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Malasysian Flight Meets Tragic End

Transportation

A Malaysian flight that left on Friday, 8 March, en route to Beijing went missing and has not been seen since.

It never reached its destination and was not seen on the radar much after its departure.

There has been much speculation onto what might have happened. Some say terrorism, hijacking, or mechanical malfunctions.

The plane was missing for two weeks, leaving the loved ones of the passengers in despair and disbelief.

"I think it's sad that the loved ones had to put up with not knowing what happened," junior Mitch Kinek said.

The pilot had a flight control practice station in his home. There is a certain timeframe when planes are off the radar for a little bit, according to the New York Times. Some people think that the pilot tried to hijack the plane and fly it to Iran.

Then, on 20 March, satellite photos of what appeared to be floating objects in the Indian Ocean were seen by the Malaysian government. They were two white pieces about a couple of kilometers apart from each other.

"I think that the plane had a malfunction and crashed," junior Gary Gabriel said.

The search for the plane only inten-

sified on 26 March when the Malaysian government concluded that the plane crashed in the Indian Ocean.

The government said that it crashed in the Indian Ocean west of Perth, Australia, and that it was too far away from any possible landing site.



There were no islands near where the plane pieces were found. Officials concluded that the plane would have run out of fuel at that point.

With deep sadness, the families of the victims were told that there are no possible survivors.

"It's really sad," junior Mitch Kinek said.

"It's really weird," junior Joe Kinek said.

The Malaysian government is trying to find the radio beacon inside the plane that

would tell them all the vital facts they need to know about the plane flight and what happened.

"The situation with the Malaysian flight is tragic. I watch the news to find out more things about it every day," Jennifer Houpp said.

The search was delayed for a couple of days due to bad weather in Australia.

How do we know that everybody died? The government said that the plane crashed in one of the most remote places on Earth. It would have been impossible for anybody to have survived. If they would have survived the crash, they would not have survived for very long.

A dozen aircraft from Australia, United States, Japan, South Korea, and China will scour for debris over a 2,500 k.m. (1,550 miles) area.

The United States is sending an undersea Navy drone. Australia is sending their Navy, as is China.

"I think it's cool that everybody is helping out," freshman Trevor Koenig said.

If the search teams can find the "Black Box," they can figure out what happened during the flight. A black box is the data recorder that is on the plane that would be able to tell if it was mechanical failure or any other scenario that might have happened.

By Zachary Koenig

Accept, Interact Assist Animal League

Community

On 13 March 2014, Fleetwood's members of both the Accept and Interact club went to Berks Animal Rescue League to do community service.

"While we were there, we got to see the dogs, cats, and other animals," explained sophomore Marissa Faranda, who went on the trip.

The Accept club became official about three years ago by a student who attended Fleetwood, and her name was Tanisha Rodriguez.

According to the official web page for Berks Animal Rescue League, since the year 1952, thousands of animals have been spared an uncertain fate and have been given many opportunities to live and prosper.

"We made snacks for the dogs that they sell and those triangle things they tie on their necks," Faranda said.

At any given time, the shelter could be caring for one hundred and seventy-five animals daily on their ten-acre facility.

Many of those animals need veterinary assistance, training, and rehab. Between the months of May and September, the shelter

can receive up to nine hundred cats and three hundred dogs.



"It was our first year doing this field trip, and about eighteen students went. The members were from the Accept club and the Interact club, and we went during the second half of the day," Mr. Marc Walter said.

Mr. Evan Sterner, the ISS teacher, also went on the trip because he is the advisor for the Interact club.

The animal league works for about

nine months out of the year, and they can receive up to thirty animals a day, even though all of their cages are filled, according to their website.

"We also made advertisements for them," Faranda said.

Although, the shelter only receives one and a half million dollars as its budget, they are willing to do whatever is needed for those animals.

"We're sort of like a community service club now, and we accept anybody into the club who wants to make the community a better place," Mr. Walter said.

Each year, the shelter places about four thousand animals into homes, but that leaves more than half of the animals who come to the shelter to face humane euthanasia, which is always a last resort.

Like many shelters, the Berks Animal Rescue League experiences a lack of charitable giving, staff, and volunteers.

More animals are now living in terrible conditions from a lack of caring and education on this subject.

"I enjoyed getting to see the animals the most," said Faranda.

