

Justice Rules on County Redistricting State Decision due Tuesday

The U.S. Justice Department this week was reviewing plans for redistricting submitted for clearance for Lubbock County.

Justice Department officials today gave clearance to the plan submitted for the redistricting of Lubbock County commissioner's districts.

A decision from the Justice Department on the State Representative plan for Lubbock is expected by early next week.

The County plan was submitted for clearance by the County Commissioners with only Commissioner Eliseo Solis objecting to the plan which placed 67% of the Lubbock minority population in his precinct (3).

Solis charged in his objection that the plan would pack minorities into one district thereby eliminating the possibility of another minority being elected or having influence in who was elected in precinct 2.

The plan put voting boxes 19, 20 and 26 into precinct 3 taking them out of precinct 2. Voting box 19 and 26 are composed of a mixture of blacks, chicanos and anglos. Voting box 20 was predominantly

black.

Minority population in precinct 2 is now less than 20%.

"Under the plan that was suggested but turned down by the other commissioners, we could have had an impact precinct where minorities would have had at least a major influence in who was elected as commissioner," said Solis. "Now our (minorities') impact will be minimal."

Solis told El Editor that although appealing the adopted plan to the courts was an alternative, he was satisfied with the plan. "Since the beginning my stance was that either plan was acceptable although I preferred one of the plans that was rejected," stated Solis.

Solis also told El Editor today that the Justice Department would issue a decision on the State Representative plans submitted by November 12.

"I was contacted early in the week about the State Representative plan and was told that a decision as to objecting to the State plan would be forthcoming," said Solis.

Bidal Aguero, who is a candidate for the State Representa-

tive seat in District 83 said that he was also contacted by the Justice Department about the plan that was submitted by the Texas House of Representatives.

"I voiced the opinion which I have continually expressed; that District 83 has been gerrymandered to prevent the election of a minority in District 83."

Aguero has continually said and testified during redistricting hearing in Austin, that three voting boxes -- 11, 32 and 55 have to be out of District 83.

In a letter written to the Justice Department, Aguero pointed out that these boxes had continually voted against ethnic minorities regardless of political affiliation.

According to Aguero, 54% of the voters in box 11 had voted for the democratic (anglo) governor yet only 22% voted for him. In box 32, 51% voted for the governor and 27% voted for him. In box 55, only 14% voted for him, while 48% voted for the governor.

A comparison between a democrat minority nominee in 1990 and the democrat anglo nominee in the 1988 showed

that an average of 53% voted for the anglo in 1988 but did not vote for the minority candidate two years later.

In 1988 box 11 39% of the voters voted for the anglo democratic candidate for District 83. Two years later only 22% voted for the minority. In box 55 the figures show 32% to 14% - anglo/minority. In box 32 the figures show 48% to 27%, anglo/minority.

"These figures and statistics most definitely show the gross discrimination against the election of minority candidates for State Representative District 83. We would pray that you work with us in changing the proposed plan and working to fully realize the rights afforded to us and guaranteed to us under the Constitution of the United States," Aguero wrote in his letter.

Both Aguero and Solis stressed that persons wanting to object to the State plan should write to the Justice Department care of Gaye Hume or fax their letters to (202) 307-3961.

Lea El Editor

News Briefs

8.6 Million Americans Unemployed

AP reports that the nation's unemployment rate rose to 6.8% in October, adding another 140,000 to the 1.7 million Americans who have lost their jobs since the recession began last year. It also brings the total number of unemployed Americans to 8.6 million.

October's 0.1% rise in the joblessness marked the first increase since June, when it hit a five-year high of 7%, the Labor Department reported.

Meanwhile, the New York Times reports that Democrats and Republicans appear to have reached an agreement on extending jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed under terms President Bush can sign. A new proposal by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-TX, would raise funds for the extension by speeding up collections from high-income taxpayers. The measure is expected to be introduced today in the House.

The tax provision would raise \$3.2 billion of the \$5.7 billion needed for the jobless bill. It would require high-income earners to make quarterly estimated tax payments based on their anticipated earnings for the year, rather than basing the payments on last year's income as it is under current law. This means the government would collect future year's taxes ahead of schedule. The remaining \$1.7 billion would be raised by extending a 1966 program to deduct unpaid student loans from tax refund checks, and by placing a two-tenths of 1% surcharge on employers' unemployment insurance.

1 in 10 Americans Get Food Stamps

AP reports that 1 in 10 Americans now receives food stamps, another in a series of record-setting enrollments for the food program since March.

The new high represents another 3 million Americans who were added to the program since last year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported.

A USDA spokesman attributed the higher rates to the economic recession and greater accessibility to the food stamp program. Consumer advocates say, however, that the data indicate that even middle-income households are feeling the pinch of the economic downturn.

A record 23.57 million Americans received food stamps in August, up from 20.49 million a year ago. Food stamp participation started setting records in March, when 22.9 million people were enrolled. That figure topped the previous high of 22.6 million set in 1983, the last major recession. The program cost \$1.6 billion in August, with an average monthly payment through July of \$63.82 per month.

"These numbers are alarming in the sense that they are indicative of the deep need around the country," said Robert Fersht, executive director of the private Food Research and Action Center (HN0050). "It underscores the depth of the need and the depth of the recession."

"This is proof of what most Americans already know, and the administration wants to ignore - the administration's current economic policies have failed and are forcing hard-working Americans from their jobs and onto the welfare lines," said Senate Agriculture Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-VT.

"The new (August) numbers show the recession, rather than ending, appears to be taking hold even harder," agreed Rod Leonard, executive director of the Community Nutrition Institute, a food policy advocacy group. He said that since food stamps generally reach only 60% of the eligible population, millions more could be going hungry.

Leonard also said food stamp enrollment usually falls in the summer and rises in the winter, but this year's participation inched up all summer. He predicts that enrollment could soon hit 25 million.

Scholars Debate Causes of Poverty

The New York Times reports that recent studies showing that the U.S. has been much less successful at eliminating poverty than many European countries has prompted at least two studies to determine why.

One study by Syracuse University economics professor Timothy M. Smeeding concludes that the U.S. has more poverty because it chooses to. "It's simple: We choose to tolerate a lot more poverty than do other countries," he said. He writes that by adopting programs similar to Europeans' efforts, the U.S. could eliminate a larger portion of its poverty as well.

Drawing on previously unavailable data, Smeeding says that market forces alone in the 1980s led to similar amounts of poverty here and abroad, but Europeans instituted much more effective social programs to address the problems. He advocates designing better programs, including a national health care policy, guaranteed child support for children, and universal payments for families with children.

