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Some Skin Cleanser Ingredients Can Cause Harm to Frequent Users

Health/Medicine

Humans put a lot of things on their skin daily, but not every product is benign. Some products contain harsh chemicals mixed into the product, and the majority of these chemicals are carcinogenic.

There are three main chemicals located in products for skin health that can cause liver and kidney cancer. The chemicals are DEA (Diethanolamine), MEA (Monoethanolamine), and TEA (Triethanolamine). These are commonly found in soaps, bubble baths, and facial cleansers.

These chemical, Phthalates and Parabens, help keep bacteria and fungus out of nail polish and perfume. They also keep the hair spray sticky for a longer time. These chemicals are harmful and have actu-

ally been linked to causing breast cancer.

Almost all FD&C color pigments are made from coal tar. This causes skin irritation to sensitive skin, and it can also deplete the oxygen levels in blood.



Formaldehyde is used in everyday products such as nail polish; antiperspirants; and other skin, body, and hair products. The interesting thing is that this chemical is also used for morticians to embalm dead bodies to slow down the rate of decomposition.

Some people think that mineral oil is good for skin. This is false. It is a petroleum derivation that coats the skin but just stays on the top layer of skin. Mineral oil is mainly found in baby prod-

ucts, which is really bad for the baby's skin. The baby's skin is very sensitive and needs all the moisture it can get.

By Emily Moyer

German Classes Celebrate Traditional Christmas

Holiday

German teacher Frau Christine Moll celebrated Christmas with her German classes and German Club. On 11 December, Moll's classes made salzteig, which is a flour and salt combination that is molded into decorative shapes around Christmastime.

Salzteig is a traditional German method of decorating for the holidays at a low cost. Decorations, such as Christmas tree ornaments, are made with it. It was made as an alternative to more expensive methods of decorating. Moll has been guiding her classes in making this as a way to educate her students on how Germans decorate for the holidays.

"At first, I thought they were really un-tasty cookies, but now I feel the Christmas spirit," senior Ian O'Keefe said.

Other German students echoed similar sentiments.

"It's a cool thing to do every year. It's a tradition," senior Nicole Spanier said.

Moll also conducted her students in making gingerbread houses, which is another German holiday tradition. Her classes and German club made them on 16 December.

Gingerbread houses originated in sixteenth

century Germany. They gained their popularity after the Grimm brothers wrote their famous story, "Hansel and Gretel."

"It is a good way to reinforce German heritage," senior Zach Wanner said.

"I enjoy being creative and building the houses," senior Tiana Tracy said.

"It gives you a creative outlet to express your creativity," Moll said.

Students who made the ginger-

bread houses brought them to the library to be displayed.

Moll said that she sees this year's Christmas celebration as a success, just like in previous years. Her students were sent off on their break with a sense of holiday spirit that is uniquely tied in with German tradition.

By Owen Sandor



Parisian Attacks Open Door to Terrorism

Military

Terrorist attacks are unfortunately becoming more frequent. Terrorists don't care who gets hurt, as long as they make their point. Paris went through a bombing and shooting, but they are still a strong city that is not backing down. There were multiple occurrences that happened on 13 November that left Paris in tragedy.

In Paris, at a sports stadium, there was a world soccer match between France and Germany. Tragedy struck during the game when a loud bang went off. There were suicide bombers equipped with AK-47s. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack. One hundred fifty-three people were killed in the attack.

There was also a shooting in a Bataclan concert hall, where a death metal band was playing until the sound of gun shots were heard. Everyone started to duck as the noises got closer.

"Our thoughts are with all of the people involved in this tragic situation," www.rollingstones.com commented.

The attacks all happened near central Paris. There was another attack at Petit Cambodge,

a restaurant in Rue Bichat, and a bar right across the street. ISIS killed many people that night.

"The whole thing is super scary and makes me worried about the safety of our own country because I know we have major issues with ISIS too. But, it's a shame to see something like that happen there just because they've always seemed like such a stable, safe country," senior Danica Flinchbaugh said.

By Emily Moyer



Syria: A Nation In Turmoil

Military

The once populated nation of Syria is currently in turmoil after a four-year civil war. Syria is currently under the strict control of Bashar al-Assad and has been governed by the Assad name since 1970.

