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### Pre-concert Lecture

April 16, 2000, 7:00 PM, Rudder Exhibit Hall  
Dr. Alan Houtchens

Assoc. Professor, Performance Studies Program, Texas A&M University

**Sunday, April 16, 2000**

**8:00 P.M., Rudder Auditorium**

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Tickets cost: \$20.00 adults, \$5.00 students

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# WORLD & NATION

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THE BATTALION

Friday, April 14, 2000

## Latino policy unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) — Policy-makers must address the health care disparities affecting the Hispanic community, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus said Thursday.

Latinos represent a disproportionate share of the nation's uninsured and are likelier to be hit by diabetes and other illnesses, the caucus said in a report issued Thursday.

The caucus called for improved Hispanic access to health care, more funding for organizations that do Latino health care outreach, increased representation in the health care profession and better data collection.

"Hispanics are the fastest growing minority group in the United States, and it is expected that by the year 2025, Latinos will constitute approximately 20 percent of the U.S. population," said caucus Chairwoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif.

Hispanics account for 35 percent of the nation's uninsured even though

they comprise just 11 percent of the population. Nearly three-quarters of those uninsured Latinos live in just four states — California, Texas, New York and Florida.

In Texas, which leads the percentage of uninsured residents, 45 percent of the state's Hispanics say they had no health insurance, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last month.

Part of the problem, said Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, is that Hispanic working families "are concentrated in low-wage jobs and small firms that are least likely to offer health insurance."

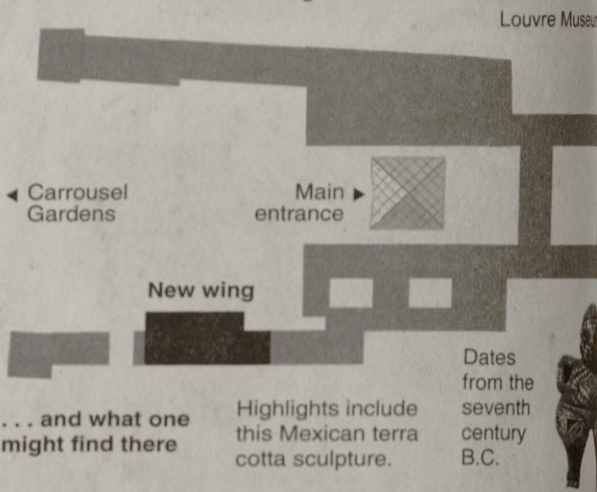
Rodriguez said caucus members will introduce legislation that would provide incentives for businesses to provide health coverage for low-wage workers, expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to include parents, and provide coverage for low-income legal immigrant women and children.

## Museum wing opens

### The Louvre goes primitive

Paris's Louvre Museum opened a new wing Thursday, that has the very first collection of primitive art objects.

Where to find the new wing . . .



... and what one might find there

Highlights include this Mexican terra cotta sculpture.

Dates from the seventh century B.C.

Source: Louvre Museum

## Russian communists against START II treaty

MOSCOW (AP) — Despite protests from hard-liners, Russia's parliament began work Thursday on approving the long-stalled START II treaty, which would clear the way for huge cuts in the U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals.

The lower house of parliament, the State Duma, went into a closed session for briefings from Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and Defense Ministry Igor Sergeev. They urged lawmakers to pass the treaty when it comes up for a vote on Friday.

START II would halve U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals to about 3,000-3,500 warheads each by the end of 2007.

The Duma is expected to approve the treaty, which was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1996. Centrist parties gained a majority in the Duma in elections in December, ending years of control by the Communists and their hard-line allies.

"Many understand the need for ratification," Sergeev said after the session. "Communists will probably vote against, but there is no evidence or arguments to convince one that ratification would fail."

President Vladimir Putin, who won elections in March, has urged the Duma to approve START II. Putin has balanced his call to restore Russia as a great power with a pragmatic policy of preserving good relations with the West.

The Communists have called the START II treaty a disgrace, warning it would weaken Russia and give the United States military superiority.

But Russian supporters of START II say many Russian strategic missiles are past their service lifetime and will have to be scrapped soon anyway. Short of everything from new weapons to uniforms, the Russian military is in a shambles and the government cannot afford massive new military spending.

