

## My First Week



**Chance Hall**  
Del Valle High School

I think that it's safe to say when, right off the bat, you accidentally walk by your friends 3 times while you're trying to find them in the morning, the school year is going to be eventful.

When the dust cleared (and my schedule was changed), I found that I had one teacher for three classes. Considering that he teaches all the law/government sciences, it makes sense. Also, considering that my friends in his

classes apparently talk about me all the time, I'm already one of his favorite students, and I've only said about 50 words.

Those classes are going to be great.

Another class that's very interesting is my English class, only for the fact that my English teacher both educates us students on how to use the language through both lessons and backhanded compliments (an insult that first sounds like a compliment) to the people disturbing her class. I have no idea how she comes up with them on the spot, but I haven't acted out in her class, and I plan to continue that.

All in all, my classes are pretty good and this year will match up with something my friend Angel said on the first day: "See, it's both fun and educational!"

## Hurricane Harvey Affect



**Alyssa James Winn**  
Manor Early College

On Monday, August 28th, 2017, the city of Manor canceled school due to the effects of hurricane Harvey. The Schools had flooding problems and in some of the portable class there were leaks in the ceilings. Many areas in Manor Tx, flooded

making it more difficult for busses and other vehicles to travel on the country, back roads. The buses had to cross bridges with a possibility of high water levels and rushing water before and after sunrise.

Manor experienced a gas shortage, damaged homes, power outages, and leaking roofs. One neighborhood affected was Stonewater. Many homes had damaged shingles and very little power over the weekend. Trees fell in the road due to high wind speeds and circular motion winds that created small funnels. Even though the storm didn't directly affect Manor there were still damages made.

## College Visit: Georgetown



**Ira "T.J." Williams**  
Cedar Ridge H. S.

Since I'm going into my junior year of high school, it's time for me to start researching and visiting colleges. So over summer vacation, my parents and I visited a couple of universities in Washington D.C. for campus tours and information sessions. We visited Howard University first and the next day we visited Georgetown University. Because it is only a couple minutes from the heart of D.C., Georgetown will definitely be considered when application season comes around.

Our visit started in the Visitor Center on the Georgetown campus. There, I received a booklet with information about Georgetown. The information session that

we attended was held in one of Georgetown's largest classrooms. This made our surroundings seem very scholarly and a little intimidating.

During the information session, our presenter told the students about life on campus and in Washington D.C. She mentioned many extra-curricular activities that the students are able to do in the city based on their Georgetown student status. After the information session, our guide took our group on the tour of the campus. We got to look inside dorms and some of Georgetown's classrooms. The campus reminded me a lot of an Ivy League school due to its old architecture and campus size.

I can absolutely picture myself attending Georgetown in two years. Because it is in close proximity to D.C., it would allow me to enjoy all of the attractions that the city has to offer such as Washington Wizards basketball games and various museums. I have two years to make my decision and I plan to do more research about Georgetown.

## Senior Year



**Jalen Moore**  
KIPP Austin Collegiate

These past few weeks have marked the beginning of the end of my high school career. While I am eager to engage in the vast amount of personal and intellectual growth that is stimulated in college, I still have yet to understand how my childhood has passed by so quickly. The memories I have of watching cartoons while sitting in my Papa's rocking chair,

playing endless games of monopoly with my older sisters and younger brother, and feeding ducks at the pond with my mother all occurred over 7 years ago despite seeming to have happened so recently.

In this last year in high school, I seek to create more of these types memories and document them with photos and videos. Because ultimately, by this time next year, I will already be enrolled and attending classes at a university that is outside the State of Texas. I feel that the progression I am pursuing will only be fulfilled by a drastic change in environment and the rigorous academics of the nation's top colleges. With my imminent departure awaiting, I know that I must make this final year my best.

