

## Recent Budget Meeting Strikes Fear In Students' Hearts

### Finances

On March 15th, 2011, The Fleetwood Area School Board hosted a meeting in the middle school to discuss the consequences of the anticipated budget deficit. Governor Tom Corbett's budget is slashing funding for schools all over Pennsylvania, and Fleetwood is no exception.

Obviously, a \$1,900,000.00 deficit is a big deal. Corbett's cuts to school funding, combined with a nearly two million dollar budget shortfall, can and will be detrimental to the school's various programs and clubs. What is worse is that some programs' high costs make them more susceptible to elimination. However, the interests of the community also affect the decisions of the board.

So the question is—What's getting cut?

While no one can be sure what programs will be eliminated, there are some obvious eliminations on the horizon. Driver Education seems to be the earliest casualty. Among other likely cuts is fifth grade camp, a tradition here at Fleetwood. While cutting fifth grade camp would save a surprising \$32,000.00, it's hardly noticeable in a comparatively infinite deficit.

At Corbett's request, a pay freeze for all staff is likely to occur next year, which would account for roughly \$800,000. Even if school staff does accept a pay freeze, how can the board account for remaining \$1,100,000.00?

The most costly of items on the "chopping block" could, surprisingly, be transportation. Busing students costs a shocking \$1,500,000.00. At \$40,000.00 a bus, transportation blows away all other expenses here at Fleetwood. Even more startling than million



dollar transportation is the fact that providing transportation at any school is not required by the state. This means that cutting busing, while unlikely, is still a possibility, particularly while the school board seems uninterested in any tax increase.

However, money isn't the only factor in cuts. The community is equally important in the decision of the board. It has been reported that many citizens have been contacting the school board in an attempt to consider more seriously consider some tax increase, however minor it may be. Recent figures indicate that a .49 millage increase would raise property taxes only fifty dollars for every \$100,000 dollars that a home is worth. These citizens suggest that the increased taxation is well worth the cost of maintaining the academic rigor of the district.

What all of this information means for the community is that coming to board meetings and standing up for organizations and clubs will help to influence a school board that is dependent upon your votes and your voice. The bottom line is that, while some cuts are unavoidable, anyone and everyone can have a say in school policy.

By Derek Evanosky

## Japanese Tsunami Leaves Terror, Wreckage in Wake

### Environment

On March 11th, 2011, a devastating earthquake hit the north-east coast of Japan. It struck at 5:46 a.m., six miles below the sea level and about 78 miles off of the coast of Japan. The earthquake had an 8.9 magnitude, which triggered the tsunami. The tsunami was recorded to be around 10 meters high, and its width and length remain unknown.

Japan was not the only area that was hit by the tsunami either. Hawaii was also affected after the giant wave hit Japan. Over 1,000 people are believed to be dead, and many more

have been injured. Unconfirmed reports claimed that up to 88,000 people were also missing.

This disaster is considered to be the worst earthquake in Japan's history. Along with the tsunami evacuation, a nuclear power plant's cooling system failed, causing thousands of others to relocate.

The earthquake was felt for hundreds of miles away. Buildings in Tokyo, which is 235 miles away, were said to shake. People in Beijing also reported shaking buildings.

Experts are saying that this earthquake was 8,000 times more powerful than the earthquake that happened in New Zealand not long ago. Train stations and other forms of public transportation were shut down during this period, leaving millions of people in the city stranded; many spent their days and nights in shelters or other public buildings.

By Chad Dymeck



## Senior Pranks Clever but Risky

### Humor

Many students make inside jokes or pranks with their closest friends whenever they have a chance to do so. When walking down the halls at Fleetwood, you hear a lot of friends laughing and talking. Between classes, students get the chance to socialize with their friends. But not all the jokes and pranks happen outside of school. Many senior classes in many high schools have instituted yearly senior pranks.

Graduating classes often credit the tradition of the senior prank with a desire for their class to be remembered. Some have made the news, some have been very complex, but most are just irresponsible.

One example of a simple prank is when students walk up and down the library stacks dressed as Pac-Man and other characters from the classic game. The seniors played a real simulated game of Pac-Man with the library as the maze.

Another prank that is put together well by students is called Letter Men. Underclassmen wore a single letter, each in a different color. The students in the senior class wore a shirt with a different letter. The joke was all about spelling ridiculous words and running past people with

something like a D, O, R, and K on four friends' shirts.

A prank that took a long time to complete was called The State Flower. It is illegal to dig up the state flower in the state. One senior class planted the state flower all over school grounds so that the school was unable to dig the flowers up out of the ground.

Students have even parked their cars into such a tight circle that, if you had to get into the building, you would need to climb over cars to reach the school. Students have also parked their cars in a complicated maze so that faculty and students had to work their way through the maze to get to the building.

Some seniors thought it would be funny to take chairs outside and post a note on the front of the school door that said to meet outside. Groups of chairs were numbered by room.

For anyone who reads this article, The Tiger Times does not recommend that you try any of these pranks. Most involved criminal activity of some sort and participating students acquired criminal records.

By Brittney Stuffle

## Art Event a Hearty Success

### Art/Entertainment

The Art Event is always big hit around the community, and this year was no exception. This year's theme was "Spring Fever," and it was more kid-oriented than ever.

Senior Amanda Oswald said, "We wanted to gear it towards kids so they'll have fun and come back each year."

The National Art Honor Society earned a chance to highlight its members by making a "Family Tree" that was displayed at the café entrance. The tree was decorated with birds and flowers; the birds were symbolic of all the senior members, and the flowers symbolized juniors.

Oswald was a very busy bee throughout the festivities, whether she was preparing for the event, working the front table, moving around, handling money, or selling t-shirts.

There were many Creation Stations at this year's event, including stands entitled

wheel training, pull tabs, face painting, button making, wood creators, yo-yo balloons, origami, hemp beading, potted flowers, soft animals, butterflies, cookie decorating, baskets, and tie-dye.

Many other attractions appeared, such as Sorrelli raffles, a photo booth, live music, used books, rocks and minerals, art/craft sales, and food.

This year's entertainment was very diverse. Some singers included Abbey Porambo, Madison Rice, United We Fall, Seventh Corpus, It's A Trap!, the Cast of Cinderella, Elizabeth Rhode, Sarah Miller, Sarah Fortna, Ben Burt, Abe Jacobansky, Nate Reinert, Section 8, Margeriete Malenda, Haley Barnshaw, and Sam Moran.

Alumni returned to see the underclassmen and old teachers and to have a good time.

The day was full of merriment, and

every feature was family oriented. Each year, the art department strives to improve the event and make it more community-friendly so that more people become involved and remain excited for future events.

By Melanie Lehman



# Junior Commits to Cincinnati Baseball

Sports

A few weeks ago, FAHS Junior Devin Wenzel became verbally committed to play baseball for the University of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati competes at the Division I level in the Big East conference against colleges such as Syracuse, Louisville, Villanova, and Pittsburgh. The 473 acre campus is in an urban area on the outskirts of Cincinnati, Ohio. Cincinnati's mascot is the Bearcat, which is another name for a mountain lion, and their colors are red and black.



"The campus was really nice. It's a large campus but everything is close together, so it's like its own town. It seems like a good place to spend four years of my life," commented Wenzel.

Devin accepted a scholarship that will cover a little more than half of his schooling, and he will also be playing short stop for the team during his freshman year.

"Devin is somebody you enjoy coaching. He's an outstanding student, a good kid, and a hard worker. I'm happy for him," commented Fleetwood Baseball Coach Roland Green.

The baseball program at Cincinnati originated in 1888. The Bearcats play in Marge Schott Stadium in the campus's Varsity Village. Last year, the team had an overall record of 29-29 and suffered an upsetting loss to Southern Illinois in the post-season tournament.

