



THE BISHOP BULLETIN



“Groundhogs in Love” - Original Artwork by Lucy Schneider

From the Berlin Bureau...

By Mila Rockedal

On February 12, Berliners all over the city flocked to their local polling place to reelect members of the Abgeordnetenhaus Berlin—or State Parliament of Berlin. Berlin is both a city and a state within Germany, so every 5 years, they hold an election to determine the members of the Parliament. In Berlin, the State Parliament is made up of multiple political parties, all elected by citizens. Each party has to receive at least 5% of votes to be able to hold any power within the Parliament, while whoever receives the most votes has the most control. However, it is possible for all the other parties to band together on any vote and overturn movements made by the main power.

Compared to previous elections, the importance of this one was stressed more than ever. Normally, elections for the Abgeordnetenhaus Berlin are held every 5 years. However, the most recent election before this one was held in 2021. For the first time in Berlin history, the State Constitutional Court ruled the 2021 election invalid, due to the turmoil that took place on that day. Along with holding the vote on the same day as the Berlin marathon, ballots were lost, other ballots had the wrong candidates listed, polling places either closed too early or stayed open too late, and people were forced to stand in line for hours. According to the court, over 60% of votes were affected by the mayhem.

One of the most significant differences between American and German politics is the number of parties in the running. In the U.S, we have two main parties, the Democrats and the Republicans. However, in Berlin, there are typically over 10 parties on the ballot. Although most of these parties run on broad political ideologies, other groups are dedicated to specialized issues. The most notable of these more specialized parties is the Schulmedizinische Verjüngungsforschung Partei (the Party for Rejuvenation Research). This party's central campaign is for the funding of extreme anti-aging research. Another single-issue party is the Tierschutzpartei (Human Environment Animal Protection Party). Their goal is to make laws that protect animals and the environment. To enroll in a Berlin election, all you need is a small sum of money, German citizenship, and an age of 18 or more. These low criteria make it much more accessible to run for office.

Seeing as there are many more parties in the running, advertising plays an important role in German campaigns. In the weeks before the election, it's almost impossible to walk a block in Berlin without seeing signs for the various competing State
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The Kingdom of Lo and the Importance of Preservation

By Simon Kislak Brown

History is essential; it helps us understand who we are, where we come from, and where we are going. It provides us with a valuable perspective on the world and can help us make informed decisions that will shape our future. Many peoples, kingdoms, countries, and religions have unique cultures and practices that have begun to be forgotten through modern world change. A main reason for historical and informational losses is the loss of buildings and cultural artifacts. How can such losses be prevented?

One particular kingdom in the Himalayas is an example of this architectural and cultural loss. Nearly a millennium’s worth of this nation’s historical, architectural, and artistic artifacts lie in the Kingdom of Lo. The Kingdom of Lo sits in the upper part of the Mustang District in Nepal which borders China and is surrounded by towering mountains all around. For centuries, Lo had a thriving trading economy and their monarchical leadership would fund the expensive preservation costs. This changed in 2006 when the Nepalese government faced a revolution, and banned all monarchies, resulting in the Kingdom of Lo losing power. The Nepalese government did not act on preserving the countless palaces, sculptures, paintings, documents and ancient riches which are now dissipating along with so much of the region's culture and history. The former King Jigme and current community leader of the Kingdom of Lo believes that tourism is the only way to maintain the physical history of Lo, starting with the first road connecting the isolated Kingdom to the rest of Nepal.



Above: An image of the isolated Kingdom of Lo

The United States has approached historical preservation differently. In 1966, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) was passed. NHPA established the National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Offices, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. All of these federal preservation agencies have adequate
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Parliament parties. Some have even gone so far as to line whole intersections with blown up photos of members’ faces. Not only did the political parties post a large number of signs; the signs also got straight to the point. The AFD, an extreme right wing group, posted signs everywhere saying “Kein geld für genderquatsch”, meaning “No more money for gender nonsense.” Another group, called Die Linke, posted signs saying "Alle glauben auf dem Markt. Aber wir nicht” (Everyone believes in the market. But not us.), which many also found controversial. Even groups who aren't directly associated with the political parties have partaken in the excessive signage around Berlin. A youth group hung signs everywhere saying “Rechts wahlen ist so 1933 (Voting right-wing is so 1933)”, and encouraging people to not vote for the AFD.

After all of the leadup to the vote, the result of the election surprised the city-state. For the first time since World War II, the SPD, a socialist party, lost their position as the leading party. Instead, the CDU (Christian Democratic Union) took the lead, with 28.8% of votes. This means that they will set the Berlin policy agenda, which has the potential to change the way Berlin functions forever.

