

EOB Head Start Graduates 207 Children



Children at the H.R. Crawford Head Start Center recently completed graduation ceremonies of the two-year federal program which has yielded such positive results. The High/Scope Educational Research Foundation's 20-year follow-up study of graduates of Head Start found that graduates are more like-

ly to complete high school, get additional education, be employed, not be in trouble with the law, and not become teenage parents. The program participants are children from families below the poverty level who could not otherwise afford these services.

Head Start Centers

throughout Clark County held graduation ceremonies the last part of May. An expected 207 children will be advancing to kindergarden, from EOB's Head Start Centers at Al Landsman, Miller Plaza, Marble Manor, Jones Gardens, Hullum Homes and H.R. Crawford.

The largest Head Start pro-

vider in Nevada, EOB is expanding its services to the Sunrise Manor area of Las Vegas, bringing total funded enrollment to 375 children for the school year.

Funded by the Federal Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Head Start services in Clark County is, in part, made possible through the assistance of the Clark County Housing Authority which makes facilities available to EOB for various programs of community service.

Judge Hastings To Impeachment Panel: 'I Have Not Received Bribe! Set Me Free.'

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Washington, D.C. Dapper in pinstripe suit, U.S. District Court Judge Alcee L. Hastings might have been dressed for a festive social or business occasion instead of attendance at a grim impeachment hearing before a House Judiciary subcommittee where he faced three separate allegations, either of which if found to be true could end a brilliant, if sometimes combatively controversial judicial career.

In a dramatic and moving opening statement, Hastings, a judge in Miami, declared: "I ask you in the name of decency, I ask you in the name of justice, in the name of the American jury system, I ask you in the name of the American way of life, I beg you, I beseech you, I implore you — hell, no, I demand of you — that you set me free." Repeating his declaration of innocence of bribery charges of which a jury in 1983 acquitted him, Hastings said: "Let me make it very clear: I have not received a bribe. I have not obstructed justice. I have not betrayed the integrity of the high office that I hold. I am not guilty, but I am not free."

Hastings was accused of conspiring to solicit a \$150,000 bribe from two convicted racketeers in exchange for returning some of their forfeited property and imposing a more lenient sentence. William A. Borders, a prominent Washington, D.C. lawyer, who was convicted of conspiring with Hastings to solicit the bribe, was convicted of the charge. According to Thomas Hutchinson, chief counsel of the House Judiciary Subcommittee, Borders is one of 12 witnesses

BATTLEBORN CHESS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

The City of Las Vegas Dula Community Center, 430 E. Bonanza Road, invites all chess players to register for the Battleborn State Open, a nationally-rated tournament scheduled for July 30 at 10:00 a.m. The competition is free to seniors, 55 years and over. A \$5 fee will be charged to all others. Trophies will be awarded. For more information contact Ken Brensinger at 386-6397.

scheduled to appear before the impeachment panel during its five-day period of deliberation. Hutchinson was not certain if Borders would talk. He has never testified about whether Hastings was aware that he was making arrangements for the bribe in return for Hastings' leniency.

Despite the fact both chief counsel Hutchinson and, indeed, Hastings, himself, seem to be dancing around the issue of double jeopardy — the unlawful procedure of subjecting a person to a trial on two separate occasions for the same offense — Hutchinson does not believe the principle of double jeopardy applies, although he admits there are some who feel "the unfairness" of the matter in that the judge who has already stood trial on the charges should not have to undergo the similar constraints once more. Judge Hastings, in fact, is arguing the fairness policy principle not the double jeopardy imposition.

First witness was John Doar, the legendary former Justice Dept. official who was prominent in Civil rights activities in the 1960s. He is the chief investigator for the Investigating Committee of the 11th Circuit District which is seeking a bill of impeachment. This committee is comprised of Chief Judge John Godbold, Frank Johnson, Gerald Tjoflat, Sam C. Pointer Jr., and William C. O'Kelley. They charged that despite the jury's finding of innocent, "there is clear and convincing evidence that Hastings committed the crime and then concocted evidence and testified falsely to clear himself."

This Committee petitioned the House judiciary Committee to consider his impeachment. The case was turned over to the House Judiciary Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI). That was a little more than a year ago. Since that time, his committee has been looking into the allegations. There are three separate allegations: 1. Bribery scheme with Borders (for which Hastings has been acquitted in jury trial); 2, perjury, testifying falsely, for which he has not been tried, and 3, making improper disclosure (about a wire tapping, for which he has also not been tried).

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