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## FAHS Production of *Once Upon a Mattress* a Royally Good Time

*School*

In March, months of rehearsal came to a close, and the drama club put on four performances of *Once Upon a Mattress* for the community. Students who took part in the show said that their efforts paid off and the show was a success.

"I was very exhausted post-show week, but I know that the hard work was totally worth it," senior Josh Klopp said.

Audience members were also pleased with their experiences.

"I think that the cast did really well, and they brought the characters to life. The set looked good, and the hair and makeup looked very nice," senior Katie Jones said.

"It was a wonderful experience, and I'm really glad I got to see it. I loved seeing how hard my friends worked on their performances,"



senior Taylor Nattress said.

After over a month of rest, returning club members are ready and anxious to start planning next year's show.

"I'd like to see something more serious

rather than a 'princessy' show or a comedy like we usually do," sophomore Cassidy Veas said.

"I just really don't want to do 'Annie Get Your Gun,'" junior Jenna Masenheimer said.

Graduating seniors celebrated their time with the club over the past four years by offering up some advice for underclassmen.

"Know how to balance your priorities. Your health, your schoolwork, and your involvement in the show are all very important," senior Liz Horinka said.

"Get into your character and have fun. Don't worry about what your classmates think of it," senior Samantha Colelli said.

The drama club is expected to once again start the show season in Fall 2017.

By Abigail Flannery

## Prom Preparations a Long Time in the Making

*School*

With Prom season in the air, everyone is rushing to get his or her dress or suit picked out and altered. During this time, the prom committee is gathering the supplies they need for decorations and to find the perfect D.J. for this very special night.

Juniors Maya Evans, Laura Kaskey, Julia Donahoe, and Sebastian Kukielka are members of the prom committee, while teachers Ms. Susan Nagle and Mrs. Kelly Ackerman are the junior class advisors running the meetings.

"Prom committee is made up of juniors and seniors who volunteer and want to decorate for prom. Currently we have a small group of juniors decorating and making all the decisions regarding prom. As an advisor, I will give my thoughts when asked and help with suggestions," class advisor Ms. Sue Nagle said.

On the committee, they plan details and decorations like prom invitations, favors, center pieces, and the food. Anyone has the ability of helping out, even the freshmen and



sophomores, even though they cannot attend prom without an upperclassman invitation. "Any junior or senior interested in joining prom committee can join. It is very unofficial, so you may attend a meeting whenever you want to," junior Laura Kaskey said.

There are other committees that involve prom that are called "sub-

committees." These committees are called marketing/publicity, fundraising, ticket committee, decorating committee, site-coordination committee, security, entertainment committee, photo committee, menu committee, favors committee, clean-up committee, and the royal court committee. At Fleetwood, students have all of these committees just combined into one whole.

Everyone who participates in prom committee plays a huge role in setting up for prom. They have the responsibilities of choosing and ordering the food, as well as choosing and making the decorations, invitations, and much more. If you are a junior or senior interested in attending a meeting, you are able to show up whenever you would like. The meetings take place every Friday after school.

By Anna Koehle



# Manhunt for Kidnapped Teen Concludes

*Cops and Courts*

Fifty-year old teacher, Tad Cummins, was accused of kidnapping his fifteen-year old student after researching 'teen marriage' before allegedly abducting the girl, according to authorities.

The kidnapping of Elizabeth Thomas took place on 13 March 2017, and Cummins was fired from his job the next day.

"Cummins may have been abusing his role of a teacher to groom the teen in an effort to lure her," Sarah Thomas said.

Thomas told ABC News that Elizabeth urgently woke her up the day she disappeared and made her promise to call the police if she wasn't home by six o'clock that night. Sarah told reporters she sounded serious and that Elizabeth never sounds serious.

When Thomas didn't come home that night, Sarah grew scared. Liz's sister didn't think Elizabeth knew she was leaving that night because her sister wouldn't leave without at least hugging her.

Authorities say that Cummins was believed to be armed and that Thomas was in impending danger. Jill Cummins, Tad Cummins' husband, pleaded her husband to come home the night of Elizabeth's disappearance.

"I had no idea my husband was involved with anything that has led to all this. My heart breaks for the family of Elizabeth Thomas," Jill said.

