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Fleetwood Basketball Back for the Season

School

Fleetwood basketball started their season on 7 December 2018 against Bloomsburg High School. It was one of two games they played that weekend. Last year, the Tigers lost to Bloomsburg, but this year they looked to get revenge.

Coming into this year, the Tigers' past three years have all been losing records. Coach Terry Sitler looks to change things up this year and get the team back on the right track with new Assistant Coach Zack Sitler and new JV Head Coach Justin Soumas.

This year, the Tigers started off with some scrimmages against Tulpehocken and Susquehannock. Against Tulpehocken, the Tigers shot over 45% and just over 40% from the three. The team came down with forty-five total rebounds and twenty assists. It was not all offense for the

team, though, as they managed to come up with fourteen steals and two blocks to finish the scrimmage. Fleetwood came out with the win by a large margin, seventy-four to thirty-six.

When the team traveled to Susquehannock, they shot exactly 50% from the field and from three in the two short ten-minute games they played. The team also dished out seven assists altogether and brought in nineteen rebounds. The Tigers won the short scrimmage by a score of twenty-three to sixteen.

The boys first home game was on Thursday, 13 December, where the Tigers hosted the Schuylkill Valley Panthers. Last year, the team traveled to SV but lost when the game went into overtime.

By McKenah Rapposelli



Boys Basketball wins Summer League tournament in preparation for their actual season.

Fleetwood Seniors Sign National Letters of Intent

School

Fleetwood seniors Caitlin Bower and Rebekah Earnest signed their national letters of intent to play volleyball and soccer at Wilkes University and Liberty University, respectively. Caitlin, signing to play volleyball at Wilkes, is very excited for the opportunity to play her favorite sport at a great school with a great coach.

“I really liked the school and campus when I visited, and the coach is really nice,” Bower said.

That feeling is mutual between the two friends who signed their letters together on 11 November. Rebekah signed to play soccer at Liberty University, her number one choice.

“Liberty has always been my dream college. From my first visit, I was hooked,” Earnest said.

The opportunity to play their favorite sports for great universities excites both seniors.

“I’ve played volleyball for six years, and I’m excited to continue playing in college,” Bower said.

Bower hopes to play the position at

Wilkes and continue to succeed in college as she has done in high school. Earnest also hopes to have continued success in college following a very successful high school career.

“I was very impressed with the competitiveness of the soccer program. The girls on the team were welcoming, and the group, in general, was more of a family than a team,” Earnest said.

Both Earnest and Bower had tremendous high school careers and will look to continue their success in college. Both student athletes have strong support systems at home, helping them through their careers and their recruitment processes.

“My family is very excited for me; both of my parents like the school and the coach,” Bower said. She remarked that she is very grateful for her parents’ support and help throughout the years and this process.

“They have been nothing but supportive,” Earnest said. She described the lessons of needing to work for what you want to achieve, a lesson instilled by her parents at a young age.

Both Bower and Earnest have bright

futures in their respective sports after signing their national letters of intent.

By Samuel Schappell



Rebekah Earnest (left) and Caitlin Bower (right) signed their national letter of intent Wednesday November 11.

Fleetwood High Soccer Takes Home State Championship Game at Hershey Park Stadium

School

On 17 November 2018, it was a chilly Saturday afternoon at Hershey Park Stadium. Fleetwood squared off against Deer Lakes, looking to capture their fourth state title.

The team went back and forth with shots, but no one was able to put the ball in the net during regulation. Sam Schappell helped the team throughout the game with four big saves to keep the score tied. Fleetwood had their chances but could not find the back of the net.

The game stayed without a score until the end of regulation, taking the Tigers to yet another OT game. The game went back and forth, but nine minutes and forty-

six seconds in, Aidan Negrón finally earned the Tigers the goal they’d all been waiting for. The crowd went wild, and the team piled in the middle.

