

**Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow**



Attack of the Zombies



**Sarah Robertson
Connally H. S.**

Connally High school theater program was having their first production of the year a play called The Attack of the Zombies. The Attack of the Zombies is about how a senior class is having a zombie night theme for their senior party. Four students;

Howie, Gary, Louise, and Phoebe are helping decorate for the zombie night senior party. However, students Vivian and Anne tries to ruin it. As the night goes on the zombies keep appearing.

I had the honor of playing Vivian, my character wanted to ruin zombie night because she wanted a sock hop theme party instead. We had performances on the 24th, 25th, and 27th. The play was fantastic, and I had a wonderful time performing also being with the amazing people on stage. I can't wait for the next production.

Quincy Jones



**Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.**

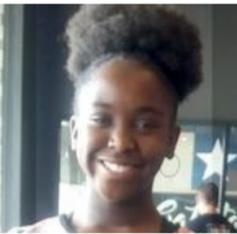
Quincy Delight Jones Jr. also known as "Q" is a african american record producer, musician and film producer. His career spans six decades in the entertainment industry. Raised in

Chicago he attended Berklee College of music.

Quincy came to prominence in the 1950's as a jazz arranger and conductor, he moved on to pop music in 1969. His best work in my opinion was with Micheal Jackson, he went on to produce his albums "Off the Wall", "Thriller" and "Bad".

Lastly, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll hall of fame in 2013, and he was named one of the most influential jazz musicians of the 20th century.

Huston-Tillotson University Day



**SaNaya White
Ann Richards**

"She leads. She makes it happen. She is a Goddess Warrior. She inspires others to believe in their power and purpose. She decides who she is and what she can be, do and have. She is a woman. She gives birth to ideas, solutions, to a culture of growth, to people. She grows people to be their best. She influences decisions, she makes decisions. She impacts future generations. She leads. She inspires. She makes it happen. She is able to respond. She is love. She is a Goddess Warrior. She makes it happen." This poem made by Pegine Echevarria was altered and used to describe the one and only Huston-Tillotson University (HTU) president, Dr. Colette Bernette. The introduction was made Sunday, October 28, at Simpson

United Methodist Church (SUMC). SUMC held it's annual HT day service that Sunday. The service consisted of Dr. Bernette giving a speech and recognizing those from HT, a recognition of present students, staff and past alumni from the university, as well as a message coming from Rev. Donald Brewington, the University Chaplain.

HT also brought their gospel choir to sing and they did a magnificent job. The entire service brought a lot of joy and it was nice in general. Dr. Bernette recognized and announced something that stood out to me. She said that it was important for events like this to be held because it opens us up and builds a stronger bond in the community. I find this true and very important to live by. The only way for communities such as the community of Austin to grow, is to become involved and help each other out. I've loved every HT day Simpson has hosted. Each year it gets better. I'm already excited for next year's. Everyone is welcome to join us!

National School Lunch Week



**Joshua Moore
Manor New Tech M.S.**

National School Lunch Week (NSLW) was created in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy so that School Nutrition Association (SNA) members and students around the world can celebrate in their cafeterias with decorations, special menus, events and more.

Manor Independent School District (MISD) participated in

National School Lunch Week (NSLW) on October 15-19, 2018. The 2018 NSLW theme was "School Lunch: Lot's 2 Love", which was made to help students and school nutrition experts connect and share what we love most about school lunch with parents, school officials, the media, and the public.

Manor ISD received goods from different cities in Texas. Monday there was corn on the cob from Hondo, Texas. Tuesday there was green beans from Hondo, Texas. Wednesday there was yellow squash from Fredericksburg, Texas. Thursday there was lettuce from Manor, Texas and Friday there was red potatoes from Wharton, Texas.

Changes at PMS



**Ava Roberts
Pflugerville M. S.**

At Pflugerville Middle School, the 2018-2019 school year had many changes. First, there was a change to Panther Camp. Panther camp was the first three days of school. This is when we learned about the rules and expectations for the school year. There were also changes for Panther Pride. Each grade has a specific colored t-shirt

by grade. Last year, all the shirts were our school color (blue) and only had the school logo.