By Renée Gerhart



David Beckham and Lebron James to Start MLS team

Sports

After retiring in May 2013, David Beckham is going to start his very own Major League Soccer (MLS) team. Beckham's team will be started in Miami, Florida. David is expected to organize his own team for the 2017 season as the twenty-second team in MLS. Everyone is ready for a Miami MLS team to start after 10 years ago, when the team of Miami folded. When Beckham signed with the LA Galaxy in 2007, there was a clause given in the contract that stated he could start his own MLS team for \$25 million.

Beckham must wait until his franchise meets all of the right requirements for the MLS. There is also a stadium being built for Beckham's team. The support that David Beckham is getting already is incredible. He is doing something that is going to bring great success into the city of Miami.

In November, more shocking news came out about this new franchise. LeBron James told reporters he is teaming up with David Beckham in this investment. James, who is currently playing basketball with the Miami Heat, said he is glad to be involved with this franchise. Beckham and James have become close friends over the last few years. LeBron

James is already a minority shareholder with the English Premier League, team Liverpool.

David Beckham still has a lot of work to get done before his team would start up. Beckham needs to confirm his stadium, get workers, sign players, higher staff members, pick a team name, etc. This project will be a long process.

"If this were to follow through, it would simply be amazing watching one of the best players to play the game of soccer start his own franchise," junior Matt Hook said.

James acquired more interest in the sport after he joined to help Liverpool. LeBron went to England to tour the team's facilities and meet players after winning his first NBA Championship. James's kids also enjoy the game.

David Beckham wants to sign Cristiano Ronaldo as his first player for the new team.

"With David Beckham, LeBron James, and Cristiano Ronaldo all in the same organization, I don't think anything could go wrong," junior Brendan Homan said.

By Austin Young

Chilean Earthquake Reaches 8.2 on Richter Scale

Environment

Many places located around the Pacific Ocean experience earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Seventy-five percent of the volcanic eruptions and 90% of earthquakes happen around this belt in the Pacific, known as the "Ring of Fire."

These earthquakes happen because the ring of fire is the area where tectonic plates rub and collide together, causing earthquakes.

The largest earthquake ever recorded was in Chile, which is located on this ring. This earthquake was a 9.5 on the Richter scale. Recently, Chile, which is one of the most earthquake-prone countries, received another large earthquake. The Iquique Province was shaken with this earthquake for 40 seconds on 1 April. This earthquake was an 8.2 on the Richter scale and caused damage to the coast of Chile.

Millions of residents were asked to evacuate the area while landslides damaged roads and houses; power and phone outages also occurred. Fires occurred in many collapsing buildings, and looters even entered abandoned stores. Besides this, hospitals were evacuated, and three hundred inmates in a wom-



en's prison located in Chile escaped. Although all this damage had been done, only six deaths have so far been reported.

As the night went on, armed forces were dispatched to help the city, and police went on search for the escaped prisoners. Although the damages is being cleaned up, aftershocks continue to threaten the area. These aftershocks reach all the way up to a 6.2 magnitude, and the shock was felt as far away as Bolivia and Peru.

Because of the earthquake and aftershocks, a tsunami warning was issued for the coast of Chile. In the past, enormous tsunamis have occurred in Chile after an earthquake causing more damage than the earthquake itself. So far, waves up to 6 feet high have been seen on shores, worrying the people of Chile. The U.S. National Tsunami Warning Center also has been working hard to determine if any tsunami damage will occur in the United States, such as Hawaii, which has a warning about ocean currents.

Besides the damage that has already been done to Chile, scientists wonder if this was just a foreshock of another earthquake to come. Scientists think that this earthquake was not big enough to release all energy stored on the plates. Large aftershocks, or even a larger earthquake, could occur in Chile, leaving many people on edge for what may come.

By Michael Osenbach

Burger King Baby Finds Birth Mother

Profile

Twenty-seven year-old Kathryn Deprell can also be now known as the Burger King Baby. Soon after she was born, Newborn Kathryn was left in a Burger King bathroom in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Although Kathryn is a successful woman with a husband and three children of her own, she was missing something in life. A part of her wanted to know the facts about her real mother.

Kathryn, living in Whitehall Township, decided to find out the facts about her missing mother. She decided to make a Facebook post on 2 March, including a picture of her saying, "Looking for my birth mother. She gave birth to me 15 September 1986. She abandoned me in the Burger King bathroom, only hours old, Allentown PA."

