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IGNORAN LA GENTE

El 12 de noviembre se llevo acabo la junta del Cuerpo Escolar (School Board). Se propuso por el Principal del Junior High, Mr. Winfrey, que se les diera autoridad a los maestros de pegarles a los estudiantes incluyendo a las ninas. Hubo mucha oposicion a esto, de parte de padres de estudiantes y del Sr. Juan Sandoval nuestro miembro en esa mesa. Sin embargo, el resto de la mesa ignora las opiniones de los padres y aceptaron por voto de 6 a 1 esa proposicion.

Asi que ahora los padres y los estudiantes pueden escoger uno de dos caminos-se les golpean a sus hijos e hijas, o se les expulsan de la escuela. Que lastima que no hay ley para proteger a los estudiantes (especialmente a las ninas) y sus padres de maestros manosos e insultativos. Pero pa delante vamos.

De discutieron otros asuntos y se acabo la junta. Se fue la gente pero siguio un asunto muy iluminante. Durante la junta, varios miembros de la mesa y observadores como Bene Figueroa dirigieron palabras burladoras

hacia Juan Sandoval. Cuando se fue la gente, toda la mesa escolar aparte de varios oficiales de las escuelas incluyendo a los Srs. Philbrick, Rudy Gonzales, Corder, Diaz de Leon, Clemente Chapa, etc, detuvieron al Sr. Sandoval. Alli lo tuvieron, reganandolo hasta despues de la media noche. Todos los presente tuvieron su turno a bofetear al Sr. Sandoval a palabras. Lo reganaron porque el siempre respalda las quejas de los padres, estudiantes, y los trabajadores de las escuelas. El Corder acabo el asunto con acusar al Sr. Sandoval de "politica". (Que mordida de lengua se daría Corder).

Esta intimidacion brutal que se le hizo al Sr. Sandoval sirve para ilustrar el tipo de gente que administra la educacion de nuestros hijos. Porque no hicieron esto al frente del publico? Simplemente porque saben que el Sr. Sandoval hace todo con el respaldo del pueblo. La gente va con el con sus quejas porque es el unico miembro de la

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SCHOOL BOARD? WATERGATE? O QUE?

THESE STATEMENTS ARE DIRECTED AT THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ROBSTOWN, TEXAS AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF ROBSTOWN TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING INSIDE THEIR SCHOOL BOARD.

Mr. Chairman, members of the board, I wish to respond to the executive meeting session dealing with "Board Member and Staff Relationship procedures." As a member of the governing body of the R.I.S.D. Board of Trustees, I not only have the right to speak, but, most of all I have a duty to speak the truth. I am a public servant, elected by the voters of this school district, therefore, I stand to be critized and it should be done in the open and at open meeting sessions, since I have nothing to hide, unless the administration wants to hide something from our community.

Last week, Mr. Chairman, we went into executive session at

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FAMILIAS UNIDAS

Suporta

CARLOS GONZALEZ, left
JESUS MORALES, middle
JUAN GONZALEZ, right

Como candidatos para comisionados del drenaje en enero.

VOTE IN JANUARY

MUSICA CHICANA

PARTE NO. 2

Lo siguiente es una entrevista que La Lomita le hizo a Juan De Leon de Robe, un miembro del grupo musical 'La Libertad de Robe'. Juan es el guitarrista. Los otros miembros del grupo son: Hector Barrientos (base), Jose Luis 'pato' Rojas (drums), Roberto Gonzalez (vocalist), y Jose Nunez (organist). Todos estos muchachos son nacidos en Robe y trian una musica chicana de aquellas.

LA LOMITA Cuando se organizo el grupo, 'La Libertad'; Juan?

JUAN Hace 4 meses que 'Libertad' se organizo. 'Libertad' ofrece musica chicana para todas ocasiones y si por un motivo la onda de ustedes requiere el grupo de nosotros nos pueden contactar por llamada telefonica en 387-3618 por las tardes. Estaremos ha sus disposiciones.

LA LOMITA Que piensas tu y tus amigos del grupo del Movimiento Chicano en Robe?