"I decided to pick Cincinnati Baseball because the field is great. The coaches are also really nice and told me I'll be able to start when I'm a freshman," said Wenzel.

Along with playing baseball for four years, Wenzel plans on majoring in Communications while at Cincinnati University.

By Abyssa Delp

# Girls' Soccer Seeks Tenth Consecutive Title

Sports

For the past decade, the Fleetwood Area High School girls' soccer team has been a perennial power in the Berks league, and this season should be no different. The Tigers return with a plethora of talent, including five league honorees from the 2010 season.

Head coach Mike Boyer returns for his fourteenth season and will attempt to achieve his tenth consecutive division championship in what again should be an extremely competitive Berks II division.

The Tigers will look to their veteran athletes to lead the pack, including three-time All-Berks defender Liz Bergman, All-Berks forward Sarah Bergman, All-Division defender Hannah Stump, All-Division goalkeeper Madison Hileman, and All-Division midfielder Samantha Sanders.

The young Fleetwood team, which includes just four seniors, will face division rivals Conrad Weiser, Muhlenberg, and Twin Valley.

"I think the division title is certainly achievable," said senior Sarah Bergman. "It's going to be a tough task, but we can do it."

Division I will again present the season's toughest challenges as Berks Conference runner-up Daniel Boone returns with almost its entire 2010 team, including All-Berks defender

Alysa Murphy; and All-Berks, All-State, and Mt. Saint Mary's-bound forward Melissa Rowan.

Another force with whom to compete in Berks I will be defending county champion Governor Mifflin, who will remain a main threat of the division even after losing four All-County players.

"Daniel Boone is going to be our biggest game. They have an entire team of quick, skilled players who are very experienced and have been playing together for a while," said junior Sam Sanders. "However, we are a very hardworking team that also has a lot of skill and passion for the game, so it should be a good match up."

The Tigers—who finished last year's league season with a record of eight wins, three losses, and two ties—hold a tough schedule this year, including four games against powerful Lehigh Valley Conference teams, including Easton, Saucon Valley, Parkland, and Allentown Central Catholic.

Despite a somewhat disappointing 2010 season during which the Tigers ended with a loss in the first round of district play, the girls hope to make a big improvement and remain competitive among some of the state's strongest teams.

By Elizabeth Bergman



# Keep America Beautiful This April

Editorial/Opinion

Each of us has an obligation to preserve and protect our environment. Through our everyday choices and actions, we collectively have a huge impact on our world. It's a simple concept with far-reaching effects. April is national "Keep America Beautiful Month," and if everyone puts in an extra effort to help clean up the world we live in, it could make a huge difference.

We make choices every day that harm our Earth, and we don't always recognize it. Simple gestures such as turning off the water while brushing your teeth, turning off lights when leaving rooms, and unplugging appliances when not using them can all have a huge impact on our environment.

Garbage isn't something we want to think about every day, but managing waste has long-term environmental and economic consequences that can't be ignored. Since 1960, the amount of waste generated in America has nearly tripled. Our society as a whole—consumers, corporations, and governments—must think proactively about reducing our impact on our environment. If you have leftover food, keep it! Put it in the fridge, and save it for later! Eat the rest instead of throwing it out and adding to the landfill. Invest in a trash compacter—It really does help!

Another act you can undertake to improve the environment is to avoid careless littering. Once litter is on the ground, it attracts more litter and keeps piling up. A clean community can help to improve the quality of life for all.

This April, The Tiger Times encourages you to do your best with keeping the community clean. Tell your friends to do so the same. A change in the world starts with you.

By Madison Rice

# Black's "Friday" Inspires Mixed Reactions, Immediate Fame

Arts/Entertainment

It's Friday! Which seat should I take? Rebecca Black takes the front seat when it comes to recent popularity. Almost everyone knows the catchy song "Friday" by Rebecca Black. This song started at four thousand hits and, in one night, increased to two hundred thousand hits. Rebecca Black is one of YouTube's biggest successes, and her popularity is still sky-rocketing.

Rebecca Black is a thirteen-year-old girl from Anaheim, California. She is talented in many different ways. She is a straight-A student and is involved in many of the art programs in her school. Rebecca could always sing, and one day her friend told her about Ark Music Factory. Ark Music Factory is a record company that specializes in recording young singers and moving them into the big world of music.

This sounded like a dream come true for Rebecca. Her family paid over two thousand dollars for Rebecca to record two songs with Ark Music, one of which was "Friday."

"Friday" was recorded and automatically sent onto YouTube, but the tune was not a hit right away. It earned a few views, but the song's popularity did not explode until its segment on the television program Tosh.0, which labeled Black's song one of the worst in the music business. But after the segment, Rebecca's video sky-rocketed.



The video "Friday" was a huge hit. Rebecca was everywhere in the news, and no one could avoid hearing about "Friday." Rebecca's video went viral, but not in a good way. There were several horrible comments talking about her auto-tuned voice, the song's lyrics, and her appearance.

"Those hurtful comments really shocked me," said Black.

Though the remarks were pretty tough to handle, Black remained strong and stayed positive. She repeatedly told people that, even though the comments were rude, she knew that she had talent, and that's all that matters. Several people said that her voice got stuck in their heads, and not in the way it's supposed to do.

"I think getting my voice stuck in people's heads is an accomplishment. You know that, even a person that doesn't like my song, the song is going to be stuck in their heads. So, that's the point of it. It's a catchy song," states Black.

Even though there many rude comments about her, she is still continuing her music career and hopes one day that she will sing a duet with Justin Bieber.

Rebecca Black has shocked everyone despite her auto-tuned voice and cheesy song. With her popularity, she is bound to become a big part of the music business

By Emily Delong

# Senior Fashion Show to Unveil Spring '11 Styles

Fashion

Every year after graduation, a safe graduation party is held at Ozzy's Family Fun Center. All graduating seniors are invited to spend the night and to take part in the various activities provided. Plenty of fundraisers help to support this night, such as Vera Bradley Bingo and Mazzola's coupons. One fundraiser in particular stands out above the rest—The Senior Fashion Show.

The fashion show will be held on Saturday, March 26th. It will start at 7:00 p.m., and all members of the community are invited to watch the show for seven dollars to support Safe Graduation. The Fashion show will be held in the air-conditioned auditorium of The Fleetwood Area High School.

The fashion show consists of senior class models dressed in outfits donated from participating stores. Some clothing stores that donated were Cabela's, Pokadiz, Marshall's, and Deb. The senior fashion models choose their outfits from the various stores they were assigned. Along with the fashion show, there will be a talent portion. Some of the participants include Mary Fullington, Steph Warner, and Danielle Currier.

The student models involved in the fashion show seem to be really excited about their big break.

"I'm going to look quite stylish in my skinny jeans," boasted senior Cale Ahearn.

"This show is going to be a sight to see!" exclaimed model Jessica Hill.

"It's going to be great, and everyone should come see us," said senior Alycha Boehm.

The show should prove to attract a big crowd, and the senior class is definitely excited about the big day.

By Maria Johnson



## Corbett's Budget Poses Challenges for State Education

*Finance*

Governor Tom Corbett recently disclosed the state's new budget of \$27.3 billion dollars. This amount is a 3% drop from last year's fiscal spending. Corbett decided to shuffle the manner in which money is dispersed across the state. He has decided that the majority of budget cuts will be from Pennsylvania's education programs K-12. Budget cuts will also be in effect for the 14 state-owned universities in the State System of Higher Education, which includes such schools as Bloomsburg, Kutztown, and West Chester. Also, colleges such as Pitt, Temple, Penn State, and Lincoln will be hurt by the budget cuts.

