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Students Win Big at Science Olympiad Competition

School

The 2016 Berks County Science Olympiad competition, held 5 January at Kutztown University, pitted teams from across the county in a variety of events. Tests based on astronomy, ecology, geology, etc., and project events that test student's building skills took place throughout the day. Science Olympiad is a popular competition; according to the Science Olympiad official website, there are roughly 7600 teams across all 50 states

Fleetwood placed first in two events, Ecology (junior, Audrey Agnew and senior Ben Schittler) and Forensics (junior Audrey Agnew and junior Jake McGarry); second in five events, Dynamic Planet (junior Ripley



Price and junior Shawn Fortna), Experimental Design (sophomore Shelby Claytor, senior Jeremy Heist, and senior Kyle Keirstead), Invasive Species (senior Adam Cook), Optics (junior Ripley Price and senior Kyle Keirstead), and Remote Sensing (sophomore Juliana Sanchez and sophomore Kaili Gore);

and third in six events (out of 23 total).

The team would go on to win the overall competition as well, beating out Exeter and Wyomissing, respectively.

Fleetwood scored 81 points, ahead of second place by 28 points. The low score wins, and points are awarded by finishing in individual events. For example, 1 point goes to first place, 2 to second, and so

on. Fleetwood's win was their tenth in a row in the event. The next competition is the regional competition, and it will take place in March at Kutztown University.

By Ben Schittler

Congress Declares War on Syria

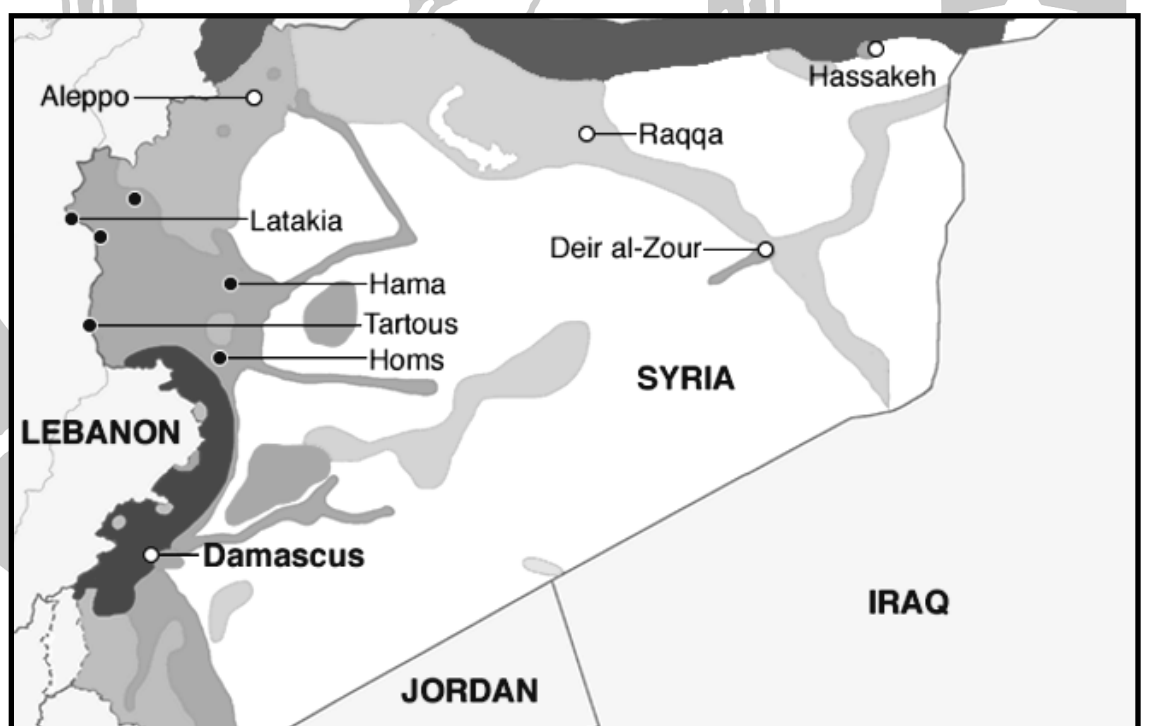
World

In 2011, Congress declared war on Syria for the arrest of 15 school children after they painted Revolutionary slogans on a school wall. After security officers opened fire on these demonstrators, the streets began rioting, killing several.

This war ended in 2015, killing over 250,000 people. Since the start of this war, a UN commission of inquiry has gathered evidence that all parties in this crime have either committed murder, torture, rape, or enforced disappearances.

