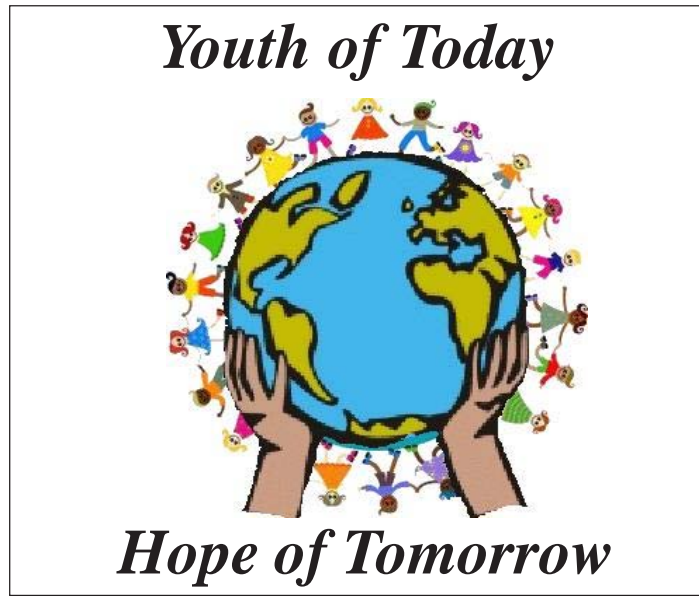


YOUTH BRIGADE



Rooting for the Lady Lions



Olivia Smith
Lockhart H.S.

home game in Lockhart against Lehman, the Varsity Girls were able to outscore the Lobos. I know that my Lady Lions will play with aggressiveness, power, and control to win! I will say that compared to last year, the lions are doing much better, and they have improved tremendously.

If the Lady Lions do not make the play offs, at least they have showed improvement, and that is all that really matters. There is a funny saying "We didn't lose, we just ran out of time". I'm rooting for you and so is the rest of the school. Go Lady Lions!

On Friday, January 20, our girls JV and Varsity Basketball team went to Lehman High School to compete against them. I do not have coverage of the game, but I do hope that they will come back with another win!

Previously, at the

The Year of the Dragon



Tayla Terry
LBJ High School

This week I report to you about a dragon. Dragons are usually known to be dangerous and not favored. However, this dragon has a different meaning. According to Chinese History, this is the year of the Dragon.

The Year of the Dragon comes every twelve years on the Chinese Calendar. It is celebrated with pride because of the special meaning it has. The Chinese Year of the Dragon is in 2012. Astrology is part of Chinese life.

In Chinese astrology dragon people excel. The

dragon Chinese zodiac year is honored. In Chinese astrology the dragon is the only animal of the Chinese zodiac year that is not real.

In Chinese astrology the dragon was seen as a powerful almighty king because it was made up of different parts of animals such as a tiger, fish, snake and an eagle.

In Chinese astrology a dragon person is special. Born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon they usually stand out as a dragon. They are powerful and wise. You should be able to determine what people were born in the Chinese Year of the Dragon because in a group of people, they stands out.

There is a certain bold attitude about them, they are not shy and they demand attention and respect. Do you know someone with these characteristics?

Remember kids and adults stay in school and stay off drugs! Peace Out.

Open House at McCallum



Adam Gordon
LBJ High School

The McCallum High School hosted "open house". This event was for parents and middle school students who would like to attend this high school in the future.

McCallum Fine Arts

Academy is an advanced academic program where students can major in dance, visual arts, music, or theatre arts and is a high school program of choice for many creative students with a background that admire the arts.

Students who are accepted to McCallum Fine Arts Academy are granted an Austin Independent School District curriculum transfer to McCallum High School in order to attend.

For those interested in the Arts, this is a good stepping stone. It can prepare you for schools and colleges of the Arts like they have in New York City.

Lady Jags Basketball



Destini Gorrer
LBJ High School

Every Saturday we have a morning practice with our goal to win the 1st place title this year.

I also feel as thou there's so much pressure on us this year being that last year's team made it so far. Everybody this year expects us to go further and win the state title. I have faith in us, although there are many that don't because they feel our team lacks in height and many of last year players have gone.

Our talent, dedication and great coaching staff has been taking us this far and will continue to guide us through the playoffs.

