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Same Old UAE

Just when you thought homeland security couldn't get more inept and incompetent, we find out the Bush administration casually and secretly planned on approving sale of control of six of our major ports to an company controlled by The United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Isn't this the same United Arab Emirates that was one of the few to recognize the Taliban regime in Afghanistan? Isn't this the same United Arab Emirates that has been the transfer point for rogue nuclear weapons components, and who have harbored al Qaeda terrorists?

Steve Tisza
New Lenox

We are writing in support of the upcoming referendum for Lincoln-Way High School District 210.

When residents are asked what they value most in a community, high-quality education is the overwhelming choice. An excellent education, including outstanding facilities, is a source of pride for our community and maintains high values for our homes.

Education doesn't come cheap, but the long term benefits of that investment in our children is beyond value. Developers of new subdivisions pay fees that contribute to this education, but the primary funding source is through property taxes paid by both homeowners and businesses.

That leaves us all with the responsibility to ensure that our schools are funded for the future.

The East campus is already much too large with 3,700 students, and there are many more students to come. This creates crowded buildings and difficult class scheduling.

Even sadder is that many students do not have the opportunity to participate in organized sports or cultural activities. So many students "didn't make the team" or "didn't even audition for the play" because with each class size approaching 1,000 students, there are limited opportunities.

When IHSA created its latest tier of school rankings, schools above 1,600 students were in the largest category. Moreover, with a school this large, how well can the counselors, teachers and administrators personally know and guide the students?

The Future Configuration Committee developed a plan to build two new schools that will accommodate growth in the district. Remarkably, effective financial planning allows this to happen while not raising the district's tax rate.

Furthermore, the conservative spending of District 210, with spending per pupil in the bottom five in the Chicagoland area will not require any increase in the operating tax rate.

Please join us by voting yes March 21.

Cynthia Corso Heath
Alan J. Heath
Frankfort

Lap dogs

Well, it finally looks like President Bush has gone too far, and the once news reporter lap dogs have gotten off the soft warm lap to nibble at his ankles.

These lap dogs have been silent for the most part, they were silent when Bush and his gang kept changing, (spinning) the story as to why he ordered an attack on Iraq. They were silent when the president said in public not once, but twice, that he saw the first plane hit the north tower on 9/11. Of course anyone that reads knows that this was an impossibility because since the attack on 9/11 was a "sneak" attack, they would know that the first strike was not recorded by the regular TV channels, but it was by an independent group of French filmmakers that just happened to be in New York City that day to film the first plane hitting the north tower.

So, how did the president see the first strike on TV? They were silent when it was shown that not one of the "supposed" hijackers on 9/11 came from Iraq or Afghanistan, yet these are the two countries we attacked first. But now they have had their fill, the president, who is suppose to protect us by selling the port authority to an Arab state?

Now these lap dogs are digging and what are they coming up with? A name — Carlye Group.

Yep it now seems that the main stream news people are finding out about this name almost five years after those conspiracy nuts on short wave radio have. A tie with the president's father with this group? Wait til they reveal that not only is there a tie with this group and the Bush family, but also the bin Laden family too.

People, understand this, "wars mean money." So one should ask first and foremost, "who has benefited from this "war on terror?" Groups like the Carlye, companies like Haliburton. Just remember what President Lincoln's secretary of war said, "wars are never fought to defeat an enemy, but to create a condition."

What condition are you with your personal liberties and freedoms?

Brad Wargin
Frankfort

Right choice

When we made the decision to build our first home, and hopefully our only home, we wanted somewhere that we could provide our future children the best opportunities we could.

Our parents provided the best for us and we want to do the same for our children. Therefore, we decided to build a home in the New Lenox Grade School District.

Now, as parents of two, we know that was a right choice.

Being part of an outstanding school district is providing the best foundation for our children and their future. Good schools are like a magnet because over the past 10 years most people we have met tell us they moved here for the schools.

Having an outstanding school district takes hard work from the administration, teachers, staff and parents. Yes, parents, too.

Parents do a lot of work to ensure the district remains the best. It would only seem right we would want to work hard because it is our school district.

Now it is time for us parents to continue working hard to keep our schools at their best.

On March 21, we will be making another right choice for our children — voting yes for the Operations and Maintenance Fund referendum.

As you vote, remember that it was the quality of schools that brought many of you here and we need to work hard to keep them that way. Finally, don't you want your kids to know you gave them the best opportunities you could? We do.

Craig and Tracy Mikalauski
New Lenox

Earned support

As a retired school teacher, I was hesitant to support the New Lenox School District 122 referendum until I saw proof and the district earned my support.

Now I believe the best thing we can do for our children and our community is support the referendum with a yes vote. Nobody wants to have their taxes raised, but the school district has earned our support.

They have made a great effort to cut costs and improve leadership. We pay more for gas, electricity and housing, so we should be willing to support our school system too. No matter how much we want it to happen, the state of Illinois is not going to step up to properly fund our schools.

A recent report said Illinois ranked 49 of 50 states when it came to school funding.

If we want our schools to continue providing a high-quality education, then we have to support them ourselves.

I am voting yes for the District 122 Operations and Maintenance Fund referendum. I hope you will too.

Sam Camelli
New Lenox

-No further letters to the editor will be published on election-related issues until after the March 21 election