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Dear Pete:

I was very pleased to receive the card you sent me, specially the historical part about the Snowy Mountains. I was looking through the Roster of Battery "A", and there are numerous names that I really don't remember. However, I do remember some of the names very well. I specially remember you, Gunvalson, Kingery, Luzzie, Meilcarek, Pina, Sciullo, Underwood, Klein, Mihalko, Mixon, Sot, Sutphen, Thompson, Vance and Young.

I also remember those listed as either deceased or no contact, such as: Bartley, Beaumont, Brummerhop, Callahan, Caprio, Charlton, Conely, Cochran, Cunningham, Donateli and Forbes.

I recall that Caprio was the one that kept the changes in the fire orders for the Howitzers when we were firing them. I also remember Charlton who was a rather elderly gentleman, as well as Cochran. They were both much older than the rest of us. I remember Conely as being one of our top drivers of the prime movers, and I will never forget in Tennessee maneuvers when his truck and gun almost slid into a river and he had to stop the truck and gun and tie it into a tree until the next day. I recall Cunningham as being the heavy-weight champion boxer of Michigan. Donatelli, Brumerhop and Sciullo were, as I recall, all in the Instrument Section with Sgt. Zona. My recollection of Forbes is that he was the Lt. Executive Officer and in charge of the firing battery for a short time. I seem to recall that Callahan was always talking about Scully Square in Boston, and I see that he evidently settled in Michigan. Of course, we both know and remember Ed Young very well. I also recall Sgt. Sot as being a little older than the rest of us, and he used to always brighten up the crowd and give people something to laugh about. My recollection of Sutphen is that he was a lieutenant in the battery for a while. We all remember Sgt. Vance, the Supply Sgt. I also recall Sgt. Mixon, in charge of motors, and Sgt. Mihalo who succeeded Sgt. Salmon as mess sergeant after Sgt. Salmon got himself in trouble. My recollection to Thompson is that he was a corporal from Carolina, and he was sort of an assistant to Sgt. Barbera, the articifer. I also recall Hugh Kinnery, and Gunvulson. I don't remember what department of the battery they were in. We all recall Capt. Luzzie, and I really did think the world of him.

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I feel very bad that I was not able to attend the reunion in Columbia. However, the last time I was in that general neighborhood in 1984 I went to Tank Hill and I found the fire station and the tank, but I could not find the PX, the day rooms or any of the barracks, day rooms, mess halls, orderly rooms of the battery or any of the 590 Field Artillery Battalion buildings. Everything was gone, but perhaps two barrack buildings. It kind of shook me up, and I could not wait to get out of there. It made me feel so bad! I can still remember walking up that narrow street from the fire station and seeing the church, the day room and the PX on the right side, and all the battery buildings on the left side with the mess halls being first in line.

Your memory of so many different things and so many different matters from those days really astound me, Pete. I love to read your recollections, because that is the only way it comes back to me, because I have forgotten 90% of those days. However, there are a lot of very fun memories that I do think of, and the thoughts are very pleasant.

Enclosed you will find a letter to the editor that appeared in the Miami Herald, and I thought you would probably be interested in seeing it. The party that wrote it is listed as a member of the Division Association in the Roster.

I trust that you and your wife are enjoying good health, and that you will both have a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,



A. J. PERENO

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Enclosure

P.S. Please correct my address. It appears as 1640, when it should be 16401.

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down of family values.

Curfews are not the answer! Effective parenting, making children understand the meaning of responsibility and the righteousness of helping others can be the difference in making our city a better, cleaner, more wholesome place to raise our children.

Which brings me to my point: My daughter Dara, age 8, seems to be the social conscience of our family, often chiding me if I leave lights on or water running. But Dara has, from a young age, expressed a desire to help those less fortunate than herself.

On Christmas Day, Dara and I went to the Salvation Army lodge to help feed Christmas dinners to the homeless. As Jews, we feel a special need to reach out to others who are less fortunate, regardless of race, creed, or religion, in making not just the holiday but their life better and more satisfying.