*By Anna Koehle*

# Using Technology Before Bed Detrimental to Sleep

*Technology*

While it is important to sleep every night, many people, especially children and teens, don't get enough sleep. Part of the reason for this is the extensive use of technology--smartphones, tablets, Nintendo Switches®, etc., right before bed, which can affect sleep habits.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, widespread sleep loss is a major public health problem. They suggest that anyone under eighteen needs at least nine hours every night, with younger children needing a little more. However, only 31% of high school students surveyed in a 2009 C.D.C. study reported getting at least eight hours a night. Using a phone or tablet before bed can affect the user in a variety of ways.

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that cause sleep deprivation also can contribute to a worsened quality of sleep, causing people to wake up tired or anxious. Sleep.org also states that 95% of people surveyed use some form of technology right before going to bed, meaning this is not just an isolated issue.

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*By Ben Schittler*

*Environment*

Marine life has taken an enormous step backwards. In 33 years, the earth could have essentially fishless oceans.

This is caused by overfishing and water pollution. Fleets for the fishing industry are 50% to 60% higher than they should be. Not only does this recurring issue pose a threat to fish, fishless oceans could globally devastate the earth and poorer countries.

An example of overfishing can be seen in Newfoundland, Canada. In 1992, the bottleneck effect came into play. The thriving cod fishing industry came to a sudden stop when, during cod season, no cod appeared. The overfishing and lack of documentation restricted nearly 40,000 people from their main food source. In that town and surrounding areas, the fishing industry is still recovering.

Science magazine recorded in a four year study that, in the year 2048, the world could lose all wild caught seafood.

Fishing techniques also harm non-commercial fish and the surrounding habitat. In 2006, George Bush called for action along with other world leaders to halt a harmful fishing technique called trawling. However, no further action was taken against this issue.

"I believe that fishing needs to be regulated in order to maintain an acceptable amount of fish in the ocean," senior Daffney Wolf said.

Awareness about this rising issue are progressing. Many activist groups have taken overfishing very seriously.

"Some fishing boats use gill nets, which ensnare every animal they catch, and



fish are mutilated when they are extracted from the nets. These kinds of nets are believed to be responsible for the majority of incidents involving the accidental netting and death of hundreds of thousands of marine mammals over decades of use," PETA said.

This method of fishing, along with trawling, longline fishing, and many more forms of fishing, are dangerous to the environment as well as the animals who live in the ocean.

According to the Press Association, "Many sharks are the victims of 'finning,' in which fishers catch sharks, haul them on deck, hack off their fins (for expensive shark fin soup), and toss the maimed, helpless animals back into the ocean to die in agony."

Fourteen marine scientists conducted a study and found that 100% of aquatic life will collapse by the year 2048.

Ways to prevent overfishing can range from a multitude of actions. Many citizens have protested against fishing tournaments. Many have also encouraged legislators to enforce wildlife-protection laws.

*By Morgan Althouse*

# 2017 Prom Trends Tend Toward Nature

*School*



Each prom season, young men and women spend hours searching for the perfect dress or tuxedo to wear on the biggest night of their high school lives, the prom. While tuxedos have had very small changes over the last twenty-odd years, prom dress trends continue to change each year.

The current year's trends all seem to fall into the same central idea of inspiration from nature and playful vibes. Many dresses can be found incorporating floral patterns and embroidered designs.

Some of the most popular colors of the season are dusty rose and wine. These colors are used on a variety of styles, such as two-piece dresses or a more daring style with cutouts. The two-piece trend has been coming and going since the 1980's and usually sticks around for a few years at a time.

Fleetwood students have found the most luck this year with stores such as Windsor and Lulu's.

Popular accents over the past five years have been statement rings and bold lips. Many students have also opted out of the traditional dress shoe or heel and have instead worn a canvas shoe, such as Converse or Vans. This decision comes from a place of comfort for most students as a way to avoid the pain of high heels.

Natural hair wins the day for the trendiest hair style, though it is not entirely natural. Girls have been avoiding the use of a couple hundred bobby pins and have instead been wearing the "natural" loose curls as a more low-maintenance look.

*By Abigail Flannery*



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# Terrorism Strikes England

Cops & Courts

On 22 March, Khalid Masood rented an SUV in downtown London, England, and plowed through pedestrians on the Westminster bridge.

Khalid Masood was a 52-year-old man who was born in Dartford, England. He was married and had three children and spent most of his life moving around England. He also spent time in prison.

According to Telegraph.co.uk, a childhood classmate of Masood described him as a popular pupil who "liked to party". Khalid had multiple offenses on his records but none were terroristic offenses.

ISIS took credit for the attack and branded Khalid a "soldier" for his actions on Wednesday.