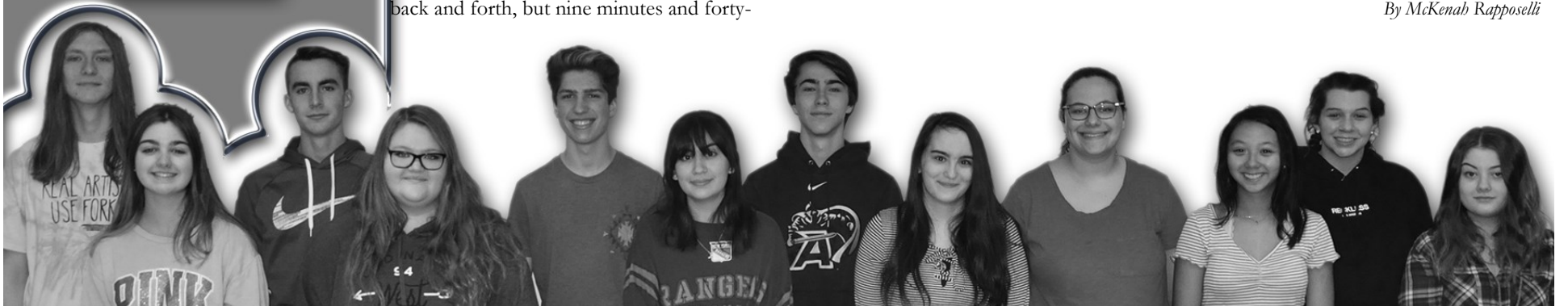
“It felt amazing; it was a dream come true. Everyone has worked so hard, and it shows. We deserved this win after all the hard work we put in. We didn’t only do this for ourselves but for the whole community and all the fans that always supported us,” senior captain Abraham Jalloh said. “This whole team has heart, and that was our main motivation, we knew we worked too hard to lose it.”

The team proved all their hard work

was worth it. Tony Hunter has been a spark off the bench all year.

“I know teams don’t have a scouting report on me, so I use that as an advantage and use my speed on the wing and try my best to set up my teammates with good crosses in the box,” Hunter said. “We’ve been talking about this for a long time. The last three years have been rough, and all the seniors really wanted to end on a bang, and all the underclassmen helped make this the best way to end our high school career, and hopefully the team can do the same thing next year; they have all the talent to do it!”

By McKenah Rapposelli



Mass Shootings are still Continuing in the US

Cops & Courts

Imagine having a beloved place destroyed, something once seen as home now seen as rubble. This is what has happened and is still happening to those affected by mass shootings. Statistics have shown that there have been 307 mass shootings during 2018 in the U.S. alone.

Tel Orfanos was just one person who had experienced not one but two of these horrific events. Orfanos survived an extremely deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas but sadly passed during the recent Thousand Oaks shooting in California.

His fate has brought many questions to the surface. For example, what kind of world allows one person to endure any mass shooting, let alone two? How are people affected by these shootings? And, how can this be stopped?

The effects of mass shootings are reaching people who haven't even been involved in one. Some people are afraid to do normal tasks

because of these events.

“Whenever we get called to go out for a fire drill, or they tell the teachers to lock the doors, a little part of me gets really scared as to what could happen,” junior Sydney Mahmood said.

Others try their best to pretend it is not happening.

“These mass shootings make me uncomfortable; I don't really think about it,” junior Jessica Merzy said.



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Candles, remembrance items, and more in memorial of those who passed during the deadly Las Vegas mass shooting in 2017

Some fears even go beyond the physical threat; some concerns lay with society and humanity.

“It kind of scares me as to where our society is as a whole, but it doesn't scare me in terms of my safety,” junior Mitchell Grim.

Can these events be prevented? Many people have many different views when it comes to stopping these dreadful events.

“I don't think anything can be done specifically about the shootings. I just don't see how one thing can stop these terrible things from happening,” Grim said.

“I believe stronger gun control and support for people who are in need could really help or at least start preventing further loss,” said Mahmood.

By Jessica Carlin

Migrant Children Separated from Families at US/Mexican Border

Politics

Under President Trump's executive order, children are being separated from their parents at the border and are being detained in a “tent city” in Texas. Some opponents to the plan have used the term “concentration camps,” as these camps are prison-like facilities that prevent underage individuals from leaving because of who they are.

As the Trump administration has no real plan on what to do with these children migrants, the similarities can be drawn to the Rivesaltes camp. The Rivesaltes camp was a prison camp from the 1940s that kept multiple populations of oppressed peoples under harsh conditions. This is much like this “tent city” because both are shifting an unwanted group of people to avoid actual-

ly dealing with them in a civil manner.

