

JEFFERSON PARK OF CD 10

DATE: APRIL 17, 2010
TIME: 10 A.M.– 4 P.M.



LIFE PATH 2010 YOUTH FESTIVAL

Jefferson Park Neighbors invites students of all ages to come experience our first annual festival focused on encouraging youth to learn about a variety of careers and post high school education opportunities. For k-12 students.

Information, Career Counseling
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Jefferson Park Library
Los Angeles Public Library
2211 W. Jefferson Blvd

**Go to library for early registration
at desk 10:00-11:00 A.M.**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL
(323) 734-8573**

**bring report cards for the
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**Bring your own blanket and picnic basket for live KARAOKE
ENTERTAINMENT IN SHAW PARK!
12:30– 4:00 P.M.**

The Village Drummer

Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Hillcrest Elementary Staff: A Total Quality Movement

By Luis South, M.A./PPS

There is an elementary school in a place called "The Jungle", a name that was actually given when the community was first developed as a retirement community for predominantly Jewish American citizens. It is now predominantly Hispanic and African American. The name of the community is still the same, however, a new developing history has taken root.

Hillcrest Elementary School is nestled within the Jungle. It is a school

identified as under serving its students. So the LAUSD placed it as one of the schools to go through a competitive process that allows charter schools to possibly acquire the school site.

What's the problem with that idea?

First of all, the Public School Choice process has taken on the incorrect description of a fair democratic process.

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Home Gardening by et

By Ed Turner, UNNC Area 6 Rep.

Though many folks know that I and my wife, Rachel, have always had great success with growing produce, plants, trees and flowers around my house, they may not be aware of our willingness to help others achieve good results.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question concerning gardening or home repair. Maintenance is the key to keeping Jefferson Park as beautiful and serene as it truly is. We encourage you to attend the next Jefferson Park Neighbors

Jefferson Park Neighbors

Next Meeting
Focus: Food Distribution

Jefferson Park Library

10 a.m. – noon

Saturday,
Feb 27, 2010

meeting in the library on Feb. 27th from 10 until noon. There'll be a few plants and fruits given away as door prizes for your caring. I'll be there to give a full report of UNNC business and to hear your ideas to take back.

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Ed Turner *
Area 6 Rep on the UNNC

Trinity Baptist Church *
2240 W. Jefferson Blvd.

One Stop Market *
2115 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Smile Mart *
3115 S. Western Ave.

Say Yes to Life, Inc. *
7825 S. Western Avenue

* For More Info call
Luis South @ (323) 370-9140

Hillcrest Elementary Staff: A Total Quality Movement

By Luis South (cont. from p. 1)

Before we begin stating a few facts, it is important to note that there are many great hardworking educators in public schools whether they happen to be traditional model or a charter. To be honest and forthright, we have to admit that charter schools have an abundance of former LAUSD teachers who were let go or ran out away from **poor management practices**. So you have many charter schools hiring LAUSD teachers and administrators, who do well in charter schools, coming

originally from LAUSD where they were also staff at failing schools. We have to uncover this myth before there is anymore discussion about LAUSD teachers being the problem why schools are failing. To avoid political rhetoric that is confusing and misleading we have to honestly state that teachers can never be the blame for a school running poorly—unless they’ve had the power to control policy. For decades Hillcrest ran according to LAUSD “junglized” administrative policy.

Teachers did not ever have control of running Hillcrest. However, the district agreed to give the teachers a chance to run Hillcrest as a quality educational institution if they “earned” their way by writing up an educational model as an entry in the Public School Choice process. Without a doubt, the staff answered the call—in collaboration with the community.

So our new history is now about fulfilling the dream. We should not judge them incorrectly by the past. Judge them according to the content of their character in the present. Read the documentation of this school community’s winning entry at the school or on the “lausd.net” website. They are focused and continue to meet with any community member who wants to understand the designed community plan for Hillcrest Elementary School. (323) 296-6867.

It would be a travesty to turn this school over to anyone else at the point the professional staff working with the surrounding community have earned their leadership.

Our 1st Career & College Festival

By Frank Talk II

K-12 and college counselors are collaborating to put on the first “Career and College Festival.”

Saturday, April 17, 2010 will be the day families from all over Los Angeles will come to enjoy presentations and materials for all ages concerning their self-development of a career path. This is key and essential to living “the good life” America promises. Jefferson Park Neighbors emphasizes starting

the vision as early as possible . This is a sure way to give hope a chance.

Along with the serious business of sharing information about career and college will be a great line up of music and live entertainment.

Jefferson Park Library (2211 W. Jefferson Blvd.) and the park next door will be the happening’s place.

Teachers’ Union: A Cornerstone to Inner City Development

By Luis South

Unionized labor has always held a special place in 20th Century American history. To be clear, the difference between a union job and a “regular” job has everything to do with respect vs. slavery. Union jobs have a constant voice interacting with management on matters concerning pay increase and work environment. A union worker then can concentrate on being an efficient professional

while having peace of mind that their most important professional interests are being handled by competent, caring representatives. This is an ideal basic understanding offered here to help us distinguish union jobs from regular jobs.

A very important idea related to teaching is this phenomena of union organization. Especially, why are today’s teacher union efforts of any

value to the future of children and other hardworking non-union adults experiencing inner city life? This article is the beginning of reasoning to help form a better communication line between educators (including genuine administrators) and community members.

