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Censorship Stirs Controversy in American School Districts

School

Censorship is something that constantly pervades our society, but when is it truly necessary?

Something that often stirs up controversy is when a book is either censored or simply banned in a school so that it may protect impressionable youth from topics considered too mature for them. In this modern society of political correctness, many books that have been taught in schools for decades are either being banned or replaced with censored copies of the books because they contain controversial topics or offensive themes or language.

One such victim of this is Mark

Twain's classic, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. A copy was released in which all 217 instances of the "n-word" had been removed and replaced with the word "slave" so that it would not offend anyone who read it. Twain, however, was a professed abolitionist who used the word intentionally to provoke thought about why a good boy like Huck Finn, who befriends and helps assist in the runaway of a slave, would use such language.

"The sanitized version would be fine for, say, eighth graders who might laugh because they don't understand the intended usage of the word," Fleetwood English

teacher Deb Mahnken said, "but for students in eleventh grade who are mature enough, in most cases, to drive, there should be no issue interpreting and discussing the usage in class."

Fortunately, at Fleetwood we suffer from very little limitations on the books that are taught here.

"All the books that we teach have been banned in other districts," Mahnken said.

By Leif Greiss

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FASD Budget Cuts Affect All

Finance

"I don't want anything being cut," FAHS Principal Michael DeAntonio said.

On 13 March, 2012, Dr. Paul Eaken

spoke about the budget and what is going to be cut next school year. After he was done, he allowed anyone who wanted to speak to do so.

Students, faculty, staff, and even people from the community spoke their minds at the COTW-Board meeting to show how they really feel about the cuts that are being made next school year.

"[I'm] frustrated," DeAntonio said. "There are some things you can't cut because of expectations."

The district is seeking to close an \$847,000 gap in its 2012-13 budget.

With all these cuts, a lot of people in the community and school had something to say. Many inspirational speeches were expressed that night. Many focused their arguments on the fact that their own children will be affected.

Sophomore Kayln Hess was one of the few who stood out by talking about how the anger of the community should not be directed at the board but at the legislators.

Potentially decreasing is the high school German program, which would be decreasing to half day. This means German Teacher Shawn Rudy will be forced to teach only 4 classes instead of his usual 6.

"I understand they have to balance

the budget, but all the cuts are affecting a lot of students," Rudy said. "I don't think it's fair because students will have four previous years of Spanish before high school. They won't get the opportunity for both subjects."

After many students and community members expressed to the board how they felt, the board then told everyone that they would answer all the questions that were asked on the Fleetwood website. After the meeting came to a close, the board then went to the board room and had a routine meeting.

They are still working on fixing the budget and could possibly be making more cuts.

By Danny Lopez



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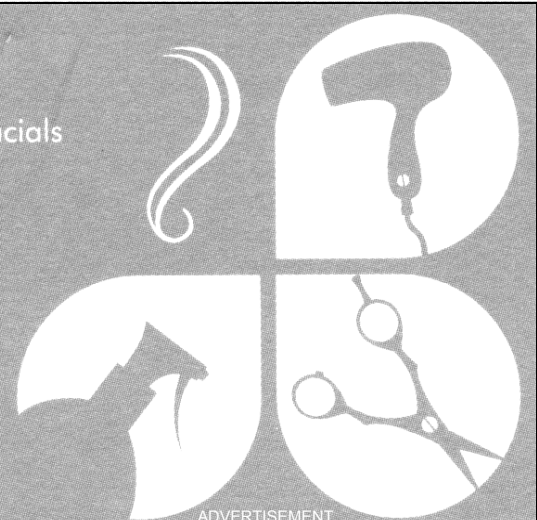
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Tiger Tennis Team Hoping For Success

Sports

With the spring sports season in full swing, the boys' tennis team is ready for some success on the courts. This year, the new coaching staff consists of Head Coach Josh Werstler and Assistant Coach Nick Ulmer.

At the end of last year, the team lost their number one seed player, senior Bo Comer. This year, junior Christian Boyer returns as the highest ranking player on the team.