The Trump Administration is walking a seemingly thin line, as one key piece of information about these types of detainment lingers; they often become permanent.

The camps where the children are being held are under alarmingly harsh conditions. Many reports have placed children immigrants in dog cages and under tarps as a means of cover.

Wikipedia has added these camps to their list of concentration camps.

These detainment centers are a temporary solution to a long-term issue. As President Trump said he was not doing releases, there seems to be no resolution on the horizon.

By Morgan Albhouse

Marijuana: Sometimes Legal, but Still Debilitating and Permanently Harmful

Health

Marijuana impacts the brain in many negative ways. The main cannabinoid found in marijuana that affects the brain is THC, which is similar to the brain chemical anandamide. These two chemicals reward the brain, encouraging addiction.

Humans have an Endocannabinoid System found in many areas of the brain. Our bodies' natural cannabinoid, anandamide, acts upon this system. When pot smokers constantly smoke, THC throws off the balance of the body's natural cannabinoids. The addiction begins because the body still needs to get this chemical, and this causes an urge to smoke more because the body is not producing it anymore.

States such as California believe that marijuana should be used medically for pain, muscle spasms, seizures, and nausea. Even Coca Cola is allowing Cannabis's non-psychoactive chemical, CBD, to be in their products. Unfortunately, there are negative effects that show that the brain will not be able to function properly because it interferes with neurons.

A neuroscientist named Staci Gruber conducted an experiment between frequent and infrequent young marijuana smokers. It concluded with frequent smokers having damaged white

matter. The damaged white matter will cause young marijuana smokers to develop decision-making problems since their brain is still developing.

Another marijuana study conducted by Assistant Professor Jodi Gilman showed that marijuana smokers who smoked only once a week will have a decrease in brain volume, brain matter, and a lower IQ. These effects impair attention, memory, learning, and decision-making.

Psychosis and marijuana have also found to be linked together. Young males who frequently smoke marijuana are more likely to develop psychosis later in life. The chemicals in cannabis alter the brain's chemistry. This has not been fully proven, but Dr. Birnbaum states, “if frequent consumers experience disturbing hallucinations while intoxicated then they have a predisposition of psychosis.”

Cannabis has been used for many studies about IQ, brain size, and psychological disorders. These effects need to be understood by current and future smokers so they can avoid these health problems.

By Madeline Feichtel

President Trump Trying to End Birthright Citizenship

Politics

In a recent interview with Axios on HBO, President Trump revealed that he is preparing an executive order to nullify the long-accepted constitutional right of birthright citizenship in the United States. Legally, he can't do this, as the 14th Amendment has protected this right for over a century: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.”

Not unexpectedly, Trump had something to say about this. He claims birthright citizenship is not protected under the 14th Amendment, since it specifically says “subject to the jurisdiction thereof...”

In reality, the chances of Trump being successful in this endeavor are slim to none. First of all, he cannot do it on his own, contrary to his belief: “It was always told to me that you needed a constitutional amendment. Guess what? You don't. You can definitely do it with an act of

Congress. But now they're saying I can do it with just an executive order.”

In reality, it would take a lot of work to pass this idea. An overwhelming majority vote from Congress would be needed, and at least 2/3 of the individual states would have to agree as well.


It seems the motivation behind this sudden move is just another shot in the dark at regulating immigration.

“We're the only country in the world where a person comes in and has a baby, and the baby is essentially a citizen of the US for 85 years with all of those benefits. It's ridiculous. And it has to end,” Trump tweeted.

Over 30 other countries have birthright citizenship, including neighbors Canada and Mexico.

Trump says it's “in the process” and “it'll happen one way or another.” America will see.

By Madison McElwee



Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

Following

So-called Birthright Citizenship, which costs our Country billions of dollars and is very unfair to our citizens, will be ended one way or the other. It is not covered by the 14th Amendment because of the words “subject to the jurisdiction thereof.” Many legal scholars agree.....

4 Dead in Shooting in Chicago Hospital

Cops & Courts

On 19 November 2018, there was a tragic shooting inside and out of Mercy Hospital, which is located south of downtown Chicago.

Superintendent Eddie Johnson of the Chicago police stated that four people have been pronounced dead.