S o L a d y Jags....let's prove to ourselves and everyones, and show them how our dedication throughout this year will payoffHard work, pays off!!!!

Until next time...Go Jags!

We are undefeated in our District so far with only 4 more district games to go. After that, we're in the playoffs! The great thing about coming out first in the district is...in the first round we'll be playing a team that came out 4th in their district.

This basketball season has been a tough one, but there's so much dedication on and off the court by each of us. We're a big family and consider one another sisters.

My interest in AVID



Dezhia Gorrer
Clint Small Middle School

Now that I'm about to leave the 8th grade, I'm starting to take a closer look at college as I enter high school. My school has had three high schools come talk to our student body about different college prep programs they offer.

The program I am most interested in is the one offered at the high school I will be attending (Austin High) called AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination).

AVID is a four year program that prepares you for college. In the program students have the opportunity to travel to different colleges to see what they have to offer and get a chance to see what the campuses are like. This will really help me to decide which college I would like to attend.

I am very interested in becoming a part of this program to help prepare me for college and staying focused throughout high school. This program will also help me with my study habits and organization. I was recently interviewed for AVID. They asked me several interesting questions as well as took my picture. I really hope I get accepted.

Everyone should take the time to find out about the different programs available at the high school he/she will be attending. Many of these programs provide the extra help/push needed to succeed in life.

Until next time.....Go Cougars!!

Lockhart JHS Basketball



Tori Smith,
Lockhart Junior High School

Last Thursday we went to Dahlstrom Middle School, home of the Mustangs, for a basketball game. Though only the seventh grade B-team won it was a great time. First off the

seventh grade B-team, we were losing in the half, by one, but we pulled together and the game went up to 11-32 and we won!! Unfortunately, the seventh grade A-team lost, 42-34, only nine points away and they would have won. On eighth grade girls teams Lockhart lost. This week we are playing against Wallace Middle School the Rangers as a home game hope we win. Now our seventh grade B-team is still undefeated of 6-0(9-0 including the tournament). Well that is all for now see you all next week.

The 2012 MLK March



Will Purcell
New Manor Tech HS

January 16, 2012 was the MLK march. This year's march was special to me since I was able to lead the march. There were two different celebration spots. One being the University of Texas and the other being the State Capitol.

I started the march at the University of Texas. There were multiple speakers and a singing group. After all the speeches were

done, the MLK Youth Legacy Award winners were called up to hold a banner and lead the march.

I was one of the winners so I got to help lead the march to the capitol. When everybody arrived at the capitol a prayer was given. After that there was a drill team performance. There was also some singing.

After that The official march began towards Huston Tillitson University festival. I managed to walk through the whole march leading to the university. At the festival, there were many people who attended. There were multiple music performances and delicious food. I had the honor of being on television during the march. Overall, I really enjoyed the march and I'm ready for the next one.

Fighting For a Change



Jaquarry Wilson
Del Valle High School

It's been a few months since a small part of the City of Austin known as Hornsby Bend has been fighting to become a city. The representatives of the establishment are finally "Taking charge of [their] own destiny by becoming a City." Being a resident of this particular area of Austin, I am rather galvanized.

In my opinion, it is a great idea because it shows its desire for independence. As stated on a letter given to all residents of the area,

"Becoming a city allows us to represent ourselves, not be beholden to the City of Austin because we are in their Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)." A big problem that has been a hassle to homeowners in the area is the Water Rate Increases by Independently Owned Water Utilities.

There have been numerous meetings to fight these prices, hopefully this problem as well as many others will be solved by the planned incorporation.

The community leaders have conspired a meeting at the Austin's Colony Community Center. The meeting will be on January 28th, 2012 at 4pm. During the event homeowners and residents will be able to meet the community leaders, sign the petition for incorporation, and find out what they can do to help the process!

The Hosa Blood Drive



Marshay Hatcher
Pflugerville High School

HSE-HOSA Partnership. HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, post secondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in HSE programs.

For the month of January, HOSA will be conducting a blood drive at Pflugerville High School to collect blood for different facilities in the community. Students or others in the community must be 17 years of age and 180lbs.

There are plenty of benefits to donating blood to the Hosa organization. One of those benefits is that by donating blood you can help save two lives.

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health occupations instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the