In the second new study, Northwestern University economist Rebecca M. Blank attributes the rising poor population to a recent inability of economic growth to end poverty. Her study of the longest periods of economic expansion found that poverty fell 3% during the 1961-1970 expansion but fell only 2.4% during the 1983-1989 expansion. Had the "trickle down" philosophy held true, she said, U.S. poverty in 1989 would be 9.3% and 8.7 million fewer Americans would be impoverished.

"Trickle down did not work in the 1980s as well as it did in the 1960s," she said, attributing the ineffectiveness to a collapse in wages for the lowest paid workers. She also said more generous public assistance programs have worked in other countries with similar economic conditions and should work here.

However, some conservatives have criticized the studies, saying comparing the U.S. to European countries is a flawed technique. They say comparisons should be made to lesser developed countries, and suggest that cultural differences may account for the differences in efforts to eliminate poverty.

Douglas Besharov, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, calls the two studies' findings "hogwash." "Liberals always say, 'Gee, if we could only do it as well as the Europeans.' But the problem is we don't have the same kind of poor people. Our problem is with poor people who don't work."

Governors Issue Health Platform

The New York Times reports that Democratic governors and congressional leaders have agreed on a platform for pushing a national program to guarantee health care to all Americans at a price they can afford.

The group, meeting in Washington, did not agree to back any specific bill now before Congress. Instead, they issued a set of principles to be followed in adopting any legislation for addressing the health crisis. The principles include:

- controlling skyrocketing health costs.
- making sure care is available to all.
- guaranteeing prenatal care and immunization to infants.
- encouraging preventive medicine and early detection of diseases.

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Comentarios de Bidal

by Bidal Aguero

I attended a fundraiser the other day for the Lubbock County Mexican American Democrats that was held at Lala's Restaurant.



Attorney General Dan Morales was the guest speaker.

It was good to see many good friends come to hear and visit with the General and the event brought to mind the fact it is true that Chicanos in Texas are progressing politically to the point of being "reckon' with", as the typical West Texan would say.

In his speech, Morales stressed the importance of Democrats working together to elect good people next November and the need for all of us to work toward political participation in our communities. Who would have thought that we would be calling a Chicano -- General in 1990?

Just this past week we read Jesse Treviño in the local daily newspaper praising Lena Guerrero as the aspiring politician that has managed to progress to the point of leading the Democrats toward victory next November.

And a conversation with local City Councilperson T.J. Patterson revolved around the fact that by the year 2020 -- "when I", 65" said T.J. -- Chicanos will be the majority in Texas. Again something to be "reckon' with".

Locally, hopefully we will see more Chicanos being elected in the near future. We will probably see Gary Newburn replaced by a minority, we will probably see another minority J.P., a minority District Judge, another minority school board representative and hopefully a minority state representative.

All of this of course depends on chicanos and blacks in this City realizing what the entire state is realizing.

We are a force to be "reckon' with".

Pico de Gallo

Felicidades a Olga Riojas Aguero en su cumpleaños este pasado 6 de noviembre.



Olga recientemente fue nombrada comerciante del año por la organización de COMA.

Felicidades de parte de Bidal, Marisol, Joe Adam, Amalia y Zenaida.

White House Hears Voters

WASHINGTON - By Election Day, President Bush's closest political advisers knew it would be tough for Republican Dick Thornburgh to pull out a victory in the Pennsylvania Senate race.

But they thought it would at least be close.

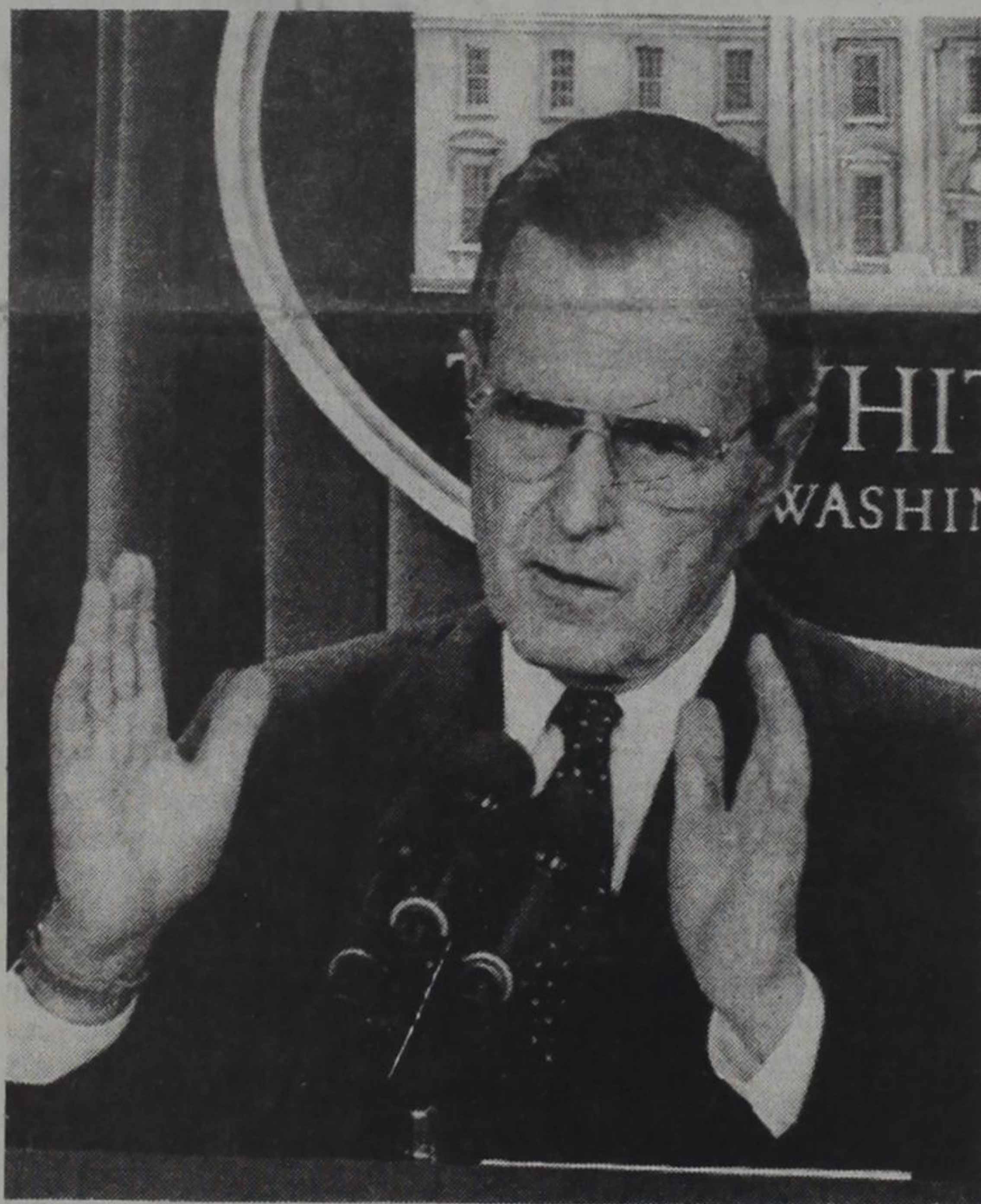
They were wrong. Thornburgh's resounding defeat left the White House scrambling Wednesday to put the best face on off-year election results that were anti-incumbent and anti-Washington in tone.