The three innocent lives that were taken that night included an officer, a doctor, and a pharmacist.

The gunman was also shot and killed, but sources were unsure if the shot came from the police or the shooter himself.

Later details exhibited that the gunman was 32-year-old Juan Lopez. He started firing his gun outside the hospital, where he shot and killed his ex-fiance, Dr. Tamara O'Neal.

Lopez then entered the emergency wing of the hospital. Here he shot and killed twenty-four-year-old pharmacist Dayna Less and Chicago police officer Samuel Jimenez, who was 28.

“A hospital is supposed to be a place of healing and recovery...and we're seeing that it is now a place where a mass shooting can take place,” executive director of the Illinois Nurses Association (INA) Alice Johnson said.

The INA recently made a law that increases violence-prevention efforts at hospitals, which also includes risk assessments of facilities. The law will be applied on 1 January. Johnson said the law would not prevent all violence in hospitals but that “obviously, there's a lot of work left to be done here.”

“I believe that safety practices are important, but all the protocols in the world cannot hope to overcome the culture issues plaguing the city of Chicago. Until these issues are addressed, this tragedy will not be a singular event. I feel extremely saddened by this tragedy and all of the families affected by this. I also fear the extreme likelihood of this type of violence continuing to bleed through the streets of Chicago. The security team, in the current state of politics, were probably afraid to act out of fear of scrutiny, much the same as the Parkland security guard. We need to, instead of degrading security and police, applaud these brave people for doing their jobs, and maybe these issues will cease,” Fleetwood Area High School Senior Sienna Cowley said.

By Elyse Essick

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MOSELEM

Electric Chair used on Tennessee Man for the first time since 2017

Cops & Courts

Sixty-three-year-old Edmund Zagorski became the first man to be executed in the electric chair in Tennessee since 2017. Zagorski was put to death 25 October 2018.

The action that caused him to lose his life was shooting two men and slitting their throats during a drug deal many years ago.

Edmund was pronounced dead at 7:26 p.m. in a Nashville maximum-security prison. When asked if Zagorski had any last

words, he said "Let's Rock."

Reporter Adam Tamburin, with the Tennessean newspaper, stated that Edmund held a grin on his face until a sponge and helmet were placed over him.

Another reporter named Jason Lamb stated that Zagorski wore white prison trousers and a yellow shirt.

Kelly Henry, Zagorski's attorney, was nodding, smiling, and tapping her heart just before his execution occurred.

"I feel like the way he died was what

he deserved, but it is still a very morbid way to go. I think he wanted to die by electric chair because he probably feared that he would live through the injection and go through all the pain of the aftereffects," Fleetwood Area High School Senior Erini Zahariadis stated.

"I feel like the choice was a privilege given to him. To be completely honest, I see it as almost an act of mercy," senior Sienna Cowley said.

He picked the electric chair instead

of lethal injection because he wanted the notoriety the public is currently giving him by talking about it and publicizing it in the media.

"I believe he got what he wanted by seeking attention," Cowley said.

By Elyse Essick

Fleetwood Students of the Month Announced for November

School

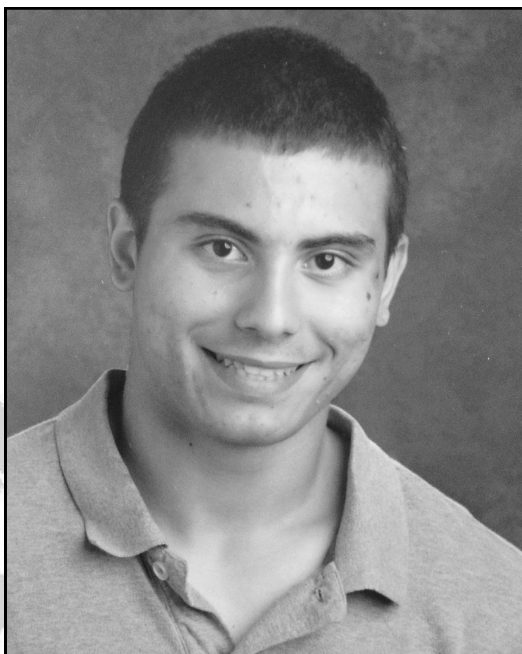
Seniors Brooke Gorman and Armando Torres have been named November's students of the month at Fleetwood Area High School. Both Brooke and Armando are very involved, intelligent, and well-liked students. They are both very excited to have achieved this recognition.

