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Soap Box

The Miracle On East Lincoln Avenue

Dear Editor,

It was one o'clock on a warm and windy day not too long ago that a group of three people travelled down the Post Road (Route 22) in a mighty chariot to a great adventure and thereby were witness to the miracle on East Lincoln Avenue. This group included a wizard who could wave his wand and make people famous, his wife, a woman of charm and much talent, and a sorceress who would bring to young people music and stories of beauty and self understanding and thereby help young people to the understanding of others by listenig to the beautiful music of our world.

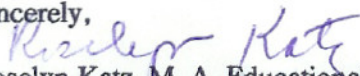
When these three people arrived on East Lincoln Avenue, they were met at the door by a very jolly, enthusiastic gentleman who was the proprietor of the establishment that had been performing the miracle of which we speak for twenty two years, almost unbeknownst to the multitudes. He was quite modest about the very great importance of this miracle as he told us of the many accomplishments of his helpers and of the children upon which this miracle was performed.

After much oohing and aahing by the three travellers as they walked through the much decorated , well tended hallways of this unusual building, they came to a large room with a stage, a piano, microphones and newly upholstered seating. A room such as this had once been the domain of the sorceress, many years before, but it had broken wooden seats, a dust covered stage, no piano or microphones and torn, green window shades.

When she saw the faces of the children as they walked into this room, eager to witness the events about to take place, children of varied sizes, shapes and colors, the sorceress remembered why she had come. All were there to share the magic of the beauty of the music, the much talented woman was to perform and by sharing and understanding would come the knowlege that they could all share and perform on an equal level their own magic and there would be no difference according to size, shape, color or family income.

So then, what of the miracle? In this time and place, the travellers witnessed the miracle on East Lincoln Avenue --- that no matter what differences the children come bearing to school --- and we must here pay tribute to that great proclamation --"Brown vs. The Board Of Education," we will see the miracle of equal performance of all children, not only through integration but by equal treatment, respect, high expectations and by the hard work of principals like Mr. Albano of the Lincoln Avrenue School, Mount Vernon, New York and his amazing , talented staff. (No excuses, that the parents aren't interested, language problems and some children can't learn, heard here.)

Sincerely,


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