The message hit home hard. The election underscored a political shift in direction that the White House has gradually embraced as the country remains mired in economic doldrums.

Bush vowed to "go the extra mile" to improve economic conditions and said he would "work with Congress to come up with something new" to stimulate the economy.

Even before the election hammered home the public's growing restiveness, Bush's team had grown uneasy not only with the Thornburgh race but with evidence that the president's own standing was sinking.

There had been inside murmurings for at least a week that he should cancel his 10-day trip to Asia and Australia later this month to devote more time



to domestic economic issues. But it was not until Tuesday evening that he decided to put off the trip.

Some Republicans say the decision made Bush look defensive and panicky in the face of Democratic criticism that he has consumed himself with foreign

affairs and world travel while neglecting domestic issues.

The president on Wednesday disputed the notion that he had postponed the Asian trip to deflect such criticism, even while acknowledging that he was staying in town to devote the

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¿Que Pasa?

Free Legal Clinic

A free legal clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 1991, from 5:30 p.m. as a joint project between the Private Attorney Involvement Program of West Texas Legal Services and the Lubbock County Bar Association. The clinic will be held at Saint John's United Methodist Church, located at 1501 University Avenue, Lubbock, Texas.

West Texas Legal Services is a non-profit organization which provides free civil legal assistance for people who qualify under the financial eligibility guidelines. Attorneys from the local bar associations will be present to talk to persons needing advice and/or representation with a civil legal problem.

For more information contact Elma Moreno at 763-4557 or 800-933-4557.

Guadalupano Annual Banquet

The Guadalupano Organization from Our Lady of Grace Church invite you to their 10th Anniversary Banquet Dinner/Dance to be held Saturday, November 16th at the Christian Renewal Center, 4th and Toledo. Music will be provided by Cervantez and Company. Tickets are \$15 per couple pre-sale and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available from any Guadalupano or at the Parish office 3119 Erskine from 9 to 5 during weekdays or at the Parish Hall from 8 to 12:30. Dinner will be at 6 pm and the dance will be from 8 til 12 midnight.

The South Plains Democratic Council

The South Plains Democratic Council will be held Saturday, November 9, at 5:00 p.m. at 1906 4th Street, Lubbock.

The Agenda will include 1. Discussion led by Governor Richards' staff member regarding: a. Lena Guerrero Campaign b. Health Care c. Crime & Punishment d. Appointments e. Ann Richards' Data Base 2. SPDC Business: a. Advisory Council Report - Allocation of SPDC Funds.

For more information, contact Yolanda Jones at 806/744-0844.

American GI Forum of Lubbock

The American GI Forum invites you to a Pancho Cios Benefit Dance at the Christian Renewal Center at Toledo and 4th. The dance will be Friday, November 15, 1991 from 8:00-12:00 p.m. There will be live music and BYOB. Admission is \$10.00 per couple. For more information call 763-3841.

Local Marines Mark 216th Birthday

Lubbock, Texas: Since The Founding of The U.S. Marine Corps On November 10th 1775, Marines have gathered to celebrate its Birthday in a formal evening of festivities.

On November 9, 1991, The Lubbock Marine Corps Reserve Unit and Inspector Instructor Staff will gather to celebrate the Corps' 216th Birthday. The celebration will begin at 7 p.m. at the KoKo Palace, 50th and Ave. Q.

All former, retired, Reserve and Active Duty Marines are invited to attend. Please contact First Sergeant Coker or Sergeant Campbell at 763-2853 or stop by the Reserve Center to Reserve Tickets for this years 216th Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration.

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Truth Or Fiction

By Raoul Lowery Contreras

A generation ago, America's conscience was battered by the way it treated African Americans. Decades of lynchings, bigotry and total discrimination and segregation in housing, jobs and politics caused widespread revulsion and the beginning of legal redress for the millions of long-suffering blacks.

While this was occurring, no one paid attention to Latinos, as they weren't very numerous and their complaints weren't as egregious as those of blacks.

According to a recent Los Angeles Times poll, a third of "blacks say they live in mostly black neighborhoods, about the same as those who live in evenly mixed ones. Notably, about one in six blacks now say they live in mostly Latino neighborhoods."

One-fourth of Latinos, the poll states, live in mainly Latino or mostly Anglo neighborhoods, with "42 percent (saying) they live in evenly mixed areas and only 3 percent live in principally black areas."

While no one was looking, Latinos have overflowed from their traditional neighborhoods and snapped up housing and jobs which, under the best of conditions, are in short supply for low-income people to begin with.

In ethnic demographics, Latinos have increased by leaps and bounds during the last two decades to now number 22 million. And without exception, most Census observers and employees are now predicting that Latinos will pass America's blacks in numbers.

If true, what will happen when blacks look around and see millions of Latinos living in formerly all-black neighborhoods, in ghettos which now are called barrios?

And what will they think when most entry-level and low-paying jobs are snapped up by willing Latino workers ready and able to work more than one job a day?

And what will they do when Latino congressman, currently outnumbered two to one (22-11) by black congressmen, find those numbers reversed?

In a word, can the black population live with the fact it will no longer be America's largest minority group or the beneficiary of the country's gigantic guilt trip and its manifestations of affirmative action, race norming, political correctness and reverse discrimination?

Some blacks are even demanding reparations for their ancestors being brought to these shores in chains.

Quotas in hiring are deemed desirable and necessary as a means of making up for years of discriminatory hiring by white males.

Undercover government agents are used, with black encouragement, to ferret out landlords and property managers who discriminate in housing.

Colleges and universities race each other to pass restrictions and sanctions on free speech "fighting words" that cannot be tolerated in the academia now run by the offspring of '60s flower children who believe they are helping the cause of blacks by murdering free speech.

The country has begun to unravel at the seams because of racial intolerance and antagonism between whites and blacks. Or is it the end, in reality?

While many of America's Latinos complain about discrimination and bigotry aimed against them by white American, sometimes with reason, are they as bad off as black claim to be?

An examination of the facts clearly answers that questions. While 34 percent of America's blacks live under the poverty line, 75 percent of more of Mexican Americans and Cubans live above the poverty line. University of Chicago studies reveal that a Latino making \$2,500 a year has a better chance of living in a "mixed" or integrated neighborhood than a black with a Ph.D.

