

Hispanas, Politics Mix Well Together

by Melinda Machado

Before leaving for a conference in Miami recently, Denver City Councilwoman Debbie Ortega had to search for an alternate babysitter for her 6-year-old daughter; her mother was out of town on vacation.

The District 9 councilwoman, elected last year in a city of more than 2 million, is an example of the growing number of Latinas balancing family, community and civic responsibilities with newly attained political empowerment.

Ortega is one of 592 Latina elected officials included in the

current roster published by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

NALEO reports Latina elected officials increased a record 20 percent between 1986 and 1987. In fact, Latinas make up 18 percent of the 3,314 Hispanic elected officials in NALEO's survey last year, 100 more than in 1986. In the general population, women hold 12 percent of the elected posts. (The survey did not include Puerto Rico.)

"Nearly one in five of all Hispanic officials is a woman, and that is totally counterintui-

tive to what we think of the Latino community. We think of it as dominated by machismo.

Yet our rate of electing women is about 50 percent greater than society as a whole," says NALEO Executive Director Harry Pachon.

In Florida, Dade County School Board member Rosa Castro Feinberg, who is a

that popular stereotype, has either decreased a lot or

operates only in certain areas,

and public life doesn't appear

to be one of them."

A long history of women officials, including in judicial

posts, in both Cuba and Puerto Rico has resulted in a respect for females in office among many segments of the Latino community. But in the United States, Latina officials are a relatively recent phenomenon. Many came into office in the late 1970s and early '80s, a time that coincides with the women's movement.

New York State Sen. Olga Mendez, who represents the 30th district in New York City, has served in the legislature for 10 years. "I think the Latino community, both men and women, have no problems

whatsoever in accepting the political leadership of Latina women," she says. However, she cautions, "Latinas initially have greater problems in being accepted by Latino men in public office."

The bloc of the Hispanic male political power structure is one Gloria Molina faced throughout her campaign a year ago to become the first Latina ever voted onto the Los Angeles City Council. During that election, the former state assemblywoman found a group of Latino political power brokers trying to talk her out of running, claiming a woman could never win in that heavily Hispanic district. They even ran a candidate against her.

Texas state Rep. Irma Rangel, who in 1976 became the first Latina elected to the House there, says, "Our men are finally realizing the need for the woman." Ten years later, Judith Zaffirini became the first Mexican American woman in the state's Senate. She won in every predominantly Mexican American county in her vast district, from Laredo to San Antonio.

The community is coalescing agrees the only Hispanic elected official in Rochester, N.Y., Nancy Padilla, who is Puerto Rican now in the middle of her second four year term on the city's education board. "But whatever I do, I have to do at 150 percent," she says.

Phoenix City Councilwoman Mary Rose Wilcox agrees. "You go through a lot. You buck up against the good ol' boy network and you just have to stay strong and prove you can be just as much of a leader."

More than 80 percent of the 592 Hispana elected officials in the NALEO survey serve on

local school boards or at the municipal levels. They are women like Mary Irizarry, a former Parent Teacher Association president and now a member of the school board for District 19 in Brooklyn.

Political involvement of Latinas often begins at the school board level because education is a priority for Hispanic communities, Padilla explains. Dade County's Castro Feinberg, who was appointed to her position, will face her first election in November, 1988. She will rely on two base constituencies, Hispanic and women. "It's a natural alliance," she says.

Bette Baca, former head of the Hispanic Affairs Division of the Democratic National Committee and now the executive director of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, has been involved in Latino and party politics for more than 20 years.

"Elected politics start at the local level and move forward. We're going to see a tremendous growth of women and Hispanics in higher office in the next 10 years.

Today the highest ranking elected Latina is New Mexico's Secretary of State, Rebecca Vigil Giron. NELEO shows only 14 Latinas elected to state bodies. Most elected Latinas can be found in Texas (233), California (102) and New Mexico (100). Florida has only six.

"The record still needs great improvement," suggests Pachon. Looking to '88 and beyond, Mendez smiles. "The ground is fertile."

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Homenaje a educadores hispanos

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Julian Samora



Armando Rodriguez



Sabine R. Ulibarri

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin. Cuatro educadores hispanoamericanos han sido los que han aportado contribuciones muy significativas al mejoramiento educativo de los hispanos y al desarrollo cultural en los Estados Unidos.

Estos esfuerzos son reconocidos en la edición del calendario de eventos especiales de la compañía Miller High Life para este año de 1988.

Los cuatro educadores mexicano-estadounidenses reconocidos por Miller son: Sabino R. Ulibarri, Armando M. Rodríguez, Julián Samora y Marl-Luci Jaramillo.

Por otro lado los puertorriqueños homenajeados son: Jaime Benítez, Arturo Morales Carrión, Nathán Quiñones e Isaura Santiago Santiago.

Los educadores de origen cubano son Modesto A. Maidique, Miguel Américo Bretos, Lev Marrero y Arnilda B. González-Quevedo.

El artista Juan Maldonado, residente del museo de artes de Nueva York, ha creado una pintura original al óleo de cada uno de los educadores. Dichas obras de arte de tan distinguido pintor portorriqueño han sido reproducidas en las páginas del calendario de eventos de la misma compañía en su cuarta edición.

"La compañía Miller Brewing reconoce los logros de estos mentores de origen hispano, quienes han ayudado al mejoramiento de las normas de los hispanos a través de sus esfuerzos," así dijo Robert Toledo, vice-presidente de la compañía, encargado de asuntos administrativos.

Ulibarri es oriundo de Tierra Amarilla, Nuevo México. Ha sido catedrático de idiomas clásicos y

contemporáneos; también es una eminencia en literatura y civilización, además es autor de 15 libros, los cuales han sido traducidos y publicados en forma bilingüe. Ha participado en conferencias a niveles profesionales, del gobierno, cívicos incluyendo grupos hispanos, en toda la nación Americana, México, Ecuador y España.

El señor Rodríguez es originario de Gómez Palacio, Durango, México. Inmigró a los Estados Unidos a la edad de 9 años, pero en el año de 1943 se hizo ciudadano de este país.

Actualmente es presidente de su propia compañía la cual opera en coordinación con otras organizaciones, que tienen la misma meta, la cual es la de buscar la manera para desarrollar un sistema educativo con asistencia de las computadoras, el cual sirva para comprobar e implementar el programa educativo dentro del salón de clase para los niños de hogares de bajos recursos.

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Isabel Ybarra Competes in Pageant

Levalland, Isabel Ybarra of Lubbock is one of 18 young women vying for the title of 1988 Miss Caprock Beauty Jan. 29 at South Plains College.

