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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(SARAYA ANDERSON AND KRISTIAN CHAPA, STAFF REPORTERS)

Hispanic heritage month recognizes Hispanic and Latino Americans that have made contributions to the United States. Hispanic heritage month takes place from September

15th to October 15th. September 15th coincides with the independence of five Latin countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Many

Hispanics, from these communities, host festivals and parades to celebrate their unique histories.

Many people celebrate Hispanics who have changed society in many ways. For Example, Cesar Chavez was an American Labor leader and Civil

rights activist, who championed improved working conditions and pay for migrant farm workers. Also Sonia Sotomayor, the first female Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. Music is also celebrated, with Hispanic

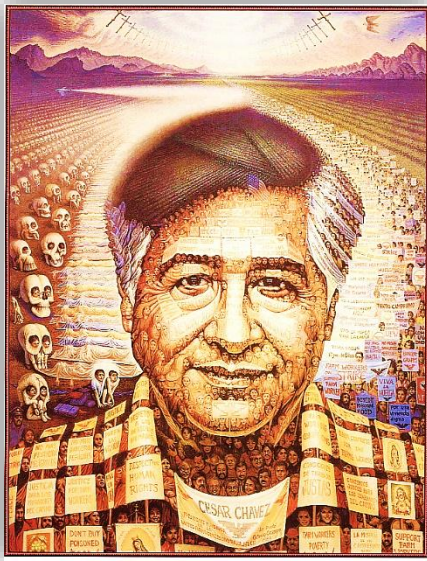
community encompassing many styles. Singers like Celia Cruz, Gloria Estefan, Jennifer

Lopez, Selena Quintanilla, Tito Puente, Marc Anthony, and Pitbull are just a handful of musicians that call the

U.S. their home. Lastly, we cannot forget the foods – Enchiladas, Arroz con pollo, fajitas, carnitas, tamales, tortillas, salsas, mole, flan, and tres leches cake are just a few of the treats enjoyed during the

celebration. Many people from all over the world have contributed toward the melting pot called America.

Hispanic Americans have been part of that recipe. The U.S.A. is stronger for it.



San Antonio Missions

(SKYLAR SIGALA, STAFF REPORTER)

San Antonio is known for the Spurs, the Alamo, Fiesta Texas, and Seaworld. As of last year, there is one more thing that will set our city apart- our Spanish mission. Last month a festival was held to celebrate our missions designation as a World Heritage Site. San Jose, San Juan, the Alamo, Concepcion, and Espada were built in the 18th century by Roman Catholic missionaries under the authority of the Spanish monarch to mark their claim in the

New World and to convert natives to Christianity. The San Antonio Missions become the only World Heritage site in Texas. The San Antonio Missions share the prestigious designation with

23 other national treasures, like the Statue of Liberty, the Great Smoky Mountains, the Grand Canyon, and the Hawaiian Volcanoes. The festivities included an exhibition of Spanish archives, an illumination of what the missions originally looked like in the 18th century, the San Pedro Creek Groundbreaking Ceremony at Fox Tech, and even a Mission 5k run. The City of San Antonio will benefit from increased worldwide tourism. The Missions are the very heart of our city – our communities evolved around them. We always knew they were special.



Rise Up

(ONLEY GUERRA, STAFF REPORTER)

Last Saturday, our Cross Country competed in the 26 AAA District tournament held in Poth, Texas. Coach Cuccia and Gant took a large contingent of runners to the meet. Our team represented the Buffalo Herd in proud fashion. All the athletes gave their best as they competed against the areas' best. Highlights of the day, Sierra Gonzalez ruled supreme as she won the ladies varsity race becoming district champion. In addition, Nicholas Fabela and Martin Tijerina took first and second in the junior varsity boys race. The boys' junior varsity team placed second overall. Once again, congratulations to the entire cross country team. We are Buffalo Proud!



WE HAVE SPIRIT

(ELAINA MARQUEZ AND DESTINY LECHUGA, STAFF REPORTERS)

On Friday September 17th, 2016, Fox Tech hosted our first pep rally of the school year. The hallways were filled with excitement as students counted down toward the celebration. Our Freshmen class appeared traditionally nervous, not quite sure of what to do? “I’m nervous about my first pep really, because I don’t know what to expect” said Freshman Cassidy Depue. In contrast, the Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors squared off for bragging rights. The big question on everyone’s mind was who would win the years first Spirit Stick? As soon as the announcement was made for release, the hallways and stairways flooded, and the classes quickly emptied. As soon as you hit the second floor, you could hear the school band and the roaring crowd. The atmosphere was overflowing with excitement. As usual, the crowds were treated to funny skits and game competitions between classes. Pom Squad put on a killer performance, while our Cross Country and Tennis teams were acknowledged. Everyone enjoyed themselves, showing how Fox Tech spirit is alive and well. By the way, the Seniors took home the Spirit Stick – they came ready for business.