A lot of new prospects have also come out to play along with seven senior players on the team this season, six returning from last year. Dan Milloy, Dan McMullen, Jake Braswell, Derrick Crawford, Josh Kelly, and Zach Flinchbaugh will all finish out their senior years at Fleetwood Area High School on the team.

"The team is looking promising, and it's up to the top four to really carry us through the season because doubles is one of the most important parts of our season, especially the post-season," returning senior

Jake Braswell said.

As the season starts and practices begin, the top players will be ranked from one through nine on varsity, and challenge matches will determine who is placed where. Players will perfect their serves and doubles partners will start to learn each other's techniques and styles of play.

"The team looks decent this year, but I wouldn't bet the house on a ton of success," senior Dan Milloy said.

With some enthusiasm, heart, and the always necessary focus and concentration, the boys' tennis team has the ability to attain some great successes on the court this season. As the new coaching staff and players adjust to the court, there may be many wins in sight.

Matches begin during the middle of March and continue into April for the Flight Tournament and into May for districts.

By Kelly Stumpf

Little Girl Gone a Study in Life Beneath the Surface

Review

What would you do if your life came down to living in a secluded house with your boyfriend, who keeps you at home and who kidnapped a pregnant teenage girl and kept her in a trailer in the backyard?

Madora was faced with this very dilemma in Drusilla Campbell's *Little Girl Gone*.

At a young age, her father committed suicide, and she was criticized by her mother constantly. Then along came Willis, the mysterious boy of her dreams, who told her he would help her out of her messed up life.

Once he used his charm on her, he was able to make her do many things she wouldn't normally do. This all turns around when a curious little boy wanders to the house in search of a dog Madora and Willis owned.

The little boy turns out to be Django, a 12-year-old orphan of a rock star father, who is living with his aunt. He is not like any of the other boys; he has a creative mind and was once very sheltered.

Living with his aunt is a big change, and it's even harder when he sees a dog in a closed truck on a hot day. Something about that dog changes him when he is unable to properly cope with his parents' death. When he needs strength to help

through the grieving process, Django looks to Foo, a pit bull, for comfort and, once on the hunt looking for him, Django meets Madora.

As time goes on, Madora finally realizes what her life has come to: feeding, bathing, and keeping house for Linda, who was recuperating from delivery. She is no

longer able to make her own decisions and is afraid of defying Willis, who says he loves her.

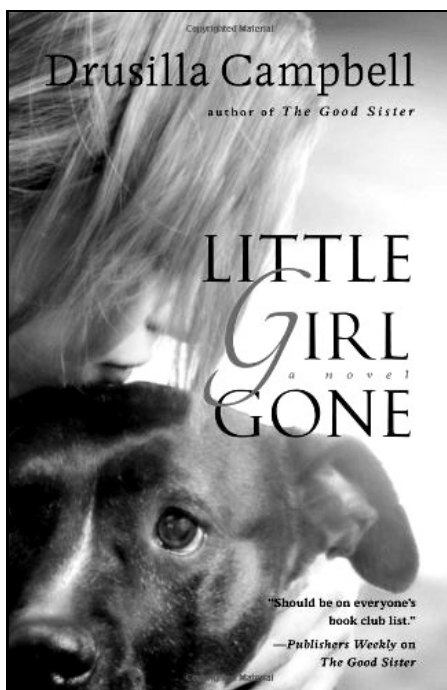
It is very interesting to see how we live in such a small world and how a person can be so different from someone yet have so much in common, how even two people who have been through so much can give each other the strength to carry on.

What will happen to Django and Madora? Find out in the novel, "Little Girl Gone," by Drusilla Campbell.

This book shows that, although someone may seem

very normal and happy on the outside, he or she may be facing things that give people nightmares, things he or she will have to live with until the day he or she dies. This novel shows how having a friend and some courage can go a long way when there is danger.