The annual Miss Caprock Beauty Pageant is scheduled for 8 pm in SPC's Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$2 a person.

Miss Ybarra, a freshman law enforcement major at SPC, is the daughter of Celia Ybarra and Felix Ybarra. A graduate of

referente a educación, salud y medicina.

La maestra Jaramillo es nacida en las Vegas, N.M., es vicepresidenta y directora del Servicio de Exámenes Educativos en el área de la Banca (San Francisco). Antes de aceptar dicha posición, la maestra Jaramillo ocupó varios puestos administrativos en la universidad de Nuevo México, incluyendo la posición de decana asociada del departamento de educación, profesora y jefa del departamento de educación primaria y asistente especial del presidente de dicha universidad.

sirvió como embajadora de los Estados Unidos en Honduras, Centro América, desde el año de 1977 hasta 1981 y ha realizado un trabajo extenso como conferencante, consultora y participante activa en distintas clases de talleres y seminarios en países tales como: España, Alemania y muchos de la América Latina. Goza de la fama de ser una gran oradora en un sinnúmero de tópicos, entre ellos, la democracia y la educación, la educación bilingüe y multicultural, pero sobre todo el tópico de mayor relevancia en la vida de la maestra Jaramillo es el de la educación relacionada a las necesidades de los pobres.

Por su parte el señor Samora, nació en Pagosa Springs, Colorado, sirvió como catedrático emérito en la universidad de Notre Dame en donde ha sido catedrático de Sociología desde el año de 1959; además ha ocupado otros puestos dentro de la misma universidad incluyendo la posición de director del programa de estudios para graduados de ascendencia hispanoamericana.

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Student Transfer Requests

Lubbock Public Schools will be accepting student transfer requests during the coming weeks for the category of "minority."

Students may request such a transfer if their race is in the majority in their present school and they desire to transfer to a school where their race would be in the minority. Such transfers are granted if room is available.

This type of transfer is available for the second semester that begins January 25 as well as for the next school year. In the near future, secondary students will be planning academic choices for the coming year. Those students desiring the majority to minority transfers should make application during that planning period. Students desiring transfers next semester are encouraged to make requests immediately.

Request forms for the transfers are available in the principals' offices. The student and parent sign the form.

The Parenting of 4 to 11 Year Olds

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Education Losing Support of Middle Class

By Fernando Piñon

In 1983, after an exhaustive study of the U.S. educational system, the National Commission on Excellence in Education issued a warning that has become a battle cry for educational reform.

The report noted the educational institutions of our society "are being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity" which, it unashamedly claimed, would be declared "an act of war" had it been plotted by a hostile foreign power.

These are strong charges indeed, but they adequately reflect the main chastisement of the report; that for two decades the average achievement level of our students has been steadily declining so that today we trail the rest of the industrialized world in academic achievement.

Since its publication, the report has been the catalyst for a multitude of nationwide reforms. For the most part, these reforms have focused on two areas: 1) what the funding role of the federal government should be, and 2) what the public school system itself can do to increase the achievement level of its students, an area referred to as "accountability."

But while these approaches are relevant to the plight of our educational system, there is another problem anchored at the core, one that makes the controversy engulfing public education heated and divisive. It is a problem politicians and school officials recognized but

are reluctant to discuss much in public.

In essence, public education is losing the middle class, and approaches are needed that too often are alien to the middle class mind.

Up to the 1960's, for example, public education had been primarily the product of the progressive movement and the industrial revolution, both of which helped to launch the great American middleclass experience. The progressive movement sought to expand public education so that as many students as possible could partake of it; the industrial revolution made public education respond to the industrial needs of the country, turning it into a pragmatic economic vehicle.

Public education was to become not only the means for upward mobility but also "the great equalizer." U.S. youths, besides being prepared for the ever expanding jobs created by an economy that had become the marvel of the world, also were being molded into a distinct social group that revered the system that had made it possible for them to leave their impoverished conditions.

Yet the effort was not all inclusive. At the turn of the century, during the heyday of the progressive movement, only 11 percent of youths aged 11 to 17 actually attended school. The poor, including blacks and other minorities, were left outside the system to

languish. For the most part, both children and parents associated with public education were very much alike. They shared the same goals, chased the same pursuits and accepted the same norms. They were middle class and they were white.

Today public education has taken a totally different turn, brought about the civil rights movement of the '60s and implemented, often by force, through judicial decrees. Through busing and forced integration, public education has become, in many parts of the country, predominantly middle class and non Anglo Saxon. A study by researchers at the University of Chicago found that in 1984 nearly twothirds of all blacks and 70.6 percent of Hispanics attended predominantly minority schools.

It is obvious that, just as the upper class sent their children to private schools, today's middle class is doing likewise. However, unlike the upper class, which never really has had too much to do with public education, the middle class may have lost its stake in the public school system. But it has not been able to shake off its financial responsibilities thus the core of the problem.

Today's middle class is having to finance an educational system that it does not identify with and does not understand. This is why it struggles with how it ought to make it "accountable" and why

it questions a curriculum that is designed for students it does not understand.

The dilemma surfaced recently during a conference in San Antonio of the National Education Association. In discussing accountability, William Blakey, a staff member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, said: "People want to know how well their money is spent. The public wants to get as much as they can for their money."

To which, Roxanne Bradshaw, NEA secretary/treasurer, replied:

"Accountability is now based on academic excellence, but it won't produce the kind of wellrounded citizens we need in this society."

Do Blakey's "people" and "public" represent a middle class that perhaps feels "their" money is being misspent on things such as bilingualism and multicultural awareness?

If they do, and I feel there is strong evidence for such a conclusion, then the biggest threat to our national security is not that our students score lower in academic achievement tests; it is that we are not training our citizens to work together to achieve common goals out of their diverse interests and backgrounds.

This, after all, is the key to our democratic process.

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La Enseñanza Pierde el Apoyo de la Clase Media

por Fernando Piñon

En 1983, después de un estudio agotador del sistema estadounidense de enseñanza, la Comisión Nacional para la Excelencia en la Enseñanza emitió un aviso que se ha convertido en un grito de combate para la reforma de la enseñanza en todos los Estados Unidos.

El informe hacía notar que los cimientos de la enseñanza de nuestra sociedad "están siendo desgastados por una marea de mediocridad cada vez más alta," la cual alegó sin timidez alguna que sería declarada "una acción de guerra" si hubiera sido planeada por una potencia extranjera hostil.

Estas son, en verdad, acusaciones energicas, pero reflejan adecuadamente la corrección principal del informe: Que durante los decenios, el nivel promedio de adelanto de nuestros estudiantes ha venido disminuyendo constantemente, a tal extremo que hoy vamos a la zaga del resto del mundo industrializado en logros académicos.