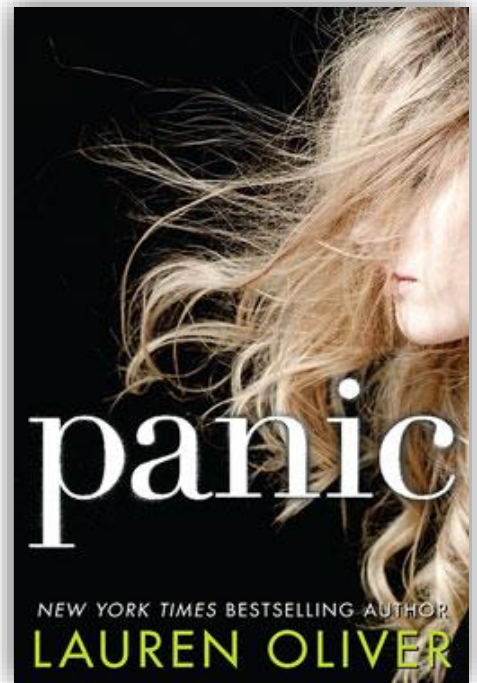


Panic

(CLEA BLAYLOCK, LITERARY CRITIC)

Panic is an exciting thriller filled with secrets, lies, and death.

Heather and Dodge are two high school seniors that are competing in a deadly game called Panic. Panic is a game for high school seniors to win \$67,000 which requires risking their lives. This novel provides a new definition for the word – “difficulty.” Each challenge is harder than the last and each one increases the risk of death. Fans of "The Hunger Games" will devour this novel as you cheer for the main characters at each challenge, cheer for the victor, and cry for the fallen. The author succeeds in developing characters for which you will cheer for and of course worry for – that they do not become one of the fallen. Keep reading!



SULLY

(ROBERT HERRERA, STAFF REPORTER)

Tom Hanks stars in the true-life drama film "Sully." The movie recounts the dramatic landing by

Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenburger of US Airway flight 1549 into New York City's Hudson River shortly after take-off. The aircrafts engines fail as they collide with a flock of soaring birds. All 155 crew and passengers are saved by "Sully's" skills as a pilot, instantly becoming a national hero. The film centers on the mostly unknown investigation into the incident, which threatens to destroy

the pilot's career. Award-winning director Clint Eastwood

weaves a heartfelt and emotional story of an ordinary person rising to the occasion in an extraordinary situation. Don't be surprised if Tom Hanks portrayal of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenburger lands the actor another Academy Award nomination. In my opinion, "Sully" soars...



American Horror Story: Season 6

(BRIAN ROEL, STAFF REPORTER)



American Horror Story has returned with a chilling new season. My Roanoke Nightmare aired on Wednesday, September 14th. This season's cast includes returning critically acclaimed actresses Angela Bassett and Kathy Bates. In addition, the show adds Academy Award winner, Cuba Gooding Jr. The plot centers on a loveable married couple moving from Los Angeles to North Carolina after some personal tragic experiences. The young husband (Cuba Gooding Jr.) was victim of a brutal assault, and his wife (Sarah Paulson) suffered a miscarriage as a result of that attack. In search of a relaxing and peaceful change of atmosphere they decide to buy an old house in North Carolina. Shortly, after they move in they begin to encounter strange and frightening paranormal activity. Leave it to Ryan Murphy, the show's

creator, to throw in some horrifying twists and turns. Suddenly, Los Angeles doesn't look so bad after all. If you enjoy the thrill of horror blended with the socially inappropriate, then American Horror Story is for you. "I wasn't satisfied with the first episode. It was a little confusing and the plot seemed unclear, however, I was excited for the new season and characters in general" shared Leticia Bonilla. With American Horror Story you never know where the story will take you. One thing is for sure, AHS is not the traditional happy-ending storyline. Usually, the disturbing stories keep you on the edge of your seat. I can't wait for the horror to end – but can't wait for it to come back on the following week. This program is not suitable for younger audiences. American Horror Story: My Roanoke Nightmare appears every Wednesday night on FX.