According to nypost.com, using

vehicles as weapons is a page straight out of the ISIS textbook and may be the new terroristic trend. The reason it is popular is how undetectable it is. Unlike a gun or a bomb, a car is not something the police force can look for and identify as a risk. They are also easily attained and do not require much training to use, contrary to a gun or a bomb.

"The terror group, ISIS, which took credit for the London attack, has specifically called on followers to weaponize vehicles and kill 'infidels' gathered in outdoor spaces throughout the West.", according to nypost.com.

By Mina Isaac

# Reading High Basketball Wins State Title

Sports

On Saturday, 25 March, the Reading High basketball team defeated Pine-Richland, 64-60, to win the Boys 6A Basketball State Championship.

The Reading High basketball team was lead by seniors Lonnie Walker IV, Isiah Cook, and Tyrone Nesby IV. They all had huge impacts on the team and were big reasons why they won the State Championship.

Senior Lonnie Walker committed to Miami University in 2016, just as the season was about to begin. Walker's outstanding play brought in a large crowd every single game throughout the season, especially in the state championship game.

The Giant Center, where the state championship game was played, sold out very quickly that night. The game sold about 9,500 tickets.

The last time Reading High basketball made it to the state championship was forty-four years ago. In 1973, Reading High lost by one point in the championship game.

After losing to Harrisburg in the District semi-finals earlier in the year and losing to Taylor Allderdice in the semi-finals

last year, Pine-Richland really put up a fight against Reading. They held a lead for some of the game, including during halftime when they were up 30-28, but Reading didn't give up. They continued to fight back, and, once they gained momentum, there was no stopping the Red Knights.

Tyrone Nesby gave the Red Knights a lot of momentum in the beginning of the second half with a big three-pointer. He continued to play well all second half.

Lonnie Walker really kept Reading's tempo going by making big shots and playing at his usual rate. With time closing, he led a fast break down the court and threw down a one-handed dunk to close the game for Reading.

The game put an ending to the fairy-tale season for the Reading Red Knights. It was what the team was looking for since the beginning of the season; it was also the revenge they wanted since last year.

By McKenab Rapposelli

# Christians Under Persecution for Beliefs in Egypt

Religion

Egyptian Copts are the largest christian denomination in Egypt. They make up about 10% of Egypt's population. They speak the Coptic language/ which is where they get their name.

Although most Egyptians identify as Arabs, Copts do not. They identify themselves as the remaining descendants of the civilization of the Ancient Egyptians, with Pharaonic origins. Coptic Christians face constant trouble from the Egyptian state — for example, getting permission to build churches is made nearly impossible, they are frequently openly discriminated against, and the predominantly Muslim Government is then criticised for turning a blind eye to their plight.

On the morning of Sunday, 9 April, 2017, Egypt was rocked by two terrorist attacks that were carried out just minutes apart. The first attack was in a northern city, Tanta. It happened at a Palm Sunday service at St. George Church, and it proved fatal for twenty-seven people and wounded more than seventy, as reported by CNN.com.

CNN also reported that the explosive device was planted under a bench in the main praying hall of the church.

"The attack will not undermine the resolve and true will of the Egyptian people to counter the forces of evil, but will only harden their determination to move forward on their trajectory to realize security, stability and comprehensive development," Egyptian president Abdel Fattah el-Sisi said.

"The United States will continue to support Egypt's security and stability in its efforts to defeat terrorism," acting spokesperson Mark Toner said.

The second attack came in Alexandria, Egypt's second biggest city. It was at the Alexandria cathedral, where the Egyptian pope was in attendance. This second blast left seventeen dead and more than forty injured. The attack happened just

minutes after the Pope had finished the service. He escaped unscathed by the attack.

Three police officers were killed during the second attack due to their efforts to stop the attacker from entering the church. According to CNN, in a statement made on the Telegram messaging platform and sent around by several ISIS supporters, the militant group identified the bombers as Egyptian nationals. Egyptian authorities have yet to confirm the bombers' nationalities.

"The Crusaders and their apostate followers must be aware that the bill between us and them is very large, and they will be paying it like a river of blood from their sons, if God is willing," ISIS said.

Not much longer before the Palm Sunday attacks, Egypt's capital Cairo was struck by ISIS at the Cathedral of St. Mark. The attack happened on 13 December 2016 and killed at least twenty-five people, according to newsworld.com. Forty-nine others were wounded and at least six of the dead were children.

ISIS, in a statement reported by Reuters, said that one of its fighters—named Abu Abdallah al-Masri—had carried out the attack. Another attack dates all the way back to the first day of 2011. It was a New Year's eve celebration at one of the biggest churches in Alexandria with thousands of Christians in attendance. A suicide bomber blew himself up inside the church, leaving twenty-three dead and around one hundred injured.

