



Sharpstown's UIL Theater Advance To Bi-district Champions

By Stephany Rivera

Sharpstown high theater advanced to bi-district, along with Waltrip and Wisdom, after performing "39 Steps" by Alfred Hitchcock, on Saturday, March 4, for their annual UIL One Act Play competition. They will compete at Texas City High School on March 25th. Eight different schools, Austin, Madison, Milby, Waltrip, Wisdom (formerly known as Lee), Northside (formerly known as Davis), Sterling, and Sharpstown, competed and only three schools were able to



Theater's UIL One Act Play students performed outstanding, advancing to bi-district champions.

advance to the next round and be named district champions.

All of their actors won acting awards, Jasmine Cervantes and Emily Rivas won Honorable Mention and Josue Rodriguez and Destiny Mena won All Star Cast, while Emmanuel Thomas won a Technician award. "I was extremely happy that we advanced. We have been working really hard for the past 4 weeks and students have been working overtime for our show whether it's characterization, marketing, or tech and design. I hope our award sheds light on the good stuff that happens at Sharpstown." Mr. Morales said.

The event was made possible thanks to Mr. Moore, Mr. DeLeon, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Burke, Sharpstown teachers who allowed other schools to use their room, Sharpstown staff and theatre, art and band students who helped out with the competition and made it possible for Sharpstown to host the 2017 UIL One Act Play district competition.

Because of UIL Rules, Transgender Boy Wins State Title in Girls Wrestling

By Armando Cepeda

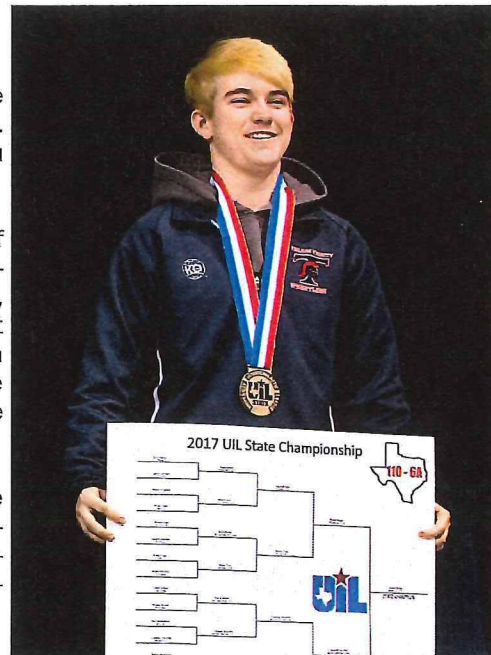
If Mack Beggs was an Olympian, he'd be allowed to wrestle in the mens division. But this is Texas, and UIL rules state you must compete in the gender of your birth.

Mack Beggs was born a girl. Because of that, he was forced by the UIL, the governing body of Texas high school sports, to compete with girls. He did. And last Saturday he capped off a perfect season in the 110-lb. division to capture a state 6A title in Girls Wrestling. All in all, he went 59-0 this season.

But Mack Beggs isn't a normal teenage girl. As transgender, Mack identifies himself as a boy. He has been taking testosterone to complete the transition to becoming one.

If you think Beggs should be competing

Transgender Boy continues in SPORTS



Mack Beggs stands on the podium after accepting his state title gold medal

The Woods Project Offers Sharpstown Students Chance to Experience the Outdoors

By Stephany Rivera

A group of Sharpstown students went out camping last weekend thanks to The Woods Project. The Woods Project's main goal is to help disadvantaged students achieve success in school and life by helping them develop critical behaviors by creating wilderness education and exploration experiences.

"I think trying new and different things is important for most students since they don't have the opportunity to go out camping since it's too far away or expensive. The Woods Project help students get out of their comfort zone, be disconnected and meet new people from different schools. A big part of The Woods Project is that it helps students get over tough challenges by building independence and we're always there to support the students." Mr. Marx-quo said.



Members of The Woods Project

If interested in joining The Woods Project, students can go to the CCC to get more information or go to the meetings every Wednesday in Ms. Curiel's room. The next weekend camping trip will be on March 24th, the week after spring break. These small camping trips help students get prepared for the 2 week camping trip during the summer.



Sharpstown UT On-Ramps Students Attend Tech Conference

By Yhenifer Gonzales

On Saturday February 11, 2017, Sharpstown juniors Lizbet Diaz, Yhenifer Diaz, and Jennifer Cantu attended a student tech conference. This took place at Lamar High School and nearly all other HISD high school student representatives were present.

Lizbet, Yhenifer, and Jennifer were chosen by Mr. Dobbs to represent Sharpstown because they've taken his ECS course last year, are currently enrolled in his OnRamps Computer Programming class, and because of their presentation and leadership skills. In the conference, each group of student representatives had to give a presentation regarding the benefits that the PowerUp program brings to our school.



Sharpstown Juniors from left, Lizbet Diaz, Yhenifer Gonzalez Diaz and Jennifer Cantu

A lot of brainstorming and planning was done for 5 weeks before the February 10 deadline. "I feel excited and a bit nervous at the same time," stated Jennifer minutes before presenting, "we're competing against our friends from middle school." After presentations, the judge announced the results: Sharpstown scored 2nd place in best presentation against Westside, Jane Long Academy, and Sharpstown International.

We didn't get 1st place like we hoped but overall it was a really fun experience," said Lizbet. "It was Sharpstown first year doing this, so we hope to come back next year.

How does NASA make parties?