It's Not a Mirage

(CHRISTOPHER TREVINO, STAFF REPORTER)

You don't have to hold your breath any longer Cowboy fans. The Dallas Cowboys are on a winning streak. As of today, they are 5-1 with wins over the Redskins, Bears, and 49ers. Who would have thought that the Cowboys would be enjoying this much success so early in the season? Especially considering that the franchise quarterback, Tony Romo, is sidelined with a serious back injury.

While, rookie quarterback Dak Prescott looks cool under pressure. With a little help from another rookie, running back Ezekiel Elliott, the team doesn't look so desperate. The Cowboys look formidable on both sides of the ball. Did you catch glimpses on the telecast of Cowboy owner Jerry Jones smiling? I imagine he will keep on smiling until he has to figure out what to do when Tony Romo comes back. It certainly is a controversy in the making. Will he sideline the big money franchise quarterback, or keep the bargain paid rookie in the starting position? Is this the end of Tony Romo? Is this the beginning of a winning season for the Cowboys? Only the future knows. Catch the Cowboys when they battle the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, October 30th.



Where The Frostys Are Chill

Next time you are in the Medical Center, stop by for a "Frosty" at Wendy's. Wendy's is the national fast-food chain that serves a "square" burger patty. The popular restaurant was founded by Dave Thomas, always promising the freshest ingredients. This particular location employs one of our very own Buffaloes – Athena McCloud. "This is my Wendy's," exclaims Athena. Her location gets fairly busy, and communication with her coworkers is essential. "Co-workers can make a difference

when there is a stressful day and then you can laugh and smile." I enjoy working at Wendy's and the close friendships I have made while working there." So next time you have a craving for hot salty fries and a smooth chocolate Frosty. Stop by Athena's Wendy's, located at 7727 Wurzbach Rd, and say "hello."



Origami Club

(DOLORES TORRES, STAFF REPORTER)

Having held its first meeting on Thursday, September 23rd, the Origami Club is off to a strong start with many students taking interest in the ancient Japanese art form. Meetings are hands on, as club members are walked through step-by-step instructions of this popular form of art. Everyone enjoyed constructing paper cranes, dragons, and birds from simple pieces of folded paper. Initially, some students showed frustration, however, confidence slowly crept across their faces as their projects took shape. Founded by Kendra Turpin and sponsored by Mrs. Albro, the Origami Club's goal is to provide community service by gifting the paper projects to organizations like nursing homes, hospice patients, children and veteran hospitals. If we can bring a smile to someone's day – we succeed. Anyone into crafts or with the slightest interest in the ancient Japanese art of folding paper is more than welcome to drop by every Thursday during lunch in Mrs. Albro's room. (A312)



All About the Greens

(YULISSA CARDENAS, STAFF REPORTER)

Our golf team is back in action. Coach Martinez says, “Golf is one of the most difficult sports to master, however, that’s why the sport is so popular – it’s challenging, requiring a focused athletic and mental combination of skills.” Practices began last week and will continue through March. The goal is for the team to be ready for the 26 AAA

District tournaments in the spring. Fox Tech has moved on to regionals during the last two seasons. “My goal is to return to regionals. It was a fun and great experience” shared last year’s


regional qualifier Emmanuel Vazquez. “I definitely want a return visit, it’s our goal” expresses Destiny Herrera, who was part of the regional girls’ team in 2015. Team captains are John Vasquez and Katrina Tijuana. The squad is a mixture of four-year veterans and first-time beginners. Coach Martinez sees great promise for both a strong boys and girls teams. The squad's’ first challenge will be the SAISD Fall Invitational on October 21st (boys) and 28th (girls) at the Mission Del Lago Golf Course. If you are interested in joining the golf team, please see Coach Martinez in A316. Go Buffaloes!



SPIRIT WEEK

FRIDAY 10/28	SATURDAY 10/29	MONDAY 10/31	TUESDAY 11/1
Event: Opening Ceremony Pep Rally Dress up: Support Your Class - Dress in Class Color	Event: Hallway Decorating 8am-1pm 	Event: Red vs. White Basketball Game Dress up: Too Spirited - Red or White 	Event: Practice for Olympic Events Dress up: Blast from The Past Dress Up Day (50s, 60s, 70s, 80s)



WEDNESDAY 11/2	THURSDAY 11/3	FRIDAY 11/4
Event: Practice for Olympic Events Dress up: Sport Your Jersey Day 	Event: Tech Olympic Events Dress up: Support Your Class - Dress in Class Color Crazy Hats and Socks	Event: Closing Ceremony Pep Rally Homecoming Dance Dress up: Wild, Wild West Dress Up Day

