



Youth of Today Hope of Tomorrow



Tackle Football



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This past Saturday was my first tackle football game. I was excited the entire day. We arrived to the field around 4:30 to warm-up. Kick off was 6 p.m. The majority of the other team was huge. On kick off, they muffed the ball. I could tell they were nervous. They had an athletic running back that we couldn't stop. Our offense was fumbling a lot and was barely gaining yards. My coach put me on kick return, which made me happy after my coach put me at tailback. On the first play, the ride side was so crowded that I cut back to the left and took it down the sideline for a touchdown. It was a long run but it got called back. We lost 16-0 but it was called.

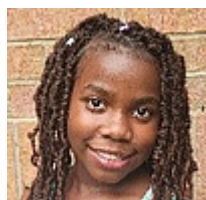
Revised History?



by Tyler Allen
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There is much talk going around about history in Texas. Mainly, it is about how it is taught in the schools. The problem is in what to include and what is to be left out or glossed over. All throughout time what is called history has been revised. It is done all the time. It is only to be done when more accurate information is found. What is the job of a historian? This is what we will discuss. Now a historian is to record the actual events that happen. We must remember that the past and history are not the same thing. The past is what happened. History is the story told based on what happened. History only changes because different interpretations are being passed on. We all realize that there may be different interpretation of what has happened. Historians study the past by interpreting evidence. He or she works by examining primary sources, text, artifacts and materials from that time period. If his or her resources are limited, their results will be limited also. It is said that most people study history because what happened to a society affects what will happen today and in the future. They look for cause and effects that help to explain how and why events happened.

Summer Vacation



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During the summer my parents surprised my sisters, my little brother and me with going on a vacation for four days to Galveston Beach. One day when my family and I arrived, we went on a historical sailing ship to explore. Next, we went on a tour boat to watch the dolphins swim. After we watched the dolphins, we checked into our hotel room and got settled in. Then that night we went to go eat dinner. After eating we went to a place called Pleasure Pier that has many rides. My big sister and I went on a ride called the Texas Star. The Texas Star is a ride where it takes you high up in the air and spins you around super-fast while you are sitting in a swing-like seat. Then my little sister went on a ride where it didn't take her high in the air, it took her off the ground then spun her around from slow to fast. On day two, we woke up and got ready to go to the beach. We set up, put on some sunscreen, then we went into the water. I got on my boogie board and rode the waves with my sister. We also dug in the sand and played with toys. After the beach, we went to the hotel to get in the pool and had some fun. We visited Pleasure Pier again to have more fun in the evening. The next day - day three, we went to the Downtown Houston Aquarium. At the aquarium we saw all kinds of fish and other sea animals. There was even a water park and water fountains. Afterwards, we went to this other amusement park in Kemah, Texas. We had to buy umbrellas because it was so hot. My big sister and I went on a ride with a giant mummy on it. It was shaped like a boat and the ride went back and forth. Then we all went to go explore around the rest of the amusement park. After that we went back to the hotel, swam again, and relaxed until it was time to go back to Pleasure Pier in the evening. During the rides that night, I made my Mom go on a giant Ride called Iron Shark. It's a roller coaster ride. It takes you high up in the air then makes a huge drop. One of the last rides of the night that my sisters and I went on was a ride made for smaller children called the Froggy Hop. On the final day - Day Four, we packed up and went home. I had so much fun on our summer vacation, I can't wait to go back!

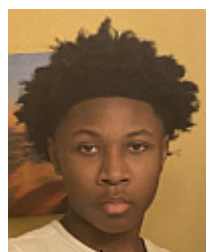
Thanks and Appreciation



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I want to say "thank you" to Mr. Wyatt and Ms. Youngblood, and the staff for helping me to become a Youth Brigade Member with *The Villager Newspaper*. I have become more confident about writing articles. I was not sure if I would be able to have articles that people or even myself would be interested in. However, after writing almost six months, I would receive calls from family members in another city or state, or got calls from family friends, giving positive and constructive compliments, as well as, suggestions for articles they were interested in reading. After writing for over two years, I have learned that all of my articles are not of interest to all of my writings, but there are others who are interested. I like writing about my love for animals. I have written about well known entertainers, civil rights activists, teacher appreciation acknowledgement, the American flag, the iGeneration; of which I am also apart, and children coping with the pandemic, home life, and virtual learning, to name a few topics. There are other recent events and stories I plan to provide articles on. Currently, it is my wish that everyone takes the vaccines, remain masked, and practice social distancing, as much as possible, so that all of the Covid-19 goes away, and the Delta variant dies. We may feel that the past seems "normal" now, although we are still under health limitation—the pandemic remains present. Let's commit to unity to restore our country!