Protests against the dictatorial leadership by Assad resulted in a full scale rebellion. These protests quickly turned violent due to the Government regime responding to these once peaceful gatherings with gunfire and chemical weapons. In the midst of atrocities, the Free-Syrian Army was created. It was made to withstand the overpowering governance of Al-Assad and the government.

The media and mass public knows the FSA (Free-Syrian Army) as the rebels opposing their government leaders. The civil war is much more than that. Along with the almost daily warfare between the FSA and the regime, there is also involvement by the terrorist group known as ISIL, or ISIS.

There is currently a bloody fight for territory in Syria, and most of it is over the Capital, Damascus. What was once a populated urban center is now frequently barrel bombed by Al-Assad and an utterly destroyed reflection of what it once looked like.

"It's awful that citizens of Syria are now living in an open battlefield," senior Dan Shomper said.

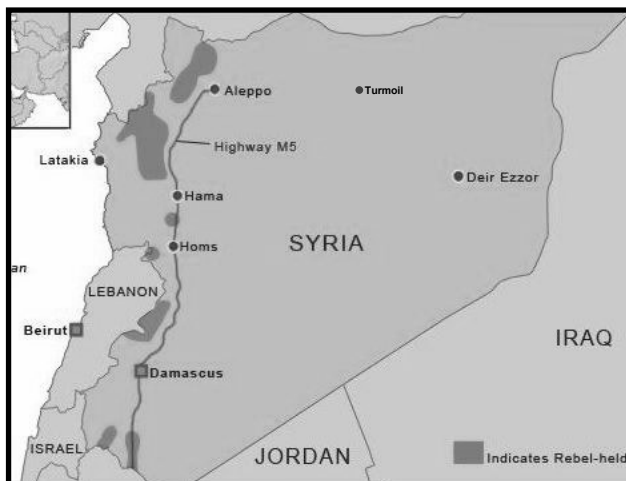
As of September 2015, Al-Assad and the FSA each only control about 25% of territory in Syria while ISIS

controls the other 50%. What was once a civil war resulting from corrupt politics is now a bloodbath between three equally violent and politically outspoken groups of individuals.

The involvement by other countries, particularly the United States, is quite precarious due to the chance of giving weapons and supplies to future enemies, such as ISIS, who are not only attacking in Syria but have threatened the well-being of Americans in our own country.

Along with the predicament of supplying ISIS, various groups within the FSA are splinter cells of the notorious terrorist group, AL-Qaeda. The last thing the U.S. government would want to get publicity for is to be giving weapons to those who had previously terrorized its own cities.

By Adam Buonasera



Paris Left In State Of Emergency

Military

The Eiffel Tower stood dark on 13 November 2015. Paris needed time to absorb the deadliest violence since World War II. Gunmen and suicide bombers attacked across Paris, killing at least 265 innocent victims as well as injuring 352 bystanders.

There were a total of seven attacks by at least seven terrorists. All seven were wearing suicide vests. The first two attacks happened in Stade De France, only four miles apart, just after 9:20 p.m. local time. The next attack opened fire on Petit Cambodge restaurant in Rue Bichat and Le Carillon bar on just the other side of the road, killing at least fifteen people enjoying their Friday night out.

"That is awful to hear about. I can't even imagine how scary it was for the people in the restaurant being shot at," junior Pierre Richard said.

After that came Rue De La Fontaine Au Roi when the same group of terrorists drove 500 yards to the Casa Nostra Pizzeria and opened fire on the diners, killing a minimum of fifteen people. Shortly after that happened, the attackers moved to La Belle Equipe bar in Rue De Charonne and murdered nineteen people around 9:35 p.m.

"I'm not exactly sure what I would've done in that situation, but it is a very scary situation to be in. I hope everyone there is able to move on with their daily lives after this all has happened to them. I am sure they were traumatized," senior Hannah Sell said.



By Laura Seidel

San Bernardino Creates Fear of Homegrown Terrorists

Military

Following the devastating terror attacks that occurred in Paris, western countries have become concerned about the increased risk of terrorism on the home front. Now it would seem this was a rightful fear to have because a shocking act of terrorism occurred in San Bernardino, California. This gruesome fear confirmed America's worst fears of radicalization right at home.

