



Smoke pours from the fire that destroyed the Eagle Market as firefighters try to contain the blaze.

Texas Historical To Tell Untold Texas Tales

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is committed to saving the unknown stories of Texas' past. This dedication resulted in the adoption of criteria to award approved candidates with Marker Application Funds collected since fall 2006. For each new and replacement historical marker, a \$100 application fee will fund an account to offer financial incentives for special or priority markers to address historical gaps, promote

diversity of topics and proactively document significant under told or untold stories important to Texas' history. A sampling of the most recent group of marker topics that were approved include Mabel Welch, the first woman architect and first woman builder in El Paso, and Hernandez v. State of Texas, a U.S. Supreme Court case centering on civil rights for Mexican Americans. The THC will accept applications for future underrepresented

topics from May 1 to June 15. THC staff will review submitted topics and make recommendations to THC commissioners, who will approve nominations at its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting in July. Criteria will include diversity of topic, endangerment, significance and historical or architectural integrity. To nominate a topic for Marker Application Funds consideration visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the THC's History Programs Division at (512) 463-5853.

Danklefs In Haiti

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not having, but here the children were begging for it, thirsting for it and in many third world countries dying because of a lack of it." There was also an opportunity to visit with the residents of Gran Savan. "We were also able to walk tent-to-tent and share a message of hope to the Haitians in the midst of their devastation. I feel like the media has shown a lot of the negative aspect of what is happening in Haiti, but while walking through this village the only thing I saw was their hospitality," she said. Even in the midst of the people's loss, Danklefs was welcomed into their make-shift tent homes. "They had nothing. They lived in tents, yet all of them were welcoming and invited us to talk with them," she said. "Some of them even offered us their chairs to sit in if they had any. The people in Haiti were also very selfless." Danklefs made friends, too and recalls one special story. "A young boy that I befriended during the week gave me his necklace, I'm sure that it was his only one, yet he still wanted to share it with me. He said so that I will remember Haiti and remember him." During their stay, Danklefs' team toured two orphanages. The first, the House of Hope in Gressier, which was damaged by the quake. "Many of the children are there as a result of the earthquake. Still here we were greeted with so much joy. Haitians have the most beautiful smiles and they could be seen on all of these children's faces," she said. Interpreters enabled the Texas group to communicate with the children and hear their stories. Their time there included a singing session between the two groups. "The children sang a song, then our group sang, then the kids

did again, then us, then them. It was precious," she said. "After that we had the opportunity to love on the children there." The second place the group visited was Lifeline Christian Mission Orphanage in Carrefour. "This orphanage was so blessed to not have any damage. They had opened up the orphanage for families who needed a place to stay with their tents," she said. It was here where Danklefs made her most memorable visit. "I was playing outside with a young girl and boy, when a girl about 13 came and grab my hand and led me into a dark room packed with girls. Before I knew what was happening they had pulled out my ponytail, taken off my cap and sunglasses, then they began to brush my hair," she said. As she looked around, she realized there were three other girls from her group having their hair groomed. "The room then turned into a dance party with the girls from the orphanage dancing and singing the popular song 'Halo' by Beyonce. In that moment, I knew there were a few things that transcend all cultural boundaries, things such as love and laughter." While her stay was brief, Danklefs felt connected to these people and plans to return. "There is no way that I will ever forget Haiti, and there is no way that I could not return," she said. "When I went to Haiti I not only saw such a desperate need, but I fell in love, in love with a place so broken yet so full of joy, in love with a culture that reminded me of simpler days long ago. Haiti has my heart, and I will be returning to Haiti to serve again at the JoyHouse this summer."

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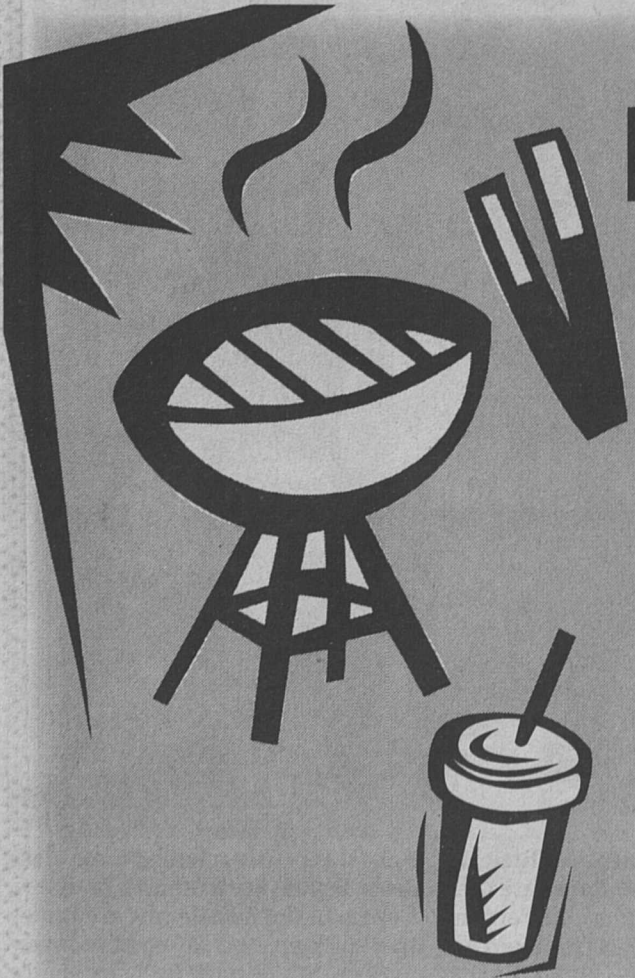
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