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Guest Column by Bullard High School Newspaper Journalists

**Pigs in the classroom**

By REGAN du PREEZ



When I walk into my 6<sup>th</sup> period class, I don't get out my textbook and paper. Instead, I pull my hair back, take off my jewelry, and pull on latex gloves, as if I'm preparing for surgery. This may not seem like normal classroom procedure, but it is for Anatomy and Physiology. For six weeks, we came to class ready to dissect a fetal pig. We hacked and poked at the pig. We studied every muscle, organ, and bone, storing information about placement and function in our brains for use on the next test.

When we first separated into groups of two or three and received our pigs, our task was rather disconcerting and hard to stomach. The baby-sized domestic pig looked a little too real for my tastes. It had hair, nails, and eyelashes. The stench of the formaldehyde was overwhelming and disturbing. Even after several hand washings, you could not get the smell of latex off your hands. Even so, we tried to make the best of the situation. Attempting to have some fun, my partner and I affectionately named it Antoinette (a.k.a Netty). So you can imagine my despair when we had to begin actually slicing open our somewhat less than lively pet.

As time passed, I became accustomed to the idea of using the tiny pig as a scientific source. I had to detach myself from the emotional aspect, and look at it from a dispassionate view. Then I was able to dissect the mammal and learn from its structure. Interestingly, every pig was different in some way. Most contained the same organs and muscles. However, they were different shades of color and different sizes. A few had deformities, and one seemed to be missing a couple organs. That diversity is something you certainly won't find in a model or book. That is real life and shows the slight peculiarities all living things have.

Although the gruesome assignment might seem barbaric or unnecessary, it was truly worthwhile. Anatomy and physiology is a class that will prepare a student for what they would face in the medical field. Particularly, the dissection of the fetal pig readies them for college classes required for any medical job. The unique educational experience will provide students with a foundation of knowledge they can build on for years to come. On a grander scale, it was awe inspiring to see how seamlessly all the gooey organ systems work together to form a living thing. That same amazing functionality is marvelously depicted in humans. I will no longer think of a pig as simple, sloppy, or just my breakfast. Who would have thought that a common pig would be composed of so many complexities and a wide range of diversity?

## Thank You

**Coverage**

Thank you to the staff of the Bullard News for carrying detailed articles on the Brook Hill sports. We are an alumni family that now lives in Tennessee and really enjoy being able to log on and read the latest happenings

in Brook Hill sports. With the football team advancing as they are, we are anxious for any news from the home front.

Thanks for keeping us up to date!

The Wangner Family,  
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## AARP classes set in December

An AARP Driver Safety Class is scheduled for 1-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, in Tyler.

There will be another class from 1-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, also in Tyler. The refresher course is designed for people over 50, but anyone with a valid Texas driver's license may attend. AARP membership is not required, however there is a reduction in the fee if you are an AARP member. The course

covers such topics as effects of aging and medications on driving skills, driving rules and crash prevention.

The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Those who complete the course may be eligible for a reduction in their automobile insurance. To register for the Dec. 7 course, call (903) 752-0240 and for the Dec. 14 course, call (903) 859-2436.



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**Friday Dec. 4**  
Beef mac casserole  
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Banana

**Monday Dec.7**  
Chicken tenders  
Corn  
Green beans  
Wheat bread  
Mixed fruit cup

**Tuesday Dec. 8**  
King Ranch chicken  
Broccoli  
Wheat bread  
Orange

**Brook Hill history class —**



(Photo Courtesy of Linda Seronello)

The 12<sup>th</sup>-grade United States History class from The Brook Hill School recently traveled to Mississippi as a part of their studies of the Civil War. Each year, students in Steve Dement's class visit the locations of the Texas' troops on the Vicksburg battlefield, then the group travels to Natchez where they enjoy dinner at Monmouth Plantation. The tour concludes with a visit to Frogmore Plantation, a working cotton plantation since the early 1800s.

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