

# KNIGHTLIFE



Torrajon American High School

February 1986

## Chain Contest Over

By Fred Mc Coy

The eighth grade suprised the other classes by winning the first annual Yearbook chain link contest. The eighth grade bought 430 of the 10 cent links, that will be used to cover yearbook costs. The sophomore class was in close second place with 422 links. Seniors were way short with 296 links. The freshman and juniors were on the bottom with 293 and 211 links respectively.

The yearbook staff would like to thank all of the students and faculty that bought links to support the contest.

## Constitution Ratified

By Fred Mc Coy

Student Government has met its first semester goals already, by ratifying the new constitution on December 20th and by creating the Inter Club Council (ICC) to handle the problem of the calendar.

Under this new constitution the ICC will control all school activities. All meetings, fund raisers and dances must be approved through the ICC chairman, Scott Mooneyhan. This is to prevent overlapping of activities and to ensure each club a fair opportunity to conduct its activities. The ICC will meet once a month to set the calendar for that month.

Another calendar is being created in the student senate. This is a dance calendar that will identify a certain dance for each month of the school year. This will allow only one dance a month to be held on school grounds. Each class will get one or two dances a year.

Along with the calendar, a committee is meeting with Mr. Gaviola to make a set of rules and guidelines for all school dances. These rules must then be adopted by the student senate.

Student Government president Chip Nolan stated, "Student Government interested in any ideas for projects or activities. Please let your English class representatives know so that he can tell the Student Government."

## 8th Grade Happenings

By Bianca Sorola & Sharon Chrismer

The eighth grade has been busy these past two months. During December the eighth grade took third place in the Christmas hall decorating, and was judged the most original.

The first meeting for 1986 was held January 14. The representatives discussed the December Student Government meeting. They might plan a party for the eighth grade around St. Patrick's day.

The eighth grade class officers would like to thank all the students who bought chains and helped to decorate the halls.

## Senior Attractions

By Fred Mc Coy

The senior class has kept busy working on plans for the senior trip, senior skip day and graduation.

The senior trip committee handed out questionnaires on January 7 to all of the seniors. The majority of those questioned chose to go to Palma de Mallorca for eight days. The senior trip will begin on March 28, the day after classes will be let out for spring break. Mallorca was chosen over the Canary Islands and the Costa Brava as the location for the annual senior trip.

Senior skip day has not yet been determined but will probably be the traditional 86 days from the end of the school year. The senior class council has also been working with Mr. Foley to determine what the senior fee will be. This fee will cover the diploma, graduation, and the senior breakfast. The exact amount will be determined later this month.

The seniors have also kept busy winning the spirit key this year. They are the only class to win the key this year. They hope to retain possession of the key at the basketball pep rally and hope to prove their spirit in the chain contest that is being sponsored by the yearbook.

**RIGHT ANSWER CAN WIN A PRIZE**

by Todd Boucher

Ms. Kleuh, the librarian, has been holding contests in the library. Of course, since they are library contests, they will involve a little research. Many of her contests have to do with science or math. Ms. Kleuh stated that the response this year was much better than last year. Prizes mostly consist of books and posters. Next time you have a few minutes, go on over to the library and enter a contest. Who knows, you might just win!

**FRENCH STUDENTS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A TRIP TO PARIS**

by Becky Bloom and Janet Correll

There will be a school-sponsored trip to France from Thursday, Feb. 13, until Tuesday, Feb. 18. It will serve as an educational study trip, in which students will be able to use their French language skills, and view the French culture.

Eighteen students plan to go. They are: Mike Baltierra, Danny Barajas, Shannon Beane, Becky Bloom, Janet Correll, Michele Cortes, Marie-France Fletcher, Elena Foley, Javier Downey, Anthony Gaviola, David Lecon, Trey McCartt, Monica Rivas, Susanna Rojas, Sylvia Singleton, Juan Soler, Maria Soler, and Tricia Walker.

The students will be leaving from Charmartin station on Thursday evening and will arrive in Paris on Friday morning. The group will reside at the Hotel Bergere in the heart of Paris.

During their stay, the students will take excursions to such areas as Roven, famous for its impressive cathedral, and known as the place where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. They will also be visiting Fountainbleau, a summer palace for many French kings.

Of course, no trip to Paris could be complete without seeing the Eiffel Tower, Louvre, and Arc of Triumphe, which will constitute much of the day tours of Paris.

