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The John of Beverley Medal . . .

HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD OF THE DEAF

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Mill Neck, N.Y.

Since the late 1950s, Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc., and Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf have periodically awarded the John of Beverley medal to those "who have



JOHN OF BEVERLEY
MEDAL

made a substantial, significant contribution to the welfare of the deaf, usually on a national level, explains Rev. Thomas Armour

who is pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hackettstown, N.J., is a 15-year board member who serves on the interlocking directorate of the three organizations of Mill Neck.

"The award was created to recognize the accomplishments of people, either deaf or hearing, who have contributed to more effective means of communication in the deaf world and between the hearing and deaf worlds. In doing so, we call attention to the work that still needs to be done."

Most presentations of the medal, but for "four or five exceptions" have been held at national Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod conventions. Others were presented at district conventions. Other the 22 people who have been honored since 1959, three were posthumous.

The board is "moving in the direction of making the John of Beverley Award an annual award," says Armour and "takes care to try

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WHO WAS JOHN OF BEVERLEY?

The John of Beverley medal, created in 1958 by internationally known sculptor-artist Donald DeLue, is embossed with the image of a monk wearing a habit. One hand holds his bishop's staff, while his other hand touches the jaw and extends behind the ear of a young deaf boy. The medal depicts John of Beverley, an English clergyman of the late 7th century. It is said that a dumb man was brought and miraculously healed by John, Bishop of York. It goes on that John taught the man to talk, the first written record of someone teaching a deaf person to speak.

John of Beverley aptly symbolizes Mill Neck's medal, which honors the achievements of more effective communication in the deaf world and among hearing and deaf people.

PAST RECIPIENTS

- 1959 Rev. John L. Salvner, D.D.
- 1960 Martha E. Bruhn
- 1961 John A. Klein, LL.D.
- 1962 Rev. George W. Gaertner, Ph.D.
- 1964 Arthur G. Plant
- 1965 Rev. Ernest C. Mappes

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WISCONSIN DEAF HAVE A RETREAT

Getting together in the middle of the winter can be lots of fun, as our friends in southern Wisconsin found out during a "break" at the Lions' Camp at Rosholt, Wis., Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Thirty-three from Milwaukee and Madison

registered for a week-end of worship, skits on how to witness for Jesus, Bible study. Adding to the pleasure was cross country skiing, games and lots of talk around the fire with plenty of cocoa and coffee.

The only incident to mar an otherwise perfect time was an accident where Sam Riege, Milwaukee, fell while walking with snowshoes. He suffered a head injury, necessitating a trip to the hospital and receiving seven stitches. Everyone must of had a great time, as they are planning another one!

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THE JOHN OF BEVERLEY MEDAL

to make the award as effective as it can be in promoting awareness and motivation" for work among the deaf. The board is also considering awarding one national and a few regional awards each year, so that faithful workers like full-time pastors and teachers to the deaf may also be honored.

For instance, in 1976, the board awarded two John of Beverley medals, one on the synodical level and one on the district level. As chairperson of the John of Beverley Committee, Armour says the nomination process involves "intensive work for a couple of weeks." Taking advantage of both deaf and hearing networks, Armour uses a TDD/TTY to communicate by phone, as well as letter, throughout the year and throughout the country. He receives candidate recommendations, and keeps files on each candidate's accomplishments.



WINTER RETREAT IN WISCONSIN--Shown here are the group from Madison and Milwaukee who got together in mid-winter worship, study, fun and socializing at the Lion's Camp at Rosholt, Wis.



HONORING THE FIRST RECIPIENT--This 1959 photo shows the late Dr. John L. Salvner receiving the first John of Beverley medal. Former LCMS President John W. Behnken, second from the left, looks on. Others are district and board officials.

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WHO WAS JOHN OF BEVERLEY

- 1967 Rev. Dr. Waldemar O. Ferber
- 1969 Rev. Walter A. Westermann
- 1971 Rev. Norbert E. Borchardt
- 1973 Rev. Theodore Frederking
- 1973 Melvin W. Luebke
- 1974 Rev. Alvin E. Ferber
- 1975 Rev. Philip Ho
- 1976 Adele E. Brunjes
- 1976 Rev. William R. Weber
- 1977 Naomi Warth
- 1978 Rev. William F. Donahue
- 1979 Archie D. Marshall
- 1981 Prof. Rudolph Woolrab
- 1983 The Hon. Albert H. Quie
- 1986 Prof. Donald O. Peterson
- 1986 Ruth E. Peterson
- 1989 Elaine Costello, Ph.D.