The teachers vote every month for the students of the month.

"I'm happy the teachers thought of me when nominating a student," Gorman said.

Armando echoed the same sentiment, showing appreciation for teachers that picked him.

Being involved is a good way to be named student of the month. Brooke Gorman is a prime example of this. She is the president of FBLA, while formerly being a part of the community service project and currently being a part of FBLA's partnership with business project. She is in Relay for Life, Artifact, Student Council, and Prom Committee, while also being in four honors



societies. Brooke is the secretary for National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, National Art Honor Society, and the National Business Honor Society.

Armando Torres is also involved here at Fleetwood. He is a senior member of the basketball and baseball teams. Sports are his main priority, along with school. Additionally, Armando's future plans include going to a local community college for two-years, then transferring to a four-year university majoring in History.

Brooke Gorman's future plans include studying chemistry or accounting in college, then attending law school.

Both students of the month were surprised to hear they won.

"It feels nice; I was really surprised I won," Torres said.

"I told a friend like two weeks ago I'd never get it," Gorman said.

Both students of the month are nice to their teachers, dedicated to their education, and involved at school.

By Samuel Schappell

Vandals Leave Anti-Semitic Slurs in Columbia Professor's Office Without Any Leads

Religion

A professor and her students were left shocked on the campus of Columbia University. Professor Midlarsky walked into her office only to find swastikas and anti-semitic slurs slathered all over her walls with red spray paint.

It was a normal Wednesday around 1:30 p.m. when Midlarsky and her students were heading to her office for a lab meeting. Once she opened her door, which was previously unlocked, she witnessed the horrifying sight. Elizabeth Midlarsky is a clinical psychologist and Holocaust scholar. She said she had no idea who could have done this terrible thing.

"I was shocked, I couldn't believe it," Midlarsky said to *The Washington Post*.

Before this event, professor Midlarsky was living her normal life, and now she walks around campus scared.

"I'm usually not a fearful person, but they got me. I'm afraid," Midlarsky said.

This ended up causing more fear because of the Holocaust memory fading. Hate against the Jewish community has increased 60%

in 2017, according to the anti-defamation league.

Midlarsky called security after the vandalism occurred. The guilty party has not been discovered yet. The question is, when the suspect is found, what should his or her punishment be?

"They should be punished. What they did was messed up," Fleetwood junior Cailyn Miller said.

"They should at the very least be expelled, if it was a student," Fleetwood junior Sierra Moyer said.

Events like these don't just affect those who are personally involved. It can have an effect on others. To many, this situation was scary as well.

"If someone can just easily deface this professor's office, imagine what else people are capable of," Moyer said.

"This doesn't really affect me. Messed up things happen all the time in the world, and I've just learned to accept it," Fleetwood junior Marc-Anthony Dorestan said.

By Jessica Carlin

FAHS Student Interns Host Hidden Personal Tech lab in Basement

School

Mason Reimert and Corey Livinghouse have been interested in technology for years. Both of them serve on Fleetwood Area High School's student help desk, which aids staff members with tech problems. Currently, Livinghouse is interning with Fleetwood's IT department.

The two run a complex tech lab out of Reimert's basement with the help of Thaddeus Wingate, Wesley Seaman, and Gavin Milligan. Within their lab, one can find three servers, a phone setup with extensions, multiple computer setups, a 3D printer, Raspberry Pi devices capable of hacking each other's garage doors, a TV hooked up to a backroom windows PC with two massive speakers, two industrial printers, and many more gadgets.

That may sound like a lot, but what is it all used for?

"We [mess] around, but we learn a lot of stuff," sophomore Reimert said.

The crew uses their lab for whatever big tech project they're working on. In most cases, they end up learning something new. According to Reimert, the server setup is very similar to the Fleetwood Area School District's, which is what makes he and Livinghouse the most effective student volunteers.