## My New Playground



**Kamryn Mack**  
Hornsby-Dunlap Elem.

At Hornsby Dunlap Elementary School we have a new playground. This playground is grey and green, it's extremely shiny and reflects the sun like a mirror. The playground has a long slide, 3 little slides, a ladder, and a rock climbing wall. It was pretty loaded with equip-

ment!

Since it was the new, the teachers had to remind us that we shouldn't climb up the slides or write on the walls, which was what we did with the old playground.

Everyone enjoyed the new playground because well, it's a new playground what is there not to like! Since everyone likes it, it's been crowded lately which didn't surprise me. They did this with all the old playgrounds, why stop now.

Overall the new playground really tops off the old playground. I think everyone would agree that this new playground is a totally awesome compared to the old one.

## "Where Are They Now"



**Guest Columnist**  
**Wanda K. Hayes**

**By: Sandra Allen**

During the years of 1991 - 1994, I provided Austenite's with a glimpse of what went on between the walls of Burnet Middle School and L.B.J. High school. This was quite an enjoyment for me. It provided me ability to interview teachers, students, sharing their

thoughts and mine. Being a part of the Youth Brigade helped me to enhance my writing and research skills. Being mentored by Mr. Tommy Wyatt and Miss Bobbie was an amazing experience. They allowed me to see it was possible to be a black professional. When I was growing up, I



**Graduate of**  
**L.B.J. High school**

didn't know of many black professionals besides my parents. Mr. Wyatt and Miss Bobbie also provided us with insight on a multitude of career possibilities outside of journalism. They did this by bringing in speakers and taking us on fieldtrips. I believe one of my most memorable moments as a



youth brigade was attending banquets. At that age, this was something that neither my friends nor I had ever done.

After graduating high school, I went on to obtain my Bachelor's degree in Psychology. In my spare time, I enjoy reading a good book, doing it yourself (DIY)

## DC Universe



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

DC Universe is a free online game where you can join thousands of other players. DC Universe is an online action game that is set in the popular DC comics universe.

In this game you can create and customize your own powerful hero or villain and experience true action combat as you fight alongside and against legendary characters such as Batman, Superman, Joker, and Lex Luther.

My favorite part about this game is that you have to figure things out on your own, even though I ask my brother to do it every time. Also, this game is fun because there is a lot of action and adventure. This game can sometimes be frustrating when you don't know when or where to go.

## Hurricane Harvey

**Cecil Green**  
Dobie Middle School

Hurricane Katrina cause an estimated damage total of 1.3 billion dollars but Hurricane Harvey may pass that total. Causing floods, Power outages, Gas leaks, and worst of all deaths, Hurricane Harvey is one of the most dangerous storms ever. This storm has caused at least 45 deaths in major Texas cities like Houston,

Victoria, Rockport, Wharton, Galveston, Port Aransas and many more.

A lot of Northern Texas cities will get more kids and workers in their schools and businesses because of this tragic storm. Make sure you help families and Pets get Shelter, Food, Water, and other necessities until they can get back up on their feet again and go back to their home.

home improvement projects or spending time with my 2 daughters. My oldest daughter also had the opportunity to write for the

Youth Brigade, when she was in Jr. High and High school.

I thank Mr. Wyatt and the Youth Brigade staff for this opportunity.

## FREE Fit Kids Fest

**Sat Sep. 16th**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Long Center**  
**701 W Riverside Dr**

Our newest family event is here! Fit Kids Fest is a FREE community event filled with fun activities that promote active children and healthy eating. Everyone is invited to come and spend time on our City Terrace and expansive lawn! We'll have games, demonstrations, food, music and more—come get fit with us!

We want the first year of Fit Kids Fest to be memorable so we're going for gold! Activities include all ages yoga, stretching, trampolines, family workouts, a giant rock climbing wall and even an inflatable obstacle course! We'll have coloring, cooking demonstrations, garden starter kits, PLUS special appearances by Bruce Bowen of the San Antonio Spurs! See you there! For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/FitKidsFest>