Unemployment among young black males runs as high as 40 percent in some cities, while Latinos, particularly Mexican American males, have a labor market penetration rate of 82 percent. School dropout rates of native-born Latinos in California are substantially less than that of blacks.

The only category in which blacks have outperformed Latinos is in college degrees. This stands to reason as over 40 colleges and universities were specifically founded over a century ago to educate blacks. The United Negro College Fund raises millions to support these schools.

Latinos have never had colleges and universities founded to educate them. Only 4 percent of Mexican Americans, for example, have college educations. There are glimmers of hope, however, as the number of college-educated Mexican Americans in San Diego doubled during the 1980s.

The question is, therefore, are America's Latinos as bad off as some of them claim to be? The answer is no. And anyone who thinks so can't support that position with facts.

Truth or fiction, amigos, which will it be?

Harassment -- No Group Is Immune

By Margarita Mondrus-Ferrer Engle

The railroading of Anita Hill must have released painful memories for uncounted multitudes of harassed individuals, both female and male. The memories aren't necessarily related to sex. Anyone who ever been the first minority, first anything, in a place of employment, knows what I'm talking about.

I know a Latin American man who was harassed out of a job by a racist boss primarily because he has an accent and is foreign-born. I know a woman harassed out of a job because her boss found her success threatening. The only good news is, in both cases, the harassed employees, who were highly educated, went on to find better jobs in better work environments.

As one of the first women agronomists in the United States (many woman study agronomy in Third World countries), I experienced various forms of discrimination when I was in college during the early 1970s. I wasn't allowed to gain work experience on the college "farm crew" because I couldn't lift a bale of hay.

One professor told me no one knew whether heavy farm labor would damage female reproductive organs. (Actually, I believe it's men who are prone to hernias anyway, millions of Third World women manage to combine farm labor with challenging.) Another professor stopped his lecture to point me out as the only woman in the classroom, shouting that I had no business being there because I would never be able to find a job in agriculture. Of course, I found plenty of jobs, and the university eventually bought an automatic bale-loader. It now encourages uni-

versity where I was one of 30 Hispanic-Americans in a student body of 30,000.

Eventually I returned to California, where bilingualism has turned out to be more of an advantage than a source of discrimination. The vast majority of agricultural laborers are Spanish-speaking, and many jobs simply can't be performed by monolingual technical personnel.

While no form of discrimination ever managed to discourage me, whistle-blowing did. When I asked a valid question about the potential impropriety of something a boss was doing, I was suddenly subjected to the full weight of an experience that can only be described as vicious harassment. It had nothing to do with sex, and everything to do with bullying, insults and plain old-fashioned rudeness. The harassment plan worked like a charm. I resigned, just as I was expected to.

The experience was something I thought I'd put far behind me, but as I heard Anita Hill speak out when questioned about her former boss, and as I watched supposedly dignified Senators punish and ridicule her for her honesty, my own bad memories came flooding back.

I imagine there are thousands experiencing the same sense of deja vu, and they're not all women. I'm sure plenty of white Anglo-Saxon Protestant males who have been the subject of bullying for trying to blow the whistle could suddenly understand how much they have in common with Anita Hill.

(Margarita Mondrus-Ferrer Engle, of Fallbrook, Calif., is a regular contributor to professional and literary journals and Hispanic Link.)

CRAZY HORSE

BY STEPHEN C. MCINTYRE

Veronica De La Garza, Deputy Director of the Ann Richards Committee, will be in Lubbock on November 9, 1991 at 5:00 p. to discuss political issues. She will be at the Electric Worker's Union hall at 1906 4th Street. Democrats interested in what is going on in Austin and around the state should try to attend.

My law partner and I went to see Bob Dylan last week. We bought tickets a few hours before the concert. Before the concert started we visited with some lawyer friends and a local judge who were also there. After all, it was Dylan.

We had to go since he never visited Lubbock during the 60's, 70's or 80'. I can't say that the music was all that great. He is notorious for being incomprehensible. I think I understood a few words, maybe a line or two.

In the future, I should not give in to nostalgia. He doesn't need the money. I do. Next time I'll stay home and listen to a cassette and send my money to the UFW.

Estimated cost of eliminating poverty in families with children in 1989: \$28.1 billion. Increase in federal revenues if richest 1 percent of Americans were taxed in 1990 under the 1977 tax laws: \$39 billion. July/August 1991 Common Cause magazine.

11/1 1972 -- The Washington Post reports on White House study requiring "manufacture and installation of special FM receivers in every home radio and television set, boat and automobile, which could be automatically turned on by the government to contact every citizen, whether awake or asleep," an call for "full coverage, 100 percent of the population."

11/3 1883 -- The Supreme Court rules that Native Americans are aliens by birth.

11/5 1872 -- Susan B. Anthony and 15 other women arrested while trying to vote in Rochester, N. Y.

1968 -- At a Nixon victory party, advance man J. Roy Goodearle: "Why don't we get all the members of the press and beat them up? I'm tired of being nice to them."

11/7 1972 -- Nixon re-elected President of the United States.

11/9 1935 -- John L. Lewis founds the Congress Industrial Organization (CIO).

1971 -- Walter Cronkite on media harassment: "I have charge that this is conspiracy. I don't regret my use of that word."

1982 -- George Peters is murdered while making a film about his involvement in the CIA MK ULTRA mind-control program.

11/10 1961 -- Massachusetts Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Griswold and Medical Director Buston are arrested for providing information on contraception to married persons.

"Organizing for Social Change". A manual for activists in the 1990's, by Kim Bobo, Jackie Kendall, and Steve Max, \$19.95, Seven Locke Press, PO Box 27, Cabin John, MD 20818.

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Environmental Dangers: Complexion is Protection

By Connie M. Gutierrez

Rose Marie Augustine has lupus, a disease of the skin that causes disfiguring lesions. Her husband has cancer. Her son has a rare form of muscular dystrophy. Her first grandchild was born dead and her aunt recently died of cancer.

Four generations of this family say they are victims of environmental racism.

Augustine and her family are a few of the 40,000 people, living in an 85 percent Latino community in Tucson, Ariz., who claim they have contracted various diseases because of the contaminated drinking water.

Low-income minority communities are exposed to a number of environmental hazards, but their hands are tied because they lack political clout. "Our community has suffered a lot of out government has done nothing to help us. We're full of fear, concerns and anger," Augustine lamented Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. at the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, sponsored by the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice.

The event attracted 600 grassroots leaders, representing Latino, African American, Asian American and Native American groups, to the U.S. capital for four days in the first attempt to build a unified national voice against air pollution, lead poisoning and toxic hazards plaguing their poverty-stricken communities.