How did they acquire all of this technology, and what are the specifications of all of it? Livinghouse and Reimert make frequent stops to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. There, they have purchased slightly older tech in bulk cheaply. Sometimes the friends see it lying at the end of a driveway and pick it up. The six computers

they have are under-powered, as they lack a dedicated graphics card. Corey's solution is to slap an SSD in it so programs load faster. In most cases, that works. However, the mission statement the group lives for is "...quantity over quality."

Best of all, if you call their tech lab and are put on hold, you get to listen to "Africa" by Toto. Each desk has its own extension, so calls can easily be transferred from friend to friend. Livinghouse is in charge of paying the lab's phone bill, while Reimert pays for the email service provider.

Wingate, Seaman, Livinghouse, Milligan, and Reimert also run a YouTube channel called Good Kitchen. They have bragged multiple times that it won best YouTube channel of 8th grade back in middle school, but now a new challenge faces the group. As of 29 November 2018, the friends, including Andrew Loeffler, are pulling together a political outreach program hosted by Jeff Woodall, the Food Director. Their club is called Turning Point USA. Turning Point USA has been a national outreach program adopted by many American schools. It aims to bring in conservative political icons to speak at schools and boost voter registration. The program also highlights what it means to be American, no matter one's race, gender, or sexuality.

For more information, contact Fleetwood's TP USA President, Gavin Milligan at gmilligan@student.fleetwoodasd.org.

By Aaron Popper



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Pipe Bombs Mailed to Democrats

Politics

At least fourteen Democrats recently received live pipe bombs, all of similar design and packaging, leading to suspicions of a coordinated attack.

High-profile Democrats received live explosive devices in what appears to be a large scale attack on government officials, media corporations, and anyone opposed to President Donald Trump. All of these cases seem to be intertwined, and a thorough investigation is underway in order to find out where these devices came from and whether or not there are more devices currently being made and sent to high-ranking officials.

People who received a bomb include former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President Barack Obama, former CIA director John Brennan, former Attorney General Eric Holder, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, New Jersey Senator Cory Booker, California Senator Kamala Harris, billionaire George Soros, and billionaire Tom Steyer. People who received two bombs include former Vice President Joe Biden and California Representative Maxine Waters.

A fifteenth package was intercepted on its way to CNN's Atlanta headquarters and a

sixteenth and final package was intercepted at a post office in San Francisco on its way to billionaire Trump critic Thomas Steyer. The return address on all packages listed Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz's Florida offices.

A suspect was arrested in connection with the packages. Cesar Altieri Sayoc was apprehended in Plantation, Florida, and has been charged with five federal counts, including "Interstate Transportation of an Explosive,," "Illegal Making of Explosives," "Threats Against Former Presidents and Certain Other Persons," "Threatening Interstate Communications," and "Assaulting Federal Officers."

Sayoc was caught after tracking five of the packages to a Miami distribution center and later with the use of fingerprint and DNA technology. The suspect was arrested near his white van outside of an auto parts store. The van was covered in Trump and anti-CNN stickers. Sayoc was expected in court on Election Day in Manhattan.

"I think it's a tragic thing, no matter who it would happen to," Senior Elizabeth Walters said. "And it wasn't a good time, with upcoming midterm elections."

By Aydan Tregear

Two Women Assaulted and Another Killed in a St. Louis Catholic Supply Store

Cops & Courts

As of 20 November 2018, a suspect believed to be a white male between 45- and 50-years-old, presumably armed and dangerous, was on the loose after a brutal attack and murder at a local St. Louis Catholic supply store. The suspect assaulted at least one woman and fatally shot another in the head. The identity of the victim has yet to be released, and it is still uncertain if she was assaulted as well.

Seemingly a random attack, the incident happened between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. along Manchester Road, one of the most congested roadways in the area.

The perpetrator claimed that he had assaulted several of the women before shooting one of them in the head.

As of 28 November, fifty-three year-old Thomas Bruce, former pastor and gun rights

activist, was charged with a total of seventeen crimes, including one count of first degree murder, three counts of sodomy, three counts of kidnapping, eight counts of armed criminal action, one count of burglary, and one count of tampering with evidence. He is being held without bail and may be eligible for the death penalty.

It was discovered that Bruce had assaulted not just one but two women and attempted to assault a third, fifty-three year-old Jamie Schmidt. When Schmidt refused, she was fatally shot in the head.

St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said that this incident was "one of the most disturbing things I've ever had occasion to investigate."

