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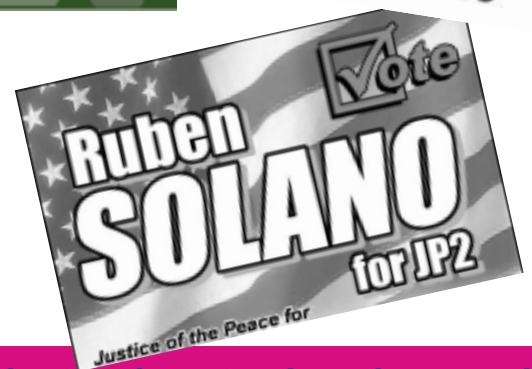
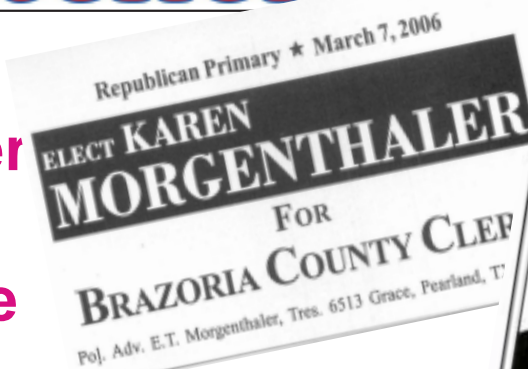
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1925

LOAF OF BREAD \$.09
GALLON OF GAS \$.12
GALLON OF MILK \$.56

PRESIDENT: Calvin Coolidge
VICE PRESIDENT: Charles Dawes

AVERAGE INCOME
\$2,239.00

Dow Jones Avg: 134

NEW CAR: \$290.00

NEW HOUSE: \$7,809.00

Veá adentro de este ejemplar para la lista nueva de casas con Paula Mutina Properties ubicada en la calle Cedar y Anderson. Pregunta por Molly.

Our Families Have A Real Stake In The Election



Esta elección se trata de valores, integreidad y honradez. Soy Tom Campbell y quiero pedir respetuosamente su voto y el apoyo el 7 de marzo para ser su próximo congresista.

Vote Tom Campbell

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Daughter - Heather, 28 with 4 Grandchildren
Son - Jeremy, 27 - 4.5 years Marines, Millwright

City of Lake Jackson:

Mayor - 6 years
Council - 1 year
L.J. Clean City Commission - 6 years - 2 as chair

Civic Activities & Boards:

Christ Lutheran Church - 17 years
Little League Baseball - Coach, Umpire & past Board Member - 19 years
Soccer Coach - 3+ years

Registered Boy Scout
Lifetime Girl Scout
Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County
BACH Planning
Bay Area Council Boy Scouts Executive Board
BC Economic Development Alliance - Communications Chair
Brazosport Center for the Arts
LJ EMS - ad hoc

Active Constituent for:

Brazosport Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Our Lady Queen of Peace School, Hospice Care Team, Lake Jackson Masonic Lodge, Brazoria Masonic Lodge, Lake Jackson Citizens Police Academy, Coastal Conservation Association, Habitat for Humanity, SBC Humane Facility, A & M Instrument Symposium, Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, Faith in Action, Brazoria County Youth Home

Employment:

Dow Chemical 29 years
Sr. Process Control Specialist
Registered Professional Engineer
AAS, AES - Brazosport College
Distinguished Alumni Brazosport College

Experience:

Project Design Engineering- 9 years
Instrument Technology - 12 years
Construction - 4 years
Team Accomplishments: Completion and Opening of the Wilderness Golf Course
Creation of Bond Task Force
Negotiation of Industrial District Contract
New Humane Facility
Completion of \$16MM Water Reclamation Center
Expansion of Fire/EMS facilities
Maintained Low Tax Rate



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Editorial

Operational Citizenship

As the March 7th 2006, Primaries approach it is instructive that we stop and consider the different types of "operational citizenship" that Americans seem to practice.

First Class Citizenship

This type of citizenship is practiced when individuals who are eligible to vote do in fact go out and vote. While this may sound simple, it appears to be an increasing problem for the world's premier democracy.

In Texas, in the last presidential election (2004), only 56% of registered voters bothered to turn out (7,359,621 out of 13,098,329). When people who are citizens, go out and register to vote and then on election day do in fact turn out to vote, they are what we call "first class citizens."

Second Class Citizenship

Individuals who practice second class citizenship are registered to vote but do not bother to turn out and vote. The voting rolls are filled with individuals who practice operational citizenship in this fashion.

Third Class Citizenship

This type of citizenship is characteristic of individuals who are citizens but not registered to vote. When you are not registered to vote, you cannot vote. And in the words of the late **Willie Velasquez**, founder of the **Southwest Voter Education and Registration Project**, "Su Voto es Su Voz." But if you are not registered to vote, *pues como quien dice, usted no tiene voz.*

Cambiando de Temas

It has always been interesting to me to observe that millions of Mexicans manage to find their way into the **United States of America** every year. Most come because of necessity. Most come because their choices have come down to starving to death on a ranchito some where in **Zacatecas**, or taking your chances in a place like **Austin, Texas**, the land of sun and money. (Sometimes more sun than money)

While it is not a difficult choice it is indeed a painful one. For it means leaving behind loved ones. It means constant worry about their safety and well being. And it means having to let the



Alfredo R. Santos c/s Editor

days pass without watching your kids grow up. On more than one occasion I have heard these recent arrivals comment on how much we have here in America and yet how much we don't appreciate it.

On the question of voting, I had a man tell me a few years ago, "No, si yo tuviera la ciudadania, you saldria a votar cada vez que me tocaba. Yo veo que hay muchos de ustedes que no cuidan lo que tienen aquí en este país." (No, if I was a citizen, I would go out and vote every time I could. I see that a lot of you are not taking care of what you have in this country.)

When I think about this man's comments, I think about all the second and third class citizens we have here in **Texas** and in other places around the country.

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