Desde su publicación, el informe ha sido el catalizador de una multitud de reformas en toda la nación, muchas de las cuales como en Tejas han sido asunto de gran discusión y controversia. En su mayor parte, estas reformas se han enfocado sobre dos temas principales: 1) Cuál debería de ser el papel del gobierno federal en la dotación de fondos; y 2) Que puede hacer el propio sistema escolar para aumentar el nivel de adelanto de sus alumnos un problema al que se hace referencia acostumbradamente como "responsabilidad."

Pero aunque estos enfoques son importantes para las dificultades de nuestro sistema de enseñanza, hay otro problema arraigado en el centro mismo, que hace que la controversia que rodea a la enseñanza pública sea tan caliente y divisiva como ha sido. Es un problema que los políticos y los funcionarios escolares reconocen, pero que no discuten públicamente.

En esencia, la enseñanza pública estadounidense viene perdiendo a la clase media, realidad que no solamente hace que el problema de la enseñanza sea distinto que en el pasado, sino que exige igualmente enfoques diferentes, los que con demasiada frecuencia son ajenos a la mentalidad tradicional de la clase media.

Hasta el decenio de 1960, por ejemplo, la enseñanza pública estadounidense había sido

primordialmente el producto del movimiento progresista y de la revolución industrial, en que ambos ayudaron a lanzar la gran experiencia de la clase media estadounidense. El primero buscaba ampliar la enseñanza pública para que tantos alumnos como fuera posible participaran de ella; la segunda hizo que la enseñanza pública respondiera a las necesidades industriales de la nación, convirtiéndola en un vehículo económico pragmático.

La enseñanza pública había de convertirse no solamente en el instrumento de la movilidad en ascenso, sino también en el "gran igualador." Los jóvenes estadounidenses, además de estar preparando para los empleos continuamente en aumento creados por una economía que se había convertido en la maravilla del mundo, estaban igualmente moldeándose como una clase media, un grupo social distinto que llegó o a reverenciar al sistema que había posibilitado para ellos el salir de sus circunstancias de pobreza.

Sin embargo, la gestión lo abarcaba todo. A la vuelta del siglo, durante el clímax del movimiento progresista —solamente el 11 por ciento de los jóvenes entre las edades de 14 y 17 años asistían realmente a las escuelas. Los pobres, junto con los negros y otras minorías, quedaban fuera del sistema para languidecer en su miseria. En su inmensa mayoría, tanto los niños como los padres relacionados con la enseñanza pública eran muy parecidos. Compartían los mismos objetivos, perseguían los mismos logros y aceptaban las mismas normas. Eran de clase media y eran blancos.

Hoy, sin embargo, la enseñanza pública ha tomado un sesgo totalmente distinto, producido por el movimiento de los derechos civiles del decenio de 1960 y puesto en práctica a menudo por la fuerza mediante decretos judiciales. Mediante el transporte de los alumnos a otros distritos escolares y la integración forzosa, la enseñanza pública se ha convertido, en muchas partes del país, en predominante de la clase media y no anglo sajona. Un estudio hecho por investigadores en la Universidad de Chicago halló que, en 1984, casi los dos tercios de todos los negros y el 70.6 por ciento de los hispanos asistían a escuelas predominantemente minoritarias.

Es evidente que, así como la clase superior envía a sus hijos a las escuelas privadas, la

Un Mensaje A La Conciencia

Por El Hermano Pablo
La Perla de Gran Precio

Fue necesario cavar un túnel de 80 metros de largo. Reguió la fuerza y la pericia de 20 hombres. Y los cables de acero más resistentes que había en la mina. Pero por fin, sacaron la gran piedra a la superficie.

Fue en Brasil, y la piedra es un topacio puro de siete mil trescientos kilogramos de peso. Tiene un metro ochenta centímetros de alto, y su ancho es casi igual. Su precio así en bruto es de cuatro millones quinientos mil dólares. Fraccionado en piedras pequeñas, alcanzaría un valor fabuloso. Es el topacio más grande del mundo, conocido hasta ahora.

Amigo, he aquí una verdadera piedra preciosa de gran precio. Más de siete toneladas de peso, y es topacio puro. Lo más grande que se ha visto; lo más valioso que se ha extraído de las minas del Brasil. La reina de las piedras preciosas conocidas.

Esta noticia me recordó de inmediato una parábola del Señor Jesús. Se llama "La Perla de Gran Precio", y dice así: "También el reino de los cielos es semejante a un mercader que busca buenas perlas, que habiendo hallado una perla preciosa, fue y vendió todo lo que tenía, y la compró". (Mateo 13:45,46)

Como en todas sus parábolas, el Señor Jesús puso aquí una verdad espiritual escondida. Verdad que tiene que ver con el reino de los cielos. Dice que es semejante a un mercader que busca buenas perlas, que habiendo hallado una perla preciosa, fue y vendió todo lo que tenía, y la compró.

¿Sabe usted quién era este mercader? Jesucristo mismo. ¿Sabe que fue lo que vendió para comprar la perla? Nada menos que su gloria y su vida. ¿Y sabe usted quién es la perla preciosa? ¡Usted mismo! Cristo se despojó de su vida, para comprarlo a usted. ¿No le parece maravilloso?



EL "El Que Pica" Con La Cola

ALACRAN

Los de MAD se van pa' Dallas, los de COMA celebran banquete, los LULAC....no se; pero me cuentan que los de Tech se están aventando con registrar gente. Que los de Hiss y los de varias otras organizaciones que tienen nombre gregos se juntaron esta pasada semana para registrar gente en los barrios. Ah pos que bueno que los de Tech al fin se están envolviendo en nuestra comunidad. Ya me estaba dando cuidado que ya no había estudiante chicanos en Tech.

Ah y hablando de las registraciones pues me dicen que la Dr. María Rivas se está reteaventando con sus esfuerzo para registrar votantes, pero mientras este Alacran estaba bajo las sillas note que los retulos de las organizaciones que muestran que tantas personas registran se mira medio bajo para las organizaciones de COMA, LULAC, GI Forum y algunas otras que se me escapan. Se necesita ayuda.

Ah y hablando del muy pendiente banquete de COMA, queques no hallan a quien darle el premio de mas exitoso y exitosa por los mas exitoso y mas exitosas no son miembros de COMA, y la regla dice que para ser el mas exitoso.....tiene que ser miembro de COMA.

Pues que ya viene la semana de LULAC....Y los LULAC....todos los concilios están tratando de hacerlo de algo grande para que toda la ciudad reconozca lo que ha hecho LULAC....buena suerte corazon!