Kathryn got her wish. The picture she posted was shared more than 30,000 times on Facebook and caught the attention of the woman who, six months ago, also went on the search to find her long lost daughter. Kathryn's biological mom then contacted an attorney who set up an arrangement for them to meet.

Before the meeting, the attorney explained to Kathryn the reason her mother left her. It was soon told to her that her mother, only 17, had been raped and hid the pregnancy from her parents. Upon giving birth at

home, Katherine's mother decided she could not take the baby to the hospital because of questioning and her parents finding out. Instead of contacting anyone to help, the baby was left in the bathroom, only hours old, soon to be found by a worker.

Katherine was very understanding of the situation, and she proceeded to want to meet her birth mother. The two women broke the ice by hugging, and Katherine stated that she "got the hug she had

wanted for the last 27 years." The pair talked for hours, exchanged information, and answered the questions that both have been waiting to ask.

Attorney Waldron also stated that the moment he experienced between them was one of "the most emotional, joyful, dramatic, exciting things he has ever seen."

After hours together, Katherine's mother, whose name has not been revealed, admitted to regretting her decision. Katherine, however, completely forgave her mother, and they both agreed to keep in touch.

"We will now have a close relationship," said the Burger King baby who know has found what was missing, her real mother.

By Michael Osenbach

Changes Planned for Fleetwood Pool

Recreation

The Fleetwood pool has been attracting families and teenagers all over the community for many years. In addition to a pool, there is a snack shack, slide, two diving boards, and a baby pool. They even have a "Dip and Dance" throughout the summer.

This year there will be changes to the Fleetwood pool. Now is a great time to become a member at the Fleetwood pool. Before 15 May, a family pool pass for Fleetwood Borough residents of four would cost \$188.50. For non-Fleetwood borough residents, the cost is \$250 for a family of four.

There are a few different ways to purchase a Fleetwood Pool Pass. Call 1-818-248-1872, ext.200, to give your membership information over the phone. To purchase a membership after 15 May, visit www.USApool.com to apply for a pool pass online.

It is recommended you leave a message if there is a recording when calling the number above. Workers will do their best to call back as soon as possible for your membership information.

"I don't usually go to the Fleetwood Pool, but it sounds like they will have good improvements," sophomore Lacey Greiss said.

Membership cards will be given at your first visit to the Fleetwood Pool. A photo I.D. will also be taken at that time.

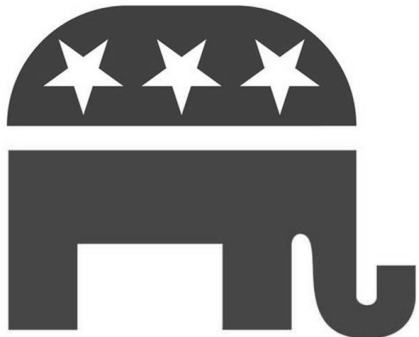
Sign-up before 15 May to save money. After you purchase the pool pass, the first two passes you order will only have a mem-

bership fee of \$7.50 and the rest of them are free. If you sign up after 15 May, the cost is \$173.50 plus \$15 total for Fleetwood Borough Residents. Registering after 15 May will be \$173.50 plus \$7.50 per person. Senior Citizen and Nanny passes are offered as well.

For anyone looking for a job, the Fleetwood Pool is hiring. They offer full-time or part-time hours, flexible schedules, great wages, and no experience necessary. To apply call 877-248-1872 or apply online at www.USAMANAGEMENT.COM. Head Guard, lifeguards, and swim instructors are needed.

By Mia Nowotarski

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Real Madrid Shows Promise Global Tensions Spread from Crimean Peninsula

Sports

Real Madrid is highly regarded as one of the best teams ever. The club has incredible history and is looking to keep it going with their talented team.

Madrid signed Cristiano Ronaldo, who is currently the best player in the world, in 2009 for a world record bid at the time of 94 million pounds. In the past year of 2013, they also signed Gareth Bale for 100 million pounds, which broke the previous record set by Ronaldo.

"I think Real Madrid could be the best team in the world. They're having a really good season, and they could be Champions League contenders," sophomore Greg Kambakis said.

The star-studded team is hopeful this season as they are leading the race to win La Liga, and their performances in the Champions League have been impressive. Cristiano Ronaldo is the leading scorer in La Liga and in the Champions League. Fellow superstar winger Gareth Bale is not having too bad of a season either.

