

The Village Drummer

Jefferson Park Neighbors Association

City Council District 10 Region 6



Democracy Works...

By Luis South

There were two very important questions asked during our forum last month for the two candidates running for school board:

- 1) Is there a recognizable management model governing LASUD? Both candidates answered, "No."
- 2) Do you agree that Total Quality Management (TQM) would be a progressive model of management for LAUSD?

Ms. Lamotte expressed that she did not have enough information about TQM to comment on the night of the community forum. However, she did state that it is a very important issue that the LAUSD school board is reviewing. Ms. Lamotte speculated that by June 2007 the school board would be clarifying what scientifically researched management model governs LAUSD. A clearly stated management model makes it *(con't. on p. 2)*

Lauritzen and Kleiner

by David Miller

It is important to know that Jon Lauritzen and Neal Kleiner are the two people who are in separate run-off elections for open seats on the LAUSD school board in District 3 and District 7.

Both of these men represent the kind of independent thinking essential to saving our school district from disaster.

Jefferson Park Neighbors have already voted for Marguerite LaMotte to

**Jefferson
Park
Pot Luck
Celebration**

**The Annual
Spring
Eat & Share**

**7-9 p.m.
Mar. 28, 2007**

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March 2007

• NEXT MEETING

Annual Pot Luck

Wed., March 28, 2007

7- 9 p.m.

Holy Name School

1955 W. Jefferson Bl.

Special Places in the Hood

Yoga Center *

2526 W. Jefferson Blvd.

VegiSoul *

1436 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Chico's Barber Shop *

2222 W. Jefferson Blvd.

One Stop Market *

2115 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Smile Mart *

3115 S. Western Ave.

Tim's Kitchen *

3125 W. Jefferson Blvd.

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represent our area. We will now look to contact friends and family in these two open seat districts. Your participation matters like never before. We'll talk about this during the Annual Pot Luck.

Democracy Works Through Gathering *(continued from p. 1)*

easier to improve education. Problems will be easier to resolve because everybody will have a universally understood framework to refer to as policies are being written. A quality education system deserves no less in consideration of our children’s future. Our new Superintendent, Admiral Brewer, is an efficiency expert. We pray and expect that this is the point

where his expertise will become most obvious.

We have invited Ms. Lamotte and Superintendent Brewer to come join us during the community annual Spring Pot Luck Celebration so we can be informed about the developing internal discussion centered on defining the management model for LAUSD.

Also, we have invited the entire staff of Hon. Herb Wesson to this year’s community pot luck in order to honor them for their years of exemplary service to Jefferson Park and the 10th City Council District.

Who we are and what we are about is easiest to understand when we come together. Please

join us.



History of Spanish Speaking America

By Luis South

As an elementary school counselor I integrate the telling of history as a very important strategy to developing young minds. I find that until an individual understands the truth about themselves it can be very difficult for them to understand anything else. For some, it can be especially difficult to exhibit self-love as well as being mindful of respecting others if

there is no exposure to a progressive historical account concerning their own culture.

So now that we have gone through another Kwanzaa it is time to share in the progressive historical accounting focused on Spanish speaking America. Let April be the month to set things up so that we can share knowledge in May.

Herb Wesson

Thanks to our 10th District City Councilman for fixing sidewalks on 30th and 31st streets. Also, there has been a continual effort to upkeep the cleaning of alleyways in our Jefferson Park community. We know city funds are stressed. Thanks for your hard work.

Education, Law, Ethics & Politics: A Delicate Balance

By Luis South

The management of the second largest public school system in America is the key to keeping the momentum for progressive changes real. The manner in which the media has presented education issues infers that the key to what will take place hinges upon whether or not AB 1381 is imple-

mented. There are only two ways for AB 1381 to become functional:

- 1) supporters of the bill win in their court appeal of an earlier decision to disallow its implementation **or**
- 2) After the election of 4 board seats we end up with a new majority that votes to accept

AB 1381 as the law governing administration of LAUSD. (a.k.a Villaraigosa’s Revenge).

It’s all still up in the air. There will be two important run-off elections for school board seats. More important than the politics is

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keeping focus on the prize: labeling and clearly defining the most progressive **management model** that will serve as the framework to allow positive developments in the administration of Los Angeles’s public education system.