Ms. Dion and Ms. Kleuh will accompany the students on their journey to Paris.

**Timely T-Shirts**

By Sheri Saiter

There has been talk of the ninth grade raising money for class T-shirts. Among other activities discussed are bake sales, painting garbage, and a large mural.

If anyone has any ideas as to the design of the T-shirt or money-raising projects please, don't be afraid to speak up to one of your representatives.

**TJ Runners Conquer "Rambo Run", Beat Rota & Zab in CC Regionals**

By Dee Dee Correll

The TJ cross-country teams took first place in both the men's and women's divisions in the Spain regionals held on December 14, 1985.

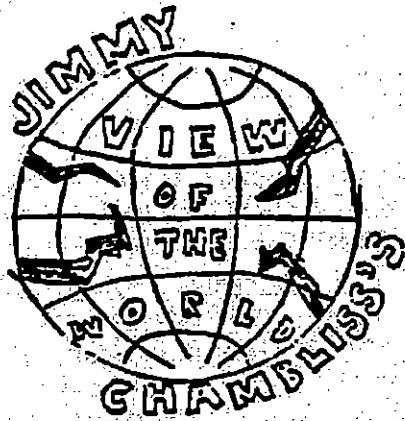
Shawn Brennan won the men's race, with Chris Moore in second place and Matt Rave in third. A Rota runner took fourth place, with Josh Barker close behind. Minutes after Barker crossed the finish line, he was taken to the hospital to be treated for exhaustion.

Jenny Walker of Rota won the women's race, outsprinting Martina Gutierrez to the finish. Christina Gahan took third place and Shawna Mills (Rota) placed fourth. Jennifer Miller took fifth place.

The course was new, and very tough. There were many obstacles, such as rocks, deep sand, grass, thorns, water and a steep, muddy hill. The course received its well deserved nickname, the "Rambo Run", when it was christened by the team.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

JAN 1: Eva Clinton	JAN 17: Pamela Chandler
JAN 2: Janita Mills Bruce Monack	JAN 18: Robert Klem Ben Zegarelli
JAN 4: Tricia Sganbelluri Jennifer Wright	JAN 19: Kristine Vanderman
JAN 5: Sammie Jiles	JAN 20: Sara Hatfield Angela Owens
JAN 6: Millie Clark Maria Mangicotti	JAN 21: David Poli Charles Thompson
JAN 7: Sherry Ayotte Chris Lafountain Ludwilla McCullough Joey Sganbelluri	JAN 22: Miguel Gahan Susan Simmons
JAN 10: Judith Converse Dana Edwards Sherri Erhardt Monica Francis Mike Hamilton Diana Knappenberger Karin Ludwig	JAN 24: Carol Ann Alanis
JAN 12: Eric Cheatham	JAN 25: Traci Elliot
JAN 13: Brian Mars	JAN 26: Seth Davis Rodger Harder John Hollyfield Anthony Owens
JAN 14: Jennifer Fuller Anthony Garcia	JAN 27: Jill Sherton
JAN 15: Ensy Crawford Latesa Harrington Arphalia Richardson Rey and Robert Vela	JAN 28: Bert Miranda
	JAN 30: Danita Morlund
	<b>FACULTY</b>
	JAN 4: Miss. Lubroth
	JAN 6: Mr. Paulin
	JAN 12: Dr. Tucker
	JAN 17: Mr. Thompson
	JAN 23: Mr. Friedman
	JAN 29: Mr. Gahan



**Adults: Riddle of the Teen**

By Jimmy Chambliss

One of the great mysteries of teenagers is why they are so loud, so rebellious and so weird? One possible answer could be found in another misunderstood group: Adults!

According to nature, teenagers are a cross between kids and adults. During the old days teens were treated like pre-schoolers and adults almost simultaneously. While teenage boys often became the 'man of the house' in the old west, the same guys, in the '50's west, would be lectured for the hundredth time 'bout the evils of women by 'seemingly Jewish' mothers. (That's a famous stereotyped person who worries, nags, and complains about anything and everything.) It's pretty much the same nowadays, if not increased because of such and such reasons.

Adults, in the view of teenagers, are a strange breed. They use what George Orwell called 'doublespeak'. It's when people say one thing and do the opposite. In English it's irony, but in adulthood it's normal. Some examples of this can be seen at our school. Many adult lounges are smoke filled while the student smoking area is discontinued. Some adults scream about our cussing while they swear like there'll be no tomorrow. Some adults don't, however.

