



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Old East Austin



Tyler Allen
Barbara Jordan Elem.

I went to the East 12th Street (Merchants) festival. This was my second time we went. They had small events all up the Chicon to Comal street area. It was a lot of fun. There was free face painting and a small "Thinkery" stand for the young. The "thinker" stand was the most interesting. They had hands on experiments you could participate in.

The end of the tour area was the Southgate-Lewis house at 12th and

Comal Street. Most in the area call it the neighborhood museum. I've been in there many times. Each year they have guess speakers. This year there were three. Each speaker had researched the history of the old Black Eastside area. They addressed the past and future of this old neighborhood. There was a time when we had many older relative living in that area.

Now we have only one. I heard someone say that pretty soon there would be even less African-Americans living in that area. One visitor said eventually there will only be a few Black churches, schools and buildings bearing African-American names, markers and murals to remind the new residence. Most of the people I was told that attended were not even from Austin. Also this week we will get our STAAR test results.

Student Council Covention



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From Sunday, April 9th to Tuesday, April 11th, eight members of the Cedar Ridge High School (CRHS) student council traveled to Arlington, TX where we met with other student councils from across Texas. The convention was hosted by the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) at the Arlington Convention Center. The theme of the conference was "Dare to Dream. Dare to Do." And the purpose was to bring all the student councils to one location to share ideas of how to make our schools better places.

When the CRHS student council arrived in Arlington on Sunday, we went to the convention center to check in, then went to get dinner. After we returned, we had our Opening General Session where the President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, and Secretary of TASC spoke, along with other guest speakers. The candidates running for 2018 TASC of-

fices were announced and told us about their platforms. On the Monday, we attended the Second General Session where we listened to music, sang student council songs, and watched the skits presented by each candidate school. Afterwards, we broke into three groups and attended breakout rotations. Two of the rotations were focused on various projects and community service activities that can be implanted at our schools, presented by schools that successfully completed the project. The third rotation was another general session with live music and a guest motivational speaker. After the last rotation, the student councils went to Six Flags Over Texas from 5-10. Tuesday was our last day in Arlington and we had our Final General Session from 9:30 AM - 11:45AM. At the meeting, the winners were announced for the new TASC officers.

Eliza Jipp, a freshman representative at CRHS, went on the trip to Arlington with me. She said what she enjoyed most about the trip was "how they incorporated the theme into the topics seen around the convention. They emphasized that anyone can have a great idea, but it takes a leader to follow through." This was my first time attending the state conference and I am very excited to go next year.

A Tale as Old as Time



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On April 15th, I went to see the new live-action movie version of Beauty and the Beast. Countless generations have enjoyed the original story written in the eighteenth century, and this revamp is as enchanting as ever, with a few modern twists to the story. The movie features Emma Watson as Belle, the young woman who is taken prisoner by the Beast. She is more intelligent and confident than she is portrayed to be in the popular 1991 animated rendition of Beauty and the Beast, which was nominated for the Best

Picture Academy Award.

Both movies include her peculiar love of reading, but the live-action version of the movie really calls attention to the fact that she is smart, independent woman. It's as if Belle has been updated for a twenty-first century audience. A huge discovery those watching the live-action version will make is a more complete history of the Beast's life before the curse. The origin of his cruel nature is further explained, as well as how his subjects did not try to stop him from deteriorating to such a state. The death of Belle's mother is also further explained. The writers of the movie stayed true to the time period and had her die of the plague, which was virulent at the time.

The live-action version of Beauty and the Beast is just as magical as the animated version, and a bit scarier. I recommend it to anyone who was a fan of the original, as it offers more detailed explanations of character backgrounds.

Retaking The ACT



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This Wednesday, the junior class is retaking the ACT to improve our scores once again. We've done a lot of activities and competitions in order to provide further motivation. On Tuesday, we will have a day solely consisting of a variety of activities, some related to the ACT and some not, to relieve

students from the stress of their classes and prepare for the rest while simultaneously enjoying themselves. A goal for all juniors was to grow their ACT score by at least 3 points, which I thoroughly believe is indeed possible with the immense amount of practice we've had for the test.

Going into the test, I want my peers and I to remember why we are even trying to improve our scores in the first place. Whether it's to make our parents proud or have a higher chance of admission into our dream school, we all need to keep our passions in mind, especially considering that our finish line is only inches away; we must make these last few steps count.

My College Experience



Alyssa James Winn
Manor High School

My college experience has been going very well. I am passing my college course and I understand the class work. This summer I will have a speech college class at ACC Elgin. My professor that have now is teaching us some of the things that we're going to learn. Turning in my college work on time and done right is not hard so far. I will keep doing good in this college course because I want to succeed.

College Visit: SMU



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Over spring break, my parents and I visited two colleges in Texas for a campus tour and information session. We visited Baylor University first and the next day we visited Southern Methodist University (SMU). Being in the Dallas area, SMU will definitely be considered when application season comes around.

Our visit started in the Visitor Center on the SMU campus. There, I received a backpack with a booklet with information about SMU. The waiting area felt similar to a museum lobby because there were school banners

mounted on the walls and a metal seal in the center of the room. This made our surroundings seem very old and scholarly.

During the information session, our guide told the students about life on campus and in the Dallas area. He mention many extracurricular activities that the students are able to do in Dallas based on their SMU student status. After the information session, our tour guide took our group on the tour of the campus. We got to look inside dorms and SMU's business school, which is the area that I am interested in studying. The campus reminded me a lot of an Ivy League school.

I can absolutely picture myself attending SMU in two years. Because it is in the Dallas area, it would allow me to enjoy all of the attractions that the city has to offer. My family would also be fairly close to me which would allow me to go home more often. I have two years to make my decision and I plan to do more research about SMU.

About War



bombs" in Afghanistan against ISIS.

Why does war happen? I read that wars are unique events and that each conflict has unique reasons. Wars can happen because of religious, economic, political, or social reasons. They do not suddenly happen and involve a great deal of prior planning!

War has been mentioned a lot in the news. The dictionary defines war as "a state of armed conflict between different nations or states or different groups within a nation or state." In April, the United States launched missile strikes against Syrian government targets in retaliation for a chemical attack on Syrian civilians and dropped the "mother of all

Many people fear nuclear war is coming soon. They believe that most of the world's nuclear warheads are in the hands of men who will use them! Because of its sub-zero temperature, Antarctica is the safest place to be during a nuclear event. Are you planning to move there or praying for world peace?

Easter



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April 16, 2017 is Easter also known as resurrection. Easter is a Christian festival and holiday celebrating the

Bible stories about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This Easter I went to church in the morning and then went to my grandma's house. At my grandma's house I got lots of candy and snacks. After that I went to my other grandma's house. At their house I ate macaroni and cheese, greens, chicken, and I had a soda. While I was there me, my brother, and my cousins played card games. My favorite card game is called spoons. What did you do this Easter?