Both parties agreed to a four-year siege in the city of Darayya, giving strategic significance to the government and the rebels who now control this city. To this day, the Syrian Civil War is still causing many deaths, and soldiers are evacuating the citizens of Darayya.

"[The war] is overrated," junior Kayla Witman said. As of 21 August, Congress has been pushing to authorize a military action against Syria for ninety days because of the belief that previous dictator, Sadaam Hussein, influenced the citizens of Syria today to build weapons of mass destruction.



Fifty-nine percent of the people who were questioned said that they don't believe it is right to place American troops in this war. If this plan is rejected, the White House still has the power and authority to strike.

"Bringing Congress into the equations seems to have added a political dimension to the Syria debate," CNN polling director, Keating Holland said.

As of December 2016, 4.81 million

civilians have fled the country, and 6.3 million are displaced internally. The violence is currently ongoing against these civilians and has been condemned by the Arab League, the European Union, the United States, and other countries.

On 22 December 2016, Syria's state-run media announced that government forces have taken full control of Aleppo, ending more than four years of rebel rule.

By Anna Koehle



Joe Biden receives Medal of Freedom for Service

Politics

On 12 January 2017, President Barack Obama awarded Vice President Joe Biden the Presidential Medal Of Freedom. This award was given to the Vice President with distinction, which has only happened on three other occasions in history. The Vice President was not informed of this beforehand and shed tears during President Obama's speech.



The sitting president selects the recipients for each year they are in office. It is the highest award that a civilian can earn.

The Medal of Freedom was established through an executive action by Harry S. Truman in 1945 as a way to reward those who completed extraordinary service for the United States overseas during World War II. The Presidential Medal of Freedom was established in 1963 by John F. Kennedy and altered Truman's award inasmuch as it is now "presented to indi-

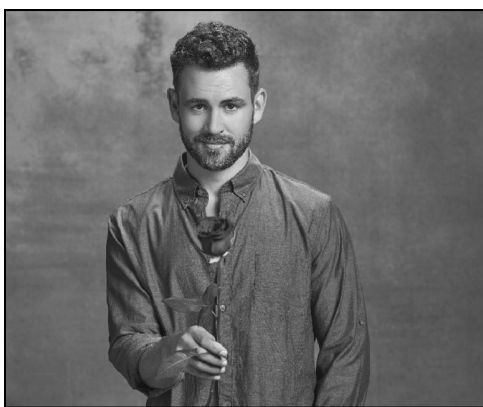
viduals who have made especially meritorious contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors," according to whitehouse.gov.

Recipients of the award this year include entertainer Ellen Degeneres, singer Bruce Springsteen, athlete Michael Jordan, actor Tom Hanks, philanthropists Bill and Melinda Gates, and actor Robert de Niro.

By Ripley Price

The Bachelor Returns to ABC For its Twenty-First Season

Entertainment/Art



Earlier this month, The Bachelor returned to ABC for its twenty-first season. This installment of the show follows the journey of Bachelor Nick Viall of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The season marks the fourth appearance of Nick in The Bachelor Franchise.

He had previously been runner-up on both Andi Dorfman's and Kaitlyn Bristow's seasons of The Bachelorette and spent the summer in Mexico starring in Bachelor in Paradise.

Thirty bride-to-be hopefuls piled into the Bachelor Mansion and attempted to make a lasting first impression on Viall. A fan favorite of the television series are the job titles given to the contestants.

Among the thirty women this season are two school teachers, a flight attendant, an NBA dancer, a food truck owner, a doula, and an aspiring dolphin trainer (who arrived dressed as a shark).

The Bachelor airs on Mondays at 8:00 p.m. on ABC.

By Abigail Flannery

Evolution of Film a Nuanced Trek

Entertainment/Art

Movies. Pictures. Films. Cinemas. Motion Pictures.

Movies date all the way back to the year 1878. Movies come in so many different genres. Comedy, thriller, horror, and drama are some of the most watched movie genres according to statista.com, with comedies coming in first place. The love for comedies comes from the viewer looking to escape the real world for about two hours. Movies are a way to escape whatever is happening outside of the theater and focus on what is happening inside of it. Movies captivate the person and tell a story by way of video. This is anything but a simple task.

Making a movie has many parts that all must be done perfectly for everything to come together. The main part that people tend to think about is the acting. Casting is a crucial part of making a movie. The right people must be chosen for the right parts because, if the actor does not make you believe what they are doing or saying, then it will be hard to enjoy the motion picture.