By Melanie Lehman



Project X a Party You Don't Want to Miss

Film Review

Project X is a combination of Superbad and American Pie, both having to do with epic high school parties. Although viewers have seen this story a million times before, it still managed to impress.

The basic storyline concerns three friends who want to become big names at their high school by throwing a party that no one will ever forget. The three friends begin to spread the word of the party to everyone in the school. Before they know it, the party is packed with over a thousand people.

The movie's plot is basically about how a party gets out of control and there is nothing anyone can do to stop it. As hard as the trio tries, bad things just keep happening, and the events end up on the news. It is hilarious to watch everything unfold as the kids try to keep things together.

Although the development of characters is not really important in this film, it is hard not to get attached to the trio;

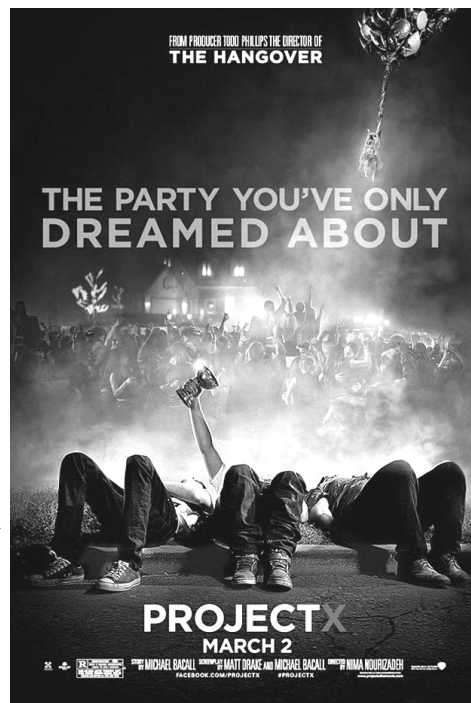
however, the hectic events that take place are far more important than any character.

If you are into a deep plot and a lot of focus on characters, this movie is not a good pick because it is only good for the fact that it's a ridiculous and unrealistic high school party. The majority of the movie is the party's happenings; a good half hour is shown for the planning and just a few minutes based on the aftermath.

Project X delivers exactly what it promises, an over-the-top and insane party that will keep spectators smiling the whole time. If you loved Superbad or American Pie, I highly recommend seeing this movie.

But if you are indeed looking for a rich plot driven by character development, save your money; this is a party you can skip.

By Madison Rice



Fleetwood Track and Field Facing a Race of Numbers

Sports

Track and Field is a sport involving dedication and hard work. Many students from schools all around go out and compete to win not only as individuals but as a team. But Fleetwood Track and Field has never exactly been at the top of the totem pole.

The problem is not the skill level of the athletes but the amount of athletes coming out to be a part of the team.

"I remember walking into a lot of meets last year and seeing the size of the other teams compared to ours. We were always the smallest wherever we went," senior Mallory Christman said.

In the 2011 season, an exceptional amount of students went out to the track for the first couple of days of the season and never came back after that. From that point on, the remaining athletes could only do their event for themselves, seeing that most of the time the opposing teams outnumbered Fleetwood's. As any of the 2011 team members will say, they weren't just outnumbered by a few.

Most of the time, teams were dou-

ble the size of Fleetwood's. When it comes down to scoring, it doesn't matter how good one athlete is in track when there aren't enough people to back them up.

Senior Branden Green is a long distance runner and has run all four years of high school. He has more knowledge of the track team than most.

"We're not exactly a big team," Green said.

Sophomore Manny Tavoc is involved in his first year for Fleetwood Track.

"I like track because I feel stronger about myself mentally and physically. It doesn't matter how many people are on the team; I can run for myself either way," Tavoc said.

All in all, Track and Field is technically a team sport, but at Fleetwood, due to the small amount of people on the team, most of the time is spent getting the athletes better individually in hopes of starting a solid program for future years.

By Kyle Flannery

Seniors Give Freshmen Advice on Dating in HS

School

“Be smart when it comes to relationships, and don’t do drugs,” FAHS senior Vinny Leiva said.

