

# Preston

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member of the present majority, Martin Noon, whose wife is now a part-time teacher in the district, went to Dr. Preston and asked what he had to do to get his wife a faculty position. Preston told Noon he would have to contact the president of the school board, who, at that time, was Joseph "Red" Jones." Jones told The Dallas Post that Noon did ask him how his wife could get a job. Jones said that he had explained to Noon that his wife would have to be approved and recommended by the superintendent and the principals who conduct the interviews, then she would have to get at least five votes from board members. Jones said he explained to Noon that he (Jones) was only one vote and Noon would have to seek the other votes.

Keiper and Jones both took issue with Board President Ed Mark's recent statements that Preston advocated nepotism. Both directors believe those statements are somewhat hypocritical since Mark voted to have his own wife placed on the district's substitute teaching list. At one time, before she moved out of the area, Mark's daughter was a substitute teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District.

When the issue of hiring Thomas Williams, son of former board member Thomas Williams, Sr. was presented to the board, director Bing Wolfe remarked that he thought it was time "we stop hiring school directors immediate family members."

Wolfe voted against Williams, but voted for Noon's wife. Wolfe had pushed hard to have Dave Smith hired to the faculty, but

when Mrs. Noon's name came before the board, he voted for her and said no more about Smith.

Robert Z. Belles, the superintendent of the Lake-Lehman School District prior to Preston's appointment, said Preston is a highly qualified individual.

"When I was about to retire and we appointed a Search Committee of community people and school officials we received about 16 applications," Belles said. "We narrowed these down to eight, whom we interviewed."

"I recommended Dr. Preston because he was far superior to the others," he added. "He spent a year as an assistant becoming familiar with our school district, six months under me and six months on his own when I went on leave."

Repeated attempts to contact Lake-Lehman board members Noon, Wolfe, Mark and Emery were unsuccessful.

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eventually cited for a number of violations.

According to Carroll, Purcell was acting on an anonymous complaint of loud noise emanating from the house. Upon his arrival at the house, the officer knocked on the front door but had it slammed in his face by an unknown individual. He experienced the same result when he knocked on the side door, according to Carroll.

Carroll said that Purcell then noticed two individuals in the yard and followed them into the house through a cellar door that was supposedly open to gain entrance. He said there may

have been some time span from when the students and the officer came through the door. Reports were also conflicting as to whether the door had been broken into or not.

The committee could not determine who the two persons were who entered through the cellar. One individual questioned, who was standing at the top of the stairs, said he did not know the two persons and that they were not Dallas students.

A hearing will now be held on December 30 at 10:30 a.m. at magistrate Earl Gregory's

office for those individuals who were cited at the incident. Some of those charges against them include possession, consumption and transportation of alcohol.

Fine said police confiscated one half-keg of Michelob beer, one case of wine coolers and one case of Miller beer.

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# Jews

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Menorah, beginning from the right. Each day, the candles are lit from the left, using a special candle called the "Shamas." The Shamas is isolated from the other eight candles of the Menorah and may be placed in the center, to one side or above or below.

One Menorah may be lit for each family, but a beautiful tradition has developed in many families with each family member lighting his or her own Menorah. Lighting the Menorah is a wonderful time for the family to sing traditional Hanukkah songs and to tell the Hanukkah story.

Each night at sundown, the

candles are lit and a special prayer is said. On the first night, three blessings are recited, but for the rest of the holiday only the first two blessings are said.

It has become tradition to partake of festive meals such as latkas (potato pancakes) and jelly doughnuts during for the eight days of Hanukkah. Other popular sources of joy are Hanukkah gifts and Hanukkah gelt (money). In America, it is thought that the gifts of money to the Jewish children compensate for them being outsiders of the Christmas holiday. Each Jewish child is given a monetary gift each night of the eight days of celebration.

Another celebration device

added to Hanukkah is the draydel, a cube made of wood or plastic with words written in Hebrew. Those who play the game put money into a "pot." Then, the draydel is spun. If it stops at "nun," it means nothing happens. "Gimel" means "ganz" or the spinner takes all "Hay" is "half" and the spinner takes half the money, while "shin" means "shtell" and the spinner puts in money.

Rabbis are opposed to the gambling game since they consider gamblers' earnings akin to taking someone's property without real contest. Thus arose the custom for all the money to give given to charity when the game is finished.

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