Another vital part of a movie is the

editing. Without editing, the movie would be one very long shot, and it would quickly lose the viewer's attention. For each movie, editing is different and will depend on what genre the movie classifies as. For example, in horror movies, the cuts might be very fast to frighten the spectator. This is a sort of jump scare that tends to get to the viewer and scare them.

In a musical, things are a bit different. Cuts are plentiful and happen so often that it may lead the viewer to be overwhelmed by it. Mise-en-scene is how everything is placed, including the lighting and the props and the way the actors are positioned. It all has a certain meaning, and the more one watches movies, the more they appreciate such things. For example, in the movie The Sixth Sense, the color red appears many times with a significant meaning. The movie has a muted color palette aside from the red sticking out in many scenes. The color symbolized anything in the "real world" that has been tainted by the other world.

By Mina Isaac

National, Local Control of Education Remain Hot Topics

School

There will always be a debate about whether national standardized tests help more for education than local control of Education, or vice versa.

Both of these teaching methods work, but they can work in different ways. National standardized tests are done by all the schools in the U.S. and local control of Education is done by schools only in a local area that are being taught the same thing.

The ACT is a very popular test in the U.S., as is the SAT. Both of these tests are very important contributions for a student to get a good enough grade to get into a college that a student taking this test would like.

The SAT is taken in a student's junior or senior year. It can be taken however many times the student would like to take it until they get the grade that they like. It is a very long test that begins very early in the morning and could take a very long time.

The ACT is very similar to the SAT. It takes roughly about the same time to complete. Just like the SAT, it is offered frequently throughout the year, and neither test penalizes wrong answers, according to www.kaptest.com.

Both are very stressful tests because getting a low grade could make it harder to get into a college that requires a higher grade on these tests.

By McKenah Rapposelli



The PSSAs are tests that students are taking in Pennsylvania. They would be counted as local control of Education. This test isn't taken all around the U.S.

This test isn't taken in the high school in schools in Pennsylvania, but it is taken in the middle school. This test isn't as big of a factor to colleges as the SAT or the ACT, but the PSSA helps to show how the teachers are teaching and how well the students in the school are learning.

The PSSAs have categories for subjects. They are taken in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science and Technology. Every student in the state of Pennsylvania in the grades 3-8 is assessed in English Language Arts and Math. The science tests are taken in grades 4-8, according to www.education.pa.gov.

These tests are both big tests to some schools, but they have different reasonings for and different effects on the education of students

Rentschler and Alicea named December Students of the Month

School



For the month of December, two young individuals were honored as Students of the Month. Adrian Alicea and Kortney Rentschler are both recognized as outstanding students and members of the community.

Alicea is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Alicea of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Throughout his time at Fleetwood, Alicea has dedicated time to multiple extracurricular activities. Over the past four years he has been involved in Track and Field, Cross Country, Chess Club, The Tiger Times Newspaper, and Future Business Leaders of America. Along with this, Alicea dedicates a large portion of his time to volunteer for the Relay for Life Club, where he assists many of their events.

Alicea admires Patrick Rothfuss greatly. He believes that Patrick Rothfuss is an amazing author, a wonderful storyteller, and a caring individual who is willing to make the world better. The author has his own charity called "World Builders," which partners with "Heifer International," and he commits much of his time to this

good cause.

After high school, Alicea has future plans to attend Millersville University to major in secondary education with a focus in English.

Rentschler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rentschler of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Rentschler is involved in a multitude of clubs and organizations, including National Honors Society, girls' soccer, and Future Business Leaders of America. Rentschler spends much of her time volunteering as a coach in the youth soccer program, as well as volunteering in community service projects.

Rentschler admires her parents more than anyone. She says that they are the hardest working people that she knows and will always push her to reach the goals she sets. Rentschler's future plans include attending college for nursing and becoming a nurse practitioner.

By Abigail Flannery

CORRECTION: The Craft Show article printed in a previous addition contains inaccurate information. The author credits the Student Council for running the craft show, but the FBLA and the Class of 2018 are the groups responsible for running the event.

Reporter Bio: B. Wade

Brittany Wade is a junior at Fleetwood Area High School. She ended her sophomore year in cyber school. She started her junior year the same way she ended her sophomore year. Wade likes all movies, but her favorite genre is action, and her favorite movie is Zero Dark Thirty. She says that is her favorite because it is packed with action and explosions.

Wade's perfect place to travel is Cancun. She says it is very alluring and the scenery is amazing. She also enjoys it because of it's warmth year-round.