The perpetrators were husband and wife, Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik. Following the drop-off of their six-month-old daughter at a relative's house, they proceeded to enact their plan of attack. Each armed with an Ar-15 assault-style rifle and a handgun, they enacted the worst American mass shooting since the 14 December 2012 shooting of Sandy Hook Elementary.

Syed and Malik stormed the Inland Regional Center during a San Bernardino County Department of Public Health employee Holiday party; around eighty people were in attendance. The shooters executed their plans with deadly accuracy, killing fourteen partygoers and resulting in twenty-one injuries.

According to the official report fol-

lowing the massacre, Farook and Malik fled the scene of the crime in a black SUV, which was traced back to Farook because he rented the car recently. In the aftermath of a high-speed pursuit and a brief shootout, both perpetrators lay dead.

An investigation following-up on the shooters discovered that the woman had recently pledged her allegiance to the leader of ISIS or ISIL, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. This discovery confirmed that the shooting was indeed an act of terrorism. ISIS also claimed them as "supporters" of the cause. Obama issued a statement offering his condolences to the injured and families of the victims.

Obama identified the San Bernardino shooting as "an act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people."

He was also very deliberate in his speech against ISIS, denouncing the group in multiple ways and trying to calm the fears of the American people, saying, "We will prevail by being strong and smart, resilient and relentless."

By Eric Ebner

FAHS Graduation to Keystone Hall at KU

Unlike any other class at Fleetwood, the graduating class of 2016 will have its graduation at Kutztown University. Graduation has been a growing concern within Fleetwood. In the past, it has been held in the auditorium with overflow seats being provided in the gymnasium, where the ceremony was projected on screens.

The ceremony will be held in the Keystone Hall. The main gymnasium is able to hold 4,000 people. After the ceremony, graduates will move to the O'Pake Fieldhouse, where they can meet with friends, family members, and teachers.

The size of the class of 2016 compared to that of previous classes happens to be one of the main reasons why this decision was made. There are around 250 people in the class of 2016, which is a substantially larger amount than in previous classes.

The major concern of the class was the amount of tickets each student would receive for seats. In previous years, students received about 4-7 tickets and were allowed unlimited overflow in the gymnasium. With

the current number of students in the high school venue, each student would only get 3-4 tickets and would still have unlimited seating within the gymnasium.

Now that the location has moved to KU, seating will no longer be a problem. Students now receive seven to eight tickets as compared to the three to four they would

have received had the ceremony been held at Fleetwood; however, overflow seating will no longer be available.

This information was presented to the graduating class in a class meeting at the beginning of the school year. Kirby Barnett, class co-adviser, and

Principal Stephen Herman were instrumental in gathering information. Mr. Barnett, along with the class officers, visited KU where they ultimately decided to present the idea to the rest of the class.

Mr. Barnett presented a PowerPoint outlining the details, and the class then voted based on a show of hands. The vote never carried on into a ballot because it was clear that the majority were in favor of KU.

By Adrian Alicea



FAHS Graduation Relocation Faces 18% Opposition

School News

Fleetwood Area High School's decision to move its graduation to Kutztown University's gymnasium has been met with overwhelming support, but that support has not been unanimous. Eighteen percent of students said they would prefer to continue the tradition of holding graduation in Fleetwood's gymnasium.

The thought behind the move to Kutztown was to provide students with more tickets. If the graduation remained at Fleetwood Area High School, students would have only received three tickets due to the large size of the class of 2016. With the move to Kutztown, graduates will now be presented with approximately eight tickets each. Some students remain skeptical of the move. They see the potential for a hot, overcrowded gym during graduation.

"I think the biggest problem we have is the air conditioning issue. In June, it can get pretty hot and humid, and with a couple thousand people packed into a gym like sardines, it could get very uncomfortable," senior Brett Santos said.

Many other students share this same

concern. There is a worry that Kutztown's gym will be too hot because there is no air conditioning available.

The move to Kutztown seems to be a positive one in the eyes of the majority of the upcoming graduates. Even with the move being well-regarded by the masses, there are bound to be some who do not approve. Regardless, the school will continue with the move, and graduation will be held in Kutztown University's gym, tentatively scheduled for 7 June 2016. This date could change if bad weather pushes back the last day of school.