This was one of the many tips that freshmen received in their Family Living class taught by FCS teacher Gina London.

London was assisted by volunteers to enlighten the class of 2015 during their period nine Family Living class on how to handle sticky situations pertaining to high school relationships.

The group of seniors that helped out during the Q & A consisted of Mallory Christman, Kelly Stumpf, Molly Flannery, Alyssa Delp, Devin Wenzel, Danny Lopez, Dan Milloy, Derek Evanovsky, and Ryan Cortazzo.

The seniors were asked a set of questions and were expected to reflect upon past relationships to guide the freshmen in how to handle the situation.

These so-called “sticky questions” consisted of questions such as, What is a good age to start dating? What if you happen to like your best friend’s boyfriend or girlfriend? Is it okay to date different people at the same time? Should you go stag or always

go with a date to a party?

“I wanted the freshmen to have the perspective of dating through high school from someone who has been through it. It was an introductory activity for the kids for a unit on romantic relationships. During the class, they looked a little scared to talk to seniors, but I think they enjoyed it,” London said.

The freshmen picked the questions most intriguing to them to ask the upper-classmen; the senior girls obviously had different views and opinions than the senior guys, which isn’t surprising.

After the Q & A was over, freshmen Piper Brown said, “Yeah, I enjoyed it. I would definitely recommend this for next year’s freshmen. It was actually insightful.”

London also had one more thing to say.

“If I had one tip for the freshmen class about dating through high school, it would be to accommodate for the decisions you make and don’t say you got pushed into it because, at the end of the day, it falls on you.”

By Andy Moran

Graduation Festivities Nearing for Seniors

School

With graduation only weeks away, the Class of 2012 is beginning to prepare for commencement activities. Graduation, Baccalaureate, Class Night, and a possible senior trip to Dorney Park are all in the works for the graduating class this year.

It is tradition at every year’s Baccalaureate celebration to have a slide show of pictures encompassing the students’ school experiences from elementary to high school in the Fleetwood Area School District. In order to keep that tradition alive, the Class of 2012, along with Ms. Nagle and Mrs. Ackerman, are asking for picture contributions to the slide show for this year’s commencement activities.

“We need pictures from elementary school up until now to capture the essence of the Class of 2012,” senior class advisor and history teacher Sue Nagle said.

The Senior Slide show helps to bring back those fond memories from elementary and middle school before walking

across the stage at graduation and saying goodbye to FAHS.

“We don’t want to leave anyone out of the slide show, so we need pictures. Everyone has had ample opportunities to get them in,” class officer Alyssa Delp said.

In addition to the slide show at Baccalaureate, at Class Night various awards and scholarships will be given out to members of the senior class. Graduation will be held indoors, as it has been in the past, and there has been discussion of a senior day at Dorney Park after graduation practice one day when finals are over.

“We are probably going to collect some amount of money for the trip to Dorney since caps and gowns didn’t cost us anything,” class officer Demi Rissmiller said.

Hang in there, seniors. Only a few more weeks to go, and don’t forget to hand in those pictures for the slide show!

By Kelly Stumpf

Roamin' Gnome Returns from Tropical Travels

Travel

Hey, guys! Last time I talked to you, I was in Walt Disney World, Florida. This time I traveled to a different destination, and this time I mixed up my means of transportation.

Sunday: I boarded the boat, a 10 deck high cruise ship which took me to my destination. The long four-day journey began around 4:00 p.m. While waiting to get to my destination, I decided to have some fun on the ship. I explored the ship high and low during the entire day.

Monday: We were in the North Atlantic Ocean, close to the eastern coast of the United States. Every once in a while, I could see land in the distance. I busied myself with activities throughout the ship. There was a swirly slide, which I slid down multiple times. They also had games going on throughout the ship, such as Family Feud and Minute to Win It.

Tuesday: We made a pit stop in Florida, where we could get off the ship and explore the state. I went to go boating with alligators. One of them came up and tried to eat me. That was a scary experience to say the least. I would rather see those dangerous creatures in the zoo.