"Real Madrid is having a really good

year. I think they'll win La Liga and possibly the Champions League too," senior Doug Karpuek said.

The team recently played title contender Atletico Madrid and drew the game 2-2, keeping them at the top of the table, 3 points above Atletico, and 1 point above Barcelona.

Superstar Cristiano Ronaldo recently came back from suspension; then he scored twice against Schalke and once against Atletico. Ronaldo is having another incredible season after winning the Ballon d'or for 2013. Strike partner Gareth Bale is also beginning his Real Madrid career in a great fashion, with 14 goals and 11

assists in all competitions. He is leading Real Madrid in assists in La Liga with 10.

"They're doing really well this year.

They have a good chance at a bunch of trophies," junior Mitch Kinek said.

All Madristas have high hopes for this season, and so do all of the players.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Military

The wars in the Middle East have been replaced by the conflict between Ukraine and Russia as the hot topic in foreign affairs. Russia recently invaded its neighbor Ukraine, a country of about 233,000 square miles and 45 million people.

Ukraine gained independence from the Soviet Union on 24 August 1991. Viktor Yanukovich was kicked out of parliament 21 February 2014. Oleksandr Turchynov is the current president.

Russia has a naval fleet in the Black Sea guarding the Crimean Peninsula. Ukraine and Russia reached a deal with each other to keep the fleet stationed there until 2042. This has all the gas and oil pipes that go to Russia. Russia supplies about 30% of the oil and natural gas in Europe.

According to the New York Times, Russia announced new military operations in several regions near the Ukraine boarder.

Russia has a total of 774,500 soldiers compared to the Ukraine's 139,000. Russia has 2,850 tanks, and Ukraine has 735. Russia has 219 ships to Ukraine's 25. Russia's military expenses are around \$78 billion, dwarfing Ukraine's meager \$1.6 billion.

The Russian Prime Minister had these harsh words for Obama on the sanctions:

"I think the decree of the president of the United States was written by some joker."

"We need to show solidarity with Ukraine, and therefore Russia leaves us no choice," the Polish Prime Minister said.

Crimea had a vote and they are a part of Russia now.

The crisis in Ukraine calls for a far more significant response from the United States.

Today's Executive Order could be an important part of that response, but sanctioning only seven Russian officials is wholly inadequate at this stage," Senator John McCain said.

"The U.S. and our European partners must quickly ramp up pressure on Vladimir Putin and his

accomplices to show that their aggression in Crimea and beyond will hurt personally," Ed Royce said. "Putin has engineered this confrontation. We should show him and his accomplices that they will pay a heavy price if they don't respect Ukraine's sovereignty."

There are about 3,200 Ukrainian descendants living in Berks County, history teacher Paul Kochanasz among them. There are about 3,600 Russian descendants living in Berks County.

By Nathan Mayer

Mackey's Cinderella Run Is a Marvel Redeemed

Sports

Kevin Mackey's 1986 Cleveland State Vikings basketball team was the first team in the NCAA Tournament to make a Cinderella run.

Cleveland State would end their regular season with a record of 24-3 overall and 13-1 in the league. This gave them the chance to play in the AMCU-8 tournament. They would go on to win four straight games, including the championship match, giving them an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Cleveland State was a 14th ranked seed in the tournament. They would go on to face Indiana, which was ranked at a 3 seed. Not backing down, Cleveland State went on to upset Indiana, starting the first ever "Cinderella Run." This was the first ever 14th-seed to win a game in the NCAA Tournament.

This win set up a second round matchup between Cleveland State and St. Joseph's. The Vikings would once again upset another team,

continuing their historical run. Cleveland State had a chance to play in the Sweet 16.

However, the Vikings historical season would come to an end with a one-point loss to Navy.

This Cleveland State team had its very own style of play called the "Run and Stun." They would use full-court pressure the entire forty minutes of every game. This is something spectators rarely ever see in basketball. Maybe it was just one of the reasons why this team had the success they did.

But Kevin Mackey had a substance abuse problem, which landed him in prison. After this, no one in basketball touched him for thirteen years.

...Until 2003.

It was Larry Bird who personally called Kevin Mackey. Larry Bird wanted to hire Mackey as a scout for the Indiana Pacers. Mackey took the job and was back in basketball. Kevin Mackey would later go back into coaching.