Music is very important to Wade. Her favorite album is Neptune by Tall Heights. Her favorite song on the album is "Spirit Cold." Her favorite hobby is sleeping because she is always tired. She wants to be a psychiatric mental health nurse because she likes to help people. Wade is excited to be in journalism class and to write new articles.

By Mina Isaac

Trump Security Aide Caught Plagiarizing

Politics

Donald Trump's pick for National security aide, Monica Crowley, has been found to have plagiarized multiple times in the columns she wrote for the Washington Times. This was found out when a CNN file investigation was launched and more than fifty instances were found according to CNN-Money.com.

After this was discovered, many publishers have stopped selling her book until edits were made to remedy the plagiarized sections.

According to CNNMoney.com, she plagiarized an article from Fox News on the federal investigation into Hillary Clinton's private email server, an article on ISIS taken from Reuters News, and another article on ISIS written by the New York Times.

She has also plagiarized a large amount of her PhD from Columbia University. The degree of plagiarism in her work ranges from paraphrasing without giving credit to flat out restating the work of others with no citations.

Crowley hasn't responded, but the Trump transition team has responded by saying that the plagiarism is, "nothing more than a politically motivated attack that seeks to distract from the real issues facing this country," according to cnn.com

By Ripley Price

Taliban Claims Responsibility For Bombings In Afghanistan

World

On Tuesday, 10 January, 31 people were killed and 80 were wounded in two bombings near the Afghan parliament building located in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan.

The first happened when a bomber on foot detonated their device by a van carrying administrative staffers. The second blast came from another vehicle timed to detonate when police arrived on the scene. Most of the victims are said to be civilians. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for both attacks and that they had been targeting Afghan intelligence officers.

Later on Tuesday, five were killed and fourteen were injured in another blast at Kandahar; the United Arab Emirates ambassador to Afghanistan was among the injured.

No one has yet claimed responsibility for this blast.

Early on Tuesday morning, a suicide bomber took the lives of seven and injured six in Lashkar Gah, the capital of the southern Helmand province. The Taliban has claimed responsibility for this as well. "The Taliban shamelessly claim credit for the attack on civilians, and they're proud of it," Afghani President Ashraf Ghani said to the BBC.

The number of armed clashes in Afghanistan was at its highest last year since the United Nations began recording in 2007.

By Ripley Price



Chili Bowl Enters 12 PA Drivers

Sports

The Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been the premier midget racing event in the world since its inception in 1987. This year, 375 drivers from all over the United States as well as Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia competed in the 5-day event on the temporary 1/4 mile dirt oval in the Tulsa Agriculture/Expo Center. Rico Abreu won in 2015 and 2016, and he looked to defend his title again this year.

Midgets have a high power to weight ratio, usually packing 300-400 horsepower in their 900 pound frame, according to racecar-engineering.com.

The entries are divided into four groups, and with one group racing Tuesday, the next on Wednesday, then Thursday and Friday. Each night is comprised of heats, and the top finishers race in a daily feature. The top three finishers of each feature automatically qualify for the A Main feature event on Saturday. The rest of the drivers are sorted based on their final finish during the week. On Saturday, these drivers race in a series of consolation/qualifying races to gradually weed out the field, until the final thirteen round out the A Main feature starting order.

Tyler Courtney, Travis Berryhill, Christopher Bell, and Justin Grant won the nightly features. Bell, who is from nearby Norman, Oklahoma and runs regularly in NASCAR won for his first career Bowl win. Second was Daryn Pittman, also from Oklahoma. The top five was rounded out by Grant, Tanner Thorson, and Jake Swanson.

Many local drivers competed, including Alex and Brenden Bright from Collegeville,



Pottsville's Tyler Brehm, Timmy Buckwalter from Douglasville, and Royersford's Steve Buckwalter. In total, twelve drivers from Pennsylvania were entered.

By Ben Schitler

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FAHS Boys Basketball Looking To Improve Skills For Playoffs

Sports

The Fleetwood boys' basketball team is midway through its season. They've had some rough patches and some games that were great wins. They look to start getting in stride and making a push for playoffs.

This season so far, the boys' team is 5-8 overall, but it is still looking for a league win, as they are 0-3. The three league teams they have lost to so far are Conrad Weiser, Twin Valley, and Hamburg.

Conrad Weiser and Twin Valley are two teams that are having good seasons and a lot of success. Weiser is 8-6, and Twin Valley is 7-7.