In the K-12 Education system, there will be a budget cut of \$550 million dollars, which signifies a decrease by 10%. Corbett also proposes a \$625 million dollar cut, more than 50%, for 14 state-owned universities. Even though Corbett has cut budgets for schools all over Pennsylvania and, according to some, is crippling the Education System, he remains proud that he

has created no new taxes for PA residents. Public reaction from the educational sector is anything but pleasant.

"Corbett has been through schooling already, so it is as if he is not worried about the kids who have not been through it themselves yet. He has had opportunities to go to college and experience that lifestyle, and now, because of the harsh budget cuts, a lot of kids will never be able to afford college and have the very same experiences that he has had," commented English Teacher Sarah Wilkinson.

Numerous teachers questioned how the state expects PSSA testing scores to improve without increasing the funding for new and better educational programming.

"What kind of message is Corbett sending about his priorities? More money is going into welfare and other programs such as that; however, now it will affect students' ability to go to college," said English Teacher Andrew Good.

Some wealthier schools have reported a decrease of up to two million dollars from their annual budgets; such schools include Parkland Area School District and Northern Penn School District. School districts and universities now have growing concerns about their ability to maintain educational rigor in the midst of such drastic funding shortages.

These budget cuts are a truly scary thought for every student, particularly those with plans to attend a Pennsylvania college or university.

*By Alyssa Delp*



## Leadership Class an Overlooked Gem

*Academics*

Leadership class is a course available to Fleetwood Area High School Students, but it's a class not many students take each year. The class is taught by Colleen Lenett and is all about ethical decisions. In the class, students are given a book with "ethical dilemmas," and they discuss whether they would respond by stealing, cheating, drinking, etc.

On Thursday March 10th, at Penn State University, students in the leadership class attended the "Annual Berks County Leadership & Ethics Conference." Molly Flannery, one of the few Fleetwood students to attend the conference, said she enjoyed the experience a lot and everything went well. At the conference, students encountered several fellow students from other schools who gave their advice about having good character.

"When we got there, they separated us into different groups, and we were given a cadet who was in charge of us. We discussed different scenarios and events in our lives and how we can

set good examples for people," said Flannery.

These scenarios included what to do when you see someone cheating off of you and what to do if you're at a party and people start to drink. Leadership class encourages students to make good decisions and help other people make better decisions as well.

The guest speaker at the conference was named Dr. Marrella, and he talked about the power of character and how it is important.

"I enjoyed the guest speaker a lot," Flannery stated. "Everything he said was really neat."

Leadership students recommend that more people sign up for the class next year because it is fun and builds character. Aside from taking the class, students should at least attend the leadership trip next year.

In the words of Molly Flannery, "I recommend that people go on it next year for sure. You learn a lot."

*By Madison Rice*

## American Fuel Prices Gush To New Heights

*Finance*

Gas prices right now are almost up to four dollars a gallon. Nobody knows how high these prices will climb, but everybody wants the price fluctuation to switch directions. Few people take the liberty to think about the seemingly unbearable cost of transportation, but everyone has to bear it as costs skyrocket.

"I try not to think about them," said Senior Ethan Martinez about the current state of gas prices.

English teacher Sarah Wilkinson claims that the price increase doesn't really affect her much because her husband does all the driving and he just bought a new car with great gas mileage.

The good news for Pennsylvanians is that gas prices are starting to stabilize—even if it is on the other side of the country.

Prices in Los Angeles are no longer changing overnight. In fact, they have only raised a penny in the last week or so, which is quite the opposite of the eight or nine additional cents that Berks County drivers have paid in the last week.

Prices started rising in the late fall, and they have not dropped much since. Reports suggest that gas prices are elevating because of the demand for fuel and because of unrest in the Middle East. Further reports allege that senators are urging President Obama to reduce gas taxation.

Perhaps this crisis will spell the return of carpooling for those who gloried in their gas-guzzling Hummers® only a few years ago.

*By Erica Ebner*

## Fleetwood Inducts New NHS Members

*Academics*

3 March 2011—Fleetwood Area High School inducted fifteen new members into the National Honor Society. The women's chorus began the evening by singing the national anthem, and Vice Principal Thomas Salpino followed by welcoming the families and friends of the students being honored.

NHS advisor Debra Mahnken proceeded with the ceremony by presenting each senior member with a pin to symbolize their membership for two consecutive years. President Meghana Patil, treasurer Mary Fullington, and

secretary Megan Fella addressed the crowd on the tenets of the National Honor Society: service, character, leadership, and scholarship.

Following this, the induction ceremony commenced; senior members read the bios of each of the fifteen new inductees. Fleetwood's newest members inducted were senior Alyssa Sell and juniors Brad Arndt, Paige Bohn, Savannah Cameron, Eric Dompkowski, Kristen Folk, Brandon Green, Margariete Malenda, Daniel Milloy, Samuel Moran, Lisa Marie Morig, Haley Schlechter, Jennifer Schlegel, Elizabeth Tracy, and Devin Wenzel.

"The induction ceremony was a fantastic way to showcase the achievements of all our members and pass on the legacy of Fleetwood's National Honor Society Chapter," commented president Meghana Patil.

National Honor Society is a United States organization established in 1921 to recognize not only academically-gifted students but also students who succeed in the areas of community service, leadership, and citizenship. Fleetwood's NHS members are not only required to hold a certain GPA but must also log community service hours and participate in an annual service project.

"It's an honor to be part of an organization that looks beyond work in the classroom and really sees the value of being both a well-rounded student and citizen," said senior member Sarah Bergman.

*By Elizabeth Bergman*





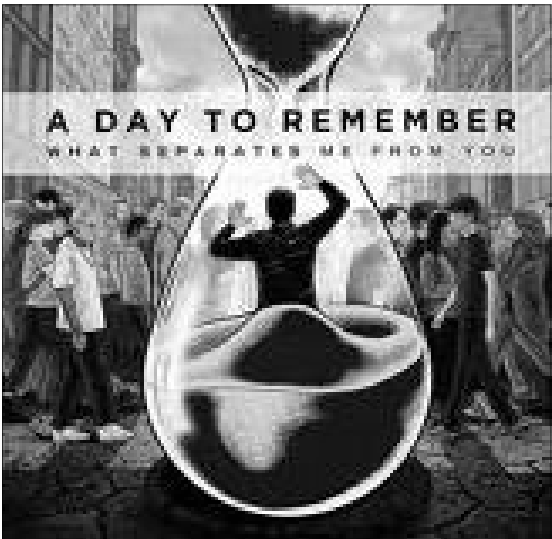
# ADTR Album an Acquired Taste

Review

A Day to Remember's newest album "What Separates Me From You" came out on the 10th of November of last year. I had not sat down and legitimately listened to this album until recently, and I'm rather glad I did.

Upon listening to the opening track "Sticks & Bricks," one would think that this album is going to be a really heavy affair reminiscent of the band's earlier material on "For Those Who Have Heart" or even their previous album "Homesick," but that is not the case. While songs like "2nd Sucks," "You Be Tails, I'll Be Sonic," and "Sticks and Bricks" may be some of the heaviest songs that the band has ever written, "What Separates Me From You" is a softer record than A Day to Remember's earlier works. And, for the style of music they play, this album suits them very well. The only songs that sound a little too poppy would have to be "All Signs Point to Lauderdale" and "This Is the House that Doubt Built."

This album is definitely a "grower," so to speak, which is probably the reason I



never really gave it a fair listen. If you are a person who enjoys ADTR's heavier side, this one may take even longer to grow on you, if it ever does at all. When I first listened to the album the day it came out, I couldn't make it the whole way through. It just sounded so mainstream and uninspired to me. But after casually listening to it for a few months, it began to grow on me. I finally stopped wanting it to be the heavy ADTR record that it wasn't and just took it for what it was, a fun pop/rock album.