By Owen Sandor



Our 2016 Season

Spring Show

Greater Tuna

Directed By Jeff Jones

March 3, 4, 5, & 6

Spring Junior Production

Big Bad Musical

Director position open
June

Summer Musical

THE PRODUCERS

Directed By Tara Sands
July 21, 22, & 23

Talent Contest

August

Spaghetti & Song

Directed By

Jeannette DeAngelo
September 30 & Oct 1

Fall Show

Love, Sex, & The I.R.S.

Directed by Brian Miller
October 21, 22, 23, 28,
29 & 30

Junior Holiday Show

I Hate Christmas

Director: TBA
December



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Fenstermacher Agrees with Decision to Move Graduation to KU

School

I heard rumors of having graduation at Kutztown University a week or so before the meeting occurred. Then, when having it at Kutztown became true, I was honestly really excited.

Considering that we have a little over 230 kids in our graduating class, our auditorium definitely was not big enough for all of our families. Personally, I already had five people to attend, so three to four tickets would not have been beneficial for me, and I'm sure that I'm not the only person who felt that way.

Now that we are going to Kutztown University, we receive an average of seven tickets each. So, those of us with larger families have no issues with having to exclude family members. Not only that, but Kutztown University has such a beautiful gym and campus in general. Although the gym does not have air conditioning, I'm pretty sure that will be the least of our worries.

While we are sitting there, waiting for each of our names to be called, excited to walk

across the stage, my biggest worry is tripping on stage in front of everyone. Yeah, it may get a bit humid, and our hair might get a little frizzy, but for me, that's the least of my worries.

The only thing that is slightly disappointing is the balloon drop. As of now, there's not going to be one, but I know they were

going to talk about doing one right in the gym after we have all crossed the stage. That would be really awesome!

The only reason I wish it was at Fleetwood is the fact that Fleetwood is the school where I have spent my last four years. I have been working hard to graduate from Fleetwood, not Kutztown. But, it all comes back to the fact that we have too big of a class to hold graduation at Fleetwood. Having graduation at Kutztown is a smart decision on our class's part. Honestly, I'm just really excited to graduate and move to the next step of my life.



The Course of Tradition Never Did Run Smooth

Opinion

A lot has changed since the 60s and 70s. Should there be some trends or traditions brought back?

"I noticed some trends are coming back from that time, like high-waisted shorts and winged eyeliner," high school student Adrianna Colon said.

A lot of classic trends are coming back now from various time periods, high-waisted shorts being one of them. For girls, the bold red lips and winged eyeliner definitely make a statement when going out. Back then, the dress wear was very different. People have noticed that there is some not-so-appropriate dress wear that is developing in this generation. Should girls go for the classy look?

Sixties' hairstyles are even coming back. The pin curls, finger waves, bandanas, and front bumps. Has this generation run out of new styles?

It's not just trends; it's technology too. Cell phones are advancing and are constantly being updated.

"I don't think I could go a day without my phone because I'm always checking it,"

student Hailey Carr said.

Some people may think that cell phones make people less social, but what about back then when everyone read the newspaper? Instead of always being on the phone, people would always be reading the newspaper. Cell phones and other technology aren't just used for communicating; it may help many students with their homework. Back then, there wasn't that kind of technology.

"I actually think I would be able to go a day without my phone, but it does help me with my school work," sophomore Zach Warren said.

Besides technology and trends, what about traditions? What happened to going out after school to the carnival or going out on a nice date and dressing up?

A lot has changed since back then, and maybe more trends will continue to make its way into this generation and subsequent ones.

By Kyra Lea

Random Profile: Katie Gorey

Profile

Katie Gorey is a junior at Fleetwood Area School District. She was born on 10 August in 1999 at the Reading Hospital. She is currently sixteen-years-old and came to Fleetwood in fourth grade. She has two older brothers.

Katie is involved in volleyball as well. In her free time, she likes to hang out with her friends, play volleyball, go camping, and go

fishing.

Katie also babysits once in a while and has a summer job. After high school, she plans on going to college to study psychology and also become a counselor.

Katie also has a dog and enjoys listening to country music.

By Kyra Lea

RANDOM CHEESE!

Can I borrow five dollars?

"No. Wait, what do you need five dollars for?" David Kresley, senior



"No." Sarah Rossino, senior

"No." Nick Matteo, senior



"No. I don't have any on me, and you can't have my credit card." Brevan Rothermel, freshman



"No." Josh Campbell, senior

"Sure." Hannah Brunnette, senior



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