Dara Bramson

I invite other parents and children to embrace what Judaism calls *tzedakah* — and let's start doing the right thing for ourselves and our posterity.

BENNETT A. BRAMSON  
North Miami

South Miami Elementary School with the majority of my students traveling to my school from inner-city schools. Many of my students continue with their string studies at South Miami Middle School and eventually the New World School for the Arts.

TINDER KURTZ BURRIS

The Miami Herald, Tuesday,  
December 28, 1993

### Remember the Bulge

Once again Dec. 16, 1944, has been forgotten just as though it never was! I was a member of the famed 106th Infantry Division that thwarted the final attempt by Hitler's Nazis in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium on that date.

The heroism in fighting against the Germans' sudden attack meant that we in the United States have freedom unknown to the rest of the world. (My part was minor compared to others.) It is time for recognition of these gallant warriors who did so very much during those dark nights and cold days long ago.

LEONARD KERNITZKY  
Miami

### 'Gracious' bank offer became a charge

My husband and I recently made the final payment to Barnett Bank of South Florida on an auto loan. We were contacted the other night at 9 p.m. and advised that we had a balance of \$83 that had to be paid before we could receive the title to our van.

I was told that the \$83 was for "late charges." Our payments had never been late, so I questioned the caller further. He said that in September 1992 Barnett gave all customers a 30-day extension due to Hurricane Andrew. In return, Barnett charged all accounts a late fee and added interest for the 30 days the loan was extended.

I explained that I had never received an offer, nor did I use the extension. After researching our

records, the caller advised me that the \$83 charge would be dropped and that we would receive our title soon.

A year or so from now, most customers won't remember what happened in September 1992 and will probably just pay the extra charges so they can get their title. Don't pay unless you really owe them.

NANCY HOLZSCHUHER  
Miami

### New service is free

Re Gerard A. Hoepfner's Dec. 21 letter, *Eckerd helps FPL clients*: I would like to inform him of Southern Bell's closing of many offices that had been accepting payment over the counter. Southern Bell now has an arrangement with Sears enabling customers to pay their bills at any Sears store. Eckerd's utility-payment service costs 35 cents while the same service for paying a Southern Bell bill at Sears is free!

SAMUEL BLAIR  
Boca Raton

### Better than benefits

In your Dec. 17 article on the troubles of the disabled in getting Social Security benefits, the author wrote, "Congress gave the Social Security Administration an extra \$320 million to deal with the disability crisis in the current fiscal year, enough money to hire about 2,000 new workers." That comes to about \$160,000 a piece. Where do you apply for their jobs?

BILL LUNSFORD  
Miami

### Ordinance won't work

The proposed ordinance on trade persons now pending before the Metro Commission will lower the already low standards for journeyman craftsmen in construction.

Commissioners should be strengthening the code and craftsmanship, not lowering the code. They should be

### Change busing rules

Re the Herald's Dec. 10 article by Lori Theresa Yearwood, *A perilous path to class*:

It is crazy that only children who live more than two miles away from their school are eligible to take the bus. For small children there should be only a block limit before they are eligible for the bus. Even six blocks is too far. Anytime a small child is injured in any way it is an unnecessary tragedy. And the Dade County School Board should be held responsible.

My 6-year-old nephew was killed last April walking home from school, and his brothers and sisters saw it happen. We must change the rule for eligibility for bus transportation. The hazards for these children are so much greater these days than they were in the '50s and '60s. We must do something about this, for the kids' sake!

PAULA HINMAN  
Homestead

### Another tyranny

If one assumes that Irving Shtetman is correct in his Dec. 21 letter that Adolf Hitler lied about his "National Socialist Workers Party" and that Vladimir Zhirinovskiy is lying about his "Liberal Democratic Party," logical people would assume that Socialist Workers and Liberal Democrats are positive. Throughout history facts do not bear this out.

Adolf Hitler and Mr. Zhirinovskiy were not lying. Liberal Democratic and Socialist have come to mean the same thing, and only a handful of journalists and professors still embrace the

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