The explosion was so powerful that it caused scattered body parts, destroyed cars, and smashed windows. Egyptian Christians continue to face persecution on a daily basis in the middle eastern world; they are attacked for their beliefs and often killed as well.

By Mina Isaac

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# Bystander Program Cancelled What Causes Crime ?

School

A bystander is a person who is present at an event or incident but does not take part. The FAHS Bystander Program is a performance about the role a bystander plays in bullying. The message is about how to avoid being a bystander, answering the question, What you can do if someone is put in a negative position by his or her peers?

The program was cancelled due to the minimum requirement on the amount of actors. According to guidance counselor Mr. Fred Engelhardt, twenty students needed to sign up and hand in permission forms in order for the show to take place. Only fourteen people signed up, and only seven of them

handed in their permission slips to make definite that they were eligible to perform.

“I figured this school could use a presentation like that,” junior Chris Logar said.

On 24 March, there were going to be two performances. One performance was going to be for the entire high school and one for the eighth graders in the middle school, both lasting approximately thirty minutes in length.

Engelhardt possibly plans on putting on another performance next year if more students sign up to be a part of the program.

By Anna Koehle

## Technology Affects Teens’ Sleep

Health

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Cops & Courts

Minor or major, crime is rampant. Many blame bad parenting. Others claim druge usage. The question however still remains, what causes crime?

Many factors go into what causes crime. Population is a key factor that goes into the consideration of the root of crime. The continuing arguments in already high populated areas leads to more cultural conflicts, as well as higher rates of organized crime.

“I believe that poverty is a very major cause of crime today--especially in areas where work is scarce and the pay is low,” sophomore Savannah Lopez said.

Poverty can also be taken into major consideration. Poverty often drives people to go to great lengths to gain money, food, housing, etc. This factor is argued to be one of lead causes for crime.

Drugs are another cause of crime. Whether it be drug cartels or drug addicts going to great lengths to support their addiction, much of today’s crime can be traced back to narcotics.

Also, many seek to blame parenting when it comes to specific convicts. However, this concept can easily be used as a scapegoat. A great many crimes do stem from areas where the locals are prone to have a record; however, a surprising amount comes



from neighborhoods of just the opposite.

In 2016, The Office Of Policy Development And Research, (PD&R) stated that “Neighborhoods’ incidence of violent crime is related to an array of intertwined characteristics, including poverty, segregation, and inequality; collective efficacy, disorder, trust, and institutions; job access; immigration; residential instability, foreclosures, vacancy rates, and evictions; land use and the built environment; neighborhood change; and location of housing assistance.”

The mental state of many convicts also has to be taken into consideration when looking into the roots of crime. “[Fifty-five] percent of male inmates in state prisons are mentally ill, but 73 percent of female inmates are,” TheAtlantic.com said.

By Morgan Althouse

# Violence, Crime Continue To Endure

Cops & Courts

Violence has been around forever. It doesn’t look like the crime rate is coming to an end either, which would be a tough thing to do.

As much as most people would like to not see violence be around anymore, there will always be some people that have a different view and try and cause as much violence as they can.

Gun violence is very common. It results in tens of thousands of deaths annually. There is really no way to stop it, even if the government makes guns illegal, because

it’s illegal to kill people, but that doesn’t stop people from murdering other people.

All the violence is making the world a very scary place for everyone, but for children, parents always have to worry about keeping their kids safe. A parent shouldn’t have to always worry about their child whenever the kid goes out.

“Yes, I do constantly worry about my child. It is scary knowing there are people out there that would harm my son, but I trust whoever is taking care of my child when I am not around, but when I am

around, I am always keeping track of my kid and making sure he is safe,” English teacher Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson said.

There are many types of violence, including physical, verbal, and sexual violence. All of them have a negative effect on people’s lives, and can in some sort ruin a person./

Approximately 120 million girls under the age of twenty have experienced sexual violence, which is scary for a young girl.

Sometimes, it is someone making

bad decisions that leads to that person being in danger. The only way to try and stop bad decisions is if the parent’s taught them well while growing up, but sometimes that is not enough.

“As a kid, I never really thought about violence and always lived in more of a care-free style, just having the most fun I possibly could. Now that I’m older, I have a different viewpoint. Violence is a little scarier because I understand what effect it truly can make,” senior Brodrick Allen said.

By McKenab Rapposelli



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