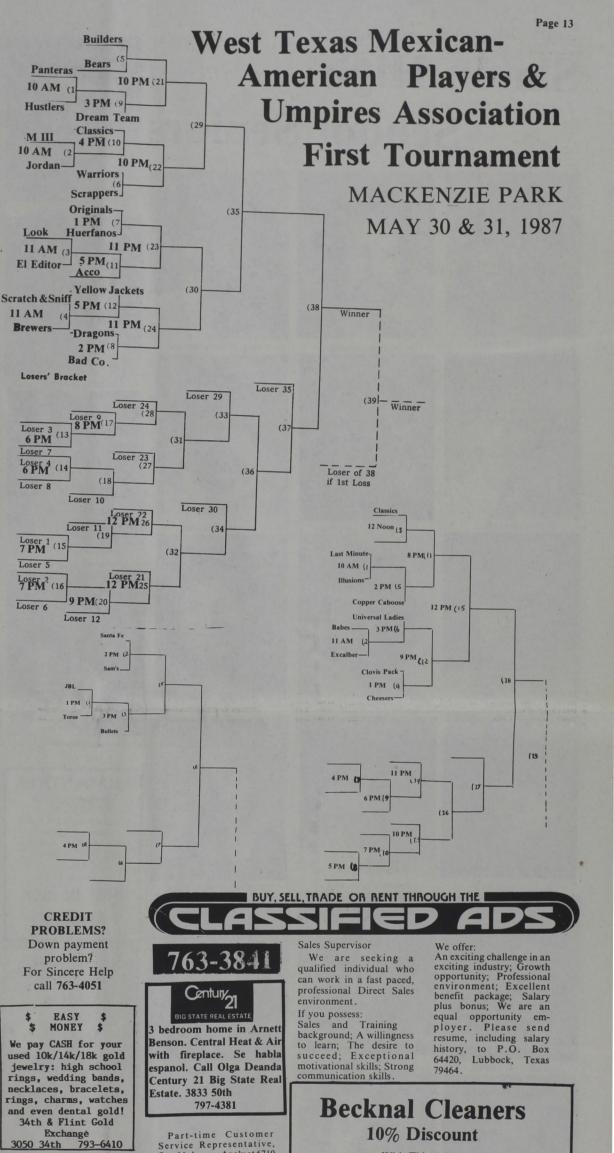
In an increasingly ugly and depressing American culture, where a growing underclass of know-nothings and care-lessers listen to rock and roll and watch television all day long and all night long, sports is one of the last islands of sanity, beauty and talent left

Jackie Robinson hit, ran and slid, caught and threw, and made it big. But he made it big because he had courage and determination and talent, not because of liberal and feminist

quackery. Jackie's baseball legacy is clear. Because he broke the color barrier in 1947, Henry Aaron was fre to break Babe Ruth's career home run record.

Because of what Jackie did, Lou Brock, Maury Wills, Ricky Henderson and Vince Coleman hve been free to run with the wind and break Ty Cobb's records for stolen bases. Because of Jackie Robinson, Americans have been free to

enjoy the achievement of the truly great black stars who followed the trail he blazed: Wille Mays, Bob Gibson, Billy Williams, Lary Doby, Ernie Banks, Monte Irvin, Willie McCovey, Willie Stargell, Juan Marichal, Roberto Clemente, Frank Robinson, Rod Carew, Reggie Jackson, Tony Oliva, Dave Parker, Roy Campanella. You name them. Who was left out? And they, like Jackie, made it on courage and detrmination



and talent, not crazy liberal and feminist charlatanery.

Robinso's larger, societal legacy is harder to evaluate. Probably his widow, Rachel, expressed the full meaning and

weight of Jackie's legacy best. Speaking at a banquet in New York this April, she asked herself aloud:"What is the legacy of Jackie Robinson?"

She paused.

Then she said, "Each us of will have a personal answer

"Participating in a major movement enhances one's belief and investment in social change. However the most optimistic among us must acknowledge how much remains to be done. "We must remain ever vigilant and active as new facets of

"Most importantly, we need to fight the forces of

retrenchment

"I believe there are unnumbered and qualified Jackie Robinsons (in many different fields) waiting to be discovered or lost forever.

Qualified, that's the answer

Qualified, like Jackie.

To those who saw him play, his memory will grow green for-To those who saw nim play, its includy will grow green lot-ever. The black skin, the early white hair, the pigeon-toed gait that lent his muscular body that odd, menacing weave. And the royal blue cap, the flowing blue script across the powerful torso that spelled out "Dodgers." The Brooklyn Dodgers, that was.



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