Archie D. Marshall

THE ART OF JOINING HANDS

Born in 1925 in St. Louis, Archie Marshall contracted spinal meningitis at age six and became profoundly deaf. Since that time, he has worked to build bridges between deaf and hearing worlds. A teacher of the deaf at his special elementary school taught him speech and lip-reading. "Her philosophy was 'deafness is no handicap'" says Marshall, "and she had a great influence on my life," which is obvious as he was one of the first deaf students to be mainstreamed into a "hearing" high school in 1940, where he maintained an A- average.

"I've never had a problem communicating with the hearing world," he says. Deafness is invisible; it didn't handicap me. But people could see the color of my skin. That did handicap me." Marshall says he faced the greatest amount of prejudice when he attended the Art Institute of Chicago. "It didn't really happen until graduation time, when people came to interview us for jobs. They were interested in my school record, education and experience until they saw I was 'colored.' Fortunately, President Truman signed an executive order forbidding discrimination in the hiring policy of government



Marshall holds his John of Beverley medal at the entrance of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf, St. Louis.

agencies. He was finally hired by the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, where he designed war brochures and posters. During his time in Chicago, a friend took him to St. Philip's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, where he was instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Two years later, he returned to St. Louis where he again encountered job discrimination. Through the efforts of the owner's wife of Universal Match, he was hired and worked there 38 years. When the company was sold in 1986, he took early retirement from his job as senior artist. "I helped other black artists get work at Universal Match," he says proudly.

Marshall met many white and black friends during the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, but his leadership role in bringing together St. Louis' black and white deaf Lutheran churches was a highlight. "There was racial resistance, because the deaf community always tries to copy the hearing community in everything," says Marshall. Working with Rev. Geil of St. Philip's Church for the Deaf, the two were able to join both memberships into Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

"The first thing I did was set up social events," he remembers. "People have to learn that everyone's the same, no matter what their color. The Bible taught me that." The two St. Louis deaf churches became the first in Missouri to integrate, a notable achievement. "All my pastors have strengthened my faith," he says, especially Holy Cross' current pastor, Rev. Richard Moody. His favorite Bible passage, which has sustained him through many challenges, continues to be John 3:16. "It summarizes the whole Bible he says simply. He has held every conceivable lay leadership position at Holy Cross, and now serves as treasurer. He also uses his artistic talents there, creating logo for the church school and recently designing some Christmas ornaments.

Many deaf institutions and programs, whether community, state or national, have benefited from Marshall's quiet, but pervasive Christian spirit, creativity and zealous volunteering of artistic, communication and organizational talents.

He has participated in the International

ROUNDING UP THE NEWS

Lillian H. Long, former ILDA secretary, spent several weeks in the hospital for an undisclosed ailment, but is reported to be back home at the Columbus Colony Elderly Care Center in Westerville, Ohio.

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Another long-time ILDA member and former editor of this paper, **Archie D. Marshall** underwent quintuple (five) by-pass surgery in St. Louis Jan. 29. Archie is reported to be much improved. We hope to see him in the president's chair at the Central Regional Conference in Rockford, Ill. May 1-3.

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After many months, **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Omaha, finally has a new van, a Plymouth Voyager. They are also discussing what to do about an opportunity to hold services at Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church at 90th and Q streets in southwest Omaha.

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The newest church for deaf Lutherans is **Messiah Lutheran Church** in Waterloo/Cedar Falls, Iowa. Services are held weekly at Christ Lutheran Church, 234 S. Hackett Road in Waterloo. At the present time, a new constitution has been drawn up and submitted to Iowa District East for approval. Following approval, plans will be made to have a Charter Sunday and become a full fledged congre-

gation in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Rev. Michael MacDonald is pastor.

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Victor and Evelyn Lyon, late of Bozeman, Mont. have moved to Seattle, Wash. where daughter, Priscilla Lords resides. The couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 6. Vic underwent surgery March 5 for an undisclosed ailment.

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Rev. Martin Hewitt, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Spokane, Wash. will be the chairperson for the Centennial Celebration for the Deaf Ministry in Chicago in 1994-1996.