By Madi McElwee

The Coffee or Tea Debate Continues

In-Depth Research

Coffee or Tea?

This question has been a longtime controversy as to which is more beneficial for one's health. In fact, each drink has its own benefits, and it is important for people to understand that there is no right or wrong answer as to which one a person prefers. Recent scientific studies can explain why that is.

The main health-related ingredient found in coffee is caffeine. There have been studies that support that caffeine is beneficial for one's health. For instance, a study in mice concluded that caffeine helps move a protein called p27 in the mitochondria, the powerhouse of the cell. The increased amount of p27 recovered the mice's heart cells after a heart attack. Coffee has also been reported to reduce risk of Alzheimer's, Type 2 Diabetes, and liver disease.

Tea is very healthy for one's heart as well. The ingredients found in tea are herbal leaves and caffeine. The benefits of tea vary on what type of tea the person drinks. There are six basic categories of tea, with the most common being green tea. Green tea burns fat, lowers the risk of Type 2 Diabetes and contains antioxidants. Tea is beneficial for reducing stress because of a protein that causes a calming effect.

There are false pretenses saying how coffee can stunt a person's growth. However, this is not true because there is no evidence of it. It is possible that caffeine can eliminate calcium absorption, but it is nothing life-threatening.

As long as coffee drinkers drink a good amount of milk, they will have healthy bones due to the intake of calcium and Vitamin D.

Since both beverages cause no significant damage to the body, the real reason why people choose tea or coffee is tied to genetics. The active gene, PDSS2, can lower levels of a caffeine enzyme, which will determine if you are pro coffee or pro tea. The more active the gene, the less coffee people will drink.

"I am more of a tea person because it tastes better," Fleetwood Senior Grace Hess said.

"I prefer to drink iced tea over hot/iced coffee because coffee makes me feel sick afterwards," Fleetwood Senior Madeline Reitz said.

"I consider myself more of a coffee person simply because coffee gives me an energy boost and it tastes better," Fleetwood Senior Taylor Althouse said.

"I like tea because it's very relaxing and calming," Fleetwood Senior Kirsten Frymoyer said.

Many students prefer one beverage over the other, and it has to do with taste and the aftereffects. Not as many chose it based on which one is healthier but instead based on what is tastier. Each person has a different active PDSS2 gene.

By Madeline Feichtel

National Monument to be Reduced in Size for Mining

Politics

Grand Staircase Escalante, a protected sacred monument, is being reduced in size to be mined despite national outcry.

The Trump administration is cutting the Grand Staircase Escalante nearly in half. This new proposition will open new oil and gas leasing opportunities in protected lands, reduce drilling regulations, and dissolve habitat-protected shelter for endangered species.

The Grand Staircase Escalante isn't the only national monument that is being reduced in

size; the Bear Ears monument has been reduced to 16%.

"A protest at the state capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, was held on Saturday, December 2nd. It was organized by 15 organizations and led by representatives from the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, a group of five Native American tribes that lobbied for the creation of the Bears Ears monument," *National Geographic* said.

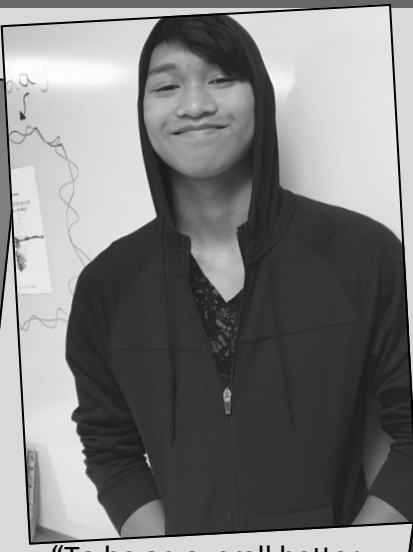
By Morgan Althouse

Random Cheese

What is your New Year's Resolution?



"To go on at least one date a month with my husband."
-Mrs. Wilkinson



"To be an overall better and happier person; I hope to meet my fitness and mental goals and become confident and proud of who I am."
-junior Leo Humer



"To make sure I graduate."
-junior Megan Zimmerman



"To stay alive."
-junior Emily Jones



"To be happy and fulfilled."
-junior Austin Russell

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