Overall, "What Separates Me From You" is not as musically accomplished as ADTR's previous albums, but what it lacks in musicianship and heaviness it more than makes up for in diversity and commercial appeal. This album has something for every kind of A Day to Remember fan out there. ADTR has once again proven why they are the masters of the pop/rock genre.

By Derek Petersen

# Lauren Oliver's Book "Delirium" a Mixed Bag

Review

Delirium is a good book to read if you are the type of person who is a sucker for a rebellious love story, especially the ones like Romeo and Juliet.

Lauren Oliver's Delirium provides a futuristic view at dystopian America. In the book, scientists have conjured up a cure for love and all other emotions. At this time, people are categorized into three sorts: the cured, the invalids, and the uncured. People over the age of 18 are deemed "cured." The "invalids" are the individuals who choose not to get cured or do not believe in what the government is doing. The "uncured" are youngsters under the age of eighteen.

The people of America are to follow the "Book of Shhh," which is a type of Bible to the society. "The Book of Shhh" explains that Amor Deliria Nervosa—a.k.a., love—is the most deadly disease, and it is a symptom of the delirium.

Proverb 42 of "The Book of Shh" claims that "the most dangerous sicknesses are those that make us

believe we are well."

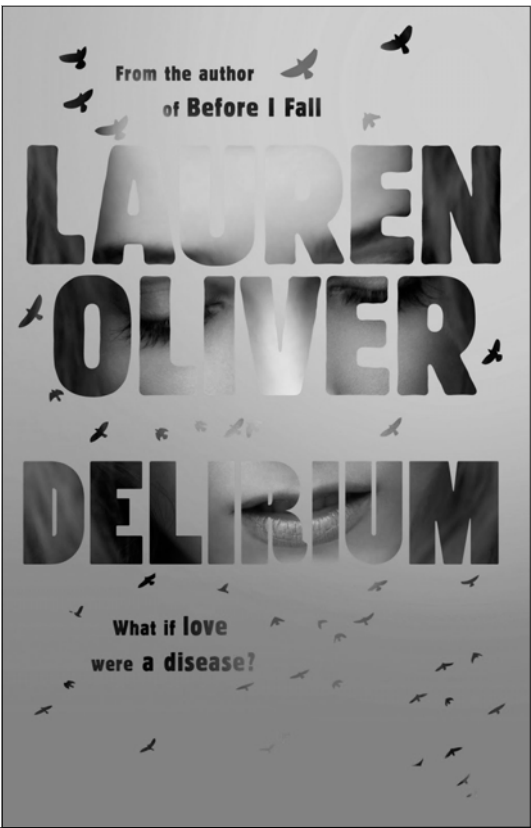
The entire book focuses on a girl named Lena, who is 90 days away from her 18th birthday. She is excited to finally be cured, of course. Until she meets Alex, her "cured" rebel.

Without even reading the book, you can already tell that this tale is going to involve a love story. The book does have a good plot, and the way the author carries it out is well executed. The mindset of the government in the book makes a reader definitely reconsider the future state of American life.

Unfortunately, the book has an infuriating twist; just when you think everything is going to end happily, the plot turns around and ends disastrously. The book is a good read, but then the author makes the end of the book depressing and difficult to finish.

Although the ending is aggravating, this book is still worth the look.

By Desiree Lesher



# Karaoke Club Carries Glee Club's Torch

School

Fleetwood Area High School has many different clubs and activities in which students can participate. The Glee Club was a new addition to the '10-'11 school year, and it is already undergoing some significant changes.

A typical glee club involves singing, dancing, and interpreting music in different styles. Sometimes Glee Clubs even get the chance to perform in front of crowds, but the Fleetwood Glee Club will be taking a different path.

Glee Club now only involves singing, and here's the catch—It's all for fun! Participants will not have the stress of performing in front of others, so they can just have fun singing along to their favorite songs. The primary reason for the change is the inconsistent attendance of some club members.

"I'm hoping that this won't always just be a karaoke sing-a-long, but, for now, we had to make a change," said Advisor and Spanish teacher Anita Lewis.

The Glee Club originally began with 25 members, but these members would come and go as they please. No two meetings had the same attendance, and sometimes students had other commitments, such as sports and other clubs. Another problem was the schedule. It was almost impossible to fit all of the dancing routines and singing rehearsals into less than an hour.

Karaoke is a great way to have fun singing without the worry of what other people will think. Most students seem to prefer singing karaoke because it enables them to sing only the songs they want to sing. Many students still hope that someday Fleetwood Area High School will have a more traditional Glee Club.

"Singing and dancing well, having confidence, and selling a song take a lot more time, energy, and commitment than most students are able and willing to give right now. But I would love to see these talented students perform and be recognized someday," said Lewis.

Glee was new to Fleetwood, but Fleetwood just isn't quite ready for it yet.

By Emily Delong

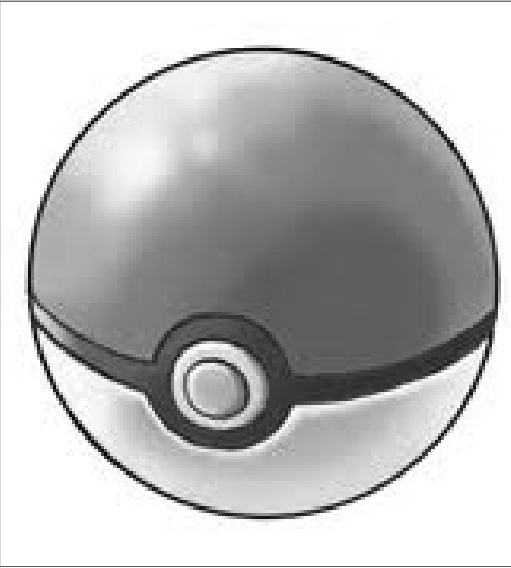
# Pokémon Black and White Is Quite a Catch

Review

As the newest additions to what is arguably the most successful video game franchise in history, Pokémon Black and White have taken the internationally popular series to new heights. Developed once again by Game Freak and Creatures Inc., the new games have made a gigantic leap in presentation from the previous generation. With an entirely new series of Pocket Monsters, these games have proven to be the best yet.

Black and White introduce both a new region and a new Pokédex for the player to fill. One-hundred fifty new Pokémon exist in the newly designed Unova region, which incorporates a wholly "3D" environment as opposed to the plain overhead view to which Pokémon fans have grown accustomed. The new isometric view is not exclusive to the scenery, however; an all new battle scene lets the player engage in exciting battles with dynamic attack animations. While the principles of battling have remained the same, "triple" and "rotation" battles have been added, providing variety and a new attack strategy to the mix.

The series, as always, features three



new starting Pokémon from which the user selects before embarking on his or her Pokémon adventure. The first, a grass type, is Snivy. Snivy resembles a green bipedal lizard and retains its reptilian appearance throughout its entire evolution.

The fire-type Tepig is a red and black boar that occasionally emits smoke from its snout. The final starter is Oshawott, a water-type otter that resembles a sea-lion in its final evolution.

Pokémon Black and White present 153 brand new Pokémon to the world, all of which are as innovative as we've come to expect from the series. The version mascots are the legendaries Reshiram and Zekrom, whose respective colors reflect the opposite version in which they appear.

Game Freak and Nintendo have undoubtedly delivered in both innovation and execution with Pokémon: Black and White. The games not only provide a great experience for Pokémon fans but may point to further developments in the future. Gotta catch 'em all!

By Matt Yoyer

# Summer '11 Movies Boast Superheroes but Little Animation

Arts/Entertainment

Spring is here, which means summer is just around the corner, and with the time of year comes a barrage of high-octane, crowd-pleasing "flicks." A quick glance at the list of films set to be released between May and August in 2011 shows that superhero movies are abundant.