JUAN Seguir adelante! Estamos cien por ciento por el movimiento. Queremos que las injusticias se eliminen totalmente. Que nuestra Raza de Bronce no sea tratada de la forma que es tratada ahorita. Que la gente sea tratada con igualdad y que no sea vista en mentes de aquellos individuos que nos miran como in-



LA LIBERTAD EN ACCION

feriores. No somos basura!

LA LOMITA Que son sus mas recientes grabaciones del grupo La Libertad, Juan?

JUAN Las mas recientes grabaciones, que se han metido en la mente de la gente que le gusta el ambiente musical son: "Me Odio", "Cuando Ya No Me Quieras", "Recuerdo De Ti", "La Nave" y "Cataclismo". Por problemas financieras hemos fracasado hasta el punto que no hemos producido nuestro primer album. Tenemos nuestra marca de grabacion que se llama Discos Fuerza.

LA LOMITA Para terminar, Juan, que son sus ambiciones o planes futuros?

JUAN Tratar de producir la onda Chicana musicalmente, porque nosotros somos los originadores de nuestra musica. No tenemos la intencion de emitir o copiar a nadie. Nuestra musica es nuestra onda. Muchas gracias por ver me dado la oportunidad de ser entrevistado por La Lomita. Que Viva La Raza!

LA LOMITA Gracias Juan.

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Drop-Outs en Elementary

DROP OUTS EN LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA.

Siempre se habla de los "drop-outs" de las escuelas Junior High y High School pero no se le da el enfasis que los estudiantes perdieron lo fundamental en la escuela primaria o ya sea la elemental.

Ustedes padres que tienen hijos y hijas en Lotspeich, Effie Hutto, Salazar y Hattie Martin pasen a visitar estas escuelas para que se den cuenta de lo que esta pasando.

Hay varias cosas que estan

sucediendo en las escuelas y ustedes como padres no se dan cuenta. Ya es tiempo que ustedes abran los ojos y miren la educacion que estan recibiendo sus hijos.

Hay estudiantes que estan en el octavo grado con el nivel de educacion en el segundo o tercer grado. Luego siguen mas adelante y se les dificulta las lecturas.

La educacion se puede comparar con un edificio o una casa. Si el pizo esta fuerte y resistente entonces el techo y las paredes resistiran la fuer-

za. Asi es que la educacion primaria o sea elemental es muy importante para poder seguir adelante con los estudios

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mesa escolar que responde a las necesidades del pueblo pobre en asuntos de las escuelas, ensenan esos hombres la pobreza de su mentalidad, el poco respeto que le tienen al pueblo y el mal uso de sus pantalones.

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the suggestion of Mr. Corder to discuss a very delicate subject—a school board member, it seems, has refused to surrender his sworn obligations to the people of Robstown, Juan Sandoval. We went into an executive session which was planned by Mr. Corder. We entered into that session in order to exclude the press and the people of Robstown. This reminds me of Watergate politics and I think the people of Robstown deserve more than that. Administrators were appraised of his plans before hand and also certain members of this board, but not Juan Sandoval! I have nothing to hide!

First, Clemente B. Chapa, a man who faithfully served this administration as President of the Board for several years and was rewarded by being named director of maintenance, wanted to cover up the unfair treatment of our custodians by showing favoritism to one over the others in giving over-

time pay. Mr. Chapa objected to my looking into this employees grievance which concerns us all. Mr. Corder, I want your office to mail to me no later than now the records of pay to all custodians for the past year.

Assistant Supt. Rodolfo Gonzales objected to my looking into federal migrant fund allocations on behalf of one of the migrant students of Robstown. It is not quite clear at this time what Mr. Gonzales wanted to cover up. I still intend to get to the bottom of this before very long.