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Thanks to the Indianapolis Chapter of the LWML, a gift of \$10,000 has been given to **Peace Lutheran Church** to purchase a new van.

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For the rip-off department: charging SS (**Social Security**) recipients for "information and services." There is absolutely no reason in the world anyone receiving social security checks should have to pay for assistance in tracing lost checks, changing names after marriage or divorce, obtaining information about your account or anything at all. All of this is **FREE**. All anyone needs to do is go to the nearest SS office, where help is free. There is even number for the deaf to

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ARCHIE D. MARSHALL

Lutheran Deaf Association since its beginnings in 1971. He served as editor of its publication, **THE DEAF LUTHERAN**, for six years and currently serves as president of the ILDA's Central Region. "The heart of the ILDA is to share the Word with deaf people all over the world," he explains.

He has served as president of the St. Louis chapter of The Missouri Association of the Deaf; an advisory board member of the Missouri State School for the Deaf at Fulton, the first deaf and black citizen to be so appointed. He also took part in the Governor's Commission for the Handicapped. In 1965, he was called to Washington, D.C. to serve on President Lyndon Johnson's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. "They didn't know I was deaf until I arrived. You should have seen their surprise!" he laughs.

EEOC appointees spoke to local schools.

"I told black students: 'Get as much education as you can. Be interested in studying the Bible. Learn as much as you can about life and don't be frustrated--just keep on going.'" He has lived and taught the same principles to his six hearing children, five sons and one daughter. He counts six grandchildren (and another soon to come) as special blessings.

All of his children inherited his artistic talent. Daughter Gloriana works in the theater arts and serves as an interpreter for the deaf at Spellman College, Atlanta. Two sons are architects, two are in computer programming fields and his youngest teaches at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

One of his highest honors came when Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf and Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, Inc. presented him with their prestigious John of Beverley medal in 1979. "I don't know that I deserve it," he says simply.

FROM HERE 'N THERE . . .

call which is also free; 1-800-288-7185. If you receive any "official" looking mail about these "services" . . . just consign it in your "round file" . . . wastebasket.

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With our friends at the **Dixie Regional ILDA conference** at Camp Lone Star near LaGrange, Texas . . . the 1992 meeting drew about 40 participants from five churches with 60 attending worship on Sunday. Serving as speaker was Dr. Rodney Rynearson who presented an interesting workshop on the new Lutheran worship sign language translation. Dixie voters pledged a donation of \$500 to ILDA Mission Projects. The 1994 meeting may be held somewhere in Florida.

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Hope Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa which is right next to our Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf had a somewhat unusual visitor recently. He returned a computer stolen from the church two years ago. After breaking the machine, the contrite (?) robber evidently decided to return it. The insurance company said Pastor Darrel Kois could have it back (broken, of course) for \$350. Now if our good pastor can just get it fixed, he will have two machines, one at the office and one at home.

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They say you learn something new every day! Have you ever wondered why geese fly in V-formations? There is a reason which these

birds have known for a long time and science is just beginning to figure out. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the next one following, thus adding about 71% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone. **Rev. Martin Hewitt**, from whose paper this bit was taken, adds that if we have as much sense as a goose, we will stand by each other and provide an "uplift" in bad times as well as good times.

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Mrs. Joan Mass, wife of Rev. Lavern Mass of Laurel, Md., had the misfortune to fracture the wrist on her left hand on Feb. 19.

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It is interesting to note that the Fall Harvest Festival at **Mill Neck Manor Lutheran School for the Deaf** attracted a crowd over 50,000 attendees from all over the eastern seaboard and as far away as Tennessee. Many of the visitors find the idyllic campus an ideal place to go to get away on a nice autumn day. With geese flying overhead, crisp fall air, and apples and apple strudel to what the appetite, we wish we could be there, too!!

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Rev. William R. Ney, vice president of the Lutheran Church--Canada, Edmonton, Alta., was an all day guest at Pax Natura Ranch, Clyde, Alta. on Feb. 5. Church members got together with him for pizza, games and sharing.

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AAL has provided a grant of \$50,225 to the LWML for scholarships averaging \$175 to 300 women who attended the Assembly of Leaders Conference in St. Louis last Nov. 12-15.

MILL NECK HAS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Mark Prowatzke, Director of Deaf Services Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services has accepted the appointment from the board of Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf to be their new superintendent, effective June 1, 1992. He succeeds Dr. Henry Bjorlie, who retired last year and Interim Supt, Eunice P. Weidner. In an unrelated development, Ms. Weidner was honored with the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from Valparaiso University on Sunday, March 29 during church services at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, N.Y.