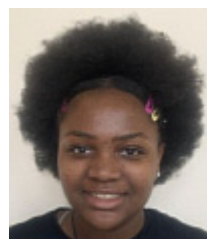
Basketball



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Basketball is one of the most popular sports in the United States. It was invented by James Naismith, a physical education teacher from Canada. Peach baskets were used as the first basketball goals and they were played in cages made of chicken wire and

Good Sportsmanship



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As an athlete, I spend long hours training and perfecting my techniques. When playing, I try my best to focus on keeping a positive attitude because that leads to good sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship means that players and spectators are being respectful to each other. But, sometimes players, parents, and coaches may display negative attitudes when the game is not going in their favor. My coach shared some positive messages with players and parents. He reminded us to think about the overall success of our teams. He reminded us that everyone involved in a sports program need to be supportive of coaches, officials, and players. He emphasized that parent-coaching from the side lines is highly discouraged. He said that cheers from spectators can have positive outcomes on the game. He asked the players to always be willing to learn and exhibit positive attitudes. Also, he remarked that it's the coach's responsibility to help players individually and as they are on the team. My team and our parents needed to hear those messages from the coach. I recognized that an athlete's performance will not be perfect every time and that having a positive attitude can make a huge, positive difference in how we excel. I am encouraging all sports fans to display positive. My coach shared some positive messages with players and parents. He reminded us to think about the overall success of our teams. He reminded us that everyone involved in a sports program need to be supportive of coaches, officials, and players.

Hawaii Declares Emergency



by Ruby George
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The state of Hawaii is having a crisis because of the tragic flooding. Since the flooding has caused a lot of damage, the state governor has signed a proclamation to get help from other states so that they can help other people with the damage that was caused at their homes. The bad weather is supposed to continue until Friday and home owners are

already reporting their damage. More than half a dozen people have reported that their homes are already damaged in Maui. And two bridges in Wong's Village, Oahu crumbled as a cement truck drove over it. Residents say the floodwaters from the stream below had almost reached the road on the bridge when it gave out. Maui resident Mark Alexander found himself with water up to his chest in a matter of minutes at his home in Haiku. The family dog, Legend was swept away by the water, but luckily, found a way to climb out and onto the roof of the home for safety, KGMB reported.

NSBE AP Event



by Lacey Johnson
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This weekend I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the yearly NSBE (National Association of Black Engineers) event. NSBE is a foundation made by and represented by all types of Black engineers from around the world. Their mission is to "To increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community." The organization holds a yearly event that brings a wide range of Black engineers to discuss their stories, and intrigue the youth with their specific field of engineering. The event took place virtually on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Since I had previously attended the event, I was already familiar with the agenda that was to be followed. We started off with an introductory speech and quickly transitioned into being split off into groups categorized by grade levels for workshops. Due to this, the experience received was dependent upon the group you were split into, while 4th and 5th graders' workshops were focused on excitement and enthusiastic activities, 10th - 12th graders workshops were focused more on technicality

based assignments. The first workshop introduced the topic of software engineering and coding, the instructor talked about the importance of programming and described his experience within the field. As a group we dissected codes and learned about the different types of functions demonstrated on a group of LED lights. In the next workshop we had the chance to talk with a member from the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Astronaut team. This workshop was extremely engaging and informative, we talked about the different effects space could have on your body and why, we learned about ways astronauts combated these changes, and the instructor ended the presentation with multiple videos about her own personal experiences with space.

My final workshop was different from the previous ones, this one was exclusive to seniors and it involved multiple engineering college majoring students from HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) to come and talk about how they got into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and the benefits that come with it. The conference was an overall great experience filled with insightful, educational, and exciting activities. Having the opportunity to talk to people who walked the shoes you want to fill is always a blessing and I can't wait for next year's event!

ball, you could miss some spectacular plays. Since the game was invented there have been many rules added to the rule book. The different rules are: there can be five players from each team on the court. The hoop now has a backboard, has an 18 inch cylinder attached, and is still 10 feet off the ground. They also added

more lines to the court and moved them further back as the level of basketball gets higher. Lastly, basketball is the most difficult sport. There are five difficult tasks in passing, rebounding, shooting, dribbling, and defense. Other factors to consider include: endurance, clutch, tenacity, strength, and pace.