Wednesday: I returned to the boat



IMAGE: Hisham F. Ibrahim/Getty Images

on the way to my destination. Today I did more relaxing. I lay by the pool and watch my fellow passengers swim. One kid splashed me, but it felt nice because of how warm the temperature was out here. Late that night, I could see the lights of my destination.

Thursday: Finally, I reached my destination. The air was warm, the sky was clear. Palm trees were all around. The ocean surrounded the island I explored. I saw the lost city of Atlantis and its aquarium containing various fish, from sharks to jellyfish. There were more large creatures of the water, but this time they were in a tank and were not alligators that seemed to like the sight of gnomes. Thank goodness for their absence!

By Holly Wagner

What Your Favorite Ice Cream Says About You

Feature

Many enjoy the creamy, cold taste of ice cream--unless they are lactose intolerant. People have their favorite or usuals, the flavor they always get or crave. But have you ever considered that your favorite flavor of frozen dairy also explains your personality?

If you like Vanilla...

You’re a straightforward person without much personal flair, but you do what is expected of you well. You’re also very popular because people know they can depend on you no matter what. For you, it’s about the destination. Some people might think you’re boring, but they know that they can always come to you when in need. You’re good with anything and everything, like root beer or sprinkles, and you can accomplish anything to which you set your mind.

If you like Chocolate...

You’re definitely an awesome person, but you’ve got an emotional side too. You’re enthusiastic and fun-loving, especially on Halloween. You’re very reassuring for others, but you have a bit of a temper. You seem sweet, but you also have a dark side. You want to be loved by everyone and anyone, but your group of friends will do just fine.

If you like Strawberry...

You’re fun and bubbly and like to laugh. People like to be around you, and you can quickly cheer them up if needed. You’re a good friend and many appreciate your humor. You try to make every moment count, and you hate to see a sour face. Your main goal is to have as much fun as possible and

live life to the fullest. You’re also a hit when it comes to parties.

If you like Cookies and Cream or Cookie Dough...

You’re a perfect balance of disparate ingredients that blend together well. You’re a very calm person, but you also have a complex side. You can’t separate your good side or bad side because, without one or the other, you just wouldn’t be complete. Others adore you because you add variety to their lives while spicing up your own life at the same time.

If you like Mint Chocolate Chip...

You’re a mix of stuff that shouldn’t work together and yet somehow does. Some days you spend thinking about crazy ideas while others you’re totally serious. Most of the time, you spend your day dreaming about your next adventure in a faraway place without really considering the consequences for not paying attention. You’re a bright and intelligent person but have been lacking in discipline. Nevertheless, people love to be around you and are always glad to hear your voice.

If you’re lactose intolerant or don’t like ice cream...

Don’t worry--there’s nothing wrong with you. This just means you’re special. People won’t (or shouldn’t) judge you because you don’t partake of frozen dairy. You’re just particular--which isn’t bad--and you’re loved by family and close friends.

By Nikkole Hagginbothom



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Annie Helps Abandoned Sibling

Advice

In my younger life, my sister and I would always argue about something, and now my sister moved out and I really miss her. What should I do?
Sincerely, Abandoned

Dear Abandoned,
I, too, have a sister with whom I fight all the time, and she is about to leave because she is graduating. Keeping in touch through Facebook, phones, or any type of communication device in general helps to get through the times when you really miss her.