The first of these films is X-Men: First Class. This film will have a tough time living up to the standards of the first X-Men film, particularly as some fans are quickly distancing themselves from the franchise. Each sequel in the series has had a stunning trailer that ended up seeming more entertaining than the complete film. Other superhero films being released this summer include Captain America, The Green Lantern, and Thor, the last of which can be credited with inspiring the most moviegoer buzz.

What many critics assume will be the highest grossing film of the summer is Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II. The first part of the two-part film was called "The Best Potter Film yet" by numerous reputable critics, so anticipation is high for its sequel. While the film will most likely do very well and receive decent reviews, many feel as though the books still far surpass the films.

Surprisingly, the summer will likely experience a dearth of animated titles. The only exception is Cars 2. Many critics fear that Pixar's upcoming release may spell the end for the company's reign of perfection, particularly since the relaxed racing-inspired plotline of the original seems to be replaced with a more outlandish form of spy narrative.

What is most unfortunate for American moviegoers is that the third installment of the once-promising Transformers series will likely receive the biggest attention this summer. Transformers: Dark of the Moon is set to be released in theaters on July 1st.

All in all, the movies set to be released this summer provide the typical response from the discerning critic: Eh, whatever

By Derek Evansky

# Modern Music Industry a Surprising Collection of Contradictions

Entertainment/ Arts

Many of today’s popular bands are suddenly calling it quits seemingly without reason, and many fans are growing alarmed. Of course, these bands aren’t really disbanding for no reason; many simply cannot afford to be out on the road anymore. Some readers might be thinking, “But I thought musicians got paid really well,” and, for the select few that you hear on the radio, this is true. But for the thousands of other musicians around the world, this is not the case. Sure, Lady Gaga, Britney Spears, and Lil’ Wayne are singing themselves all the way to the bank, but many of your favorite artists are most likely struggling to make ends meet.

In an interview with Emily Zemler of AltPress magazine, Haste the Day bassist Mike Murphy said the following about his early years in the band: “We played one show to nobody, literally. We used to take

band money and buy peanut butter and jelly. We survived for a long time on Ramen noodles. You buy a big thing of Ramen, go into a gas station, use hot water from their coffee maker and put it in a Styrofoam cup. Sometimes they charge you 89 cents for the cup. That was a big deal back then, so you tried not to get charged 89 cents, or you bring your own cup. It’s hard to get paid when no one comes to your shows when you’re a band starting out. But we got lucky and got support later.”

So, if a band sells as many records as Haste the Day does (their new album debuted at No. 74 on the Billboard top 200, selling about 5,700 copies in the first week), then how can they be so strapped for cash? The main reason is that the bands see almost none of the revenue generated from album sales. Bands typically receive a few cents on every dollar earned by the album,

and some very unfortunate bands don’t see a single penny. The majority of the money made on album sales goes directly to the record label to cover the cost of making the album in the first place.

The best way to help support a band (other than discouraging pirated music) is to buy their merchandise or attend their concerts while they are on tour. Surprisingly, bands control more of their merchandising profits than any other facet of their music. If a t-shirt is \$15 at a show, the band will maybe earn \$5 from that sale—a relatively low amount to the average person, but to musicians it’s a huge deal. Concert attendance is what either makes or breaks a band’s bottom line. The more people who buy tickets, the more money the band gets; the fewer people who show up, the more the band suffers. Touring can be very costly when you consider that the band has to pay

for booking agents, managers, a tour bus, gas, food, and many other expenses on top of having to pay taxes for every show they play. About half of what bands make on tour goes toward paying state taxes.

The end result is that the best way to support a band is to buy their tickets and merchandise. Buying CDs maintains the relationship between the producers and the musicians, but it will do little to help your favorite lead singer update his Dad’s used Escort with a shiny new Maserati. And before you call out a band for going “mainstream” and “selling out,” think about how that extra money can afford them the leisure to not just continue making music but also to ensure their survival.

By Derek Petersen

# Keystone Exams Looming, Growing

Academics

Every student has to take PSSAs during his or her junior year of high school, but what some students don’t know is that, sometime soon, the younger classes will have to begin the transition from PSSAs to Keystone State Testing. However, because of significant state budget cuts, the Keystone testing could be pushed back further.

The big difference between PSSAs and Keystone State Testing is that you currently only take the PSSAs once in the four years of high school before graduating. Keystone State Testing is meant to be taken after every major year-long course in which a student enrolls.

The Keystone State Testing is administered in such a way that, if a student fails a section of one of the tests, he or she will have to retake the test the following year. If the student fails again, he or she will have to complete a project that is graded by the committee from the Keystone State Testing program. The disadvantage such a project poses is that instructors will not be able to adequately assist students with the assignment because it is not representative of their own classroom

expectations.

In some methods of implementation, students who take the Keystone State Test do not have to take final exams at the end of the year because the Keystone Test counts as a final exam in most classes. Eventually, students will also no longer be required to take PSSAs.

Critics point out that the Keystone Exams are manipulating the age at which students are presented certain material, so teachers are reorganizing the rate at which they teach the essential material so that students can learn as much as they can before testing. In this transitory period, some middle school students and high school students are studying the same material; some high schoolers may even have to start learning college-level material.

Many fear that these tests may have a deleterious effect on graduation protocols. But even the state recognizes that, at least for the moment, these exams are testing the system as much as they are testing the students themselves.

By Brittney Stuffle

# Boy from China Weighs Five Times the Norm

Health/ Medicine

Are you tired of people whining about how obese America is? At least America doesn’t have the dubious honor of breeding a 132 lb. toddler.

A Chinese boy named Lu Hao, arguably one of the most overweight children in history, is topping existing records. The crazy thing is that Lu is only three years old.

Lu was not always this large. He was born weighing only 5.7 pounds. His parents say that, when he reached three months of age, he began eating rampages that contributed to his weight gain. As of now, he weighs five times the average weight of other children his age.

“His appetite is so good that, for a meal, he can eat three big bowls of rice, even larger than I and his mother,” said Lu Hao’s father.

His parents claim they have tried to

lower the amount of portions Lu eats and to get him to exercise, but, every time they do, he cries nonstop and throws vicious temper tantrums. Lu does, however, enjoy swimming, so the family has bought a pool in an effort to provide him with physical activity.

At first, doctors thought that Lu had an extreme hormone imbalance. He has been studied by several doctors, but, after studies, none of them can come to a conclusion why he has become so overweight. Their best judgment is that there is a problem within his brain that is causing rapid weight gain, but nothing at this point is certain.

Ideally, Lu will someday lose a lot of weight and revert to the normal, healthy child that he has the promise to be.

By Chad Dymek

# Is Tumblr the Next Big Thing?

Science and Technology

Although Facebook and Twitter are popular sites in the social networking world, another site has come along that has Fleetwood students very interested. Tumblr is a website that allows you to blog and post pictures, videos, links, quotes, and audio to your profile. Users are able to “follow” other people and re-blog whatever the Tumblr user posts. Tumblr is a site where authors can remain anonymous if they would like.

Fleetwood student and Tumblr user Jenna Dantas prefers Tumblr over Facebook. Said Dantas, “You don’t see annoying people like you do on Facebook, and it’s more anonymous, so you follow people you don’t know.”

Another Tumblr user, FAHS junior Julie Sipsos, said, “It’s cool to look at other people’s pictures, and it’s more of an artistic thing.”

On Tumblr, a lot of people post their own photography and let others re-post their work.

FAHS senior Derek Petersen, a big music fan, said, “Tumblr is a good way to listen to unsigned bands and spread their mu-

sic around through your profile to other people’s.”