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Teachers' Union: A Cornerstone to Inner City Development (cont. from page 2)

The particular focus of this article is on the common ground experience between educators from African American and Spanish speaking cultures and their place in the development of their respective cultural group. At every point in the history of African American and people from Spanish speaking cultures most unionized educators have performed as pillars in their communities, giving support to strengthen institutions such as churches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and all other service organizations. It is the vigilance of union that has allowed teacher salary to barely keep up with the cost of living adjustments (COLA). It is time to bring forth the understanding that what educators do today will have a direct affect on our students' future. Every move we make to secure workplace integrity and a decent salary helps the present community circumstances as well as ensures a better future for young

teachers, ranks that will have serious increases of professionals from African American and Spanish speaking cultures. These communities become economically stronger as a result of increased teacher salary. However, public school educators will be easier to embrace if the community gets a clear message that all union actions must have a sincere and evident push towards improving the delivery of educational services. The drive to improve education has to be clearly stated up front before we get thrown into a light where teachers and union seem only interested in their own pocketbooks. There must be a set of attainable goals leading to greater respect for the workers in the present and the future public

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schools. Union representation may consider it is high time to publicly share the reality that there has been, and continues to be, a constant need for public school educators of the historically disenfranchised African American and Spanish speaking cultures. This fact requires more guarantees focused on professionalism in our educational system.

Greens for Good Health

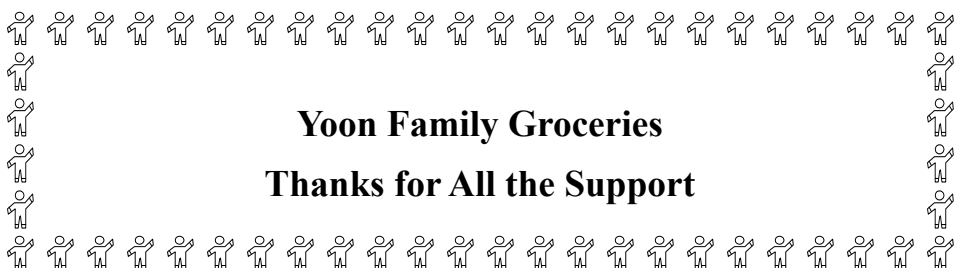
Tirhasi Kiflezghie, NP

Pray before you begin eating because it helps you to be calm, relaxed and focused.

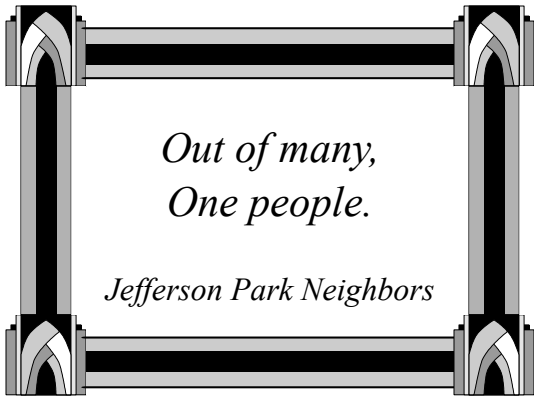
If we are concerned about eating right it doesn't take a lot of thinking. Make sure to eat greens as much as possible. The cholesterol, sugar content, and salt

are never factors that are found in edible green plants typically served as part of the American diet. By including a lot of greens in each meal we greatly reduce the risk of developing diet related illnesses. Our internal systems also work and feel better.

Practice eating vegetables before going for that main course. If you're thinking about losing a few pounds it helps to eat a lot of vegetable before starting that main course because those vegetables fill an otherwise empty space in your stomach and often serve to protect the lining of the intestines.



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AN AMERICAN TRACT

A play by Barbara White Morgan

Theatre Theater

5041 W. Pico Blvd.

March 20 –April 25, 2010

Contact: Richard Elkins 213 621-7669

http://www.educounselor.com/images/sb40_ltr.pdf

Read the letter to Governor Schwarzenegger

Theatre's Purpose in Our Village

A continuing series focused on communal living

Theatre performances have always played a vital role in the development of cultural arts in America. The common expression of the people gains greater respect.

Barbara Morgan is one of the most noted African American female playwrights from the Los Angeles area. Her play titled *An American Tract* will be performed at Theatre Theatre, 5041 W. Pico Blvd.

This drama takes place in the mid-1980's and tells the story of ANNE JACKSON, a black single

mother who moves with her two sons from a violent inner-city environment to an inherited home in Park Circle, an all white upscale planned community. Anne's salary as a nurse's assistant is, of course, inadequate to meet the steep financial requirements of a planned community where six figure incomes abound. Some of the Park Circle residents are less than thrilled with their new neighbors who struggle to keep pace.

Anne's family encounters and sometimes generates cultural

shock on all sides. Her elder son, RODNEY, hates what he sees as a stifling hypocritical vibe in Park Circle, and her boyfriend, EARL, thinks Anne is crazy to work around the clock to meet the required expenses of planned community living.

The play takes a deep look at Anne Jackson's battle to keep her family's American dream from becoming their worst nightmare.

For reservations call (213) 621-7669 for Jefferson Park Neighbors GROUP RATE.