If she is pretty far away and you do
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not have a phone or computer, mail her letters and pictures.
See when she is free and try to get together; just hang out for a few hours. Taking one day out of every week to see and talk to her would make it feel like she is still with you all of the time. It will also give you time to catch up with each other.
If she left because of college, ask your parents to take you out to visit her on the weekends. Your sister might even miss you just as much as you miss her. If this is true, she will want to see you just as much as you want to see her, and she will want to get together and see a movie or go to dinner

The opinions offered in this column should be undertaken with caution, a complete understanding of legal responsibilities, and the approval of parents

with you.
If you are not doing anything after school, you are allowing time for you to miss your sister. Get involved, either with school or hanging out with friends so you have less time to think about how much you miss your sister. There are many ways to get involved through the school, like sports and clubs. If you are old enough, get a job.
Filling in the time will help you meet new people and see that people are there to fill the space in your life your sister can no longer fill now that she isn't there.
Love, Annie

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Sugar Cookies a Random Profile: Jamie Yang

How-to



Ingredients:
3 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
2 eggs
1 cup sugar
Directions:
Sift flour, baking soda, and baking powder respectively. Cut in butter as for pie crust. Beat eggs. Add sugar, and beat well. Blend egg mixture into flour mixture.
Roll out on floured pastry cloth to 1/2 inch thickness. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Bake 8-10 minutes at 375 degrees.

By Alexis Sonon

By Madison Rice

Favorite color: Blue
Favorite music: K-Pop
Role model: SNSD Yoona

What you can't live without: Music
Hobbies: Watching dramas

People describe you as: Nice and quiet
What you're passionate about: Music
One thing you would change about yourself: Speaking up

Plans for summer: Spend time with friends in New York
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Heffner



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Glitter Is Evil, Dangerous, and Deadly

Opinion/Editorial

All classrooms have rules, and English teacher Zachary Houp's classroom is no different. The normal rules apply: no cellphones in class, raise your hand if you have a question, et cetera. But in Mr. Houp's room, there is one truly bizarre rule: NO GLITTER!
Houp defends himself by saying, "It gets all over me, it never comes off, and it makes me look magical."
But he is not the only one who shares this opinion.
"It makes art look tacky; it cheapens it," art teacher Diane Chisdak said.
"Unless you're going for tacky, avoid it" art teacher Elaine Hilbert said.
Some hate glitter for the gratui-

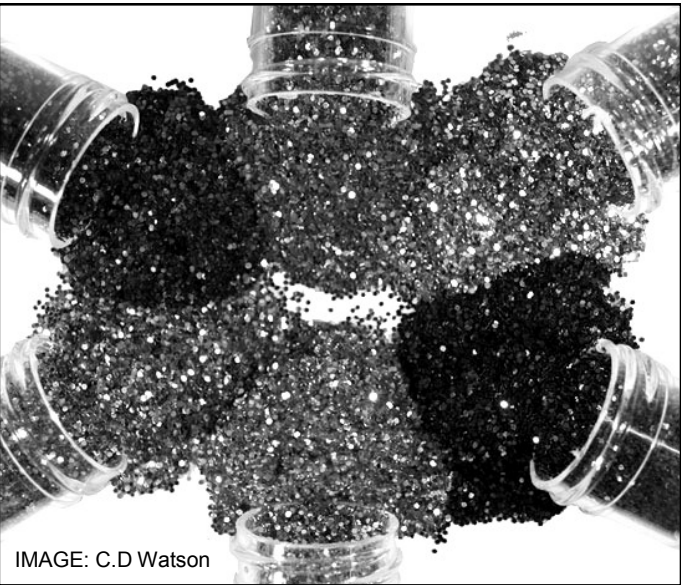


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tous amounts of glitter in today's movies.
"I've hated glitter ever since Edward Cullen made it a guy thing," a source who wishes to remain nameless said.
Another anonymous source agreed: "I used to like glitter, and then I saw Twilight. That was a major turn off."
"Every student who has Houp should be supplied with glitter," Sarah Wilkinson, one of

the school's most beloved English teachers and Houp's nemesis, mischievously said.
These sparkly flakes have an unknown history. Most history records state that glitter was invented by Henry Ruschmann either in 1934 or shortly after World War II. Some say that, during World War II, aircrafts would release glitter to throw off any enemy's tracking system, resulting in a hasty surrender.
"The devil created glitter," Houp said.
Whether it's magical pixie dust or tiny pieces of plastic, glitter will stick around much longer than most would like it to do.

By Nikkole Hagginbothom