



FBLA wins big at district competition

By Kara Yakel

It proved to be another successful day for the Fulton chapter of Future Business Leaders of America as the G. Ray Bodley High School participants came home with 12 awards on Friday at the annual District 3 Competition.

Paced by a double victory showing from senior David Johnson that also included a second place trophy, the Fulton FBLA won nine first place, one second place and two third place awards on the day. Co-advisor Mrs. House was thrilled by her club's showing, stating, "I was absolutely pleased with the outcomes of the Spring District Competition."

The students who were participating in the Spring District Competition went down to Mrs. House's room after first bell dressed as professionals and ready to take on their competitions. All FBLA members who went to this competition had been preparing over the last couple of weeks.

After all the tests were finished, they were taken by the teachers and graded while the students waited in the cafeteria, anxious to know how they did. Once all tests were graded everyone went up to the room where they gave out awards. First place awards were earned by Amanda Abraham in Basic Decision Making, Taylor Rose in Word Processing II, Lilia Kesterke and Katelyn Caza for Marketing and the team of Lindsey Larkin, Kara Yakel and Ashley Waring for Management Decision Making.

Johnson claimed first place in Banking and Financial Systems and Personal Finance and was also second in Electronic Career Portfolio. Other first place winners were Cassie Orr for Impromptu Speaking, and Julia Fisch in Computer Applications while Kassy McCann and Emily Ervin combined to win Desktop Publishing.

Third place plaques were claimed by Emily Ervin for Economics and Katelyn Caza and Zach Mizener in Entrepreneurship. This competition is extremely important for the

FBLA Club since members may have the ability to compete at the state level. The state competition will be held in Rochester April 18-20. FBLA is currently doing a fundraiser

to help raise money for the trip by selling Fun Pasta. Anyone interested in purchasing a box of Fun Pasta should contact Mrs. House, Mrs. Ferlito, or any FBLA member.



Members of the Fulton FBLA proudly display their winnings following a successful Friday the annual District Competition. Picture from left to right are-Kneeling: Lindsey Larkin, Kara Yakel, Emily Ervin, Taylor Rose, Amanda Abraham, Julia Fisch. Standing: Mrs. House, James Benthin, Sarah Pluta, Zach Mizener, Lilia Kestereke, Ashley Waring, Arianah Stinnett, David Johnson, Kassy McCann, Cassie Orr, Kari Holbrook, Katelyn Caza, Mrs. Ferlito.

Raider teams fall on court and ice

The basketball season came to a disappointing end while the Raider hockey team continued a season's worth of frustration as three Fulton teams came up on the short end of the score on Tuesday. Ashlynn Palmitesso closed out a stellar career as Fulton's third leading all-time scorer, second among the girls, with a game high 25 points, but it was not enough to carry the Raiders past CBA in a 57-44 setback. Jessica Hudson added eight for the Raiders, who fell victim to a 20-10 second quarter CBA barrage to end the season at 5-13. Marisa Romeo, Julie Cuomo and Michelle Wiese led the 12-4 Lady Brothers with 17, 11 and 10 respectively.

The CBA boys came to town and foiled Fulton hopes of a senior night upset as Charlie Russo, Dylan Haines and Kevin Bailey ripped the nets for 19, 14 and 11 respectively in a 65-48 win for the Brothers. Fulton senior Nate Hudson closed out a strong final campaign for the Raiders with 16 points and senior Tyler French made a successful return from a hand injury with 10 points. Fellow senior Shaun O'Connere added nine and Mark Pollock scored 7 for the Raiders, who finished the season with a 4-14 record.

Dan Manicia and Cody Marlano spoiled the senior night festivities by combining for all five goals in Oswego's 5-1 triumph over the Raider icemen. Marlano scored three times and provided an assist to Manicia for the other two tallies as the Bucs improved to 13-4-1 on the season. Dylan Holden closed out a strong Fulton career with a goal and an assist while Bryce Knight had the other Raider tally in front of a 27 save effort from Anthony Semeraro.

Opinion

Contributions of African-Americans highlighted

By Vanessa Langdon

Since its first observance in 1976, February of each year is known as Black History month. February was made a national month of recognition for African Americans by then President Gerald Ford. The month is used to celebrate all the achievements that African Americans have made in the past and present to American culture as a whole.

Black History month began as just one week in February called "Negro History Week" by Carter G. Woodson. The transition into a month long celebration began in West Virginia in the 1940's. West Virginia was the state where Woodson frequently gave speeches, and the state extended the week to the month of February. February was the chosen month for first the week, and then the entire month because it encompassed the birthdays of two big proponents of Black



Americans have done for our nation, take advantage of this month to realize that every ethnicity in our great big melting pot has had a hand in creating our nation. Remember that although February may be Black History month it does not mean that the rest of the year we should ignore their accomplishments. In addition, the lack of a specific month dedicated to recognizing the achievements of other groups should not deter people from recognizing them as well.

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you. But you can control the situation by telling them that whatever money they will save by using your coupons must be put in a separate account or area for your college needs.