The Beginning
By Charlotte Green

In the beginning, there was only Illia, the mother of all. Illia drifted around the cosmos, content with her simple life. As she drifted, her mind began to wander away from the blackness that was her home. She discovered the art of dreaming, and from her dreams came her daughters, Donnah and Niah. And still Illia dreamed. Her dreams became reality, forming what has ever existed. When she woke up, she realized what she had unknowingly created. Instead of being angry at what she had done, she was happy and excited about the new life in her world. She and her daughters explored the things Illia had dreamed, along with Anacon, Donnah and Niah’s brother. They spent many millennia running through the stars. But Illia soon noticed that all her dreaming was sapping her strength. Before she died, she did three things. The first was to give her children purposes. Light and cheerful Donnah became the goddess of day and the sun. Quick and witty Niah became the goddess of the moon and night. And Anacon? He became the god of sunrise and sunset, meeting with the sisters as they trade places in the heavens every day. The next thing Illia did was make other gods. She touched a small planet, filling it with plants and animals. Large cocoons of grass sprang up, and Illia had a special purpose for those. If the grass was green or brown, then it contained a human. If it was gold, silver, or copper, then it contained a god. The color of a god’s cocoon also showed how powerful the god will be. The last and final act of Illia was a spell. This enchantment gave every god that existed and will exist a symbol of power. It also gave the humans a power. This power was the gift of thought and dream, to continue what she had started.

When she gave her last breath, her body split into seven pieces as it fell to earth. The lungs of Illia transformed into the Air crystal, giving air for everyone to exist on. The heart of Illia, warm and loving, became the Fire Gem, giving heat to the world. The feet of Illia became a patch of pure Jade grass, sustaining the life she had created. The mouth of Illia spewed forth all the oceans and lakes before transforming into a teardrop jewel. The eyes of Illia became the Eye of Evil, and created all sins and monsters that plague the earth today. The mind of Illia became two springs of water; the Spring of Ideas and the Spring of Creation. What happened to the body of Illia remains a mystery, and some people say it is a mystery better left unsolved. And to this day, Donnah, Niah, and Anacon, along with the newly born gods, rule and watch over the world. That is the story of Illia, mother of all.

funding and protect United States history. Historical preservation is vital for understanding and appreciating the past, educating ourselves and future generations, enabling research and discovery, and inspiring artistic creativity and innovation. Preserving history might not be easy, but it can be done, is being done and has been done. By working to protect our physical heritage, we can ensure that they are available for future generations to learn from and appreciate.

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55 Fiction Contest Entries from Ms. Fjelstad’s Class
By (In Order of Appearance) Mia Zheng, Charlotte Green, Jude Brody, and Eliya Brody

The Very Best Meal
Recently, my wife's taken a special interest in cooking. Explosive sizzling, harsh chopping and muffled screaming could be heard from the kitchen. Ah, so clumsy! Must’ve hurt herself again. Biting into the pork, my taste buds explode. “This pork is divine, it must've cost an arm and a leg!” “Well, I’d say you're pretty spot-on...”

One Second
“God, what is a million years to you?” The mortal man beside him asked. “It is but a second.” “What is a million dollars to you?” “It is but a penny.” The man thought for a moment, before smiling. “Hey God, can I have a penny?” God returned the smile. “Just a second.”

Suddenly...
A loud bang rings in his ears. Light flashes and time slows. People are yelling, screaming, shouting. Emotions wash over him. Confused. Happy. Sad. He falls to his knees in shock, as people crowd around him. His brain only begins to register the words they are saying after what feels like eternity. “Happy Birthday!”

Escaping
Heavy breathing and the sound of twigs crunching under my racing feet entranced me. I was in the zone, mind clear. Running through the dark forest as fast as I could, looking behind me every once in a while. To be honest, I was scared. Tripping on a root, I fell. "Tag!" said this young boy.

Book Review: Cinderella is Dead

By Chloe Rourke



Kalynn Bayron’s *Cinderella is Dead* follows a sixteen year old girl named Sophia. Cinderella is dead, but that’s because it’s been 200 years since she has found her prince and her happily ever after. Now, to commemorate her legacy, there is an annual ball at which every 16 year old girl receives an invitation letter– however, attendance is mandatory. The men of the kingdom who can attend at any age may use the ball to select their future wife (or wives). Girls that are chosen have no say in whether they marry or not. Those left unchosen after they attend three balls are considered forfeit and sent away by their families. Even having to attend a third ball is embarrassing to the family and the girl. These balls have recently become rather dangerous, as many girls have gone missing after them.

