



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Marches and Protest



Tyler Allen
Gus Garcia YMLA

Everyday I see protest and marches on the news. The newspaper covers them also. Yet I wonder do they really work. To me they seem so large. But for some reason the eventually stop then we get another.

Last week I saw them talk about the "March on

Washington" of the 1960's. The Vietnam protest seemed more violent. I have often wondered do the government let them influence their decisions. My grandparents say if it don't affect the rich peoples pocket book that nothing changes. Simple because they run the country. Violence is usually only cause more violence.

We see police shootings of young Black men all the time. It still continues. Many say the media only wants to sensationalize a story. They are always looking for something new. Now the new thing is using the "Web" to protest. That way you can be more affective and it takes less effort.

They say take it directly to your politician.

Lone Star South Regional



Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.

The FIRST {For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology} Robotics Competition Lone Star South Regional was held from Thursday, April 5th to Saturday, April 7th at San Jacinto Community College in Pasadena, Texas. Thirty high school robotics teams from various parts of Texas came to compete with their robots in a sports-like tournament. Thursday was a practice day, qualification matches were held all day Friday and on Saturday morning, and the quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals were on Saturday afternoon.

After qualifications, the top eight ranked teams got to pick two other teams each to form an alliance with. Often, top eight teams will pick each other, so the next few ranked teams get to move up and be alliance captains. My team, the Lady Cans, finished in ninth place at the end of qualifications, so

we got to be an alliance captain. We picked VorTX and the BirdBots to ally with us.

Our alliance didn't advance past the quarterfinals, but my team did win the gracious professionalism award. Gracious professionalism is a term coined by FIRST that represents the ethics all competitors should uphold. It emphasizes creating high-quality robots and competing your hardest at competition, while being considerate and respectful of the feelings of others and assisting other teams so that the competition is a place where every person can grow their knowledge and confidence. In addition to being recognized for exhibiting genuine gracious professionalism throughout the competition, a girl from our team advanced to be a Dean's List Finalist. The Dean's List award is given to students who have attained many valuable technical skills and have spread awareness of FIRST.

Our Dean's List Finalist will go to the world championships where she will hopefully be selected as one of the winners. Overall, this competition was an improvement on our last competition. It seems we have worked out most of the kinks and we will be ready to compete our best if we get a spot at the world championships.



Erika Lipscomb
Manor Middle School

Tuesday 11th is the 8th grade ELA STAAR test. The next day is the 8th grade math STAAR test. The week after that is science and history. Gosh, this year has gone by so fast it feels like just yesterday was the first day of school. A few months more of school and next thing you

know we're high schoolers.

Though i'm not ready for high school, I am ready for the STAAR tests that are coming up. It would be kind of tough considering the fact that you have to be quiet taking a test for four hours. I feel especially bad for the teachers. My teachers and everyone else's have put a great effort to teach us the right material to past STAAR. They did tell us that we have to past the ELA in order to pass the 8th grade, but i'm sure it will be a breeze.

Usually when STAAR comes up I tend to get overwhelmed a bit but now I don't even feel anything. I guess my body just knows to be calm and that there's nothing to worry about.

Dreams



Jada Stone
Kealing M. S.

Have you ever wondered what a dream really is? Well, a dream is a group of images, ideas, emotions and sensations that occur during certain stages of sleep. The purpose of dreams are not fully understood, though they have been a topic of interest throughout history. Dream interpretation is the attempt at trying to find an underlying message. The scientific study of dreams is called oneirology.

REM sleep is when dreams mainly occur. REM sleep is revealed by continuous movements of the eyes during sleep. At times, dreams may occur during other stages of sleep. The 4 stages of sleep are awake, light sleep, deep sleep and REM sleep. Here are the features of all of the stages; Stage 1: although you are asleep, you may wake up feeling like you did not sleep at all, your eyes will roll a little bit and your eyelids will slightly open, your

breathing slows down and your heartbeat becomes regular. Stage 2: it becomes harder to wake you up, your brain emits bigger wave and your blood pressure decreases. Stage 3: your brain waves slow down and become larger, you can sleep through any disturbances without making a reaction, and if you wake up during this stage you may feel disoriented. Stage 4: Finally, during this stage of sleep this is when you have deepest and most powerful dreams. You can also sleepwalk and bedwet during this "stage. This stage can get longer and longer as the night goes by. If people are awakened during the REM phase, they are most likely to remember that dream. The average person has 3 to 5 dreams every night. Some people might even have 7 dreams but most times they do not remember the dreams.

Opinions about the meaning of dreams have changed through time. Many say that dreams reveal insight into certain desires. Others say that dreams assist in memory and problem solving. Back in Greek and Roman times, the people believed that dreams predicted the future.

Dreams can at times make a creative thought or give a sense of inspiration. People have not figured out what the exact meaning of dreams so it is just what you believe in.

Bullying



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Hello, This week in my avid class i have to give a speech and the topic is bullying. April 6 i started preparing for the speech in which i had to perform in front of my class, at first i was very nervous and scared because i've never stood in front of people

and spoke.

A big part of this exercise is practicing not getting stage fright join front of large crowds when we speak. Bullying is a horrible thing and many people have suffered because of it, these people are traumatized by the way they are being made fun of or even getting physically beat up.

Lastly, I chose this topic because i've seen this and i felt really horrible about the way people are being treated by bullies and i feel like me bringing more awareness to this situation may help someone who's suffering at the hands of a bully. Thanks for reading.

Car Show



Alyssa James Winn
Manor H.S.

There is a upcoming event that will be held at the Manor Athletic Complex in manor Texas. It will be hosted by Manor High

School FFA Alumni (Future Farmers of America) and Sparkybuilt which is a car business. This event is on April 28th, 2018 from 10am to 6pm. They will be showing old cars and also new cars, it is a kid friendly event. There will also be food trucks that you can go try food, and if you have your own food truck you can enter for \$50. Also, if you have your own personal car, bike or truck that you want to enter in you can do it at 8-9pm. Please come out and support Manor High School FFA alumni group.

Social Studies



Joshua Moore
Manor New Tech M.S.

For that past few weeks in Social Studies we have been learning about south Asia. For a project we had to show the main religions there. Also, we had to show the landforms and bodies of water.

My favorite part about this project is that you get to choose your partners. But, the easiest part is when we did the bodies of water.

Act 1 Competition



Ruby George
Riojas Elementary

On April 8, I competed at Act 1 dance competition at pflugerville high school. My super

awesome best friend Hermione came, along with my uncle, his fiance, her two boys, my brother, and my grandma was there. My team actually had a small space for getting dressed, but we still all got it done. I competed in one jazz dance, one tap dance, one musical theater, and one hip-hop. For the hip hop and musical theater we won top overall. I also stayed to watch the little kids from our dance group perform. THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE THAT CAME!

Fitness Mash-Up Fundraiser

Saturday, April 14th
2:00 pm | 5:30
Doors open at 1:00PM

A Fitness Mash-Up Fundraiser to benefit Young Journey Foundation
HOSTED by Jamsz Konnections
Capital Events Center, 13201 Ranch Road 620, Ste. R108
JOIN US and Let's Get MOVING

The Fitness Mash-Up is a combination workout of Mixxedfit, Zumba and Pi3.
Three Sessions: Session 1: 2:00pm – 3:00pm; Session 2: 3:15pm – 4:15pm; Session 3: 4:30pm – 5:30pm