"It is an unbelievable thing how people can change," added Sophomore Sam Lerch.

By Austin Young

Theatre Tops List of Worst-Paying Jobs

Advice

Many seniors in Fleetwood Area School District have already chosen a career pathway and started applying to colleges, but some have no idea what we want after this year is over. Some things to consider while choosing a dream job is how much it will pay and how much advancement is possible.

According to research from Georgetown University, these are the 10 top jobs to consider not leaning towards because they are the worst paying jobs in 2013. Although money is supposed to be second to following your heart, it is nice to have enough money to support yourself in the future.

The number ten worst-paying job is music. The unemployment rate is 9.2% and is at a starting salary of \$30,000 a year. Most will not end up like Miley Cyrus or Justin Bieber and roll in cash by starting in the music business.

Number nine is film, video, and photographic arts with an unemployment rate of 12.9% and a salary of \$30,000. You will most likely have a better chance if you get into popular firms or studios than being in your own practice.

Number eight is liberal arts. The starting rate in liberal arts is 9.2%, and the starting salary is \$30,000 a year.

Number seven is psychology with an unemployment rate of 7.6 percent and a starting rate of \$30,000 a year. Most practices that are

your own will not be as successful as large-paying businesses.

Number six is philosophy and religious studies, starting again at \$30,000 and with an unemployment rate of 10.8%.

Number five is social worker with a salary at \$30,000 a year and an unemployment rate of 6.6%.

Number four is fine arts with an unemployment rate of 12.6% and a salary of \$30,000. This has a very high unemployment rate, but skill level and location could change your success rate.

Number three is physical fitness at a salary of \$30,000 a year and an unemployment rate of 8.3%. Again, which field a person enters could indicate a big difference in salary, such as a gym teacher versus a physical trainer or body builder.

Number two is anthropology and archaeology at a salary of \$28,000 and an unemployment rate of 10.5%.

Number one is drama and theater at a salary of \$26,000 a year and 7.8%. It is important to realize that, just because you do not get paid a decent amount or you might not be saving lives, if you love your job and you support yourself, do what you love. Not enough people can say they love their jobs.

By Kelsey Steiner

Sixers Tie NBA Longest Losing Streak Record

Sports

The Philadelphia 76ers' losing streak tied the NBA record with 26 straight losses. They had not won since 29 January against Boston, 95-94. In spite of this, the team does not yet have the worst record in the league. The Milwaukee Bucks hold that distinction. Their head coach is Brett Brown.

Thad Young has an average of 18 points and 6 rebounds per game. Rookie Michael Carter-Williams averages 16.7 points per game and 6 rebounds per game. Tony Wroten averages about 13 points per game.

The Sixers only lost their last 7 games by 10 or fewer. Their average margin of defeat during this streak was 17 points.

From 2010-2011, the Cleveland Cavaliers lost 26 straight games. They finished the season 19-63. They won the lottery draft pick

that year.

The lottery draft is not about the team who has the worst record; it is all about luck. Unlike the NFL's system, in which the worst team gets the first pick, the team getting the first pick in the NBA is selected randomly.

In the time since the Sixers last won, the app Flappy Bird became popular and died.

"The talent was not as thinned-out as it is today. Therefore, you have much tougher teams to go up against every night... There's a difference in terms of what transpired when I was playing as opposed to what's going on now," Fred Carter, who played

for the Sixers' team that went 9-73, said.

"When I was playing, [losing] was not intentionally done. For some reason management thought that they had put together a good team that could win games. Unfortunately that was not the case. In the case of the [current]

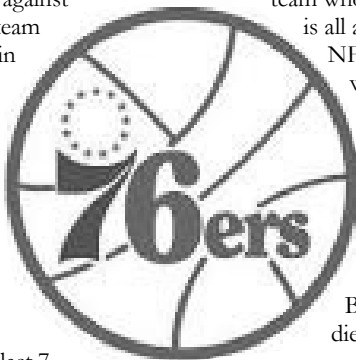
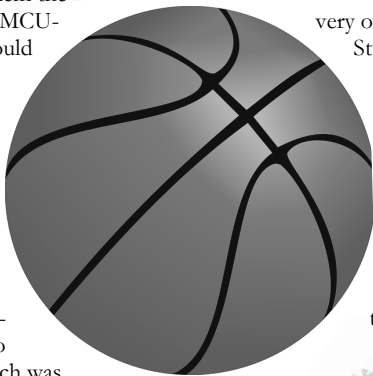
Sixers, this is all by design from Day One," Carter said.