Tumblr is a very easy way to express yourself because the site makes it effortless to share text, photos, quotes, links, music, and videos from your browser, phone, desktop, email, or whatever other form of technology you may happen to have at your disposal. Whenever you have something to post, you can do so in seconds.

Tumblr’s platform is very different from the competition, making it more complex than Twitter and more interesting than Facebook. The site takes more time to fully comprehend before customizing, but that’s what actually makes the software great.

If you want a place to blog and express yourself, Tumblr is definitely the website for you.

“I do and I don’t suggest people use this,” said Dantas. “People should use it because it’s fun, but they shouldn’t because I don’t want people seeing my stuff.”

By Madison Rice

# For Teachers, Summer Is No Carefree Picnic

School

All students know what they are going to do during summer vacation, but do any of them know or even care what the teachers do? Well, The Tiger Times does!

People often think that all teachers do during the summer is eat, sleep, and read, but there seems to be a lot more to it than that. For instance, Study Hall Monitor Mr. Skokowski says that he hardly ever does anything fun except for teaching summer school; when he is not teaching, he is doing yard work around his yard.

Although this is what a lot of teachers do during the summer break as they anxiously wait to come back and teach us, it is by no means all. For an example, math teacher Cindy Steele likes to visit her family; she also takes state-mandated courses to keep up her teacher certification, goes on a vacation, takes camping trips, and loves to read.

These teachers’ ideas of fun may not be the same as the students’ notion of a great time, but who said that the teachers have to like what we do? Daily annual substitute teacher Scott Wagan likes to golf and work, but not much else.

Some surprising studies have even revealed that, with all of the extra grading and preparation that teachers must undertake during the school year, they technically are only awarded a full two weeks of genuine vacation throughout the entire year. This makes summer vacation seem shorter and shorter.

Even if these teachers’ plans aren’t the same as students’, any kind of plan is often better than the lack of one, which can get some teenagers into trouble.

By Erica Ebner

Passover Steeped in Tradition

Easter an Amalgam of Foreign Traditions

*Holiday*

Each year, Jewish individuals celebrate the holiday called Passover, which is a series of days that celebrates the end of the Jewish enslavement by the Egyptians. Passover, also called Pesach, falls on the 19th of April this year. The holiday is best known in Christian culture because the Last Supper of Jesus was a Passover Seder.

Passover celebrates the early Spring in the Jewish month, Nissan, from the 15th to the 22nd. By celebrating Passover, Jews relive and experience the true freedom that their ancestors gained.

There are two main parts to the holiday: the first day and the last. These days are the most important of the whole entire holiday. Practicing Jews are not to permitted to eat Chametz, or leavened items. According to history, the Jewish people were unable to eat leavened food. Matzah is the only grain item that Jews can eat.

Preparation for this holiday is to clean the whole house so it is free of Chametz.

All firstborn males are to fast the day before Passover. The meal on the first two nights is called a Seder. This meal is a reminder of the importance of the holiday. There are prayers spoken and stories told. No Jew is permitted to work, drive, write, or even switch on electronics, but they do complete these chores during the four days in the middle of the week. These days are identified as Chol Hamoed, or the "semi-festival."

The Passover Seder is the most important part of the holiday. Consuming Matzah is one of the central parts of Passover, and Jews also traditionally eat bitter herbs during the holiday. Lastly, Jews drink four cups of wine or grape juice to celebrate their freedom, and they recite the Haggadah.

People of the Jewish faith have been celebrating this festival for years, and the holiday has retained its symbolic value throughout history.

By Carol Zheng

*Holiday*

Were you ever curious why Easter involves bunnies and eggs? Or why ham is an Easter dinner favorite? Or, perhaps you are curious where the Easter tradition originated.

The contemporary American Easter traditions are actually a combination of the pagan and Christian ideologies. In the pagan celebration of Easter, participants celebrated the arrival of Spring, prosperity, and "new life." Eggs are a symbol of fertility and serve as a cute portrayal of new growth.

In Christianity, Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ three days after he was crucified.

Easter is named after the goddess Eastre; in German, her name is Ostara. Ostara is the goddess of fertility. It was said her presence was felt in the birth of newborns, both animal and human, and the flowering of plants. The rabbit was her sacred animal because of its fast reproduction.

The origin of the Easter bunny arises out of a story of Ostara and a bird. The bird had frozen wings and could not fly, so Ostara transformed him into a snow hare and gave him the gift of speed to protect him from predators. Ostara also gave him one attribute of his former self by allowing him to lay eggs on one day of the year. After angering Ostara, the hare was sent away into the sky as a constellation at the foot of Orion. He was only allowed to come back to earth each Spring to give his eggs to children. Thus, this myth created the Easter bunny and eggs.

Other legends concerning Easter eggs include the idea that Earth was hatched from an egg.

Eating ham on Easter comes from the Pagan tradition of eating the remaining preserved meat from the winter to celebrate the spring season. Pagans would begin fasting to shed excess weight from the winter. This might have been a predecessor to giving up luxuries during Lent.

Shaping candy into bunnies and eggs is common during Easter. The reason why many pagan traditions encourage this practice is embedded in the belief that consuming them allows mankind to gain their characteristics.

All in all, the traditions of Christianity and pagan religions are intertwined in an indistinguishable manner.

By Desirae Leshner

Insidious Full of Bumps in the Night, Not Gore

*Review*

Saw director James Wan and Paranormal Activity's Oren Peli unite to produce an "old-time" horror film called Insidious, which was released on April 1st.


For the duration of the movie, Dalton, an only child, is in a coma, and no one knows why—not even the doctors. While Dalton is in a coma, a series of events happen to his mother. The normal haunting material occurs, such as opening doors and apparitions and random musical accompaniment. Unfortunately, the events grow progressively worse, so the family calls in a team of "experts" to figure out what is going on. They call a psychic, who tells the family that Dalton isn't in a coma but rather became lost in the "Further" during his sleep. One demon has Dalton trapped in the Further and wants to take over his physical being on earth. Dalton can only be saved if someone travels into the Further and brings him home. As a result, the audience is told that Dalton's father went through the same thing when he was a child and has to go back to save his son.

With such a contrast in their previous horror films—paranormality and gore—these directors came together to produce a great movie. The movie starts out with dissonant, loud music blaring, already trying to frighten the viewer at the onset of the upcoming movie. Throughout the film, there are moments of unpredictable slamming doors, etc., but at other times these events are predictable. At any moment, the peaceful movie onscreen could force something to jump out at the viewer. This is how the movie does its frightening; it's not like other horror movies today because there is no gore in it at all.

Some of the images of demons in the movie are a bit overdone. It is as if the directors tried to make things scary but tried too hard and ended up with a hodgepodge of disconnected imagery.


You would think this movie has a happy ending because of all the "torture" thrust upon the family; unfortunately, this is not the case. The movie has a few revenge-filled twists that make even the most fearless viewer crave a sequel.

By Desirae Leshner



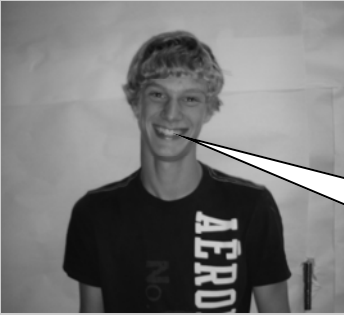
# Random Cheese

## What is your favorite Pokémon?




"Snorlax—'cause he's always sleeping."

Mallory Christman '12




"Celebi—because it travels through time."

Nick Braswell '13




"Mew—In my mind, he's the best."

