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### In Memoriam: Sarah Earnest

Obituary



a very special friend over Christmas Break, Sarah Earnest. The Life Skills class is creating a memory quilt in her honor. Each student will fill out a patch on the quilt with whatever they want and help sew the patches together. They will be holding a memorial quilt hanging ceremony, and anyone is welcome to go.

"Sarah was fun, and I miss her," sophomore Ben Schucker said.

Sarah was born on 8 May 1996. She was eighteen-years-old when she

Fleetwood Area High School lost passed away on Christmas Eve.

Sarah had three siblings, two of whom attend school in the district.

"She came to all of the events and never missed anything," freshman Alexa Scatamacchia said.

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"Sarah was my best friend. She was always there, and I miss hearing her," Schucker said.

Sarah will be sorely missed.

By Tori Bertsch

## Magic Kingdom Mired in Measles

Health/Medicine

California health officials have linked a measles outbreak to Disneyland visitors. Twelve people with confirmed cases of measles were at Disneyland between December 15 and December 20.

People near a measles patient could be at risk if they have not had the illness or two doses of the vaccine. Getting two doses of vaccine is more than 99% effective, according to the California Department of Health.

"I wonder how the outbreak even happened. Measles hasn't been a problem for a while. Someone must have gotten it from a foreigner visiting California," sophomore Maya Stern said.

Other countries, including the Philippines, Pakistan, and Vietnam have had much larger measles outbreaks in recent years, so it is a very high possibility that it could have come from one of these countries. Some third world countries do not have the education or the equipment to get rid of diseases like the measles.

Pamela Hymel, medical officer at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, is working

with the health department to provide any information and assistance they can to figure out where

this all started. In the current California outbreak, patients range in age from eight months to twenty-one-yearsold, according to state health officials.

Six of the nine confirmed measles cases involve people who were unvaccinated, including two babies too young to have received their first shots. One person with measles was fully vaccinated.

"What was an eight-month old baby doing in Disneyland in the first place? They can't even do anything," Junior Jasmin Martinez said.

Two of the confirmed cases linked to Disneyland were Utah residents, meaning

that now the disease has been spread to Utah. Measles have spread in several states, and some doctors are recommending that people get the measles vaccine series again if they are in affected areas.

"This could cause further

problems because Utah is near Las Vegas, and that is a very popular place. If it breaks out in Las Vegas, it's almost guaranteed to get around the United States in a couple weeks," Stern said.

"If it is recommended to go get the measles vaccine series again, and those who have gotten the shots already still got measles, will it even work?" sophomore Logan Carbaugh said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

### Sean Gaston Is Teacher of the Month for January

School

Ryan Gantz Zachary Koenig Kaitlyn Lochman Laura Seidel Francis Talarico Austin Young

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The month of January was a big month for media teacher Sean D. Gaston. He was chosen to be teacher of the month by his fellow employees.

Gaston never planned on being a teacher. Movies are another passion of his. His motivation to teach his passion is contagious. He likes to wake up every morning and come to school to teach younger students about the film industry and other communications topics. He likes to help other students discover what their passion is and help that come true.

"My favorite part about being a teacher is actually teaching: being in the classroom, in front of students, discussing whatever the topic might be for that particular day or moment," Gaston said.

He teaches Introduction to TV Media, TV Media, Film History, Conspiracy Theories, Charlie Chaplin: His life and Films, Introduction to the Holocaust Through Film and

Literature, The Holocaust in American Popular lish teacher Zachary Houp said. Culture, Introduction to Communications, and Documentary Filmmaking.

Gaston's main goal at the end of the school day is to prepare for the next without distractions. There is so much about one topic, try when he was only s sophomore in high the lesson could probably go on for days, so he tries to stay on track and teach a lesson in which he is truly interested.

Although his fellow employees think he deserves to be teacher of the month, Gaston himself does not think he deserves it. He thinks that, even though he loves what he does, he is still 'new' at this. Gaston thinks teachers who worked longer than he should be the ones who deserve it, but it feels good to be recognized by his fellow colleagues.

"It takes a very rare sort of teacher to turn a classroom project into a major motion picture, and you have to give Mr. Gaston a lot of credit for taking that kind of initiative," Eng-

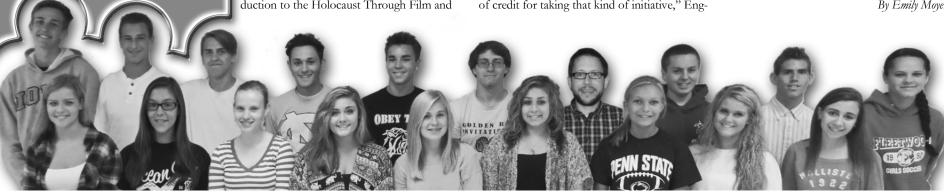
Gaston started working at Fleetwood in 2007, so he's been here for about eight years. "I'm terrible at math," Gaston said.