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THERE'S NOTHING 'MAGIC' ABOUT AIDS

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In coming forward after testing positive for the AIDS virus, Earvin "Magic" Johnson has been hailed by many as a "hero." Magic's message is, "If I can get it, any body can."

In **Sports Illustrated**, Magic writes that he has "never had a homosexual encounter-never." He is certain, he adds, "I was infected by having unprotected sex with a woman who has the virus. The problem is that I can't pinpoint the time, the place or the woman. It's a matter of numbers." Before he was married last September, he confesses, "I truly lived the bachelor's life. I did my best to accommodate as many women as I could --most of them through unprotected sex."

If our definition of "hero" is model or ideal, Magic Johnson is hardly that for anyone with a sense of sexual morality and responsibility. Such a person isn't likely to get the AIDS virus. Possessed by the sex-symbol syndrome that affects so many marquee athletes, Magic apparently never pretended to be responsible for his sex life. And

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If you have, or know of someone who has a motor home (RV) that could be loaned to Dr. and Mrs. Louis R. Jasper for about six weeks this summer while they are on furlough from his duties in Macau and Hong Kong, it would be very much appreciated. Dr. Jasper needs it to enable him to visit supporting congregations in this country before returning to the Far East in August or September. A reasonable rental fee would be considered, as the couple are unable to afford commercial rates.

For further information, please contact Dr. Rodney R. Rynearson, counselor, Ministry to the Deaf and Blind, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63122-7295.

RENEWAL TIME

THE DEAF LUTHERAN business manager would appreciate it very much if readers would send in their subscription renewals as soon as possible. It is a gigantic job to handle so many and timely renewals cut down on the amount of work that must be done.

Thank you and God bless!

caught in the fast lane, he got a ticket for speeding. He is a victim, not a hero.

Given the life-styles of a number of pro-athletes, pro basketball and other sports are waiting for more HIV-positive athletes to emerge. Privately, people in the National Basketball Association office weren't surprised that one of their marquee players tested positive, but they were surprised that Magic Johnson was that marquee player.

Magic writes that having become infected with the AIDS virus is "God's way" of directing him "to become a teacher, to carry the message about the dangers of AIDS to everyone. Everything I've done, He's directed me." Not quite everything, as the athlete knows too well now.

Sympathize with Magic, as you would for anyone who has contracted the dreaded AIDS virus. Applaud his plans to be a missionary for AIDS, including his work for the National Commission on AIDS.

But don't hold him up as a model. Instead, say a prayer for him.

ABOUT WALLET AND BAPTISM

In the days of old, when a king converted to christianity and ordered his knights to be baptized, many of them held their right arms out of the water. As they were submerged in the baptismal waters they kept their weapons dry so they could continue to use them in ways of killing and war.

I sometimes have a picture of us modern-day Christians undergoing our baptisms while trying to hold our wallets and checkbooks out of the converting waters.

And I have another, sometimes scary, vision that when I reach that checkpoint between heaven and the place downstairs, St. Peter is going to ask to see my checkbook.

I will say, "Wouldn't you like to see my letters of reference and my resume? I have a list here of the good things I have done."

"The checkbook will do just fine," St. Peter will say. "More than anything else it will tell me about how you spend much of your time and energy and the things you were most concerned with in life.

you remember our Lord's Words: "Where your treasurer is, there will your heart be also."

--The Deaf Episcopalian

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM



Since the year 200 A.D., there has been controversy in the Christian church concerning baptism. This brief outline will attempt to answer some of the questions about baptism. First of all, what does the word, "Baptize" mean?

According to "A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament" by W. Bauer, W. Arndt and F. W. Gingrich, it means "dip, immerse or wash." In Mark 7:4, the Greek words "Baptisontai" and "Baptismous" are translated "wash." Also in Luke 11:38, the Greek word, "Ebaptistha" is translated "wash." The word, "Baptidzo" is best translated "to apply water by washing, pouring, sprinkling or immersing."

God commands us to baptize in Matthew 28:18-20. This verse is important because Jesus tell us what our responsibility is:

1. Go to all people (ethna).
2. Baptize them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy spirit.
3. Teach them what Jesus taught.

