



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr.



**Kevin Parish
Hendrickson H. S.**

Garrett Augustus Morgan Sr was born on March 4, 1877 in Claysville, Pennsylvania. He was an American inventor and community leader of African-American descent. Morgan invented an early version of a gas mask called a smoke hood, and created the first traffic light that included a third "warning" position which is standard today. Morgan also developed a chemical that was used in hair products for hair-straightening.

Most of his teenage years were spent working as a handyman for a Cincinnati landowner and having experience with sewing machines. In 1907, Morgan with nearly a decade of experience with sewing machines finally opened up his own sewing machine and shoe

repair shop. In 1908, Morgan became more conscious of his heritage and helped found the Cleveland Association of Colored Men in 1909, he and his wife Mary Anne expanded their business ventures by opening a shop called Morgan's Cut Rate Ladies Clothing Store. The shop had 32 employees, and made coats, suits, and dresses, and other clothing.

Around 1910 his interest in repairing other people's inventions waned, and he became interested in developing some of his own. Like developing a safety hood smoke protection device after seeing firefighters struggling from the smoke they encountered in the line of duty. Later in life he developed glaucoma and by 1943 was functionally blind. He had poor health the rest of his life, but continued to work on his inventions.

One of his last was a self-extinguishing cigarette, which used a small plastic pellet filled with water placed just before the filter. He died on July 27, 1963 aged 86 and is buried at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland.

Homecoming, Part Two



**Quinn Langford
Cedar Ridge H. S.**

In my article last week, I covered the first half of Homecoming celebrations at Cedar Ridge High School, including the hall-decorating contest and the parade. By the time game day rolled around on Friday the 21st, the students of Cedar Ridge had already had more than enough Homecoming activities, but there were still more to go. To make sure no one got tired out, the drum line performed in the courtyard on Friday morning to hype everybody up for the game. That night, students, parents, teachers, and staff all went to support the football team play against Leander High School. At halftime, the Homecoming court was announced and our drill team, known as Royalty, performed to the music of our band. After halftime, we could see lightning in the distant sky, and during the last quarter, rain began

to pour. The announcer informed us that the weather situation was being monitored carefully and that if the lightning got too bad, we would have to stop, but we were able to finish out the game, Cedar Ridge winning 63 to 14.

At 9 o'clock the next morning, I, along with other members of Student Council, came to the school to decorate the cafetorium for the Homecoming Dance. Since this year's Homecoming was Disney themed, we set up a giant cardboard castle, decorated about a dozen and a half tables so that each resembled a different Disney movie, and hung fairy lights in various places to make the area seem magical. The dance began at seven that evening. The culinary students made pizza and cookies to sell to the attendees and students could take pictures together at a photo booth. There were a lot more people at this year's dance than there were in the past two years from what I can remember, and kids were packed onto the dance floor like sardines. At eleven, the dance was over, and us Student Council members stayed to throw away trash, tear down our decorations, and straighten up tables and chairs. Once we left, the Cedar Ridge High School Homecoming of 2018 was officially over.

My College Plans



**Cecelia Agboga
LBJ High School**

When you get to high school thinking about college feels like a chore, well at least it feels like that to me. My parents are really big on college. My Dad is from Nigeria, and he always says that America has so many advantages that it's foolish to pass them up. My mom just always says, "God blessed me to have three kids with talent and potential. Don't waste it!" So, in our house college is not an option.

The college I want to go to is Prairie View A&M University. Even though I really want to attend this college, I realized recently that I actually don't know much about it. I decided to do some research.

Prairie View was founded in 1876 as a part of the post-civil war effort to reconstruct education in the state of Texas. The campus sits on what was once the Alta Vista Plantation. I got this information from www.blackpast.com. There is no one specific person who founded the school, but through the years, many African Americans worked to keep the school going and make it

what it is today. One little known fact about PVAMU; the campus has a cemetery holding the remains of slaves. The students are careful to take good care of the cemetery to honor the ancestors.

Now that we know a little about the schools past lets learn about the school's present day facts.

Prairie View is an historically black college/university (HBCU) and from my point of view is a premier school to attend. I believe this because it's a school for people who are focused and who are willing to go to school for an extra four or five years, and if you are not willing to do that then try another school- PV is all about excellence! Prairie View also takes anyone; doesn't matter what color you are, who you are, or where your from, Prairie View will always treat you like family. When you look at the PVAMU website, they state that 42 countries are represented in the student body...now that says a lot about the school's diversity!

I want to do my pre-med studies at Prairie View. I know the school has several excellent science programs. One day, I want to proudly say that I'm a doctor and I graduated from Prairie View A&M University. Some people may get all excited about bleeding orange and the forty acres, but I get excited thinking about that school in Pantherland on the hill, with the royal purple and gold!

Homecoming



**Tyler Allen
Gus Garcia YMLA**

This week is "Homecoming Week". It is our final football game of the year. It will be Tuesday, October 2 at Nelson field. The time will be 3:45-9:45pm.

This will be my first time playing with the

band at a football game.

Last week we had our school dance with the girls from Bertha Sadler Means all-girls school. A lot of students turned out for the dance.

Most of the guys have not got accustomed to asking girls to dance. I guess I am included in the group. Most of the guys try and push someone too start it off. It did not workout so well.

There is a big game coming up for many of my teachers. It is the Texas/Oklahoma football game. All my family are Longhorn fans. Quite a few are UT alumni. Go Longhorns.

Concussion



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

Hello, This past week at practice we were doing tackling drills and i hit helmets with another player and the doctor said i sustained a concussion. I knew something was wrong because when we hit

helmets i felt different immediately.

After meeting with the trainer my parents took me to the doctor to get checked out, they asked me questions about my birthday, saying the days of the week backwards and other weird questions.

Lastly, concussions are a very serious issue for football players at all levels and can cause long term issues if they're not diagnosed. I still have headaches and my doctor told me to take it easy with school work and not to stress at all. Thanks for reading.

College Fair



**Erika Lipscomb
Manor Middle School**

Tuesday September 25, was Connally High School's college fair. It was after school and I just so happened to stay after for tutorials. While I was walking through the outside on the sidewalks ready to start walking home, I see one of my friends helping set up the college fair from inside and I wanted to say hi. As I walked in and waved at her, I heard another voice from near. It was one of my friends that moved away! Julissa! She was coming to the college fair for

AVID at her new school.

I decided to stay and catch up with her. As we started walking and talking around in the gym where it was being held, we saw that some colleges and universities had come from pretty far away. I had saw this one booth that works coding at the company of making these really cool games, like the sims free play on mobile. EA is what they're called. I even took a picture with the woman at the booth because I really do like EA games. I also received some neat items from all the booths. There were some interesting colleges that took my eye but I'm still a long way from choosing and changing about 1000 times. In the end the college fair was really fun and I enjoyed it better with my friend.

Classic Literature



**Kennedy George
Weiss High School**

I've always liked reading, even though I normally I don't have time to read anything other than the books assigned in English class. Recently I started to read books in my schools classic literature section. My school has a small library since it is the second year, so the classic literature section is one case, with four shelves on one side and four on the left. I have had tons of books

recommended by a friend that are on my list to read.

I have already read To Kill a Mockingbird, Chronicles of Narnia, Little Women, and Anne of Green Gables. Right now I am reading Animal Farm. Animal Farm is a pretty short book. In fact, the story doesn't even start until the middle of all the pages, because of all the acknowledgements and recommended books.

Animal Farm is about a group of farm animals that rebel against humans and start their own farm. At first the animals are happy, but soon they start falling apart socially and politically. Another classic literature book I would want to read is Go Set A Watchman, the second TKM book.