I'm sure many of your parents or guardians will agree to that deal, for you as a teenager are taking the initiative to save money and put it toward useful things like college supplies and other expenses.

For those who aren't yet graduating, you can make this same deal for college in the future, or you can make a different deal that however much money they save will be used toward whatever you desire.

I know what many of you are thinking and couponing isn't the least embarrassing, trust me! By doing only a little work on a Sunday afternoon, you can save a lot of money and use it towards something you want or need.

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rights, President Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass.

Black History month is used to educate about the often forgotten struggle of African Americans for their rights in this country and their contributions in shaping American history. Activities are done in elementary schools and commercials air on television promoting the month and revered African American icons. A relatively unknown fact about Black History month is that there is a yearly theme so that different aspects of Black history are the focus each year. This year's theme is "Black Women in American Culture and History." The theme is chosen each year by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

So this month make yourself aware of all the things that African

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Hockey vs. Baldwinsville (5 pm); Bowling @ County Meet (3:30 @ Mattydale).

Thurs. Feb. 9: Bowling @ County Meet (3:30 @ Mattydale).

Sat. Feb. 11: Wrestling @ Section 3 Championships (10 am @ OCC).



Quote of the day:

"Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure."



Reflections

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Romney takes Nevada to emerge as frontrunner

By Nate Hawthorne

This past Saturday, February , Nevada held its Republican Presidential Caucus, to select who they would like to become the Republican candidate for the 2012 election in November. Unlike a primary, which is a vote consisting of secret ballots (much like a regular election) a caucus is more like a series of town hall meetings. Groups of voters will meet up, and have a discussion over who they want their precinct to send their delegates of support for. At these town hall meetings, residents of the precinct can openly show their support and speak for a specific presidential candidate, in hopes to sway the opinions of others at the meeting.



Voting is informal at caucuses, and is often times determined just by a count of raised hands for which candidate they would like to support. At one time, caucuses were the primary form of selecting which candidate a state would represent, although now only Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Wyoming and Iowa vote by caucus.

Mitt Romney, the former Governor of Massachusetts, overwhelming won in Nevada, where he 50.1% of the precincts, with a total of 16,486 votes. This was not considered a surprise, as Mormons made up 26% of caucus attendees, of which Romney won 90% of. Newt Gingrich, the former Speaker of the House, obtained a disappoint-

ing 21.1% of the precinct, with 6,956 votes. An interesting side note, a key donor to a SuperPAC in support of Gingrich, Sheldon Anderson, who donated over \$7 million, lives in Nevada. His money was unable to buy Gingrich the support he needed to win this state. Ron Paul took third with 18.8% of the precincts with 6,175 votes, and Rick Santorum received the least support from Nevada, with

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10% of the precincts, obtaining 3,277 votes.

The total delegate count at this point is 101 for Romney, 32 for Gingrich, 17 for Santorum, and 9 for Paul. The number of delegates any candidate needs to nab the nomination is 1,144. Unless a candidate drops out of the race or something drastic occurs, this is looking to be a long battle between Romney and Gingrich. Coming up next is the Colorado Caucus, the Minnesota Caucus, and the Missouri primary on Tuesday February 7. *(Information for this article was obtained from the Associated Press)*

Coupons + college = a smart way to save \$

By Maddie Olon

Many people may assume that coupons are a waste of time, especially when they watch Extreme Couponing. I can reassure you that coupons are absolutely not a waste of time, and are a huge help in many ways!



The TLC special *Extreme Couponing* is very motivating and entertaining to watch, but they are spreading a false message that someone can actually obtain their whole grocery list for free. You are probably asking yourself, why on earth would you tell me to use coupons while telling me that I can't get anything for free?

On *Extreme Couponing*, the women or men they are featuring have three different computers to print coupons from. They also dumpster dive, buy more than 20 newspapers, and spend every waking moment cutting and matching coupons. Most of the human

population doesn't have time to achieve these high demand coupon strategies, but there is still a solution.

Step one: Buy a few Sunday newspapers (every week)

Step two: Cut coupons and organize them into piles of foods, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics/toilet trees

Step three: Bring coupons along with you every time you accompany your parents or you yourself go grocery shopping

Step four: You can also match the coupons with store coupons to get more of a deal, but that takes more work and some more time

These three simple steps are all it takes for you to save money and pick up a new hobby!

Now, many of you are probably stressing out about college just as much as I am. I never realized how much college actually costs when you add every expense together.

Make a deal with your parents! Agree that cutting coupons, organizing them, and bringing them along to the store will all be up to

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Orange open tough stretch with rival Hoyas

By Tyler Terramiggi

When the doors open up at the famous Carrier Dome tonight, you can expect over 30,000 craved 'Cuse fans ready for their number two ranked Orange to defeat the number 11 ranked Georgetown Hoyas.

Syracuse, which has rebounded strongly after their first loss of the season in South Bend at the hands of Notre Dame, have sprouted up to 23-1 overall with a league record of 10-1.