He started working in the film indusschool. He worked on the exhibition side of the business for 15 years. The last 7 to 15 years, he worked in independent film production.

For being teacher of the month, teachers receive the glass globe called "Globey" and a certificate. They do not get to keep the Globey, though, as it has to be returned for other teachers.

"I think the teacher of the month is definitely a positive thing for the faculty. It's nice to get to know some of the things that teachers in the building are doing. It's also great to feel appreciated for what you do to make Fleetwood what it is," Gaston said.

By Emily Moyer



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# Flu Season Strikes in Unexpected Ways



What is the flu exactly? It is a viral infection that attacks your respiratory system, including the nose, throat and lungs.

In the United States, the flu season is considered to be from October through May. People this year are getting the flu shot and are not very happy with the results. The flu vaccines this year are only 23% effective according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC has been studying flu vaccines for ten years now, and they said that the seasonal vaccine effectiveness varies from 10% to 60%. They think the reason for like needles," freshman Shelby Ralston said. the vaccine effectiveness being so low this year is the genetic changes in the season's dominant flu strain A (H3N2).

Even with the flu vaccine effectiveness so low, it still can help a little bit and could prevent complications and hospitalizations. The CDC recommends anyone 6 months and older to get the shot or the mist, which is a painless spray up your nose.

best advice doctors can give is to make sure you wash your hands frequently, cover your coughs, and stay home when you are

did not get one this year because I get one every

other year," sophomore Jenna Spohn said.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health can keep you updated on everything flu-related, including helpful tips. They update their website every Tuesday. This is run from 28 September 2014 to 23 May 2015.

In Berks County so far, there have been twenty-six flu cases reported and a total of 1,180 in Pennsylvania.

If you are a chocolate fan, you are in luck! Chocolate apparently can help with preventing and curing the flu.

"I get the flu mist because I don't

"The flu shot is dumb because I just wind up getting the flu anyway, so my mom does not make me get it anymore," Zack Hadeed said.

If you take precautions and are smart about it, you should be okay this flu season. Try and stay away from anyone who has it until they are sure they are fully cured.

### Solo's Charges Dropped After Two Counts of Assault

International Women's goalkeeper Hope Solo was recently charged with two counts of fourth-degree assault. The incident occurred on 21 June 2014, when she apparently attacked her nephew and also her halfsister at a party.

Todd Maybrown, who is Solo's attorney, asked for dismissal saying that the victims have not allowed depositions that were granted the defense.

"I don't know if it was true, but if she did, that's really stupid," junior Mohammed Jalloh.

This kind of thing unfortunately occurs frequently in professional sports, including the ongoing case in the NFL right now with Ray Rice and his wife.

Solo ended up pleading guilty, who explained that she was simply defending herself from her 6', 9", 280 pound seventeen -year-old nephew, who was attacking her. The fight occurred because Solo argued with her nephew about his acting aspirations. She apparently called him "fat and crazy."

"That's so dumb of her. She had everything going for her and she does that," junior Nick Daniels said.

According to the court documents, a broom was broken over Solo's head during the fist fight. Jeremy Stevens, who is Solo's husband, refused to speak to reporters after the case. Solo attacked first, according to some close relatives.

"This has been a terrible ordeal for Miss Stevens (Solo) but we're grateful the

court has dismissed the charges. If the case had been reviewed carefully at the outset, no charges would have been filed," Maybrown told KING 5.

Solo's half-sister became involved when she was trying to break the fight up and was punched in the face by Solo.

"Today's decision brings closure to what has been one of the most difficult and emotionally draining times of my life. I always had faith that once the facts of the case were presented, I would be cleared of all charges, and I am so happy and relieved to finally have it all behind me. I would like to thank my legal team, the U.S. Soccer Federation, my coaches and teammates on the U.S. National Team, and the Seattle Reign organization, all of whom, under great pressure to do otherwise, chose to stand by and believe in me. I am so grateful for the support of my husband Jeremy, my mother, grandmother, and members of my extended family who surrounded me with love and reassurance each and every day. I would also like to thank my incredible fans who consistently sent positive, heartfelt messages of encouragement and kept my spirits lifted throughout this entire ordeal. I look forward to joining my team with a clear mind to train, compete, and help bring a World Cup title to the U.S. in 2015," Hope Solo said on Facebook.