Hamburg is another story. They were in last place in the league until the boys team lost to them. It wasn't the best game played by the boys, and they fell 50-39 to the Hawks. Hamburg is 3-11 this year and 1-3 in the league.

The Tigers won the Christmas tournament that was hosted by Fleetwood. They beat Brandywine in the first round and then went on to beat Pequea Valley in the Championship game. Marckens Griffon was the tournament MVP, and Tyler Chavoya and Ryan Miller made first team in the tournament.



In the Twin Valley game, Fleetwood was down big in the first half but really stepped it up in the second half. They brought it to a close game and ended up losing 62-54.

The Fleetwood J.V. basketball team is playing very well right now. They have won three of their last four, beating Oley, Twin Valley, and Hamburg. They lost to Exeter, but it was a tough battle.

J.V. started out rough, but after working really hard and starting to play smarter and more together, they've made many improvements and started playing better.

Their motto this year is "Don't sleep on the Js." They're surprising a lot of people with their play lately, especially beating a very talented Tri Valley team.

They look to keep the streak hot and continue to win games. Both varsity and JV play Berks Catholic next, and they look to pull off a big upset and surprise the Berks Catholic team.

By McKenah Rapposelli

Cosmetic Companies Killing The Dead Sea

Environment

When swimming in the Dead Sea, you will never sink. It is bordering Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, and it is 8-9 times saltier than all other oceans. Accordingly, It is much more dense than all other oceans. Swimming in it feels more like a luxury than anything. With it's rich minerals, the water seems more oily than salty. This draws a lot of tourism to these countries.

Minerals are also the problem that has recently arisen. Because these minerals

are so unique, people want more and more of them. The neighboring countries ship out cosmetic products made from the minerals in the sea. Mineral extraction still continues and is damaging the sea. Also, the waterways surrounding the Dead Sea that keep it going have been diverted and are causing the Dead Sea to enter a period of manmade drought.

But humans are not entirely responsible. The dry, hot climate is also a leading cause of the shrinking sea. Over the

last few centuries, the sea has shrunk drastically. The water level used to be high enough that a person could walk out of the main building in the tourist resort of Ein Gedi and see the waves splashing up against it. Now, the water is so distant that tourists have to climb down rocks, cross a busy road and then walk through a bunch of marshy plants and mud.

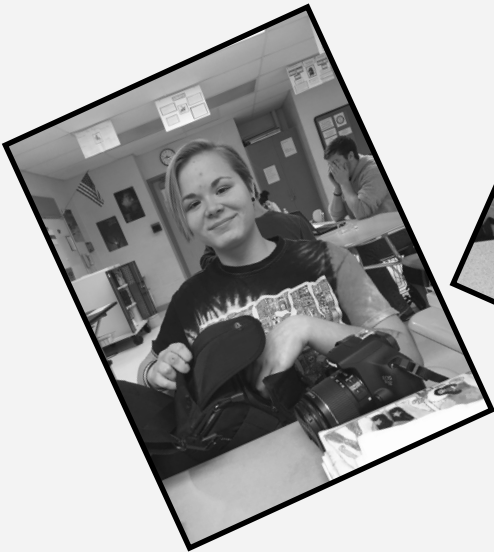
The drying up of the Dead Sea is inevitable at the moment because no one

wants to stop their business endeavors to help rejuvenate it. There is a plan that Israel and Jordan came up with to help fix the problem, but it hasn't been put into effect and no one knows if it ever will be. This will be a huge problem because the Dead Sea is a famous landmark. |

By Brittany Wade

Random Cheese

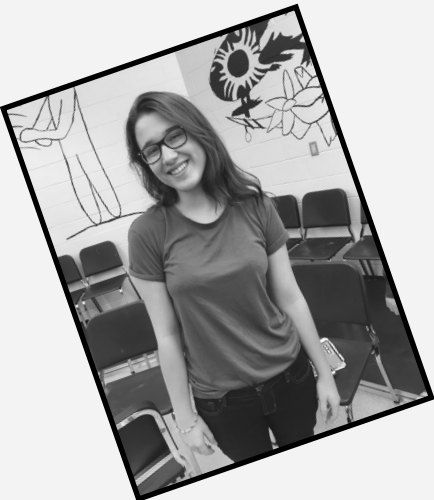
What is your prediction for Best Picture at the 89th Academy Awards?



"La La Land," senior Daffeny Wolf said



"La La Land," junior Laura Kaskey said.



"La-La Land", Junior Audrey Agnew said.



"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story", senior Max Pavlick said

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