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EVERY TUESDAY**

Double Tree Guest Suites
5353 Westheimer (two blocks west of the Galleria)
Noon-1:15 p.m. \$14.00 per person
No Reservations Required Visitors Welcome
PARKING \$1.00

PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY, 2005

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Speaker: Charles Bacarisse, Harris County District Clerk

Charles Bacarisse will install the 2005 Officers for our Greater Houston Pachyderm Club. He will also describe his program for Preservation Harris County Documents.

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

Speaker: Terri Leo, State Board of Education, District 6

Terri Leo will describe her work on the State Board of Education Defining Quality Standards for Textbooks. Terri led the fight for adopting textbooks that defines marriage between a man and a woman.

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Speaker: Orlando Sanchez, Sanchez Partners

Orlando Sanchez is one of our favorite people! Former highly respected mayoral candidate. Orlando will bring us up-to-date on his activities, and touch on issues he feels need to be considered.

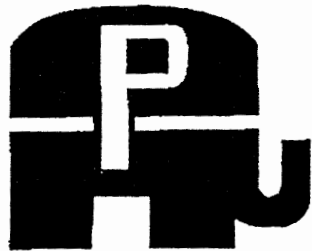
Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Speaker: Dr. Billy Reagan, President, Unlimited Access

Dr. Billy Reagan the former Houston Independent School District Superintendent is concerned about the future Education in our nation. He will cite studies which reveal continuing concern over what is lacking in educational programs in our schools.

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CAMERAS AT RED LIGHTS

Car wrecks are the type of case I see most. Many of these involve a "red-light swearing match" where both driver's claims to have had the green light. This may be due to a driver not telling the truth, or it may be that each driver focused on the wrong light, or maybe he did not realize how much time elapsed between the time he last looked at the light and the time he entered the intersection. When there are no witnesses other than the two drivers, it is practically impossible for the hurt driver to win the lawsuit. Many reckless or inattentive drivers escape paying for the damage they inflict; and many seriously injured innocent victims go uncompensated. It is not expected that cameras at red lights will save on insurance costs; but such cameras will make it more possible to sort the just from the unjust claims and should result in more money going to hurt victims and less for litigation expenses.

By: Tony Lindsay, Judge
280th District Judge

SO...WHAT HAPPENED?

● Kerry won only 54% of the 18-29 vote. He lost every other age group.

● Kerry won 89% of Democratic voters. Bush won 93% of Republican voters. Independents were split 48 to 49. Republicans and Democrats each made up 37% of the vote. Independents made up 26% of the vote. **Bush won because fewer Republicans defected from his camp than Democrats defected from Kerry's.**

● Republicans won impressive victories at every level of government. **In Texas, Republicans won 87% of all races from District Attorney and up.**

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● President Bush became the first presidential candidate to win more than 50% of the popular vote since 1988.

● Received the most votes by a presidential candidate in history – now around 60 million, even breaking President Reagan's 1984 mark of 54.5 million votes.

● Conservative voters comprised 34% of voters, liberals only 21%. This result is consistent with other polls that find more Americans to be conservative than liberal.

● Bush won 23% of the gay vote.

● Bush won among churchgoers, married people, people with children, servicemen and women and veterans, and gun owners.

● Despite all the media talk about America being less safe, 54% of voters surveyed said America was more safe than it was four years ago. Only 41% said less safe.

● Only 28% of voters said their family's financial situation was worse than four years ago. That vote went 79% for Kerry.

By: Dr. Jon Taylor
University of St. Thomas

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