Bueno, para hacerlo corto, voy a contarle de las aventuras de Mauro.....pues Mauro se junta con Bidal esta semana y celebraron porque ganaron algunos potts pero eso es de lo menos.....pues el carro color de sandia descoloria les está dando huelga.....y ademas a Mauro le dieron un tiquete por parquise en una yarda.....ya no hay porque contártelas.....A mi se me hace que mejor nomas le voy a contar de las aventuras de Bidal.....

Creanlo o no, este Alacran ya acabo!

Niños (de la primera)

Venta de Niños Mexicanos A Los Estados Unidos

A lo largo de la frontera norte del país, la prensa diaria informa con mucha frecuencia de que existe un bien organizador tráfico de niños mexicanos que son vendidos a compradores de los Estados Unidos en sumas que van desde los cinco hasta los cuarenta mil dólares.

Este tráfico está organizado, según las informaciones, por una banda que tiene paices en el interior del país y que trabajan con tanto esmero, que hasta tienen manera de falsificar documentos y cuando les urge cubrir algún "pedido" especial, sencillamente secuestran a los pequeños, tanto en territorio mexicano como en territorio del vecino país, donde las victimas son familias emigradas mexicanas.

Un caso muy soñado del que habló ampliamente la prensa, fue el de la norteamericana Betty Louise Winks, quien en complicidad con la mexicana Ivon Lopez Fernandez, se dedicaban al ilícito negocio de compraventa de niños. Las autoridades de Chicago, Illinois, informaron que se les habían recogido a 22 menores robados.

Otro caso fue el del Lic. Jesus Espinosa Maldonado, cuya esposa fue detenida porque se les acuso de la venta de mas de 200 niños mexicanos a los Estados Unidos.

Actualmente la devolución de muchos niños que han sido secuestrados y vendidos, está en proceso de ser reintegrados a sus padres, previa la identificación correspondiente; pero muchos miles de niños jamás se vuelven a tener noticia de ellos.

(Continuara)



Ninety-seven percent of the 328 community groups contacted recently by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) have been encouraging their members to write to their legislators in Washington on an issue of vital importance to the health and well being of millions of Americans. Here's why.

According to ASCRS President-elect, Stephen Obstbaum M.D., community and civic organizations are deeply concerned about the proposed Medicare budget cuts for cataract surgery. Many believe the cuts will have a serious impact on the availability of the operation. The Reagan Administration's budget plan calls for a 13 percent cut in Medicare reimbursement for cataract surgery. This comes on top of a 12 percent cut already enacted for 1987. The operation is necessary for 80 percent of those between 65 and 75 and required by 90 percent of those over 75. The ASCRS and other groups worry that the budget cuts will make it more difficult for many elderly people to find surgical services in their communities.

Obstbaum said that if the budget cuts go into effect, some ophthalmologists will find it necessary to relocate to more metropolitan areas, and as a result, senior citizens will be forced to travel long distances to have the needed operation.

Concerned citizens are asking legislators to see their way clear to improving the situation. Anyone can communicate with Congress on either side of this or any issue at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20515. No street address is necessary.

For a legislative update on this particular issue call 1-800-472-4729.

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Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is for gifted and talented students at Tubb Elementary. Last year Tubb attended a state wide competition of the *Odyssey of the Mind* and this year everyone seems to be more excited due to national competition of the world wide competition. These are some of the writing that different students/teachers have composed.

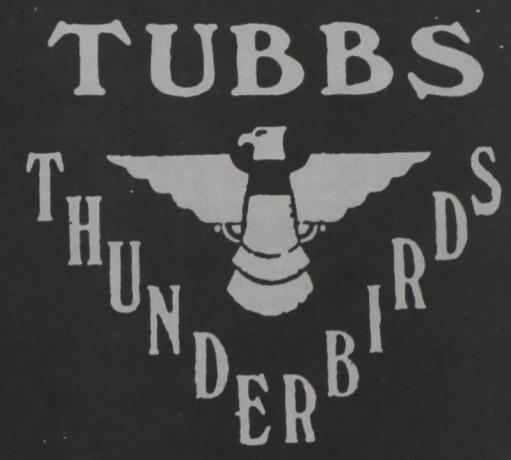


The Atlantes problem is being solved by students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Tubb. Their problem consists of constructing an imaginary submersible vessel with 2 remote control arms which will pick up underwater artifacts from the ocean floor. One team member maneuvers the vessel from inside it and controls the arms. During the 10 minute time limit they must pick up 8 artifacts, encounter a sea monster and experience a crisis. The students working on this problem are James Creeuse, Alec Coughlin, Justin Duchscherer, Adam Kohler, Jennifer Coughlin, Corina Davis and Brooke Phillips. The coaches are Barbara Curbo, Susam Mills and Beth Symington.

Tubb has two structure teams. They are building weight supporting structures out of 15 grams of balsa wood.

Members of the Division I team are Jim Williamson, Evan Hughs, Rolando Rodriguez, Yan Qui, Melissa Berry, Jennifer Berry and John Ewerz.

Division II members are Shawna Martin, Estefania Martinez, Yvonne Martinez, James Gutierrez, Michael Valenzuela, Marc Glass and Brian Lien.



Principal - Sim Larkins

Ms. Stewart and Mrs. Savage are coaching a sixth grade OM team at Tubb Elementary School. Team members are Levi Kirwin, Gloria Larez, Carrie Miller, Brooke Phillips, Irazema Rodriguez, Julie Rowley, and Leah Tyson. They are working on a problem called Showtime and specifically on an adaption of "The Importance of Being Ernest."

The Tubb or "Comics" team made up mostly of 5th graders has been busy working since the beginning of the year. The team consists of Randi Crosland 5th grade, Chantel Curbo 3rd Grade, Jared Duchscherer 5th grade; Steven Erverz 3rd grade, Alyssa Glass 5th grader; Sean Huntsman 5th grade, and Freddie Tobias 5th grade. The team coached by Patty Faust and Kim Minzenmayer, has given up most all spare time and even Saturdays to figure the best way to solve and perform the problem. As time moves on and competition approaches the team is putting the finishing touches on the props and is working every possible minute to smooth out the script. Spontaneous has become a daily occurrence with all members even those not participating. Their dedication and hard work should really pay off in the end.