"The issue of environmental injustice in our communities has become an issue of life and death," says Benjamin Chavis, executive director of the commission. He blames environmental racism for the high infant mortality rate, birth defects, cancer and respiratory illnesses in people of color communities.

Nationwide, 60 percent of Hispanics and African Americans live in communities with toxic waste sites, as do almost 50 percent of all Asian Americans and Native Americans. A 1987 study by the United Church of Christ found that race is the single most significant variable in where hazard-

ous waste facilities are located.

The hardest thing to understand, Chavis says, is the weak response from the predominantly white "green movement," the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Bush administration. Richard Moore, a Latino heading the Southwest Organizing Project in Albuquerque, N.M., says minority groups do not necessarily want mainstream environmental groups to hire more people of color; they want them to address issues in a multicultural and multiracial fashion.

"We've been complaining for 12 years, but no one is listening. It's obvious to us that we don't have the complexion for protection," he says. Until now, the large middle- and upper-class environmental groups have made the decisions affecting poor minorities, Moore says, adding that it is time minority groups he included in the decision-making process.

Former New Mexico Gov. Tony Anaya defines the summit's purpose as not to exclude anyone, but to find a way for all groups to be part of the solution to environmental racism.

Dana Alston, senior program officer with the Washington, D.C. -based Panos Institute, calls communication between mainstream and minority environmental groups the "biggest problem."

"We are asking for a partnership -- a relationship of equality based on justice," she says.

There is a misperception among predominantly white environmental groups that minorities are just beginning to address the issues, but that is not true, Moore claims. People of color have always been involved, but they have defined the issues using a broader base, encompassing community, labor, civil and political rights, he points out.

A recent study on minority environmental groups by Robert Bullard, a sociology professor at the University of California at Riverside, dispels the myth that people of color are not concerned about the environment. Bullard identifies more than 200 minority envi-

ronmental organizations throughout the country that were formed in the mid-1970s to the early 1980s. Twenty-five percent of the groups are Hispanic and located in the Southwest. "These groups are very small, fairly recent, but they've done a tremendous amount of work with limited resources," he says.

Beatrice Molina, a board member of the Council for Environmental and Economic Balance in Sacramento, Calif., ob-

serves that when the entire minority community become sensitized to what environmental issues are and how they are being articulated, it will be easier for them to get involved.

Concludes Moore, "Our biggest challenge now is to move forward an agenda representative of ethnic communities across the board."

(Connie M. Gutierrez is a reporter with the Hispanic Link New Service of Washington, D.C.)



EXXON Recognized For Minority Business Support By The National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). The NMSDC named EXXON "Corporation of the Year" for its outstanding record for encouraging and supporting minority business enterprise a its October 23rd dinner held in New York City. From left to right: Rolanda Watts of WABC-TV, Joseph Antonini, Chairman K Mart Corp. and NMSDC Chair, William D. Stevens, President of EXXON Company, U.S.A., Charles Perry, Chairman, NMSDC Minority Input Committee, harriet Michel, President of NMSDC and Donna Cole, President of Cole Chemical.

Washington

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time to domestic and economic issues.

"There is a chance now to pass a growth package," Bush told reporters before leaving on a four-day trip to Rome and The Hague. "I am not going to give up on that."

Putting off his Asian trip dovetailed with the lessons of Tuesday's balloting.

"What Pennsylvania tells us is that when the economy is bad, that's what you have to focus on," said Charles Black, a key Bush political adviser.

Even before the election, the country's mood was apparent. Some Bush aides believed Thornburgh would lose, or only narrowly eke out a win. But the 10-point margin of his

defeat came as a blow. Black said that when a group of Bush's political advisers met Tuesday with the president's chief of staff, John Sununu, "a majority of people in that room" believed Thornburgh would emerge victorious.

Bush and his advisers dismissed Democrats' gloating that the election reflected voter dissatisfaction with the president.

"It wasn't an anti-Republican tide. It was anti-insider," said Black.

He and others pointed to the upset New Jersey legislative races where the Republicans took control from the Democrats, the eight Virginia Senate races that Republicans won and the ouster of Democratic Gov. Ray Mabus in Mississippi.

INTERFAITH IMPACT Legislative Update.

President Bush signed a bill that provides \$1.5 billion dollars for the HOME program. This is the main program of the National Affordable Housing Act that was passed last year and its funding is a real victory.

In the last two weeks Congress effectively killed the progressive measures for foreign assistance. Congress passed a Continuing Resolution which includes the lower funding levels for military assistance but puts off decisions for increases in humanitarian assistance until March, which will be the middle of the fiscal year.

As we wanted, the conference committee on the foreign aid authorization bill kept most of the language the House originally voted for, but the House reversed itself and voted 159 to 262 against the bill when it came out of conference. This means there will be no funding for the Horn of Africa bill or the Development Fund for Africa, to name a few of our issues. Also lost were the measures to adjust military assistance to reflect the post-Cold War changes. The one positive note is that the expanded tied aid provisions were lost too.

Conferees on the defense bill approved production of only one instead of four B-2 Stealth bombers. Since the conferees have not completed their work and could change their mind, it is vital that constituents contact members of Congress and push for this lower level of funding.

The Senate and the White House agreed on a new version of the civil rights bill. While this may likely be the only bill for civil rights we can get enacted, we are very disappointed that it includes the caps on punitive damages for women and religious minorities and it leaves the issue of business necessity up to the courts.

The Administration released \$50 million dollars in previously withheld Economic Support Funds to Guatemala. You can contact the President and urge that these funds be withheld until substantial improvements are made for human rights.

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DEPORTES

Texas Tech vs. Arkansas

Last Home Game: The Texas Tech Red Raiders will close out their 1991 home state by hosting a game-away pig-out party for the Arkansas Razorbacks Saturday at Jones Stadium (capacity 50,500). Kickoff has been moved to 12:06 p.m. Arkansas is in its final Southwest Conference campaign before leaving for the Southwest Conference. Texas Tech, facing a mysterious home jinx against Arkansas, will attempt to beat the Hogs in consecutive years for only the second time (1966-67).

Raycom TV Time Changes: The Arkansas game time has changed to a 12:06 p.m. kickoff in order to be televised by the Raycom Network. Dave Barnett and Dave Rowe will be mikeside for their Texas Tech game this season. The pair called the A&M-Tech game earlier in the season and last week's Texas contest.

Last Home Game For Seniors: For 23 Red Raiders, this game will mark their final run down the ramp as a player. Included in the group are six starters on offense, three on defense and both kickers.