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Kuhleman

What do you do teach here at Sharpstown? *U.S History and AP World History.*

Where are you from and where did you go to college? *I am from Southwest Houston. I grew up in Fondren Park. In High school I moved to Maplewood, Texas. I went to HCC, and then I transferred to the University of Texas in Austin where I finished.*

What brought you to Sharpstown? *Ms. Galo forwarded my resume to Mr. Gasparello. They hired me as a SPED teacher and then moved me over to Social Studies when a position opened.*

What's the best thing about being here at Sharpstown? *My colleagues in the Social Studies team.*

What is something you would improve at Sharpstown? *These kids walking the halls and the growing level of disrespect from students towards adults and classmates. And the lack of consistency and accountability.*

When you were 12, what did you want to be when you grew up? *A lawyer.*

What was your favorite class in high school? *Government with Mr. Woodburn*

What would your death row meal be? *Champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries.*



Ms. Kuhleman

What do you think Victoria's secret is? *Novelty sizing.*

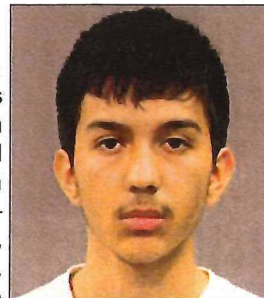
Do you pass out The Light to your home-room? *I sure do.*

What do you most enjoy doing on your days off? *Lying in a hammock in a park.*

Teen Arrested After Shooting A Bald Eagle in Texas

By Kimberly Jaimes

Orlando David Delgado, 17, is accused of killing an American bald eagle with a high-powered pellet rifle in Texas. It has been stated that a man heard a popping sound and saw three males, one of them whom had a rifle, near a tree where the bald eagle had nested.



Orlando David Delgado noticed that the first shot didn't kill the bird so he shot it many more times



According to Daily Mail, the man said he approached, saw the bird was dead and contacted 911. The three males came back again and took one of the eagle's feathers and left the scene in a white truck that was later located at a home, where Delgado was found.

Bald eagles are federally protected under the Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Delgado has been charged with a class A misdemeanor for hunting without a landowner's consent. The U.S. and Wildlife Service have declined to prosecute because of Delgado's age.

PRO SOCCER

Barcelona Completes Greatest Comeback in CL History; Real Madrid, Bayern Munich and Dortmund Also Advance to Quarterfinals

By Julissa Bermudez

In an electric atmosphere at Camp Nou Wednesday night, Barcelona overcame a four-goal deficit to advance to the quarterfinals of the Champions League, beating Paris St. Germain 6-1. The six goals scored, three in the final seven minutes, gave Barcelona a 6-5 edge on goals to send them forward to the next round.



Barcelona manager Luis Enrique celebrates with winning goal scorer Sergei Roberto

A jubilant Barca boss Luis Enrique said after the match, "It was a crazy night that no kid in Barcelona will ever forget."

Down three in the 88th minute, all looked over for the Catalans. Even when Brazilian Neymar scored a free kick, the deficit seemed too much. But then Uruguayan Luis Suarez drew a penalty which Neymar calmly put away. The impossible was possible, and the raucous crowd ignited in support. And then Sergei Roberto scored the sixth, five minutes into stoppage time to put the Catalans through to the quarterfinals.

In other action, Bayern drubbed Arsenal 5-1 in Munich to advance, putting a close game away when Arsenal defender Laurent Koscielny was shown a red card in the 54th minute. Bayern dominated after that, scoring all five goals against 10-men.

Another German club, Borussia Dortmund, also advanced, beating Portugal's Benfica

behind three goals from Gabon international Pierre Aubamayeng and one from American teenager Christian Pulisic. It was the American's first ever Champions League goal.

Real Madrid put away a pesky Napoli 3-1 to reach the quarterfinals for the seventh consecutive year. The defending champions got goals from Sergei Ramos and Alvaro Morata.

The remaining four participants in the quarterfinals will be determined next week. Here are a list of matchups (the home teams appear first):

- Juventus (ITA) v. FC Porto (POR)
- Leicester City (ENG) v. Sevilla (ESP)
- Atletico de Madrid (ESP) v. Bayer Leverkusen (GER)
- Monaco (FRA) v. Manchester City (ENG)

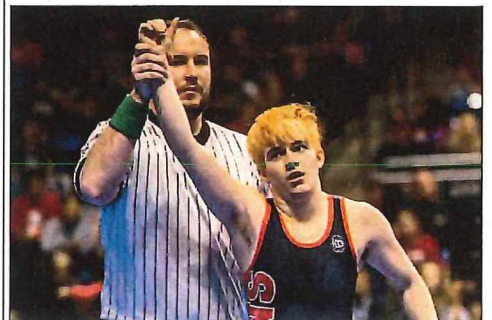
Transgender Boy Wins State 6A Wrestling Title For Girls

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With the guys instead of the girls, you think like the International Olympic Committee. The body, which oversees the Olympics, allows transgender individuals to compete their chosen gender if they have had at least two years of hormone therapy, which Mack has.

And it's not like Beggs wanted this. He petitioned the UIL before the year started to wrestle with boys. According to *The Washington Post*, "Beggs requested to wrestle against boys, though because UIL guidelines determine athletes' gender based on their birth certificate, that request was declined (citing privacy, the UIL would not discuss that request or Beggs's specific case).

Interviewed at the state wrestling tournament, Beggs' mother said, "He'd rather be



Mack Beggs is declared state champion

wrestling boys," Beggs' mother said.

Only a junior, this issue will surely come up next year and increasingly as more and more students choose to live their transgender lives rather than remain hidden.

"This issue isn't going away. The UIL needs to get with the times," said Sharpstown senior Armando Cepeda.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Cacophony (n)- a harsh mixture of sounds

Ex. It was like a cacophony, all the instruments playing together without a rhythm.

They plan-ct.

ANSWER:
JOKE OF THE WEEK