

Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64? Michael's Rock and Roll Posse

<http://nyti.ms/23MWc64> (Reading Rock Star Obituaries, NYT)

Maurice White, RIP

I share the befuddlement voiced here by Timothy Egan in considering which obituaries to share with you, especially after the three he mentions (plus Natalie Cole) that I wrote about recently. Now that Maurice White of EWF has passed, the cycle begins again. I always loved EWF and saw them with White and again after he had stopped touring with the group he founded. (It was in a dual billing with Chicago, a great match.) Philip Bailey took over the vocals, and they continue to tour regularly. I had not realized Maurice White's long provenance with Chess as a Chess Records studio musician, or his time with Ramsey Lewis, but he was an original, and I always loved the EWF horns and the soaring vocals.

It is early in the year, but we are already starting to recongregate the great rock and roll orchestra in heaven.

On a separate note, many of you have heard of my recent service at the University of Houston, but I will continue my rock and roll show (perhaps as the "Rock and Roll President"), and I will stay in touch with my Posse. (Details below.)

More to follow, after I turn 65 this month, still needing love and feeding...

Michael

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Education Law Expert Tapped As University of Houston Interim President

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Officials at the University of Houston have tapped **Michael Olivas**, a prominent expert on education and immigration law, as the interim president of the university's downtown campus, effective immediately.

Olivas, a former president of the Association of American Law Schools, has taught at the University of Houston Law Center since 1982.

"His life's work, including his many leadership roles, reflects his commitment to promoting access to higher education," University of Houston System Chancellor Renu Khator wrote in an announcement Wednesday of the appointment. Olivas replaces William Flores, who has led the campus since 2009.

It's the second time this week that a legal academic has been appointed to a university presidency. On Monday, John Gotanda, dean of the newly renamed Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, was named the next president of Hawai'i Pacific University in Honolulu.

The University of Houston's downtown campus, one of the system's four locations, has more than 14,000 students, most of whom are undergraduates and many who are from minority groups. The law school is housed on a separate campus.

Olivas said in an interview Wednesday that he views the interim position as a community service, and that he has no interest in taking on the job in a permanent capacity. "I understand how, in many ways, I'm the right person for the job because I don't want it."

Having an interim president who aspires to the job can complicate presidential searches, Olivas said.

Olivas expects to spend a good portion of his time fundraising, as the University of Houston is in the quiet phase of a major capital campaign, and addressing recent turnover at the downtown campus. "I'm going to try and do my best to leave it better than I find it," he said.

Despite the added responsibility of heading a university campus, Olivas will continue to teach his seminar on higher education law this semester. He said he also still plans to record his radio show "The Law of Rock 'n' Roll," which airs on National Public Radio's Albuquerque affiliate.