16-year-old Sophia is about to attend her first ball but she would rather run away and marry Erin, her childhood best friend, instead of being picked by a suitor. At the ball, Sophia chooses to flee, but ends up running into Cinderella’s mausoleum. Joining them is a girl named Constance, the last known descendant of Cinderella and her stepsisters. Together, they discover the horrors of what the kingdom is hiding and vow to bring the King down for good. Entangled in these horrors, they learn more to Cinderella’s story than they ever thought possible.

Elizabeth, S. (2020). *Kalolynn Bayron- Cinderella is Dead*. Sifa Elizabeth Reads. Retrieved February 17, 2023, from <https://sifaelizabethreads.wordpress.com/2020/07/31/arc-review-cinderella-is-dead-by-kalynn-bayron/>.

Student Interviews: Scarlett Minyety

By Janibel Taveras-Disla

1. *Where did you come from?*
Scarlett comes from the Dominican Republic.
2. *Why did you come here?*
She came to learn new things.
3. *Was it what you expected?*
“Not exactly, but it was hard at first.”
4. *How long have you been here?*
She’s been here for 3 years.
5. *How did you feel?*
“I felt confused and scared.”
6. *What do you find the most difficult about being here?*
It was difficult for her to learn English and speak fluently.
7. *What do you miss about your country?*
“My friends and my family.”
8. *What do you really like about the United States?*
“The opportunities it offers and the food.”
9. *What do you want to be when you grow up?*
When she grows up she wants to be a writer or a cook.
10. *Was it difficult for you to learn English?*
“At first, yes, because I didn’t know anything, but I am a person who learns quickly. It was not a problem for me.”

Couplet Corner

By Ms. Kilsey’s Class

Overthinking my time here, I’m trying my hardest.
For what it’s worth my head’s a mess but I’m trying regardless.

Drown in my thoughts, taking control, bring out the best
but my worst will always take a toll.

His red sports car is just a dream, it needs no gas, it runs on steam.

This Month in History: The Fire-Bombing of Dresden, Germany

By Jibreel Reda-Frayn

The firebombing of Dresden, Germany was a military attack carried out by the Allied Forces during World War 2. Dresden was a German city built mostly of wood, which meant that the firebombing was effective at destroying the city and harming the German nation. The bombing killed an estimated 22,000-25,000 people. The attacks sparked a debate and controversy after the war about whether the attacks were justified because of the extremely high number of civilian casualties.

On February 13, 1945, the Allies began firebombing raids on Dresden, quickly reducing the city to a wasteland of rubble and ash. The reasoning behind the attack is often questioned, with some groups believing it was a necessary and important victory, and some believing it was completely non-strategic and unprovoked. The controversy has carried on to this day.

According to reports published by the United States Government, Dresden was decided on as a strategic target because it was located near a Nazi communication center and rail transport. Dresden held more than 110 Nazi factories and over 50,000 pro-German workers. People who justify the attacks point to the fact that infrastructure such as bridges and industrial buildings that were not war-affiliated were not targeted, meaning that the grounds behind the attacks were only to take out the locations that were used by Nazi forces.



Above: In 1945, the city of Dresden stood in ruins.

There are also many people who do not believe that the attacks were justified. They argue that the Nazis were on the verge of surrender, in part due to the ongoing Soviet Union military offensives. Another point is that Dresden was more of a historical landmark, and gave no strategical gain or tactical advantage to the Allies after its destruction. The bombing is said to have been indiscriminate, with the end goal the utter decimation of the city, regardless of civilian casualty. the bombing was the annihilation of Dresden and
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Store Review: Halal Afghan Superstore

By Tara Shriram Fisler

Located at 105 Elmwood Avenue in Providence, the Halal Afghan Super Store was founded by a refugee fleeing with his family from Afghanistan. The owner, Aminullah Faqiry, opened the store because he wanted a nearby source of Halal food for his kids. So while Halal meats, meat that is acceptable in Islam, are the store’s specialty, there is also a variety of other kinds of foods including sweets, beans, and gigantic Afghani breads, which I highly recommend.

Faqiry’s story is quite remarkable. He worked for ten years as a translator and a soldier with the U.S. Army, before escaping his country in 2021. Less than a year after his arrival, he opened his business in Providence because there weren’t any places for him to get the Halal food he needed. He hopes to serve any other people in Providence in need of Halal food. He says that he had no previous business background, so opening this store is exciting and new. Whether in need of Halal food or simply exploring foods from different cultures, this store is a great place to go.