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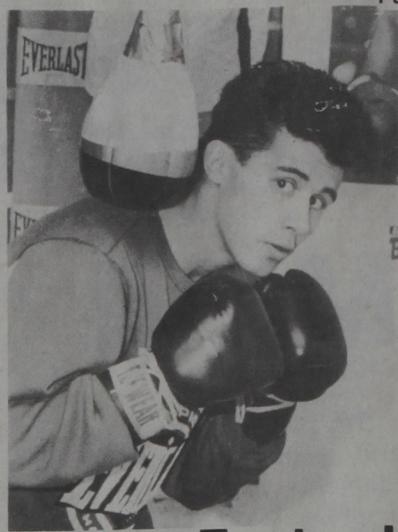
HABLANDO DE HOLLYWOOD

Por Estrella

Gregory Peck, toda una leyenda dentro del mundo del cine, será una de las estrellas de la película "Old Gringo", según lo anunció Columbia Pictures, estudio que la va a producir. El rodaje de "Old Gringo" comenzó el pasado 18 de enero en México, bajo la dirección de Luis Puenzo. Junto a Peck, actúan en esta película Jane Fonda, y el actor latino Jimmy Smits. El veterano Gregory Peck interpretará en "Old Gringo" al famoso aventurero y periodista americano Ambrose Bierce.... La organización HAMAS Hispanic Academy of Media Arts and Sciences está invitando por nuestro medio a todos los Artistas en el campo de Films y videos para que presenten proyectos para Su Programa de Exhibición Privada de Films y Videos el cual se llevará a cabo durante la Sexta Conferencia Nacional Anual de los Medios Hispanos de Difusión, en Dallas, Texas, del 6 al 9 de abril de este año. Todos los proyectos deberán ser producidos, dirigidos o escritos por un Artista Hispano de Film o Video, o tener como su foco principal un aspecto de la vida de los Hispanos en Los Estados Unidos. Las aplicaciones se pueden pedir escribiendo a HAMAS, P.O. Box 1476, Burbank, California 91507. Para

más información al respecto, pueden llamar al área (818) 240 4577! Ahora que salió en Video, pude ver la película "The Hanoi Hilton", una de las mejores cintas del año pasado. Uno de los personajes que más me conmovió en ella fue el comandante de la prisión Hoa Lo, un cruel hombre Oriental que somete a los prisioneros de guerra a los peores tormentos. El actor que lo interpretó es Aki Aleong, un veterano hombre de teatro, televisión y cine. Este mes lo veremos en la nueva película de Chuck Norris, la cinta de acción y suspenso llamada "Braddock Missing in Action III." En ésta, Aki interpreta a otro sanguinario oficial (General Quoc), empeñado en acabar con Braddock (Norris) quien ha ido a Vietnam en busca de su esposa, a quien había dejado por muerta en abril de 1975, durante la caída de Saigón. Ahora no solamente sabe que está viva, sino que le dió un hijo que ahora tiene 12 años de edad. El General Quoc y Braddock libran en "Missing in Action III" una guerra a muerte! El 22 de enero y el 26 de febrero muchas personas podrán ver la versión en español de la triunfadora película "La Bamba" en televisión por cable. Por primera vez, las personas suscritas al sistema de

calbe que tiene el método "Pay Per View," es decir en donde se paga solamente lo que se ve, podrán ordenar "La Bamba" doblada al español. Como es bien sabido, ésta película con Lou Diamond Phillips y Esai Morales fue una de las diez más taquilleras de 1987, y hasta ganó una nominación al Globo De Oro como La Mejor Película en la categoría de Drama! Al comienzo de esta columna hablábamos de Gregory Peck como estrella de la película "Old Gringo," y nos olvidamos mencionar que Peck reemplaza a Burt Lancaster, quien por razones desconocidas dejó el importante papel! "La única terapia a seguir ahora es: TRABAJAR," asegura el popular actor Ben Vereen, cuya hija de 16 años, Naja, pereció el 2 de diciembre pasado en un insólito accidente



Revenge Factor In Johnny's Rematch

The last fighter to beat Johnny Almaguer will step through the ropes at the Christian Renewal Center January 31 to again meet the popular former Texas Golden Gloves champion in the major event of the Lubbock Warriors annual amateur boxing matches.

Michael Hernandez of Olton, a national junior Olympic finalists, will match leather with Almaguer in a return match. Hernandez outpointed Almaguer, a former Texas Golden Glove champion, last May 24.

Other Warrior opponents were announced late Wednesday by Edward Hernandez, Warrior coach.

"We tried to get the best fighters we could, and I think we succeeded," Hernandez said.

Sammy Beaty, an Oklahoma light heavyweight who reigns as the North Texas and Southern Oklahoma USA/ABF champion, will fight Farrel Martin, a state regional Golden Glove champion, in the semifinal bout.

Raul Acosta of Roswell, the New Mexico Silver Gloves Champion, will match leather with Freeman Martin, the Warriors' featherweight, in another feature attraction.

Other bouts will match Steve Barrios, the New Mexico novice Golden Glove champion, against the Warriors' Guillermo Fuentes, in a welter weight match anticipated to be a slugfest, and Paul David, from Guymon, Oklahoma, against Mack Mc Lin of the Warriors, light heavyweight.

In a special heavyweight attraction, Michael Bent of New York, a member of Sugar Ray Leonard's Boxing Club, will square off against Cameron Wyatt, the Golden Gloves Champion of Arizona.

Bent currently is rated the No. 1 amateur heavyweight and is considered a definite prospect for this year's US Olympic team.

Each fight is scheduled for three three minute rounds, but not many are expected to last that long.

Advance tickets are on sale at the Optimist Boy's Club at 3301 Cornell. Proceeds will go toward funding the Warriors' boxing program through the Optimists Club.

TEJANO MUSIC AWARDS

San Antonio • Cuatro músicos serán instalados en el Tejano Music Award Hall of Fame (Salón de la Fama del Tejano Music Awards) durante un banquete/baile para los nominados para premios el día jueves 25 de febrero, en el Union Ballroom de la Universidad de Texas en Austin.

Los que van a ser instalados en el Salón de la Fama son Ritchie Valens, el fallecido cantante cuya carrera fue convertida en la exitosa película "La Bamba;" Alfonso Ramos, cantante de Austin; Felipe Martínez, compositor de Austin; Ramon Medina, compositor de La Feria, Roberto Moralis, medio hermano de Ritchie Valens, aceptara el premio por su hermano.

El banquete/baile para los nominados es un anticipo del 8th Annual Tejano Music Awards que esta programado para el 12 de marzo en San Antonio. En el banquete, la Asociación de Músicos de Talento de Texas (TTMA), por sus siglas en inglés) anunciará a los tres mejores nominados en cada una de las 11 categorías.