The charges were dropped on 13 January 2015.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Issac Cook),

Dynamic Planet (Senior Matt Leibman and

#### By Alyssa Brandt Make Your Sweetie Academics Pavlova for Valentine's

Day How-To

This recipe is a great treat for Valentine's Day. It is called Pavlova. Pavolva is a crisp white meringue layer filled with whipped cream and fresh fruit. To keep your meringue from being flat and grainy, try beating egg whites until stiff, but not until it's dry. Also, when beating in sugar, beat in about 1 tablespoon at a time. Beat until the meringue is thick, white, and glossy.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/4 cups of sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 6 kiwis, peeled and sliced

#### **DIRECTIONS**

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Draw a nineinch circle on the parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl, beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually add in the sugar, about one tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat until thick and glossy. Gently fold in vanilla extract, lemon juice, and cornstarch.

3. Spoon mixture inside the circle drawn on the parchment paper. Work from the center, spread mixture toward the outside edge, building edge slightly. This should leave a slight depression in the center.

4. Bake for one hour. Cool on a wire rack.

5. In a small bowl, beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form, set aside. Remove the paper, and place meringue on a flat serving plate. Fill the center of the meringue with whipped cream, and top with kiwifruit slices.

### Eight Years Straight, FAHS Science Olympiad Team Continues County Streak



Exploring the World of Science

On 9 January 2015, Fleetwood Area High School's Science Olympiad team won the Berks County Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament. This was the team's eighth consecutive county title. Fleetwood finished first out of thirteen teams.

Twenty-three students from Fleetwood competed in a variety of events, covering many scientific areas, including physics, biology, astronomy, ecology, and many

Certain events required a team of two to complete a test on a specific topic, while others involved constructing and testing a structure or vehicle to accomplish certain tasks. "B teams" were also set up for students to compete for experience despite not being able to compete for points.

Fleetwood placed first in six of the twenty-three events: Entomology (Sophomore Adam Cook and Senior Joe Cammarano), Anatomy and Physiology (Seniors Rachel Keirstead and Kali Galeas-By Alyssa Brandt si), It's About Time (Seniors Matt Oross and Sophomore Carly Mitchell), Disease Detective (Seniors Rachel Keirstead and Kali Galeassi), and Green Generation (Sophomores

Carly Mitchell and Ben Schittler).

The team placed second in four events, and third in five events, placing in fifteen events overall. Despite the initial success, everyone on the team knows there is still work to be done if they want to reach their goals.

"As always, we want to win Regionals and finish in the top ten in States. Going towards Regionals, kids need to learn from their mistakes and improve from there," science teacher and head coach Todd Dreisbach said.

Up next for the high school team is the Regional Competition held on 10 March at Kutztown University. The top qualifiers at Regionals advance to the State Competition, which is held at Juniata College in April. If Fleetwood qualifies, it will be their seventeenth straight time advancing to the State Competition.

By Ben Schittler

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#### FBLA Members Compete at Regional Leadership Conference

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By Kaitlyn Lochman

### Random Profile: Kiki Labaze Joins FAHS

Profile

Kiki Labaze moved from John Hus Moravian Church School and is a junior here at Fleetwood Area High school. After Kiki graduates, she plans to go to college somewhere in New York, but she is unsure about what she wants to study.

Labaze has five siblings and was born on 2 March. In her free time, she likes to write music and sing. Kiki's favorite sports are basketball and volleyball, and her favorite places to shop are Wet Seal and Marshalls. She loves the colors yellow and orange.

Kiki's favorite food is pizza, and her favorite subject is anatomy.

"Kiki is really cool. She is really sassy and fierce. She's a straight forward and favorite animals are dogs and turtles. 'get to the point' person. We hangout sometimes, and, when we do, it's fun," junior Riley Smith said.

Kiki loves going to amusement

parks. Her favorite one to visit is Dorney Park and her favorite ride is Steel Force. This is her favorite ride because she likes the huge drop at the beginning of the ride and how fast it goes.

Her favorite season is winter because it's very pretty and she loves the positive energy; however, she isn't a big fan of the cold weather.

"I say 'hi' to her in the in the hallways sometimes. She is pretty cool," junior Julia Pickar said.