Actually, it seems as if **Total Quality Management** was instituted into LAUSD prior to Ms. LaMotte’s arrival. The problem has been moving it from the upper ranks of the administration down to the lower ranks throughout the district. Millions of dollars have already been spent trying to get it implemented system-wide. There are so many systemic programs being implemented at any given time that, often, “the meat gets lost in the sauce.”

As of the writing of this article we are trying to get specifics concerning where the discussion is now. TQM has a life in LAUSD, but for

some reason it has not been publicized frequently enough so that the evolutionary process to implement it is clear to all.

So far we have received information that there is a monthly committee meeting that has been covering the TQM implementation process in LAUSD. We have sent a communication to all 7 school board members requesting more information concerning how **Total Quality Management** is being implemented among administrators. No word has come as yet.

That’s why we have invited all members of the school board—outgoing as well as the newly elected—and Admiral Brewer to

our annual Jefferson Park community Pot Luck.

Ms. LaMotte will either come or send someone to share where the dialogue is concerning the development of a scientifically researched management model to be adopted by LAUSD. For the sake of keeping this strong Democratic Party bastion involved, this would be a good time to come forth with an open discussion so the public can know exactly what is happening internally about adopting the most progressive **management model**. What we do in March will make June a month of no hidden surprises. Thanks to Ms. LaMotte we will be informed so that we can participate in the land of the free.



Korean American
Grocers Association Sets Standards
And Works to Help Us Be Everything We can Become

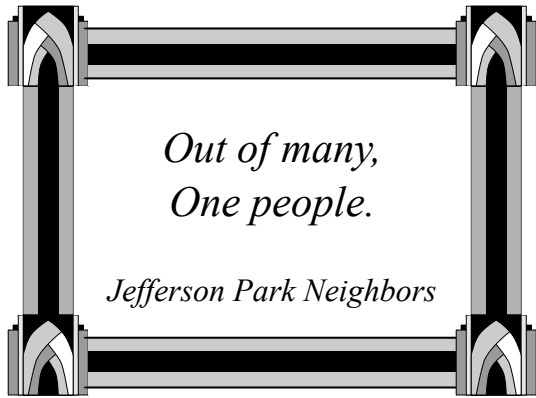
Control Weight to Avoid Suffering

By Luis South

Weighing in at the level that allows us to perform at our peak is a very personal matter. Each person who takes the time to discover their ideal weight saves themselves a lot of money and suffering. The responsibility of understanding your ideal weight is very much

connected to discovering and exhibiting intelligence. To be clear, ideal weight, being connected to how well we perform physically and mentally, can only be discovered through consistent rigorous exercise as well as through taking on mentally stressful challenges in

service to family and community. Being able to make adjustments in weight as we age helps us to live to our maximum potential. Unfortunately many people “see-saw” through life because weight control is an isolated idea connected only to vanity. More to come.



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Jefferson Park Neighbors
Annual Pot Luck

Great Food for the Mind & Body

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

@
7-9 p.m.

Holy Name School Auditorium
1955 W. Jefferson Blvd

Our area's Lead Officer from LAPD is:
Ofc. Brandea Hill (323) 847-5804



ON THE CORNER

A continuing series focused on community development

As soon as the place gets cleaned up the garbage is back again. Yes, we're still looking at the problem that exists on Western Avenue from 30th to 31st Street. The blight has been there for so many years that we

sometimes have to rest the complaining so we can stay healthy. The properties are now up for sale for commercial investors, but be-



*Arlington and Jefferson Blvd.
The new mall in Jefferson Park*

ing offered at a price far above the market value. Does that mean we have to wait many more years for the market to catch up to what the owners want or are the sellers simply taking a negotiating position with the intent to come to agreement within a reasonable time? Jefferson Park Neighbors has asked Herb Wesson for assis-

tance in communicating with the sellers. We want to make sure the sellers get as much as possible from the sale. However, we want them to understand that the blight in that area has a very negative effect on Jefferson Park's economic and social reality. So while we fully support owners' rights, we remain self-respecting enough to make sure communications to the responsible elected leader gives him some incentive to add a little more help so we can see movement to change the present blight. Please help us Herb.

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