Next, Mr. Frank Medina stated that he had told his bookkeeper that information that I had requested from his office was not for me to see. Mr. Medina, I want you to assist Mr. Corder in getting that information to me now and I wish to have an exact account each month of the pay of all of our custodians. A board member must have access to information if he is to do a proper job. Later in the closed meeting, Mr. Jack Philbrick, who has

long been a coach and an administrator in this system, criticized me for investigating a complaint of physical abuse of a girl student at Effie Hutto Elementary. He went to the parents of the child to convince them not to file a complaint. The child's bottom had been severely bruised and the parents sought out the only person they knew would help them and that is the reason they came to me. Thus, I have been criticized again for trying to deal with a citizen's complaint.

Another criticism came from Principal Efren Diaz de Leon and this seemed to be the most petty of all. He condemned me for relaying a message from an attorney, Larry Watts, who was trying to contact him. Now, what on earth was he trying to cover up? He was trying to stay hidden during the hearings of his colleague and friend Mr. Ernesto Guerra, to keep from testifying that he had recommended Mr. Guerra. He absented himself from town, and was available to no one because Mr. Corder wanted this information covered up, since Mr. Corder had lied to the Board about it. Mr. Diaz de Leon's actions in this matter were cowardly and dishonest and this man should be removed from any position of trust in our system. Also, in this closed session, which Mr. Corder requested, the Supt. himself, stated that Juan Sandoval never contributed anything positive, that it has always been negative and that what I was doing was to build myself up with the community for the April election. Mr. Corder would like to cover up the consistent inefficiency of his administration, which I would characterize as a gross example of "educational neglect." Finally, during the closed session, it was suggested that legal counsel would be asked

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Raza Unida defended

Editor, the Caller:

I'm writing in answer to your editorial of a few days after the election. In your editorial you lecture the Mexican-American people for organizing and voting for Ramsey Muniz of the Raza Unida party. You go so far as to say the Mexican American lost some kind of the foothold in the Democratic choice for president.

May I contradict an already established and biased Democratic paper by asking, what foothold?

Do you mean the bone that is thrown out to the Drs. Garcia for selling out their people come election time? Or do you mean the table scraps that are flung at the Bonilla brothers for staying out of touchy situations?

These scraps only serve to irritate the Mexican-American people because this only points out how easy it is to buy the souls of these outdated patrons.

The Raza Unida party was formed to help the minorities become real participants of the democratic process of electing officials. Not by money, but by love and sweat. Love for the people. The poor, the needy and the minorities.

N. V. SEGORIA

The following is a list of school rules that many students at Robstown High School consider too strict and unjust. This list is presented in order for people to be informed as to what is happening to our High School students and why they are complaining.

1. Students are forced to attend pep rallies and other school activities.
2. Students are forced to stay on campus during free periods.
3. Breaks between classes are too short.
4. Students are not to speak spanish in the office.
5. Tardy and absence rules are too strict and the penalties unjust.

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whether any action could or should be taken against me for the "offenses" I have just described.

I am very curious to know what has resulted from that discussion. Am I to be disciplined for being concerned; for listening; for trying to right a wrong for representing the people of Robstown? After all, what are my crimes? Dealing with employee grievances? Seeking access to public information? Dealing with citizen's complaints? Relaying information to appropriate staff officials? Being critical? If those are wrong, then I will always be wrong as long as I serve on the Robstown Board of Trustees.

Your superintendent planned that kangaroo court of last Tuesday. This is the way he operates. If he wants to deny it, let him stand on his two feet and say so. His methods are consistent and he has been successful in harassing others who have opposed him in the past. But his methods have cost the Robstown system many good, competent administrators, teachers, and almost \$30,000 in law suits and attorney fees in recent years. I cannot believe that this is what the citizens of Robstown deserve. Therefore, I give fair warning to Mr. Corder that I will seek his removal for his gross incompe-

tency and educational neglect either by an act on the part of the State Commissioner of Education, Dr. Marlin Brockette or from aroused public indignation or on the part of the Board which might dare to assist in his removal, or from a benevolent act on the part of Mr. Corder.

Whatever the outcome, I offer this statement in a spirit of positiveness and in an attempt to make the Robstown Independent School District the best place in the state of Texas for our children to learn and our employees to work.

AL SERVICIO DEL PUEBLO
Juan Sandoval

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