Also new for this year a temporary, alternative elective. I signed up for soccer fan club, It was not what i expected by no means. I thought we would play soccer but instead we learned about it. There were only two of us signed-up for this club. We made posters about our experience with soccer.

The first nine weeks is over! I am still following all the rules. On pride day, I support my grade by wearing my yellow t-shirt! And, I enjoyed learning about soccer even though I have never played on a team.

Monster Concert Success



**Averill Topps
Stephen F. Austin H.S.**

Hello everybody, today I want to talk about what happened during the Monster Concert.

As I said last week, my school was having a fundraiser called the Monster Concert in order to raise money for our end of year field trip to San Francisco. This trip is designed to reward us for all of our hard work during the school year.

At the Monster Concert, we had fun games like the ring toss, musical

chairs, and hit the can, which is the game I worked a shift on. We also had a grill, which served nachos, turkey legs, hot dogs, hamburgers, and more. One of the main attractions was the haunted house, which I also helped build.

We also had many different orchestras playing as entertainment during the Monster Concert. We had the Connolly Orchestra, Pease Orchestra, and various other school orchestras. My orchestra played Halloween themed songs like The Evil Eye, and Haunted Mansion. I feel like this years Monster Concert was better than the others because we had a wide variety of orchestras playing this year.

That's all for this week. Until Next Time, Go Austin High Maroons!

Creating A Grandparents Day



**Cecilia Agboga
LBJ High School**

On September 9th America celebrated Grandparents Day. Top Teens of Austin was unable to celebrate then, but no worries...the group created their own day to celebrate seniors! The top teens group went to the Walnut Hills Nursing Home and spent some meaningful time with the people who live there. We gave them cards, sang to them, and we even performed a line dance for them. We also did a little talent show for the residents.

In the talent show some people sang, some read poems, some played instruments, someone even did a karate form for them. The residents seemed to really enjoy being entertained. They especially liked when one of the Teens sang Amazing Grace. It was like it took them back to their days in church.

Giving the residents cards I think was the best part because we actually got to sort of

bond with them and read them our cards. And of course, Lady Daralynn made us go talk to every single person that was in the room. I'm happy that she did, because it might not have shown on their faces, but we all knew that they were happy. The final thing that we did for the residents was a line dance.

The line dance was pretty fun even though only one person knew the dance at first (Lady Daralynn) but it was still really fun to learn it. We all laughed at ourselves, and eventually everyone learned the dance and we actually started to look like something. Once the song ended we passed out snacks to the residents and shared a final positive thought.

One thing I took away from that visit at Walnut Hills Nursing Home: Seniors are special. They are the people who paved the way for us to be who we are today. We should not forget about our seniors. They may not be our grandparents, but they are someone's grandparents. I have a grandmother, and I love her very much, If I could not be with her or share a special day with her, I would want someone to. I'm glad we spent time with the seniors last weekend. I hope we do it again.

Austin Boil Water Notice



**Cecil Green
Dobie Middle School**

What is Happening? The city of Austin Texas has been having issues lately with its water. According to sources online, Austin's water plants have been flooded and the water is not safe to digest. This problem started on October 22nd and who knows when this problem will be fixed? It could take days for this to be solved.

What caused the problem? Supposedly, with recent rainfall, the issue has been suspected to be Hurricane Willa because of all the flooding, rain has af-

ected the Colorado river. All of the Trash, Dirt, and other nasty things affecting the water make it not safe to digest. You can bathe and do other necessities, just don't drink it. If you are going to drink it make sure you boil it first.

Will students be affected? Students at school may usually drink from the water fountain at school but due to this problem, they can't. The water fountain should be covered up to keep kids safe. Just in case, send your kid to school with a couple bottles of water as long as this is going on.

What else do I need to know? The water may not be safe to digest for more than 3 days so just stack up on water just to be safe and don't drink, or make anything with faucet water. Just remember to be careful and be cautious of the water you drink in the Austin area and keep everybody aware. Be safe.