Dan McMullan '12



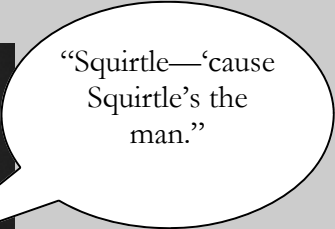
"Magikarp—I love to splash people!"

Zachary Houpp '00



"Treeko—'cause he's cute and his last evolution is baller status."

Andy Moran & Danny Lopez '12



"Squirtle—'cause Squirtle's the man."

By Derek Evanosky

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# Easter Pie Sophomores Sell Gertrude Hawk Goodies for Fundraiser

How-To



This recipe creates a quick, easy, and delicious dessert that the whole family will love for your Easter holiday.

Reese’s® Easter Egg Pie

- Ingredients:
- 1 Oreo® pie crust
  - 2 cups peanut butter
  - 1 box chocolate pudding mix
  - 1 ½ cups chocolate Cool Whip®
  - 6 Reese’s® peanut butter eggs
  - 1 cup caramel sauce

Prepare the pudding according to instructions on the box. Spread peanut butter in bottom of crust. Then spread pudding on top, followed by a layer of Cool Whip®. Place eggs on top, and drizzle caramel sauce over pie. Chill for one hour and serve.

By Kaitlynn Stott

## Health Fair Deemed Successful

Health/Medicine

The health fair was held on Friday, March 18th. The presentations varied from safe dating to avoiding cancer to distracted driving. But do people really like the health fair, or do they consider it to be another opportunity to hang out with friends and have fun? Student Liz Geisinger’s favorite part of the health fair was the organ donor exhibit, whereas Eric Rohall hated the exhibits all the same. Study Hall Monitor Mr. Skokowski liked the “stop texting” signs, as did all of the teachers, and Math Teacher Cindy Steele loved the dancing bear. Bonnie Fansler, the nurse of Fleetwood Area High School, thought the health fair went very well and said the event went just as she had planned it to. Fansler said, “As I go through the review forms, I thinks that I would like more exhibits in the gym. But I enjoyed myself very much even though the fair was difficult to organize.” Fansler enjoyed the chance to work with her colleagues in the health industry and in the local community. She hopes that everybody had a great time at the health fair and learned a lot.

And all evidence suggests that Fansler’s aspirations were met. Alleged English teacher Sarah Wilkinson really liked the gym exhibits. Ethan Martinez thought that the Date Smart presentation was very entertaining and informative. Jaron Weeks called the massages “out of this world.” But the most popular exhibit seemed to be Chief Nestor’s demonstration using the drunk goggles.

By Erica Ebner

Finances

Attention all sophomores who don’t want to pay out of their own pockets for prom and graduation: Your spring fundraiser has been chosen, and it is just in time for Easter! The spring fundraiser will be Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, and class officers issued the forms on Monday, March 7th. The difference for this fundraiser is that there will not be a class meeting to explain it. If you would like a form and information, stop by Mrs. Heffner’s Room (012) for information.

“I feel the timing of this fundraiser is appropriate, and I hope the class finds a great deal of success. They are also selling a very tasty product,” says class advisor and social studies teacher Dina Heffner. “Mrs. Neiman and I are pleased that this idea came from student input at the meeting on March 1st. I hope it will be more



successful than the hoagie fundraiser because it is a more well-known product.” This product is fun, easy to sell, and worth the cost. All submissions will be due to Heffner on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011.

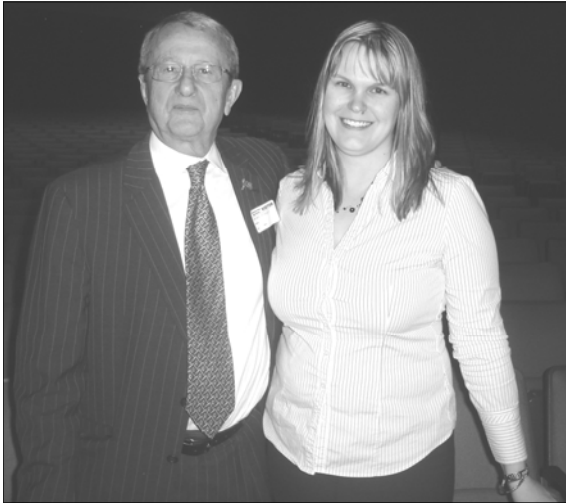
If a student raises a certain amount of money, he or she will earn special prizes that may be worth the effort to sell. All proceeds benefit the class of 2013, which will help pay for prom and graduation. When senior year rolls around, current sophomores who did not participate in the fundraiser cannot complain about prices if they did not help to support their class now. Sophomores who do not like this fundraiser should make sure that next year they become more involved in class meetings and talk either to their class officers or class advisors.

By Melanie Lehman

## Holocaust Survivor Reminisces for Juniors, History Students

Academics

As you may or may not know, Dr. Larry Rotenberg, a survivor of one of history’s most horrific events, recently spoke to Holocaust students at the Fleetwood Area High School. Rotenberg was originally from Romania and was about 2 or 3 years old when the Holocaust began. He first realized what was going on around him when the ghetto walls arose and Jews were contained inside. Even though he is now 76 and the Holocaust has long since ended, Rotenberg still experiences the side-effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), leaving him with nightmares from the time period during which the earth was engulfed in World War II. Once he was inside the walls of the ghetto, he was forced to remain there. He also had to wear the Yellow Star of David. Most people were scared and upset, although Rotenberg recalls that he still felt safe. What makes his sense of safety seem especially unusual is that he was almost shot with a rifle. Rotenberg argues that he could not understand the sensation of “real fear” because he never had a reason to be afraid of anything before the Holocaust. Times were really rough for Rotenberg because his father kept all of the Jewish traditions and yet did not hesitate to provide pork for the family even though Judaism forbids



it. This was the moment he knew times were bad: when his father ate pork. The most upsetting part of the Holocaust for Rotenberg was when he could hear his father, mother, and brother all die within three days of each other, all in his presence. The most common ailments among the Jews were typhus, malnutrition, lice, and starvation. Everyone believed that the food might disappear at any moment, so they would devour everything faster than their malnourished bodies could handle it. One of the happiest times he had in the ghetto was when an Italian soldier saw him and gave him a can of spaghetti; it was his first real comfort in three years. His camp was finally liberated by the Soviet Union in Romania’s capital. Rotenberg was taken to an orphanage in Bucharest, which was a lot safer than the ghetto. Later, he traveled to Stockholm and Paris before visiting Canada and then Samaria. He ended his presentation on a relatively happy note, saying, “I hope that students will learn acceptance and caring for everyone no matter what their background or religion.” His role in history, and the roles of those like him, will never be forgotten. Always remember.

By Melanie Lehman

## London, Freshmen Spread Word of Help Hotlines

Health/Medicine

Everyone experiences stress in life, whether from family, friends, relationships, school, or work. Some people can expel these feelings by playing a sport or talking to a friend. But for those who do not know where to turn, there is help out there. Dozens of non-profit organizations all over the United States are waiting for you to walk through their doors or dial their number, but since most places are only funded by donation, there is not enough money to afford fancy billboards and signs pointing citizens in the right direction. The best way to learn more about these places is to look them up on the Internet. One organization is T.E.A.R., or Teens Experiencing Abusive Relationships. Founded by a group of teenagers in 2003, T.E.A.R is a teen help hotline for advice on how to manage and prevent abuse; the goal is also to educate people on the warning signs that abuse may be occurring. Teens are not the only participants welcome either; the phone lines are available to all genders, ages, and races. The number to call is 1-866-331-9474. PENED is also available for anyone struggling with an eating disorder such as anorexia or bulimia. Eating disorders are dangerous and can ultimately lead to the death of a loved one. PENED is located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and will help anytime you need them. Just call 412-215-7967. A group of freshmen, along with Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Gina London, recently worked together to make posters to help spread awareness of these organizations. “Whatever you are going through, help is just a phone call away,” says London.