Learning With Plants: Terraponics in Ms. Rose’s Classroom

By Khalil Garcia-Lloréns and Elie Brody

In the desolate and dreary early months of the new year, we can often lose hope for any resurgence of life any time soon. However, little occurrences outdoors always shine through– little snowdrop or crocus plants blooming, flocks of birds twittering as if it were spring, or a warm day in an otherwise cold week. And in our school, there is one more special reminder of warmer months ahead– the terraponics system in Ms. Rose’s room.

Ms. Rose’s system is the only one of its kind in our school, and it is extremely productive. Obtained through a Sodexo partnership with EvanLEE Organics LLC in Massachusetts, the original plan for this



Above: An image of Ms. Rose’s thriving terraponics rig.

setup was to supply the school cafeteria with lettuce for a salad bar– and, at first, that's exactly what it did. Ms. Rose explained that when Covid hit, the program had to end because of contact laws, and has not resumed since. However, the terraponics system has maintained an important role in her classroom. This can be seen clearly in her students' expertise on the growing process when they walked me through their method of vegetable production.

“So, basically, it needs water,” Rahim pointed out and, as Rosemary said “[You know when to water] when the soil starts to get dry.” Then Anthony explained, “It needs two pots of water,” and (Continued on page 5)

25,000 deaths. Multiple books have been written about the attack, some historical fiction, some non-fiction, and some autobiographical– most famously *Slaughterhouse Five*, by Kurt Vonnegut. Debates are continuously inconclusive on whether the attacks contributed to the Nazis surrender or if it had any affect on the war's process at all.

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Frog of the Month: Poison Dart Frog

By Aidan Romero



Above: An image of *Ranitomeya imitator* taken at National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland by National Geographic

Commonly referred to as the poison dart frog, *Dendrobatidae* are a genus of fairly common frogs in Central America or in Northern South America. The poison dart frogs are very colorful species, having a wide variety of colors spanning from green to purple, to even copper.

There are many interesting characteristics about the poison dart frog, one of which being the fact that it evolved to carry its tadpoles and eggs on its back in order to have them with the frog at all times. It got its common name through the fact that natives used to rub their arrows and hunting supplies on the backs of these frogs, so that it would weaken hunted animals through the poison. Only 3 subspecies of poison dart frogs are known to be naturally poisonous, however.

The poison dart frog hunts like most other frog species, going for easy game such as flies, ants, and termites by using their long tongue to catch prey. Because of its habitat, the grub they eat feed off of poisonous plants, which is believed to be the reason why a few of the frogs are poisonous in the first place. How they use this poison is very special, creating a thick slime around themselves so predators either spit the frog out, or so the frog acts as a martyr and kills the predator along with itself. Like other frogs, the poison dart tadpoles are herbivores, although something unique about these frogs is that their mother periodically returns to their habitat, and deposits unfertilized eggs for the tadpoles to eat.

Being such a unique species, the poison dart frog is a beauty from nature, with its grand variety of colors and special way to protect itself from predators, it is a wonder to behold.

“Poison Frogs.” *Smithsonian's National Zoo*, 25 Jan. 2023, <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/poison-frogs>

demonstrated the process of watering. “The plants get the water from the bottom up.” In terraponics, plants grow in long black trays with holes in the bottom. These trays are all in a larger tray, which can be filled with water for the plants to absorb. “By having the roots get moist, it is going to bring the power to the plant,” Ms. Rose explained. The class waters all three levels of the system every-other-day

Because the system operates through lights, we asked the students to tell us about the different settings they use for different plants, and how light works to help the plants grow. “When the lights are on, they will be able to grow faster... [when the light is on too much] the plants will be burnt,” Rosemary told us. Depending on how tall the plants get, the class can raise or lower the lighting fixtures so that the plants get the necessary distance from the light.

As well as taking us through the process of theory, Ms. Rose's class showed us how to sow plants in their system hands-on, and how they harvest their productive lettuce trays. “They take 45 days to grow... and then 7-10 days to [germinate],” told Rahim. As we dropped the cilantro and basil seeds we chose into the holes on the clever seed-spacer device, we asked Ms. Rose about how they use their soil. “We can use the soil in the tray once... we recycle [all organic material] in the compost... we compost it with the worm castings and it takes about 45 days.” Later, Hugo retrieved a ready-to-harvest tray of lettuce and Rosemary gave it a “haircut.” If the greens grow well, they can harvest each tray twice.

Even in the dead of February, students in Ms. Rose's class on the 7th grade floor can enjoy learning how to cultivate vegetables and wonderful plant life in an otherwise barren landscape. The success of her terraponics system is resounding. What we originally thought to be an interesting and impressive feature of their class setup has now been revealed to be at the core of so much of Ms. Rose’s students' education.