The Series: How many rivalries in college football have one team beating another five times as much on the road as it has at home? That's the scenario at Texas Tech with the Raiders having won five games in the Hills and only once in Lubbock since the inaugural match in 1957. Arkansas leads overall 28-6 and 25-6 in SWC meetings. The Raiders have lost 11 straight to Arkansas in Lubbock after whipping the Hogs 21-16 in 1966, and dropped 15 of 16 overall at home.



Festivities: Military personnel who served in Operation Desert Storm or who served in the Persian Gulf theater are being honored during halftime ceremonies along with the annual Veteran's Day salute. A flyover of four T-38 jets will add atmosphere to the pre-game activities. Methodist Hospital is this week's game sponsor. The game is being billed as a Texas Tech Old Fashioned Pig-Out and fans are encouraged to purchase their Official Pig-Out Visors at the game for \$1.

Last Year's Game: In what might have been the greatest showing ever by a Tech quarterback, Jamie Gill completed 15 of 18 for 337 yards and three TDs and ran for two other scores in a 49-44 Tech win. He helped engineer 582 yards of total offense, the most ever by the Raiders in a road game. Rodney Blackshear snared six passes for 161 yards and two TDs and Anthony Lynn rushed for 116 yards as the Raiders led 49-20 in the fourth quarter and held on to win.

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Last Week: Despite racking a stout Texas defense for the most yards (311) and points (15) that is has allowed this year, the Raiders wasted too many opportunities and suffered a 23-15 loss in Austin. Five times the Raiders gained possession in Texas territory but came away with no points. Still, soph quarterback Robert Hall guided the Raiders to a first down at the UT 13 inside the last minute but four incompletions kept the margin at eight points. The Raiders defense surrendered only a three-play, two-yard TD drive on the Horns' first 12 possessions before Butch Hadnot broke open the dam with 166 yards rushing.

Spike About Texas Game: "We played hard, as hard as I've ever seen a team play. It wasn't always good, though. We let too many opportunities get away. We had a chance to pull off a big win for our program but we just couldn't quite get it done. Our defense was tremendous in the fist half. It's tough to lose after having so many chances."

Spike About Arkansas: "I'm so proud of this team. I don't think there is any doubt we will finish up this season in strong fashion. I look for us to play the heck out of Arkansas this week. They are having a great year. They go to the Cotton Bowl if they win their last three games so I'm sure they'll come in here ready."

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- assuring that health care benefits are transferable from job to job.
 - cutting administrative costs.
 - maintaining high professional standards for health care.
- Gov. Lawton Chiles of Florida said he and other governors had asked three months ago to meet with Bush on the issue without success. The administration agreed to a meeting for today, but neither Bush nor any other Cabinet-level official will take part. Other governors attending will be Booth Gardner of Washington, John Waihee of Hawaii, Howard Dean of Vermont and Michael J. Sullivan of Wyoming.

Health Summit Held Amid Pickets

The New York Times reports that the Bush administration yesterday called a meeting of health insurers, doctors and hospital executives to push for reductions in medical administrative costs. The administration wants the industry to adopt a standard claim form that can be filed electronically.

However, consumer groups said they were excluded from the meeting and charge that the paperwork reduction effort will not help the 34 million Americans without insurance coverage. Ron Pollack, executive director of Families U.S.A. (HN0156), said: "The Administration's summit conference on health costs is like a theater of the absurd. Rather than invite the victims of surging health costs, it met with the perpetrators of health inflation."

Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, the secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), said the proposal could save more than \$8 billion a year, or an average of \$2 for every health insurance claim form filed in the U.S. Currently, only one in four forms is filed electronically. The savings may eventually be passed on to consumers.

Sullivan said the groups were excluded because "the purpose of our meeting was not to engage in ideological debate." He said electronic filing should be increased by at least 10% a year.

During the meeting, several organizations were picketing outside, including the consumer group Citizen Action, the Communications Workers of America and the Gray Panthers.

Administrative costs of private health insurance in the U.S. were \$30.7 billion last year, according to the HHS. That figure is 16% of the \$186.1 billion paid in benefits. The nation spent \$666.2 billion last year on health care, and the government estimates that expenditures will reach \$738 billion this year.

Johnny Gave His Life so This Nation Might Live

By Tomás Romero

They played the drums slowly, presented arms and fired a volley of bullets. Taps and a folded flag.

Another of American's soldiers was laid to rest this fall, but few paused to take notice. "It was time," people said. He was getting old. At age 71 he was having trouble taking care of himself.

The life of this man was summed up in a few meager lines. He left no wife, had no children and is survived by an older brother, a sister long unheard from and numerous nephews and nieces. Not everyone gets to be famous for 15 minutes.

Faded photographs show a slim, dark, sharp-featured young man with matinee-idol good looks, nattily dressed with patent leather shoes, a flowing scarf, and a knock-'em-dead suit. He was a hell of a dancer, a few will recall -- quick and graceful. Bright-eyed beauties lined up to dance with him. More than a few hearts beat faster when Johnny came walking by.