Leading the Orange in scoring are senior sensation Kris Joseph at 13.7 points per contest along with stellar sophomore Dion Waiters at 12.3 points a game, who may be a future NBA lottery pick. Controlling the boards are sophomores Fab Melo and CJ Fair, each averaging over 5 rebounds per game. Also contributing for the number two ranked squad are slick guards Brandon Triche (10 ppg, 3 apg) and Scoop Jardine (8.5 ppg, 4.8 apg).

Sophomores James Southerland, a 6-foot-8 forward has canned



25 three-point field goals, along with Rakeem Christmas and Baye Moussa Keita, who have patrolled the center and wings of the famed Boenheim 2-3 zone. Freshman guard Michael Carter-Williams has also emerged as of late, setting a 13 point career-high last Saturday against St. John's. He is a great young point guard talent with a 3:1 assist to turnover ratio.

Georgetown however, maybe the biggest surprise this season in the Big East. Standing tall at 18-4 this season with an 8-3 record in the big east, which is good for second.

Jason Clark leads the Hoyas into Syracuse averaging over 15 points and 4 rebounds per contest. Hollis Thomas and Henry Sims are also having impressive season for G-town with Thomas averaging over 13 and 5, while Sims is putting up over 11 and 5 as well this season. However, Otto Parker has been a beast on the boards all year long which can be nothing but a nightmare for Syracuse with over 6.5 a game.

What should really worry the Orange is Georgetown's ability to pass and rebound. However, in a hard fought Big East contest I see Syracuse coming out on top 72-64.

NBC has a winner with debut of *Smash*

By Vanessa Langdon

The much hyped up debut of NBC's savior show *Smash* premiered on Monday, February 6 to much acclaim by critics and viewers alike.

The show, produced by Steven Spielberg, centers on the cut throat world of producing a Broadway show and the drama created by putting on such an intricate thing as well as the personal lives of those involved including the director, writers, producer, and actors. The pilot itself ended with two women vying for the lead role in the show, *Marilyn Monroe*.

The show does include musical numbers and dancing so to some, including senior Ross Maxim, it might be viewed as, "a girl show." But that aside those who are fans of musicals and even older fans of *Glee* may find this show to be their new obsession. The comparisons to *Glee* are expected, but the shows creators are adamant that it is a completely new show separate from *Glee*, although one cannot help but make the comparison as NBC jumps on the musical bandwagon.

The end of the pilot episode makes people who did get pulled into the show wanting more, as every story line at the end of the hour long episode is left with a cliff hanger. The role of Marilyn is left between two actresses, Ivy and Karen, played by Megan Hilty and Katherine McPhee respectively. The hype regarding the casting of McPhee has been the subject of great discussion itself as she is a runner up from *American Idol* season 6. Many people, myself included, were happily surprised by her impressive pipes in the pilot and can see her being able to carry this show, as well as an actual Broadway show herself. Along with the dueling roles of Marilyn the cast includes Debra Messing, Angelica Huston, and Jack Davenport as the musical's co-writer, producer, and womanizing director.

The show airs again next week at the same time, 10 pm on NBC.

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miered on Monday, February 6 to much acclaim by critics and viewers alike. If the second episode is anything like the pilot the show will only go up and is gearing to be a strong contender for award season. I will be tuning in again and recommend that you too give the show within a show musical dramedy a shot!

Bizarre News of the Month:

Mutter Museum of the offbeat

Once again, it's time for the bizarre news of the month. This month's edition is about historical body parts and the Balloon Man.

Historical Body Parts

The Mutter Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has a tumor on display that was removed from the mouth of US President Grover Cleveland. The operation to remove the tumor was done secretly on board a yacht travelling to Long Island, NY in 1893. It was kept a secret to prevent any panic over the President's health. Dental work was used as a cover story to explain temporary changes in the President's speech and appearance. The tumor was so large that it disfigured the President's face. Instruments used in the removal of the tumor are likewise on included in the exhibit.

Also on display at the Mutter are items tied to the assassination of US President Abraham Lincoln. The blood-stained collar of Lincoln's shirt is on display, along with a piece of his assassin's body. A bit of John Wilkes Booth's throat floats in a jar. Booth was fatally shot in the neck, and when he died, a part of his throat was removed and sent to the museum to show.

The Balloon Man

A circus sideshow performer who was billed as both the "Balloon Man" and the "Human Windbag" has a part of himself on permanent display in the Mutter Museum. A grotesquely enlarged colon and severe constipation gave the poor man an over-sized and unusually shaped abdomen.

What are you getting your sweetheart for Valentine's Day?



"A stuffed turtle."
Sean Fink



"Candy."
Jeff Waldron



"Hello, what more does he need?!"
Mrs. Wilmot



"Shoes."
Ashley Hamm

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Mostly cloudy.

32°

Average: 33°
Record: 51° (1990)

Tonight:



Clear skies.

22°

Average: 16°
Record: -13° (1963)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds.

38°

Average: 33°
Record: 55° (2001)

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