Another thing some adults do to us is nag. They nag us 'cause of our laziness. They nag us 'cause of our involvement in fast women and faster beer. They nag at us 'cause of everything! Some naggings are good, like nagging about being involved in dope or crime, but most of it is a pain. Some adults won't walk five blocks without exposing some little weakness on a kid (like "You're a sloppy dresser.", "You're a bum.", "I had higher grades than you.", etc.) To an adult, exposing a kid's bad points would be like a 'sting' operation or a crusade. A kid exposing an adult's bad points, on the other hand, would be either phemy or the eighth deadliest sin.

According to the Ten Commandments, the most broken set of rules ever thought of, we are supposed to "honor thy mother and thy father." The loophole in this is that thy father and thy mother ain't "honoring thyself."

Being a teenager, I haven't been excluded from the trials and tribulations of everyday life, so I speak from experience. It's my view that before an adult starts poking at a teen's bad points, he should think of his own little habits. Adults are the supposed teachers of us young people and when they find out how closely related their bad (or good) manners are to ours, they'll change themselves. This saying sums it up: "People grow old. They never grow up." That means no matter how old someone is they always have their little childlike habits.

This is Jimmy Chambliss for View of the World now going to the library to find a book on raising adults.

P.S. Send all cards, letters, complaints, requests, letter bombs, and other goodies to me or the KL box. No physical violence or offensive actions please.

P.P.S. Anyone who wants me on the radio (this is just a personal poll), please include your answer on your letters.

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## School Transcripts ARE Important

Last week I went into the career center to take a look at my transcript. Since I am a senior and have applied to many colleges, my record on the transcript is very important. I looked at my transcript and a lot of it was incorrect. The grades were correct, but the course names had been shortened and did not reflect Honors course that I had taken.

Now that deadlines have already passed for most of the schools that I have applied to I am in trouble. The school has promised to send a corrected copy of my transcript to the schools that I have already applied to. Hopefully they will arrive in time to be considered with the rest of my application.

I am very mad at the school and at myself for doing this. My chances at some colleges may have been severely hurt. So, I am recommending that anyone who is about to have transcripts sent, this year or next, should make sure you take a look at them to make sure that they are extremely accurate. Juniors should be especially aware of how their records are. Make sure that all courses are listed properly, grades are recorded correctly and all scores or other information on the form is correct. Those of you that have recently transferred into THS should also check on your records to make sure that everything is correct.

Don't get into trouble by not looking at your records. You have the right to see your records before they are sent, exercise your rights.

## 1986 Predictions (sort of)

By Jimmy Chambliss

For a nice change of pace (and maybe image) your lovable opinion columnist now unveils his exclusive (and by far inconclusive) predictions for 1986, as seen through a \$19.99 crystal ball. (I had misread the instructions to this, so these visions might not come true.)

Shannon Beane will win a beauty contest that will be held here...as soon as the Student Government finds out if wet T-shirts should be allowed.

Ms. Dion's French classes will get mixed up during their annual trip to Paris. They'll end up in darkest Africa, where Ms. Dion herself will be

kidnapped by some headhunters. She will be returned unharmed, but will start acting weird by barking at Pintos and chasing French poodles up trees.

Don Dunkle will be given the Medal of Honor for shooting ten Russian tanks with a squirt gun filled with nitroglycerin.

The entire Cheerleading squad will be quarantined for an indefinite period for an incurable illness... terminal amnesia. (They keep cheering for the wrong team.)

Knightlife will be purchased by Playboy who will change KL's name to Playlife and turn it into a magazine of the rich and famous.

Mr. Gaviola will receive the Nobel Peace Prize for calmly controlling the school when a Sherman tank collides into the gym.

Jimmy Chambliss will receive every national and international writing award for one of his "View of the World" articles. (The name of the article is unknown at this time due to technical difficulties with the crystal ball.)

Danny Sanchez will be picked "draft first choice" by the NFL, only to find out the USFL had their eye on him, and to soon learn that the CFL wants him, when they finally learn that he plays soccer.

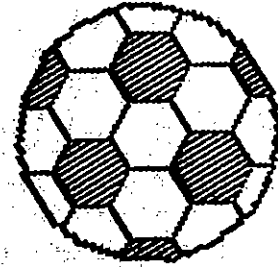
The ROTC unit will be sent to Central America to "tidy things up." The UN will find out that they'd been "tidying up" all the trouble makers in Central America.

