



De Zavala students win at regional science fair

De Zavala Elementary was well-represented in the recent Austin Regional Science Fair. Winners include (top row, from left) Gemma Gomez, Angelina Vasquez, Reynaldo Sandoval, Michael Lancaster, Jordan Howard and Termayne Manjang; (middle row, from left) Oliver DuBois, Alyssa Sanderson, Lillyanna McKenzie, Jaimee Rivas, Sophia Carrillo, Emily Cadena, Aliyah Cervantez, Keziah Rios, Elena Espinoza and Xavier Patlan; and (front row, from left) Zeryan Gonzales, Jake DeLeon, Judah Deleon, Jesse Elliot, Brahlon Gonzales, Lucy Ellis-Lai, Jorge Corpus, Ricardo Villalpando and Jason Sanchez. *SMCISD photo*

Readers split on criminal justice initiative

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The Record’s online poll from Feb. 15 - March 1 asked readers whether they think a criminal justice commission to address the the issues that contribute to the outsourcing of inmates at Hays County Jail is a step in the right direction.

Hays County spent \$61,507 the week of Feb. 3-9 outsourcing inmates to other county jails – an average of 170 male inmates and 12 female inmates. That number was slightly lower than the previous week, when the county outsourced an average of 192 male inmates and 12 female inmates at a cost of \$68,258.

The Hays County Jail’s maximum capacity is 362 inmates, but state jail standards require facilities to hold 10 percent of jail capacity open, meaning the county’s capacity, based on jail

standards, is 311.

Sheriff Gary Cutler said that as one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States, he does not foresee a rapid solution to the inmate outsourcing problem, even with the scheduled new jail expansion.

But Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra announced that the county will be creating a criminal justice commission to help address the issues that contribute to the outsourcing of inmates, a first for the county.

The poll asking, “Do you think a criminal justice commission is a step in the right direction?” received a total of 124 votes, with the majority of votes — 51 percent or 63 votes — going to option “Yes, it might help find solutions for reducing outsourcing.” Forty-nine percent of voters, or 61 votes, chose, “No, it should be left up to the law enforcement community.”

A slim majority of poll voters think creating a criminal justice commission is a step in the right direction because it might help find solutions for reducing outsourcing. Every week, the Record gives its readers the opportunity to voice their opinions on different topics. This poll does not, and does not purport to, accurately depict public opinion. It is only intended to inspire thought-provoking discussion within the community.

SMDR’s new poll is available online now, and asks for reader’s opinions on whether they think adding university-issued photo IDs to the list of acceptable forms of voter identification in Texas would be beneficial. It can be voted on now at www.sanmarcosrecord.com.

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Gary representatives attend gala

Gary Job Corps representatives Susanne Ritter and Randolph Goodman attended the 31st Annual Greater Caldwell County Hispanic Chamber Gala “Denim and Diamonds” held at the Lockhart Evening Lions Club building. Chris Saldana, three-time Emmy-award winning journalist from Del Rio who serves as morning anchor for CBS’s Austin affiliate, was the featured speaker. Lockhart Mayor Lew White and Lockhart ISD Superintendent Mark Estrada spoke about the state of the city and school district, thanking the Hispanic Chamber for their support. The attendees enjoyed the music by “EBROLUTION,” with the meal catered by Chisholm Trail BBQ. Pictured are Alfonso and Liz Sifuentes, Hays County Chief of Staff Alex Villalobos, Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra, Hispanic Chamber President Rob Ortiz, CBS News Anchor Chris Saldana, Susanne and Donnie Ritter, former District Director to Congressman Hinojosa, Mark Gonzales, Eva and Randolph Goodman. *Gary Job Corps Center photo*

LBJ Museum Spring Lecture to focus on life of George H.W. Bush

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SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

“A Legacy of Service” of the late President George H.W. Bush will be the subject of the annual Spring Lecture at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos on Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend the free event.

Warren Finch, director of the Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University in College Station, will talk about the 41st president’s contributions.

President Bush died at the age of 94 on Nov. 30, 2018, the longest lived president in U.S. history. He was buried next to his wife Barbara and daughter Robin near his presidential library in College Station. Texas A&M also houses the Bush School of Government and Public Service, a graduate public policy program.

Finch will speak at 7 p.m.

A Navy veteran of World War II, President Bush was

elected President in 1989 after serving eight years as Vice President under President Ronald Reagan.

During his four year term, the West prevailed in the Cold War, with the Soviet Union giving way to a democratic Russia. The Berlin Wall came down and Germany was unified with NATO. President Bush also signed two treaties to reduce the threat of nuclear war and presided over a successful war with Iraq over its invasion of Kuwait.

His domestic achievements included passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Canada and Mexico, and the Clean Air Act. Bush also served as a congressman, ambassador, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

For more information, contact the LBJ Museum at director@lbjmuseum.com or call 512-353-3100.

OBITUARIES

Angelita Z. Castillo

Angelita Z. Castillo, a resident of Lockhart, passed away Feb. 26, 2019 at the age of 73. Visitation at Thomason Funeral Home in Lockhart on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 2 through 9 p.m. with a Recitation of the Holy Rosary beginning at 7 . Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lockhart. Burial will follow at San Pablo Cemetery in Lockhart. For more information and to sign the online guest register please visit www.thomasonfuneralhome.com.



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