Kiki doesn't really have time to watch TV, but she really likes to watch the show, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

She doesn't own any pets, but her

"Kiki is really funny. She is pretty cool and nice," junior Jake Feick said. Kiki can't wait to be a senior.

By Kaitlyn Lochman

### Ronaldo and Messi on Pace to Break Champions League Record

Every soccer fan compares Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi. They are the two best soccer players in the world right now. They both have been performing their best over the last couple of years, doing things the game has never seen be-

Both of these players deserve to be discussed. However, the discussion coming into this season is, Who is going to be first to break the Champions League scoring record of 71 goals?

The former Real Madrid star captain Raul has the record of 71 Champions League goals. Everyone knew this year in the competition that one of these two players was going to break the record. It could very well be both of them. Ronaldo stands at 70 after netting one in the first leg of the Liverpool match.

Ronaldo then had another glorious chance in the second leg against Liverpool but failed to convert. He left it to Lionel Messi to beat him to tying the record. Lionel Messi and Barcelona would take on Ajax. Messi netted both the goals for Bar-

celona in the 2-0 victory over Ajax. With both of these goals, Messi ties the Champions League scoring record at 71 goals.

"It is crazy to see what both of these players are doing with the game. They're both two greats," senior Wyatt Pennsinger said.

It took Messi ninety Champions League games to net 71 goals. Ronaldo has netted 70 in 106 games for Real Madrid. But, it took Raul 142 games to set the record of 71 goals.

As the Champions League is only in Group Stage right now, Ronaldo and Messi are both on pace to easily break the record. It will be great to see which player sets the new record after the Champions League.

"It [stinks] seeing them always being compared. Everyone knows they are both the best two players in the game, so just sit back and enjoy what they bring to the game," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

By Austin Young

### German Club Bakes a Cake and Takes a Trip

Frau Moll's German club, consisting of twenty-four members, were brought together to make Black Forest Cherry cakes for something different and fun to do. The Black Forest Cherry cake is a very popular German dessert.

"We worked as a team, and the reward was the cake!" junior Mileishlia Fernandez-Morales said.

"The toppings were fantastic!" junior Abagail Lasher said.

"Both cakes were very, very creative and delicious!" freshman Amelia Spani-

The German club meets after school at least once a month.

Another interesting thing going on in German club is that all of the members are going to take a trip to a Pennsylvania Dutch restaurant called Deitsch Eck. The name Deitsch Eck means "German Cor-

At the restaurant, the students will be having pig stomach, chicken pot pie, potato filling with gravy, buttered corn, lettuce with hot bacon dressing, pepper cabbage, and chow chow. The date of this trip is going to be Friday, 13 March 2015. The members of the German club are all looking forward to it.

By Brooke Schaeffer

# Ronaldo Wins Ballon d'Or

Sports

The FIFA Ballon d'Or is the award for the best soccer player of the year. Cristiano Ronaldo won it back in 2008; then Lionel Messi would go on to win it four consecutive years. Ronaldo won it again last year, bringing his total to two trophies.

The contenders for this year's player of the year were Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, and Manuel Neuer. All three had great seasons, but one would have to be more appealing for voters than the others.

Messi told reporters that it would be hard for him to win it knowing Ronaldo and Neuer had great success. Maybe it was a getaway for Messi to escape all the rumored transfer talks.

Cristiano Ronaldo was the 2014 FIFA Ballon d'Or winner. The Portuguese star scored 56 goals in 51 appearances for Real Madrid in all competitions in 2014. He also netted 61 goals in 60 appearances in the calendar year. Ronaldo helped his team hold up the 10th Champions League title for Real Madrid. He set a record for 17 goals in the Champions League.

Ronaldo also helped his team win the Copa del Rey and the UEFA Super Cup. The Portuguese winger broke a record for the most La Liga hat tricks with a total of 23, and, in the same match, he netted his 200th La Liga goal. Cristiano is enjoying a great start to this season as well with scoring 26 times in 17 appearances in La Liga. This is Ronaldo's third trophy now, just one behind Messi.

"To be fair, Cristiano Ronaldo had one of the best seasons yet," senior Wyatt

The German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer only allowed in 40 goals in 62 matches. It is pretty rare for a keeper to be in the running for player of the year. Neuer was also a part of the Germany World Cup Champion team.

Cristiano Ronaldo won by a defining margin. Ronaldo earned 37% of the votes, while Messi and Neuer each only received 15% of the votes.