"I don't think they will get [the first pick], but I want them to get it. I would like to see them draft a true point guard," English teacher Andy Good said.

"We're not really worried about the streak. We want

to go out there and win a ballgame, but we have to keep getting better and hopefully a win will come," point guard Michael Carter-Williams said.

By Nathan Mayer



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Jackson No Longer Flies with Eagles

Sports

Philadelphia Eagles recently released superstar wide receiver Desean Jackson. The wideout is one of the most fearsome receivers in the league, with deafening speed and great hands. There has been much controversy lately about Jackson's future.

Jackson was the deep threat in Chip Kelly's up-tempo offense and made defenders fearful of big plays. The Eagles played the entire last season without one of their best receivers, Jeremy Maclin, who tore his ACL prior to the 2013 season.

"It's a big loss for the Eagles, but if he was involved in gang-related activities, then there's nothing else they could do," senior Doug Karpuek said.

Philadelphia fans will be hoping that Maclin can help fill the gap where "D-Jack" once was. There are many specifications to what Jackson was doing off the field also.

There were allegations that Jackson continued to associate with reputed Los Angeles street gang members who were apparently associated with a few homicides. Philly may not be releasing the Pro Bowl receiver for no reason at all.

"Desean is a really good player. That'll be a big loss for the Eagles," sophomore Tyler Emge said.

The last thing a team wants is a player who could be tied to illegal activity. Desean Jackson was shown throwing up gang signs on social

media and in a game against the Washington Redskins last season.

Jackson put up career numbers last year with eighty-two catches and 1,332 yards. The Eagles had a strong season last year, winning the NFC East but losing the first round in the playoffs to the New Orleans Saints.

It wasn't all bad this offseason in Philadelphia. They also picked up dynamic running back Darren Sproles to partner with arguably the best running back in the league, LeSean McCoy. The team also recently picked up former Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez to give Matt Barkley some competition at backup.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Fleetwood Graduate Breaks National Story

Politics

Ali Watkins, a Temple University intern, broke a national story that has made people from the U.S. Senate question the CIA. Watkins is a graduate from Fleetwood Area High School.

"Until proven, they shouldn't make any claims, but, if they were spying, something should happen," sophomore Sophia Hadeed said.

Watkins and two other reporters released information on 4 March that the CIA was reportedly spying on the American people. According to the report, the CIA was monitoring computers that the Senate aides used.

"The CIA shouldn't be looking at anything they don't have permission to; it isn't constitutional," sophomore Brooke Schaeffer said.

Monitoring computers in this fashion violates agreements between Congress and the CIA. From what is being said by the Senate Intelligence Committee, the CIA improperly searched a stand-alone computer network that is only for Congress.

"They shouldn't be looking at information that isn't their own or that they have permission to," sophomore Sampson Lerch said.

In her article, Watkins quoted Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., saying that she had "grave concerns that the CIA's search may well have violated the separation of powers principles embodied in the U.S. Constitution."

"I don't think they should be spying on anyone," junior Lizzay Faust said.

The committee is saying that the CIA improperly accessed Senate Computers. Despite that, Brennan, director of the CIA, says the CIA would not do that. Brennan has denied any kind of computer hacking taking place.

"It's unconstitutional," T.V. Media teacher Sean Gaston said.

By Mia Nowotarski

German Club Places Second in Competition

School

On 27 March 2014, eleven teams from six different school districts competed in Kutztown's World Language Meet. Fleetwood's German language students came in second place.

"The competition was from eight in the morning until three in the afternoon. There were thirteen people, so we ended up taking two vans," German teacher Mrs. Christine Moll said.

According to an article in the Morning Call, there were about 220 students from six different high schools: Phoenixville, Kutztown, Nazareth, Fleetwood, Parkland, and Roberto Clemente.

"We competed in three events, and students could compete in German, French, or Spanish competitions. From our school, only the German students went," Moll said.

Roberto Clemente's team won the competition with 282 points, and Fleetwood's High School German club had 280 points, according to Morning Call.

"One of the events that we were in was called 'taboorades,' which was half Taboo, where the students had to get their partners to guess a word without using the Taboo words, and it was half charades, where they had to act the words out and say nothing in English. We got second place in that one," Moll said.