The government and centrist lawmakers say the country's nuclear program should shift to developing a smaller arsenal of modern weapons, such as the new Topol-M missile.

"A few modern missiles, capable of being launched through a missile-defense system in a retaliatory role, would be a much more effective deterrent," lawmaker Andrei Kokoshin said.

Ratifying the long-delayed treaty would be an irritant in U.S.-Russian relations but would not affect a growing dispute over Washington's call to join the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Washington wants to change the 1972 ABM treaty so it can build a limited missile-defense system to protect against possible missile attacks from "rogue nations" such as North Korea. But Russia says it could trigger a new arms race. It opposes any change to the ABM treaty.

# Worship Directory

### Assembly of God

**Bethel Temple Assembly of God**  
2608 Villa Maria, Bryan  
776-4835  
Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:45, 6:00 pm  
College & Career Class Sun. 9:30  
Randy Scott, Pastor  
www.startel.net/bethel

### Baptist

**Living Hope Baptist Church**  
Sunday Schedule: We are NOW meeting at  
9:45 AM Bible Study Cypress Grove Inter. School  
11:00 AM Worship on Graham Rd. between  
6:30 PM Worship Wellborn and the West  
bypass service Road.  
INFO: 690-1911

### Catholic

**St. Mary's**  
603 Church Ave., 846-5717  
Pastoral Team  
Rev. Michael J. Sis, Pastor  
Rev. David A. Konderla, Associate Pastor  
Campus Ministers  
Deacon Bill Scott • Martha Tonn  
Lillian Smith • Maureen Murray  
Heidi Nicolini  
Daily Masses  
Mon.-Fri.: 5:30 p.m.  
Tues, Thurs: 12:05 Noon  
All Faith's Chapel on A&M Campus  
Sat.: 10:30 a.m. (Korean)  
Weekend Masses  
Sat. - 5:30 p.m. (English), 7:00 (Spanish)  
Sun. - 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:30, 7:00 p.m.

### Church of Christ

**Bryan / College Station Church of Christ**  
Sunday: Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:00 a.m., Wednesday: Bible Class 7:00 p.m., College Station Conference Center (Just across George Bush from TAMU Golf Course)  
(409) 731-1230  
Email: mark-d@tamu.edu or mwm@tamu.edu

### Episcopal

**St. Thomas Episcopal**  
906 George Bush Dr. • College Station, TX  
(Across from Duncan Dining Hall)  
Sunday services at 8:00, 9:00 and especially for late rising Ags, 11:15 a.m.  
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College & Career Class  
You are invited to a Bible study especially for students.  
Sunday mornings at 9:45  
1228 W. Villa Maria  
779-2297  
For more information contact  
Marcus Brewer: 696-6558  
m-brewer@tamu.edu  
http://PersonalWebs.myriad.net/fwb

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E-Mail: greenec@psd.com www.covenant-family-church.org

### United Methodist

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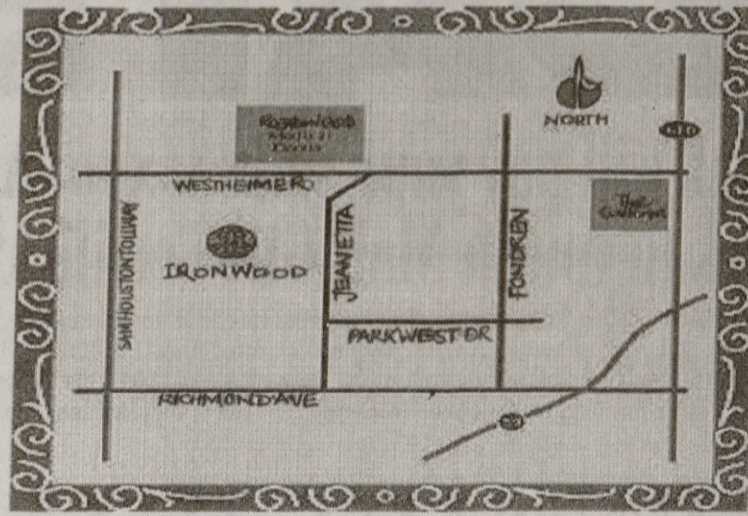
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