And finally, at the end of the school year the entire student body will hold the largest, loudest and wildest party ever. Included in the party will be the rock groups Quiet Riot, Scorpions, Ratt, DEVO, ZZ-Topp, and Van Halen. Guest appearances by Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Paul McCartney, Ronald Reagan, Princess Diana, Prince, Prince Charles, the Spanish Royal Family, Arnold Schwarzenegger in his "Terminator" clothes, Rambo, Chevy Chase, Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy, the Chipmunks, the A-Team, the Smurfs, the entire casts of "Sixteen Candles", "Bachelor Party" and "Animal House", Bill Murray, and George Burns, among others, chicks, guns, fire trucks, tanks, and plenty of beer. The rate of arrests will be very high.

Thus ends the predictions for 1986. Remember, these predictions may not come true, but who knows?

1986 - A Preview

By Fred Mc Coy



**NO LUCK FOR  
SOCCER CLUB!**

by Javier De Jesus

In 1986 America's favorite cutie, Mary Lou Retton, will be arrested for drunk driving in her new Corvette in front of a McDonald's. Because of her brush with the law she will not get any more endorsements and will have to get a real job.

America, under Ronald Reagan and Casper Weinberger, will stick its nose into every other country's business. Terrorism against Americans will increase. In retaliation, Weinberger will push the button and make Libya a seething hole in the middle of Africa.

In 1986 America's most humble businessman, Lee Iacocca, will be thrown in jail with Bill the Cat for taking kickbacks from Mikhail Gorbachev in return for a fleet of Chryslers, mostly sports cars to satisfy Gorbachev's needs.

In 1986 Mikhail Gorbachev will have his head buffed and polished to remove the imprint of the Phillipine islands on his head.

In 1986 Bloom County character Steve Dallas will marry an Asian mail-order bride and will contract AIDS. He will die and his nose will be donated to Opus for transplanting. In Doonesbury, Zonker Harris will spend his entire \$23 million and will end up sleeping on the streets of Washington D.C.

Rock singer Bruce Springsteen will have his day in court when he is accused by fourteen different people of plagiarizing the song "Born in the U.S.A."

Apartheid will not be abolished and Pee Wee Herman will be elected president in South Africa so that another bozo can run the government.

Prince will come out of the closet and tell everyone that he IS normal. He will then begin an aggressive weightlifting campaign.

Michael Jackson will find his other glove.

Cyndi Lauper will shave her head and join the Marines.

T.V. shows will be cut shorter to make room for the commercials, which are already better than the shows.

And finally, none of this year's senior class at Torrejon High School will graduate because of a graduation requirement that someone forgot about.

THS Intramural Soccer team lost the 2nd Annual Falcon tournament in December. Twice the team lost against the Hospital Squadron in the finals. But to get there, THS had to play the following games:

On Dec. 6, THS beat CE squadron, 2 to 0 in the quarter-finals. THS goals were scored by David Lecon and Matt Glaysher.

In the semi-finals, on Dec. 9, THS got revenge on 625th (625th was the only team in the regular season to defeat THS). THS won 2 to 1. Alan English and Mike Okon scored for the school.

In the finals, on Dec. 11, Hospital tied with THS, 2 to 2, necessitating a shoot-out. HOSP won 4-2 in the shoot-out. THS scorers this game were Mike Okon and Alan English. Alan and David Lecon made their shots in the shoot-out.

Because THS had not lost a game in the tournament, HOSP and THS played another game on Dec. 13 to determine who was the tournament champ. This game seemed like an instant replay of the game two days before it. Again, Hospital tied THS, 2 to 2, and had to go to the shoot-out, where Hospital won 3-1. In the game, David Lecon got THS ahead first with a nice goal in the first half, then Hospital tied. Halfway through the second half Matt Glaysher scored for THS. From there, THS tried to hang on to their 2-1 lead, but close to the end of the game, Hospital tied again, making the score, 2 to 2. This is how it went in the shoot-out in order!

THS(David Lecon)-goal, 0-1

Hospital-goal, 1-1

THS(Tom Foley)-miss, 1-1

Hospital-miss, 1-1

THS(Mike Okon)-miss, 1-1

Hospital-goal, 2-1

THS(Willie Burks)-miss, 2-1

Hospital-goal, 3-1

# ONE DAY AT THE MUSEUM

MATT RAVE '86