The Greek words, "Panta ta Ethna" mean "all the people." That includes babies, teens, adults, black, white, men, women, everyone!

Some people say not to baptize infants because they cannot have faith. However, since

NOW WHAT? A RODEO FOR THE DEAF?

That's right! The American Rodeo Association for the Deaf will have its annual rodeo on June 27 at the Rodeo De Santa Fe Fairgrounds, Santa Fe, N.M. Events will breakaway roping, calf roping, ribbon roping, team roping, steer wrestling, goat tying and barrel racing. Interested? Contact Pat Sorenson, 18804 N. 29th Pl., Phoenix, Ariz. Phone 1-602-971-1300 TDD after 4 p.m., Mountain Time.

PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The 1992 Pacific Regional Conference of the ILDA will be held Sept. 11-13 at Arrowhead Springs, Calif., with three congregations involved: Pilgrim, Los Angeles; Memorial, Fremont and Valley of Sacramento. Total cost for the three-day event is \$97, with discounts of \$20 and \$10 for the early bird registrations.

faith is a gift of God, and God can do all things, God can give faith to infants. See Luke 18:15-17. The kingdom of God belongs to infants. Children have actual faith in other places of the scripture, too. See Matthew 18:6 and also 21:15-16; Mark 9:42; Luke 17:2; 1 John 2:12 and 14, and Psalms 8:2. In Luke 1:41-44 we see John leap with gladness in his mother's womb; that could only happen through the Holy Spirit being in him. The Holy Spirit can live in and give faith to infants and even the unborn!

We have three places in scripture where entire households were baptized. See Acts 16:15; also verse 33. Look at 1 Cor. 1:16. It is only logical to assume that these households include children.

Baptism is the New Testament replacement of circumcision (which happened when the baby was eight days old) Col. 2:11 and 12; 1 Peter 3:21, where it says, "baptism doth now save us . . ." by the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us saving faith. We read in Acts 2:37-39 where Peter is preaching to the Pentecost crowd. He tells them to be baptized for the remission of sins and receive the Holy Ghost. "This promise is for you and your children. . . ." Titus says He saved us of HIS own mercy through the washing of regeneration.

In Ephesians 4:4-6, Paul is listing the "ones" . . . **one** faith, **one** Lord and **one** baptism. Verse 6 says there is **one** Father who is "in you all." "All" includes children.

SOLO GLORIA DEI!

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

TRYING TO UNDERSTAND ENGLISH

By Jack Levesque, in "Up Periscope"
Reprinted from THE FRAT

Recently there have been articles covering how crazy our English language is. Richard Lederer shared this information with the Writer's Digest in May 1990. English has over two million words and is considered the largest vocabulary in the world. Its time to face the fact that it is a crazy language. Here's why!

Blackboard can be blue, green, brown or white. There is no butter in buttermilk, no egg in egg plant, no worm or wood in wormwood, no pine or apple in pineapple, nor ham in hamburger.

Sweetmeat is made from fruit, while sweetbread, which is not sweet, is made from meat.

A wood chuck is a ground hog, which is not a hog; a horned toad is a lizard and glow worms are fireflies, but fireflies are not flies, but beetles.

A woman can man a station, but a man cannot woman a station; a man can father a movement, but a woman cannot mother one.

A writer and a stinger can sting, but fingers don't fling, grocers don't groce, hammers don't ham and humdingers don't humding.

One mouse, two mice; one goose, two geese; but one moose, two meese? The teacher taught, and the preacher praught?

Why are wise guys and wise men different? A non-stop flight never stops flying? A one-night stand . . . who's standing?

Our English language is contradictory because that's why we can turn lights off and on, but not out and in. That's why we can open up the floor, climb the walls, raise the roof, pick up the house, and bring down the house. Your house can burn up or down, and you fill in a form by filling out a form, in which you add up a column by adding ther down, and your alarm clock goes off by going on, and you first chop a tree down then chop it up.

WEARY OF PAYING TAX

We came across this bit that way back in 1913 when the federal government first imposed the imcome tax, the amount of tax owed on an income of \$4,000 was the princely sum of 1¢ (one cent). How is that for "the good old days."

GOD LOVES YOU VERY MUCH SO DO I.--BM



1992 WORKER OF THE YEAR--This is Jose G. Chavez, who was honored by Good Will Industries of Southern California. Jose originally hails from Mexico and is a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. Congratulations!

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