Los aficionados de música

Tejana pueden votar por sus artistas favoritos hasta el 23 de enero. Los votos se pueden obtener en los negocios de propietarios hispanos y en las radioestaciones hispanas en todo Tejas. Se puede votar por los músicos, compositores, ejecutantes y artistas favoritos, pero solo se permite un voto por persona, dijo Rudy Treviño, director ejecutivo para TTMA.

Los ganadores serán anunciados en la ceremonia de la Tejano Music Awards el 12 de Marzo en el Convention Center Arena de San Antonio.

El Tejano Music Awards está auspiciado conjuntamente por Budweiser, Coca-Cola USA, y la Ciudad de San Antonio.

Los boletos para el Tejano Music Awards están a la venta por \$25. Los boletos para el banquete/baile de los nominados cuestan \$8. Para reservar mesas llame a Rose Ann Burkhardt al 512/689/6763 o 512/521/2004.

Nota del Editor • Aquí localmente, Rudy Torrez ha sido nominado como mejor cantante y su orquesta Karino ha sido nominada como "Most promising band" ... no deje de votar... levante sus boletos en la licorería Bob's.

Over 50 stars of stage and screen—including Bill Cosby, Anita Baker, Kenny Rogers, Natalie Cole, Tina Turner, Pia Zadora and Lynn Redgrave—will be among the entertainers on a "Parade of Stars" telethon, Saturday, December 26, 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The gala production will air on more than 60 television stations across the nation to encourage Americans to contribute to higher education. Proceeds from the telethon will benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF)'s 42 colleges and their students. The telethon is the Fund's largest single fund-raising effort. Without the UNCF and the over 30,000 volunteers who work on the telethon each year, many minority students would be unable to attend college. It's made possible with the support of its national and founding sponsor, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc., co-sponsor, the Kellogg Company, and contributing sponsors American Airlines, General Motors and Tylenol. The pay-off: more education for talented, young people ready to participate fully in today's competitive society. For additional information call 1-800-331-2244.



Pia Zadora and over 50 other stars take part in the United Negro College Fund "Parade of Stars" telethon.

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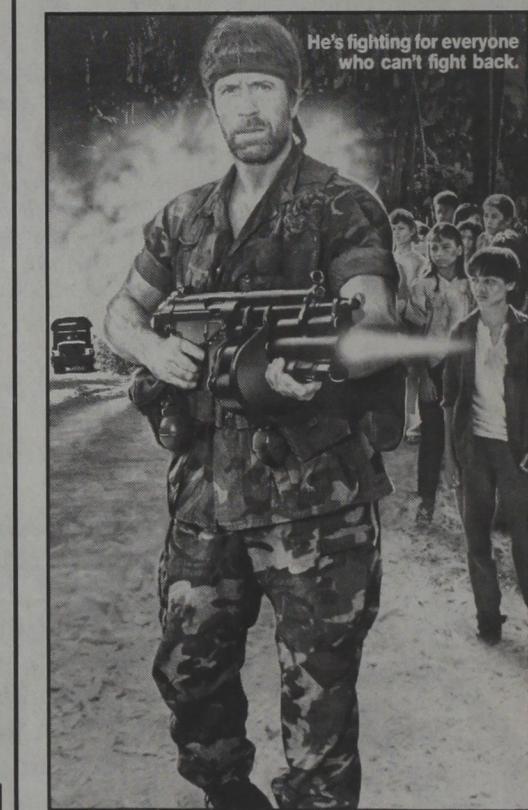
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Kevin Mack of the Browns fumbles early in Denver, and the Broncos score a touchdown on the ensuing drive. (Right) Joey



Browner of the Vikings misses Ricky Sanders in action in Washington.

Catch XXII; Redskins, Broncos



Sportswear 88

by Alan Boese

DENVER (10-4-1)

WASHINGTON (11-4)



An incomplete pass near the goal line and a fumble on the two yard line decided last Sunday's conference championships in Washington and Denver, and the Redskins of the National Conference and the Broncos of the American Conference are now preparing to butt helmets next Sunday at San Diego in Super Bowl XXII.

Both errors by the visiting teams, battling long odds and home town frenzies, came in the final moments of the two contests.

A stout Redskins defense that held the surprising Vikings to three points on two possessions inside the 10 yard line, two long passes from Doug Williams to Gary Carter and deafening noise from their rabid fans propelled Washington to its third Super Bowl appearance with Coach Joe Gibbs in the '80s.

Gibbs appeared far more relieved than jubilant after the game.

And one mile above sea level in the foothills of the Rockies, the Denver Broncos charged to an early two touchdown lead that Bernie Kosar and the gallant Cleveland Browns almost climbed.

But a fumble by Earnest Byner ruined the heroic comeback when the Broncos were able to absorb a safety and run out the clock.

The last time the Broncos and

Browns played each other, in last year's AFC title clash in Cleveland, Denver quarterback John Elway led a 98 yard late in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, and Denver then won, 23 to 20, on a field goal.

This year in Denver, Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar almost pulled off the same improbable act.

Starting from his own 25, as Elway had a year earlier, Kosar brought the Browns to the Bronco eight and handed off to Byner.

The solid Cleveland running back barreled to the three, where he was hit by Jeremiah Castille.

Byner actually passed Castille and seemed headed for a sure, game tying touchdown, but the ball did not. Castille stripped it and recovered at the four.

Both Elway and Kosar were simply great. Each threw for three touchdowns.

Elway completed 14 of 26 passes for 281 yards, and Kosar completed 26 passes for 356 yards.

Elway's transcendent capacity to run, spy open receivers and hit those open receivers' finger tips seemed to baffle the renowned Browns defense early, especially Cleveland's All Pro cornerbacks, Hanford Dixon and Frank Minnifield.

Denver, capitalizing on Cleveland errors, raced to an almost ridiculously easy 14 to 0

lead and enjoyed a 21 to 3 half time advantage.

After Kosar led the Browns to an early third quarter touchdown to narrow the gap to a touchdown, Elway, scrambling, dropped a short pass to Mark Jackson, who evaded two tacklers and raced 80 yards into the end zone.

That touchdown increased the Browns' lead to 28 to 10, but Kosar, and the Browns, kept coming back.

Cleveland actually caught Denver at 31 when Kosar flipped a five yard scoring pass to Webster Slaughter, but then it was Elway's turn to come back, and he did.

The Stanford graduate led the Broncos on a 75 yard touchdown drive after the very next kickoff. He connected twice for 26 yards each to Ricky Nattiel and culminated the drive with a bullet 20 yard touchdown pitch to Sammy Winder.

The victory earned the Broncos the right to kick off the Super Bowl against the Redskins, who also survived a late scare.

The Redskins stopped the Vikings twice in the fourth quarter, once on the one foot line and finally near the end zone to save a 17 to 10 triumph.