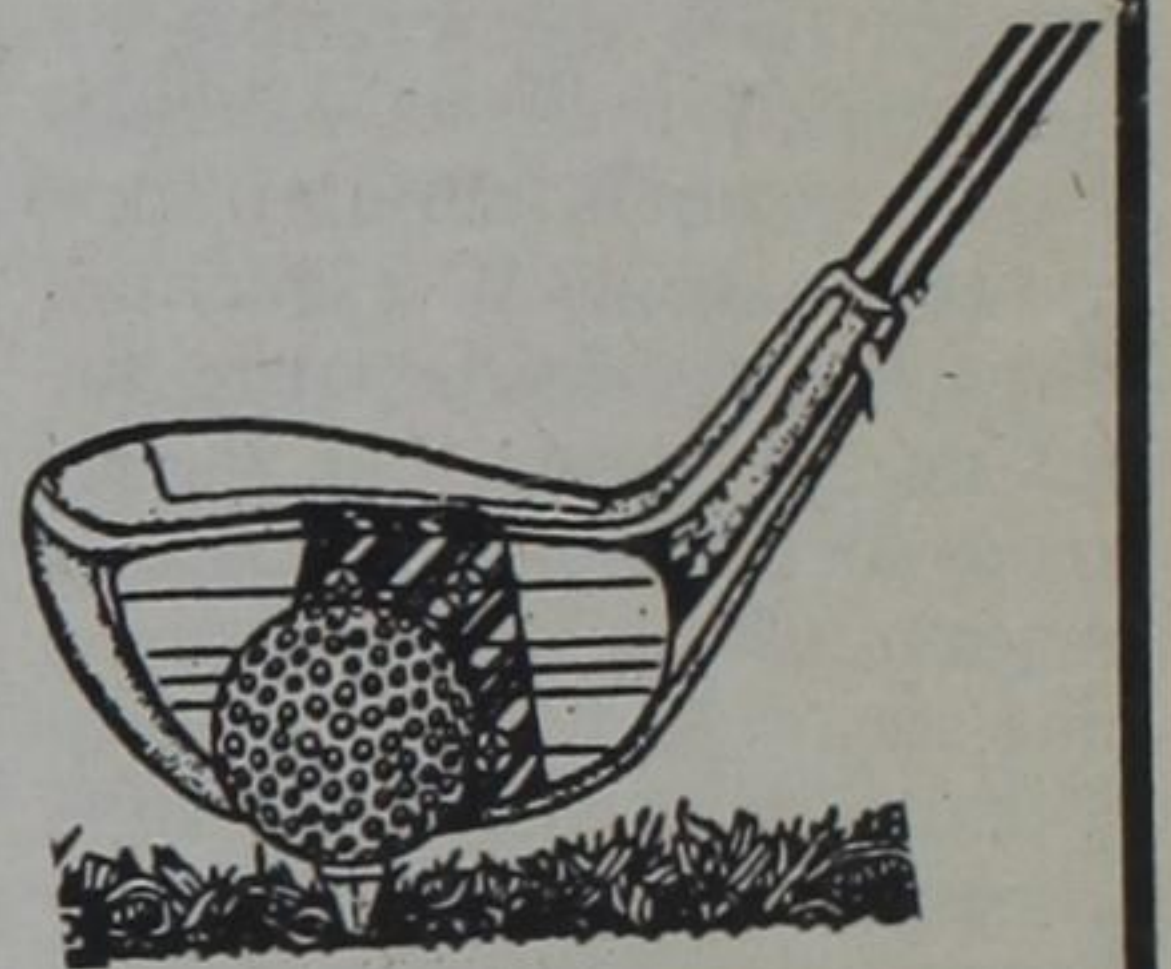
Men liked him, his genial nature. His athletic talent made him the first choice when putting together a ball team. Perhaps somewhere, someone has a memory of him -- circling gracefully under a fly ball.

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"Hablando de Hollywood" Por: Eiretilla

Que tal, amigos y amigas, aquí, estoy nuevamente con ustedes para darles a conocer algunas de las noticias más importantes que han surgido en Hollywood durante la última semana.... Para comenzar quiero decirles que estuvieron por Los Angeles Pedro Armendariz Jr., Ofelia Medina y Silvia Pinal con motivo del tributo que la Universidad de California, Los Angeles (UCLA) le brindo a Gabriel Figueroa, uno de los fotógrafos de cine más grandes que ha dado México. Muy emocionados, por la forma en que fue recibido Figueroa en el domicilio de la Academia de Ciencias y Artes Cinematográficas de Hollywood, los tres actores dijeron que "gracias a Ga-

personaje, el agente Cooper, tenía que aparecer en la película. MacLachlan saldrá unos cuantos minutos y después se desvanecerá en el aire. ¡Cosas del cine! ¡No lo creen ustedes así? Bastante cotizado y con sus bonos subiendo cada vez más altos Wesley Snipes, estrella de "New Jack City" y "Jungle Fever" apenas esta a punto de terminar la filmación de "Passanger 57" y ya tiene otros tres filmes que le están esperando. A eso yo le llamo trabajar de verdad Por su parte Winona Ryder tiene también en puerta deos importantes proyectos. Actualmente trabaja al lado de Robert Downey en la cinta "Chaplin" en la que hace el papel de Dona O'neill, esposa del inolvidable comediante. Después Winona se integrará al reparto de la nueva película dirigida por Francis Ford Coppola: "Drácula" en la que llevará como compaÑeros a Gary Oldman (el Conde Drácula) y Anthony Hopkins (el destructor de vampiros) Y bueno, amigos creo que eso es todo por el momento. Me despido de ustedes diciéndoles, ¡hasta la vista! y esperando volver a encontrarlos en este mismo espacio la próxima semana..... Chao.....



SILVIA PINAL
briel Figueroa los paisajes mexicanos se volvieron universales y reconocidos en todo el mundo". Bastante asombrados quedaron, por cierto, aquellos que no estaban familiarizados con las imágenes de Figueroa. Hubo quienes exclamaron llenos de entusiasmo que Figueroa es un director de fotografía mejor que los que tiene ahora el cine americano Pasando a otra cosa, quiero también comentarles que el joven actor

de origen latino Mario López, estrella de la serie de televisión que se exhibe los sábados por la mañana, "Saved by the Bell", sigue colocándose muy bien dentro del gusto del público "anglo". Esto se vio reflejado en el gran espacio que recientemente se le dedico en la nueva edición de la revista "Teen Set" y es que en dicho magazine Mario López ocupa el sitio estelar Y ya que estoy hablando de la mencionada revista para jóvenes que trabajan en el cine y la televisión, quiero contarles que el otro día Sean Astin, uno de los chicos que trabajo en el filme "The Goodies" se puso muy disgustado por el reportaje que le habían hecho. Lo curioso de todo es que el enojo de Astin no fue motivado por la mencionada nota sino porque sus fotografías aparecieron junto a las de Vanilla Ice y Christian Slater El que sigue muy preocupado por su futuro dentro del cine es el actor Charlie Sheen. Según sus amigos, Charlie esta empezando a ponerse inquieto debido a que ninguna de las últimas películas que hizo tuvo el éxito que él y sus productores esperaban. Una linda chica, al verlo tan decaído le dijo recientemente que no se preocupara, que el cine era como la vida, tiene sus buenas y malas temporadas.... Todavía sin saber que hacer se encuentran los productores de la versión cinematográfica de la serie televisiva "Twin Peaks" resulta que, después de pensarlo muy bien, Kyle MacLachlan, el magnifico actor sobre el que recae todo el peso de la historia, decidió súbitamente abandonar el proyecto. Sin embargo no lo hizo del todo porque David Lynch logro convencerlo de que su