By Austin Young





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#### Cleveland Cavaliers' King Returns Home | Oklahoma Execution Declared Inhumane



The biggest news from the NBA heading into this season was that "The King," LeBron James, decided to leave South Beach to head back to his home in Cleveland with the Cavaliers. James went straight into the NBA Draft after graduating his high school, St. Vincent-St. Mary's

He was drafted to the Cleveland Cavaliers, where he played for seven years until he took his talents to the Miami Heat in 2010. He played there for four years, where he won two championships and made a trip to the finals during all four years. During the summer, LeBron decided he would head back to his hometown team in Ohio.

"I think the Cavs have great poten-

tial, they haven't started out the best. That's bound to happen with new teammates," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

The Cavaliers haven't done as well since James left in 2010, with young superstar Kyrie Irving attempting to lead the

Lately, the Cavs have made many changes, mainly by bringing LeBron back, but also by bringing in Kevin Love from the Minnesota Timberwolves. They have created their own "Big Three" made up of Irving, James, and Love.

This is similar to what King James experienced in Miami with Wade and Bosh. The organization is looking to replicate the success the Miami "Big Three" had.

Unfortunately, so far for Cleveland fans, they haven't gotten off to the best start, with an average record thus far. It seems the owners of the team are looking to make more improvements by entering a three-way trade with the Oklahoma City Thunder and the New York Knicks.

Oklahoma City would pick up shooting guard Dion Waiters from Cleveland, which would receive J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert from New York.

By Tyler Rapposelli

On 15 January 2014, Charles Warner was executed for the murder of his ex-girlfriend's 11-month-old daughter. Warner was convicted of this crime back in 2003, but the crime was committed in 1997. Charles was executed in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma. The execution began at 7:10 p.m., and he was pronounced dead at 7:28.

Warner was scheduled to be executed using a three-drug combination of Midazolam, Vecuronium Bromide, and Potassium Chloride.

Midazolam is a benzodiazepine that is still not FDA-approved. Midazolam is supposed to render the prisoner unconscious. Vecuronium Bromide is a paralytic, which is meant to paralyze all muscle movement and stop respiration. Potassium Chloride's role is to activate nerves and induce cardiac arrest.

"It seems really weird that they would use something that isn't FDA approved in a government facility. That's like really [inappropriate] on Oklahoma's part," sophomore Logan Carbaugh said.

This has been brought to the attention of the justice system because the Midazolam has been involved in multiple other executions, and some have been very inhu-

One in particular was the very

gruesome execution of Clayton Lockett, which was done in April 2014. Lockett was the second to last execution preformed in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Another was the prolonged death of Joseph Wood which took place in July 2014.

"Why do these things happen so far away from the time the crime is committed? It really makes no sense because this happened over ten years ago," junior Connor Underkofler said.

Warner was originally scheduled for execution on the same night as Lockett, April 29, 2014, but the execution was called off after the state took 43 minutes to execute Lockett, a controversial event that was witnessed by many media and state officials.

According to the Berkeley Law Death Penalty Clinic, "The big issue in front of the Supreme Court is whether Midazolam can reliably produce the level of unconsciousness needed to complete an execution." It is not mentioned whether this issue will be pushed further on whether or not to ban Midazolam.

"I think that this issue needs to be pressed because I don't think it's fair. People shouldn't be executed with a drug that isn't even approved. That's inhumane," Underkofler said.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

#### Students Find Value in Holocaust Class

Students in the Fleetwood Area High School have the opportunity to take a class called "Holocaust through Film and Literature."



They read and watch movies on Holocaust-related topics and then discuss them afterwards.

The class used to be taught by Mrs. Jennifer Goss and Mr. Sean D. Gaston, but now the reigns have been handed over to Mrs. Dina Heffner and Gaston.

"I took the class Sophomore year, and I really enjoyed it," senior Delaney Karpeuk said. The students discuss topics on the

Holocaust and watch movies including Schindler's List, Defiance, and other Holocaustrelated movies.

The students also read books and diaries of Holocaust survivors to give them an indepth description on what the Holocaust was really like.

The students then get tested on the things they learn in the class

"The tests are pretty hard," junior Lizzie Geesey said.

The Holocaust class is a great class to learn more about history and how to prevent similar tragedies. Many students take a lot away from the class and say it is very valuable.

This is why the students were able to go to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and learn more about it.

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# Random Cheese



an FBI agent," senior Rocco Russo said.

"I want to be a cook," sophomore Cameron Hathaway







"I want to be a

vet," sophomore

Zack Hadeed



What Do You Want to Be



senior Noah Long said.

"I want to be a psychologist," sophomore Katie Gorey said.

By Tori Bertsch

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