Although media darling Doug Williams had an awful statistical day despite superb protection, completing only nine of 26 passes for 119 yards, he connected with Gary Clark early and late with

passes to score one touchdown and set up another.

The Redskins might have piled up a big early lead, like the Broncos, but Williams missed a wide open Clark with a long bomb and Clark dropped another in the end zone.

Washington's offensive and defensive lines dominated the line of scrimmage, but Williams kept missing his receivers to keep the game close.

Meanwhile, gutsy Texas Wade Wilson, hounded unmercifully by a fierce rush all afternoon, passed the Vikings close to the goal line twice, but each time the Redskins stopped Minnesota yards away.

The final Vikings predation sputtered when Darrin Nelson dropped a pass on the goal line with 49 seconds to play.

After the game, several Redskins players, including Dexter Manley, who whipped previously impenetrable left tackle Gary Zimmerman time and again, credited Washington fans with a hand, or at least a voice, in the Redskins win.

"Their offensive linemen couldn't hear the count," Manley explained, "so they were slow getting off the ball."

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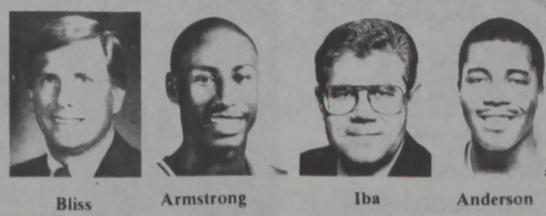
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On the road again.. Tech Keeps Losing

Texas Tech's painful inability to win basketball games away from dusty Lubbock Coliseum dropped the Red Raiders two full games behind in the early running of the Southwest Conference basketball race Wednesday night in Fort Worth.

The Raiders lost to TCU, 55 to 52 while the league leading Texas Aggies edged the surprisingly resilient Rice Owls in College Station, 75 to 70.

Before tip off time, the Horned Frogs ranked dead last in the conference with a zero and four record. And Moe Iba's Christians were playing their first game of the year without their best player, Norman Anderson.

Steve Howe lesson; say no to drugs

Say no to drugs, and maybe even alcohol.

Although the sports pages are filled daily with scandals of cheating, stealing, lying and substance abuse of all kinds, few of those sad words can match the last act of Steve Howe's baseball career for real life tragedy.

Texas Rangers general manager Tom Grieve announced last Sunday that the Rangers had fired Howe, the gifted but substance trouble relief pitcher, "because of alcohol or drug problems."

Howe's firing, probably the final act of his baseball career, rang down the curtain on a brilliant career marked by a fatal flaw.

Howe's firing by an obviously shaken Grieve was the eighth time the fireballing left-hander had

Anderson, a star center during last year's TCU championship season, was kicked off the team last week for undisclosed "disciplinary violations."

Sean Gay was the only Raider in double scoring figures. The Houston blue chip junior scored 15 points.

In other conference action Wednesday night, Arkansas edged Baylor, 70 to 62.

Tech has to play another road game this Saturday, when the Raiders journey to Dallas to meet SMU, led by sparkplug floor leader Kato Armstrong.

The Raiders have not yet won one game on an opposing team's floor in seven tries.



Steve Howe
been suspended or released by three major league teams for substance abuse.

Techsan Timmy Smith running to Super Paydirt

Sure, it was a defensive battle, but Techsan Timmy Smith was the leading rusher in Sunday's titanic NFC Championship struggle in Bobby Kennedy Stadium.

Smith gained 72 hard earned yards in 13 not unlucky carries against the Minnesota Vikings' spirited rushing defense.

As the very first EI Editor SPORTSWEEK in September '86, explained, "Smith (was) a supremely gifted runner...and a definite pro prospect."

But as that same article also explained, there was some question if Smith had fully recovered from a knee injury.

In truth, Timmy never did recover from a knee injury he suffered prancing into the north end zone of Jones Stadium after scoring a touchdown against New Mexico.

Not until after the '86 season, that is.

After gaining 442 yards in his freshman year in '83 and 711 yards his sophomore season, that late endzone hit curbed Smith's career. Only until he ran in pro tryouts last spring with his old time speed and authority, did Timmy attract the professional attention his ability seemed destined to warrant in his early years at Tech.

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A routine visit to a physician by a healthy American adult might include having a blood sample drawn and analyzed. Usually the lab work is completed, the results are reported to the physician, and the numbers are recorded on the patient's chart.

The American Heart Association suggests that patients ask their physicians to discuss these results when they are available and understand what the tests are for and what the numbers mean.

One report the physician generally requests is cholesterol level. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance carried in the blood which comes from two sources. "Blood cholesterol" is produced primarily by the liver, while "dietary cholesterol" is found in foods from animals. These foods include egg yolks, meat, fish, poultry and whole milk dairy products such as ice cream and cheese. A certain amount of cholesterol is needed to generate hormones and cells.

However, if the blood cholesterol climbs above the desirable level, cholesterol can build up over a period of time with some other substances on the inner lining of blood vessels like rust in water pipes. During that time, the buildup can narrow those vessels, keeping sufficient oxygen-carrying blood from getting to the heart or brain. It is easy for a clot to form that will clog the vessels, cutting off the flow of blood. The result can be a heart attack or stroke.

To understand what the numbers resulting from a blood cholesterol test mean, first know that cholesterol is measured in milligrams per deciliter of blood, expressed as "mg/dl." Also be aware that the level varies depending on age, sex, and the presence of certain disease. If other risk factors are present — smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, glucose imbalances, excess weight or a history of heart disease in the patient's family, the probability of having a heart attack increases regardless of the cholesterol level.

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low

The American Heart Association considers a healthy American adult, 20 years or older, at "low risk" for cardiovascular disease when cholesterol measures 200 mg/dl or lower, if no other phase of cardiovascular disease or any other cardiovascular risk factors are present. The same adult is at "moderate risk" if cholesterol level is between 200 and 239 mg/dl, and at "high risk" with a reading of 240 mg/dl or higher.

If it is determined that a patient has a high cholesterol level, the AHA recommends that the physician determine the appropriate treatment. This will usually include a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. The physician should also address other major risk factors, including smoking and high blood pressure.

More than 50 percent of middle-aged Americans have cholesterol levels 200 mg/dl and above. It is prudent for all adults to follow a heart-healthy, low-fat, low-cholesterol diet as a preventive measure. Have your cholesterol checked regularly by a physician and know your numbers.



CONSUMER ALERT

by
Jim Mattox
Attorney General

FIRE ALARMS CAN BURN CONSUMERS

Thousands of people die each year in home fires. Some of those people thought they were protected by fire safety equipment. But what they had been sold was junk.