By Kaitlynn Stott

## Keirstead Achieves Spelling, Writing Success

Profile

After many long nights of studying, all of her hard work finally paid off when Fleetwood Area Middle School prodigy Rachel Keirstead recently won the Berks County Spelling Bee. She studied using a packet full of words designed for the Scripps Spelling Bee. For winning, she was awarded a \$100 savings bond, a very large trophy, and a Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, which is the source of the words used in the spelling bee. Keirstead said that the honor of winning the bee was amazing, yet, along with earning the title of spelling bee champion, Rachel also has written her own story published in the periodical Stone Soup. The name of her story is “Home is Where You’re Happy.” She was inspired to write the story after her father’s company relocated and he considered moving the family to New Jersey. “I was distraught, and I began to think about the difficulties people face when they move,” said Keirstead. The plot is about a girl named Leah who lives in Ohio. One day her parents announce that the family is going to move to New Jersey. At first, she has trouble finding friends, but one day she meets a girl named Lizzy. Lizzy is in the school’s outdoor club, and Leah and she quickly bond while spending time in the woods, which is one of Leah’s hobbies from her time in Ohio. Rachel has donated a copy of Stone Soup to the Middle School Library for all to read. Rachel plans to continue writing and aspires to be an author, which has been her dream since elementary school.

By Chad Dymeck

# Poetry Corner

April is National Poetry Month. In the spirit of this celebration, here are two poems, one about this month of recognition and one about Journalism here at FAHS.

Journalism Class—  
Our talent, you can't surpass.  
The Tiger Times is what we write,  
The words in which are black and white—  
Bringing the news to you,  
Giving you a new point of view.

Our thoughts are written out loud  
And, of course, we are a loquacious crowd.  
In class we do composing and revising;  
The finished product is greatness comprising.  
The news of Fleetwood is given to our school  
And is always perceived as something cool.

As reporters, we have a commitment to the truth.  
Do not underestimate us for our youth.  
With our words, your lives will be enriched  
Our news is spot on, like a perfect pitch.  
Journalism can often seem like an uphill climb,  
But at the end of the day, we have The Tiger Times.

By Justin Bruno

For the month of April  
Poets and others celebrate the art of poetry.

They are grateful  
For this country,  
For supporting the fine arts  
That influenced human society.

Even in their hearts  
They produce variety.

It is a complex heritage  
And all people join together  
To share the beauty of the human heart and mind.

This beauty arises from our parentage:  
We are glad altogether,  
But a peace in poetry is hard to find.

In the year 1996  
The Academy of American Poets established  
A national event for the poets and poems of society.

There are no cliques  
To hold up what the poets accomplished,  
So there is no need for anxiety.

Amazing legacy and continuing achievement  
Stands as the climax of this event,  
Amplifying the popularity of the convenient  
Form of art that they present.

Best of all ,  
You can celebrate.  
If you recall,  
We're free to dedicate.

No celebration is too small  
If you demonstrate  
Your art and passion for all.

By Carol Zheng

at 7:00 p.m. More than 185 students will be participating in the ensembles.

The choral concert will features songs written in Latin, French, Gaelic, and English.

"There will be a wide variety of genres demonstrated, so there is something for everyone to enjoy," said Chorus instructor Catharine Williamson. "Both concerts should prove to be entertaining and inspirational, so please come and support Fleetwood's strong tradition of musical excellence."

By Kaitlynn Stott

# Prom Dress Swap Scheduled For April 23

Fashion

Do you want to go to prom without the hassle of buying an expensive dress?

On April 23rd, a Prom Dress Swap and Shop will be held at the Walnuttown Fire Company. The event will occur from 8 a.m. to noon. Jewelry, shoes, and purses will also be swapped along with dresses. All proceeds from the event will sponsor the 2011 Safe Graduation Party.

At the Prom Dress Swap, participants bring a dress to donate and receive a color coded ticket to turn back in once a person picks out her new dress. Participants may also come to the Swap to shop. Swapping a dress is free, but if you do not donate, all purchases are \$10.00.

If jewelry, shoes, and purses are not swapped, then they will also be available for purchase. Combined necklace and earring sets are \$3.00, earrings alone are \$1.50, and shoes and purses are \$5.00. All sizes will be available, and swappers do not have to take the same size they swapped. The Prom Dress Swap and Shop is only for prom dresses, so no other types of dresses will be accepted.

The Swap is being sponsored by Janet Weidner, a local Mary Kay beauty consultant. Her goal is to always help women look their best.

"The idea came to me as a way to give something back to the community", says Weidner.

She has four daughters, so she knows how costly it can be to send a girl to the prom.

The girl wears the dress for one night, and then it goes into the closet, never to be worn again.

The Prom Dress Swap and Shop is a very affordable alternative to buying all that girls need for the big event. Most importantly, this Swap should prevent girls from declining male invitations simply because of financial reasons.

By Justin Bruno



# End of Year FAHS Concerts Abound

Arts/Entertainment

Spring is here, and that means the annual Pasta and Presto event was held on Saturday April 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Nearly five hundred instrumental students from grades 3-12 and vocal students from grades 7-12 participated in the concert, and many of the students looked forward to the event.

"I'm very excited! I love performing. I just hope everyone in chorus does a good job and gets the songs right," said Fleetwood junior Tristessa Slesinski.

Morgan Adams, another junior, was equally enthusiastic about the show: "I cannot wait to have people hear our wonderful songs."

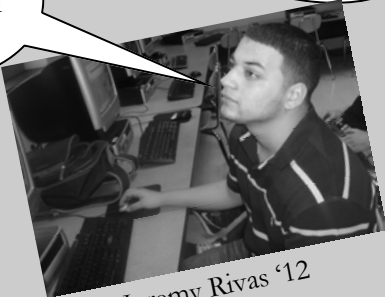
Some of the numbers performed included Count Basie's "Motes Swing" and Gordon Goodwin's "Sing, sang, sung." There was also a piece featuring African rhythms and drumming. Mr. Ebersole, coordinator of the event, had high hopes for the performances and the turn-out.

The main high school choral and jazz concert will be held May 20th at 7:00 p.m. with an orchestra and band concert on May 26th, also

# Random Cheese

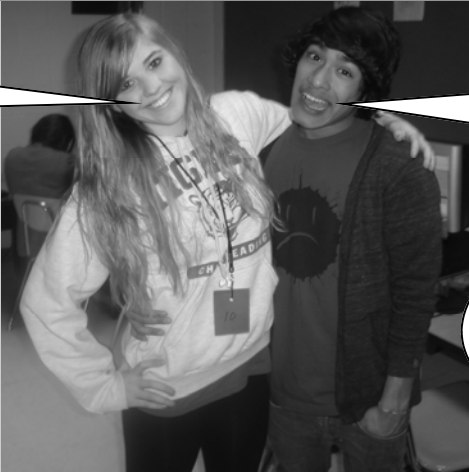
This question is a simple one that almost anyone could answer, provided he or she is not lactose intolerant. So without further ado, here is your random cheese on, well, random cheese. What is your favorite kind of cheese and why?

"Monterey Jack because it has a distinctive taste all its own."



Jeremy Rivas '12

"String cheese because it's fun."



Madison Rice '11 & Andy Moran '11

"Muenster cheese 'cause it tastes good on crackers."

"Mozzarella because it satisfies the taste buds."



Austin Neider '12

"Provolone because it tastes good."

"Swiss cheese because it has holes in it."



Julie Sipos & Samantha Sanders '12

"Swiss cheese because Julie likes it."



Kyle Flannery '14

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