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catching it with nonchalant ease and firing it back to nail a runner.
But Johnny went off to war, and somewhere between the invasion of Europe and the final truce - perhaps at Salerno -- the guns' roar and heavy cannon-fire got to him. When his fighting days were over, he returned, broken in spirit, to the small New Mexico pueblo that had sent him and his brothers into World War II.
The boy with the Pepsodent smile came back with a scarred forever soul, never to be the same again. He was treated for "shell shock." Once admired and respected, he spent the remainder of his life an object of pity. Some felt that anyone with no missing limbs who had to go to the hospital must surely be weak of character. Today, of course, we call it post-traumatic stress syndrome and present papers to medical soci-

eties about his condition. Not then.
Johnny became a pensioner -- 100 percent disabled -- for the rest of life. A government check came in the mail each month.
For a while, his parents, before they died, took care of him, helping him resurrect at least a facade of the old self. Brothers and sisters continued to love him and assist as they could. War leaves some perpetually full of rage, but not Johnny. He was always smiling, and nephews and nieces returned his affections with love.
Not everyone was as kind. Some people just ignored him. Others showered attention upon him just when they knew the government check was due. The money he gave, lent or had stolen would rank him as the most generous of philanthropists.
And so his life went. He hated hospitals. Even though he

knew full care would be administered, he preferred to live on his own in a trailer house, away from an urban environment that treated him like a curiosity or a target. That's the way he was for 45 years, before age and infirmity took their final toll.
They played the drum slowly, presented arms and fired a final volley of bullets. Taps and a folded flag. Another of America's soldiers -- who gave his life that this nation might live -- was laid to rest.
Peace came at last to Johnny Romero. The folded flag was presented to a relative. "On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank you for the sacrifice . . ." an officer intoned.
Yes, tio -- yes, uncle -- thank you. Rest in peace. We loved you and remember you on this day.
(Tomás Romero writes a weekly column on Hispanic concerns for the Denver Post.)

Dia de los Veteranos

Ya Voy Rumbo a Viet-Nam

por: Jose Angel Estrada
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Ay prietita de mi vida me tengo que despedir Dame un beso y un abrazo que adelante voy a seguir

Ya me voy con el gobierno al ejercito militar Tú no llores que un día vuelvo ya voy rumbo a Viet-Nam

A pelear con el enemigo por honra de nuestra Nación Si tu retrato va conmigo tú irás en mi corazón

Le pido al Señor en el cielo también a la virgencita Que siempre mande un consuelo a mi pobre madrecita

Y Arriba! Arriba! muchachos ya vámonos a pelear Es que el Hispano entre los plomazos nunca se ha sabido rajar

Y adiós a todos mis amigos un día los volveré a ver Un buen soldado nunca muere nomás se empieza a desaparecer.

Mande Sus Noticias A El Editor

La Tormenta en el Desierto

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Miles de soldados se despidieron de sus seres queridos Muy bien preparados juntos salieron de los Estados Unidos

Que Dios los bendiga y La Guadalupana los há de cuidar También van mujeres y entre ellas la Hispana su valor va a demostrar

Sus padres y hermanos muy tristes quedaron y más al verlos partir Viván los soldados que al frente marcharon su misión van a cumplir

Van para el Medio Oriente a la Arabia Saudita también asia el Golfo Persico Todos muy valientes, triunfar es la meta en la Tormenta en el Desierto

Como gallos finos no temen la muerte van dispuestos a pelear Si van en camino, deseo buena suerte El Hispano, por supuesto, no se a de rajar

Reciban abrazos, besos, y cariño enviados con mucho amor De padres, hermanos, esposas, y niños y novias reunidas con fé al redentor

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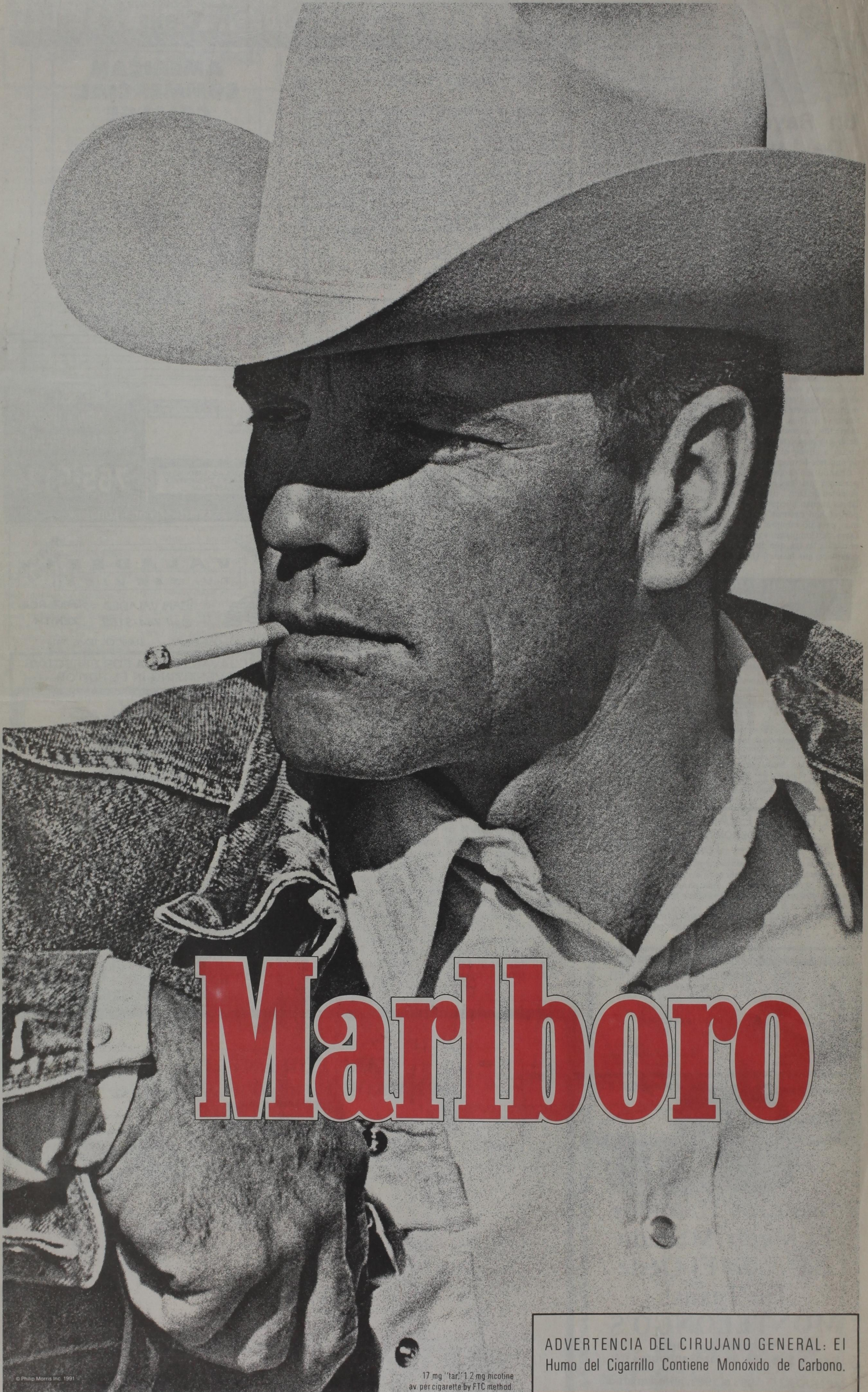
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