As in many other product areas, we find consumers subjected to high pressure sales tactics, leading to the sale of worthless or less than efficient fire protection equipment—much of it at inflated prices.

THE PITCH

One typical sales tactic is to send the consumer a card in the mail offering a free fire safety inspection. Once the salesperson gets in the door, he may take a look around and declare the home to be a matchbox, ready to go up in flames at any time.

If the homeowner already has smoke detectors, the salesman may say that these alone will not do the job. He may also say there should be a "coordinated system" covering the entire house, which, coincidentally, his company offers.

He may tell the consumer that smoke is not the biggest killer in fires, when, in fact, it is.

He may also try to sell the consumer heat detectors on the false premise that smoke detectors are inadequate. But the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) says if you can only afford smoke detectors,

they are probably adequate. If you want maximum protection, and can afford it, then heat detectors in the kitchen, garage and attic, along with smoke detectors at each level of the house, are a good idea.

SAFETY TIPS

Check to see if your smoke detector is UL (Underwriters Laboratory) listed. If it is, it should do the job. There's no need to spend a great deal of money.

If you are solicited by a company wanting to install fire alarms, check with your local Better Business Bureau or fire department to see what kind of reputation the company has. And, remember, if you are solicited in your home and sign a contract there, you have three business days in which to cancel your contract. If you decide to do so, it must be done in writing.

FOR MORE HELP

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Un Rayito De Luz

por Sofia Martinez

Todos los cristianos hemos sido llamados por Dios para darnos la misión de llevar por todo el mundo Su mensaje de salvación, siendo testigos de Su amor. Nadie va a cumplir por nosotros esa misión porque es u 'a Misión Muy personal y Muy especial; y nuestra respuesta también debe de ser Muy Personal y Muy Especial. Esta Misión es un compromiso que

se nos ha encargado para toda nuestra vida, es algo que va más allá del cumplimiento de algún reglamento que debemos de seguir como cristianos. Y por ser seguidores de Jesucristo, nuestra misión no puede ser diferente de la del mismo Jesucristo: Sus planes de salvación deben de seguir cumpliéndose en nuestro mundo; y somos nosotros, los cristianos, los que tenemos la misión de hacerlos realidad. Mt. 28, 1620. Luc. 24, 36to 49. Jn. 20, 19 to 23.

San Juan Bautista nos presenta a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios que tiene la misión de quitar el pecado del mundo. Y...la cumplió muy bien. Siendo inocente, entregó voluntariamente su vida, sin quejarse, como un cordero, para que todos pudieramos vivir eternamente. Mc. 1, 7.15, 22.37.

Pero todos sabemos muy bien que el mal, todavía, no ha desaparecido del mundo. Se nos presenta por todos lados, y con muchas caras: injusticias, florjeo, abusos, orgullo, egoísmo, etc... Todas esas inseguridades y esos miedos que tenemos que padecer,

hoy día, son el fruto del pecado que ha echado raíces muy grandes en nosotros. Y al decir pecado, tenemos que pensar en esa tendencia al mal, que voltea al revés el orden que Dios ha puesto en el mundo. Y cuando vemos este desorden en que estamos viviendo, nos preguntamos: Habrá sido inútil la venida de Cristo al mundo y Su muerte en la cruz? Para mucha gente así parece, pero para nosotros, los cristianos de verdad, Cristo nos ha marcado el camino que debemos de seguir para hacer desaparecer el pecado. Porque...los cristianos hemos sido escogidos por Dios para comenzar la tarea de quitar ese pecado del mundo. Allí donde haya odios, tendremos que crear un ambiente de hermanos que se aman de verdad. Allí donde haya injusticias tendremos que trabajar muy duro para que haya la justicia. Donde haya orgullo, lucharemos por defender los derechos que Dios mismo nos ha dado. (1 Cor. 13, 1. Mt. 25, 40) Es necesario que nos ocupemos, como Jesús, de las cosas de Nuestro Padre. (Luc. 2, 49).

Liturgia y Tiempos

Santos.

Es un tiempo dedicado a la escucha y reflexión de lo transmitido por Jesús, de parte de Dios su Padre a nosotros, se trata de un lapso de esperanza, pues El Señor dijo que algún día regresaría. Para significar esa esperanza, durante el tiempo ordinario se usa el color verde en las ceremonias litúrgicas. La Cuaresma son cuarenta días que termina el domingo de Ramos. Se trata de un tiempo de preparación para la gran Fiesta de la Pascua. Antes de darmos su Palabra, Jesús pasó 40 días en el desierto, ayunando y mortificándose, esos 40 días se ven reflejados en la cuaresma de los cristianos; el color morado se usa de nuevo para simbolizar la penitencia. El Domingo de Ramos inaugura la Semana Santa y se trata del Domingo anterior al Jueves más próximo del primer plenilunio de primavera. Durante la Semana Santa se conmemora la Pasión, la Muerte y la Resurrección de Jesucristo y los colores son variados, de acuerdo al día y celebración. El siguiente domingo al Jueves Santo es el Día de que celebramos la Gloriosa Resurrección de Jesús y con él empieza un lapso de siete semanas al cual se le llama tiempo Pascual y celebra la alegría de la Iglesia por la Resurrección de Jesucristo, este acontecimiento constituye la celebración que reviste la mayor solemnidad y el color que se usa en los ornamentos es el Blanco, el cual significa la alegría de los cristianos y la gloria del Señor Resucitado.

Al siguiente día de Pentecostés, continúa el tiempo Ordinario en su segundo período que llega hasta el sábado anterior al primer domingo del Adviento del siguiente año litúrgico, el color de los ornamentos litúrgicos vuelve a ser el verde. Además de los colores mencionados, existen otros que se usan en las ceremonias litúrgicas, estos son: El rojo, cuando se celebra la fiesta de un mártir, también se usa el Viernes Santo y el Domingo de Ramos; el azul en algunas fiestas de la Santísima Virgen María; el negro, cuando se celebra la Santa Misa Exequial, esto es cuando se tiene el funeral en el día de la sepultura de algún cristiano; se usa el rosa en el tercer domingo del Adviento para significar la alegría por el próximo Nacimiento del Hijo de Dios.

Ojalá que estos elementos nos sirvan para entender mejor lo que celebramos en la Iglesia durante el año y de esa forma podemos aprovechar mejor lo que se nos ofrece de parte de Dios. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

El Tiempo Pascual termina con la Solemnidad de Pentecostés la cual está situada exactamente 50 días después de la celebración de la Resurrección de Jesús, de ahí su nombre de Pentecostés.

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