The competition

took place at Kutztown University, where about seventy-five students and faculty members volunteered to help with the daylong event. The contest was designed to test the student's language

skills with their specified foreign language, according to the Morning Call.

"The other two events we were in were called GoAnimate, where students had to add dialogue into the scenarios they picked off of a computer, and Cultural Presentations, where students made a presentation ahead of time and presented them there. We got also got second in those events," Moll said.

Students also could take a college tour with all of their directions written in their foreign language. Students were able to take a language placement test, and if they scored high enough, they could potentially get college credits.

"It was fun and exciting. I volunteered to be part of the skit, and I was a busdriver. Our class was the only one with a skit, and everyone else used a presentation," senior Kyle Ahner said.

This is the second year the competition has taken place, with last year's event acting as a test run to see how it would work, according to the Morning Call.

"My famous line was 'ach mein bein', which means 'ouch my leg'. I enjoyed the food and my event, which was the cultural presentation challenge," junior Becky Zerbe said.

By Renee Gerhart



Mudslide Strikes Oso, WA

Environment

On 22 March, a mudslide ravaged the town of Oso, Washington. The town is about 55 miles northeast of Seattle.

So far, 33 people are confirmed dead, and there are still 10 people missing. The mudslide covered a square mile, reaching 15 feet deep in some places. Some search and rescue crews measured debris 75 feet deep. Most places were unstable and quicksand-like.

Mudslides are caused by a lack of vegetation to soak up excess water. The combination of dirt and water flows

to homes. Mudslides are activated by storms, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, fires, freezing and thawing, as well as the steepening of slopes by erosion.



Officials are building a rock and gravel barrier, called a berm, to prevent water from going into the search site.

"I was expecting someone to say, 'I lost my brother or I lost

my house and I'm angry' -- and that would have been OK. But today what we heard was, 'I was in trouble and a stranger stopped and helped me. People say in times of disaster, it brings out the best and the worst in people. But I'm just seeing the best. I'm seeing patience and sacrifice. Character is being developed. I don't know what the future holds, but I do hope for some unexpected blessings,' a pastor of the local church said.

"We are hoping for a miracle," Washington Governor Jay Inslee told CNN. "We are going to do everything we can to look for that miracle and care for these (affected) families."

This hillside along the north side of the Stillaguamish River has a history of landslides, with this natural disaster striking in 1937, 1942, 1949, 1951, 1967 and 1988.

By Nathan Mayer



RELAY FOR LIFE

American Cancer Society

Help the Fleetwood Tigers Relay for Life team help in the fight to end cancer!

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Consumers Put Off by Ugg Factories

Fashion

Did you ever wonder how your Uggs are made?

Ugg boots, a popular brand for women and men, were originally made in Australia and New Zealand and are naturally made from sheep skins and wool.

Even though Ugg boots are very comfortable, the sheep that the materials come from are often treated questionably and cruelly.

"I don't endorse brutally killing animals, but I am also a carnivore who likes his leather clogs. I am, however, opposed to outright brutality in the process," English teacher Zachary Steven Houpp said.

Once individuals figure out what Uggs are actually made of, some people's reactions are surprising. Instead of just shaving the wool off the sheep to get the fluffy fur, they kill the sheep, then take off the skin with the fur still attached, and then they create boots and different types of shoes.

"I love wearing Uggs. They are so comfortable, but I don't agree with brutally killing the animals just to get the

boots," 10th grader Katie Lochman said.

After removing the sheep from the skin, manufacturers could take the meat to be processed for food. In 2013, Ugg Australia sold nearly \$712 million dollars of the shoes made of sheepskin.

"I love Uggs, but I don't agree with killing the animals," 11th grader Katelyn Langford said.

Ugg boots were created in 1978 in Australia. The Ugg boots were originally made for pilots in World War 1. In the 1970s, surf shops in California would sell limited amounts of Ugg boots.

"Animals shouldn't be killed for boots, but Ugg boots are very comfortable and my favorite thing to wear," sophomore Sophia Hadeed said.

The word "Ugg" originated from the word "ugly." Some of the styles of boots are made from a kangaroo's fur and leather.

"I have a few pairs of Uggs, but I never knew how they were actually made, but I still enjoy wearing UGG boots," 10th grader Brooke Schaeffer said.

By Emily Moyer