The UEFA Champions League

By Theodore Anderson

The UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) Champions league is the biggest annual football event. This two stage tournament hosts the best club teams in the world and technically goes on the whole year, although the knockout stage doesn’t start until February.

Similar to the World Cup, the Champions league has two stages: the knockout stage and the group stage. The group stage starts in June, soon after the previous knockout stage ended. There are eight groups, labeled A through H. The groups were as follows:

Group A:	Group B:	Group C:	Group D:	Group E:
Napoli	Porto	Bayern Munich	Tottenham	Chelsea
Liverpool	Club Brugge	Inter Milan	Frankfurt	Milan
Ajax	Leverkusen	Barcelona	Sporting CP	Salzburg
Rangers	Atlético Madrid	Pizeň	Marseille	Dinamo Zagreb
Group F:	Group G:	Group H:		
Real Madrid	Man City	Benfica		
Leipzig	Dortmund	Paris Saint Germain		
Shakhtar Donetsk	Sevilla	Juventus		
Celtic	Copenhagen	M. Haifa		

At the end of the group stage the top two teams from each group move on to the knockout stage. The teams that qualified are: Napoli, Liverpool, Porto, Club Brugge, Bayern Inter, Tottenham, Frankfurt, Chelsea, Milan, Real Madrid, Leipzig, Man City, Dortmund, Benfica, and Paris. This stage is a single elimination bracket that ends on June 10th. The matchups for the first round are as follows:

Milan vs. Tottenham
Paris vs. Bayern
Club Brugge vs. Benfica
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Sports Report: Basketball Season

By Eliya Brody



Photo by Ms. Caulfield

The start of January brought the beginning of the junior high basketball season in the Providence Public School District. With the boys and girls team decided, the first game was set; Bishop vs. West Broadway. In a close game, the boys were able to pull out a victory. The girls also dominated their West Broadway match, winning by a large margin. Since that game, the boys team has been on a four-match losing streak, with losses taken from Gilbert Stuart, Roger Willaims, Nathaniel Greene, and DelSesto. The boys are hoping to turn their season around with a win against Esek Hopkins on February 27th. Our lady cougars, however, are undefeated this season, going 5-0 as of February 17th. The basketball teams both have hope that our boys will turn it around and that the girls team will finish this season undefeated.

Super Bowl Recap

By Jibreel Reda-Frayn

On February 12, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles faced off in Arizona for the Super Bowl. The Chiefs ended up on top with a 38-35 victory. It was their third Super Bowl win in franchise history, and their second in the last four years. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes won the Super Bowl MVP (most valuable player) award as he led the Chief’s efforts with 3 touchdowns.

The Eagles started the game with the ball after the Chiefs won the coin toss and deferred. They drove down the field in 11 plays, coming within the one yard line on a Kenneth Gainwell run. The play was originally ruled a touchdown but was overturned upon review. From the one yard line, Jalen Hurts was able to punch it into the endzone with a quarterback sneak.

On the following drive, the Chiefs moved down the field in chunk plays, thanks to multiple 20 plus yard receptions. They capped it off with an 18 yard touchdown reception to star tight end Travis Kelce.

After a defensive stop from the Chiefs, they got the ball back and set up a 42 yard field goal. Kicker Harrison Butker doinked the kick off the left upright. This set the Eagles up with good field position, and they subsequently went down the field to score a touchdown in 5 plays.

The Chiefs were forced to punt on their next drive, however as Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts was running with the football, he lost his grip on
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Dortmund vs. Chelsea
Liverpool vs. Real Madrid
Frankfurt vs. Napoli
Leipzig vs. Manchester City
Inter vs. Porto

The final will take place on June 10th in Istanbul, Turkey.

School Events

By Kelsey Corrigan and Khalil Garcia-Lloréns,

Valentines For Veterans

This month for Valentine’s Day, administrative assistant Ms. Carolyn organized a project to give cards to Veterans of War. During advisory periods over the last few weeks, students made many wonderful cards, from those decorated with colorful cutouts, to those with creative drawings, interesting designs and kind words.

Last week, they were all collected and sent to the VA Hospital in Providence, RI. As Ms. Carolyn reported back, these cards brought recovering Veterans a lot of joy on this loving holiday. Ms. Carolyn chose this location over one of the larger Veteran Hospitals in the U.S. because she feels that we should be doing what we can to help our own local community. She is glad to hear that these cards will give the Veterans a sense of hope and appreciation, and that they



helped Veterans pull through some hard times. Thank you to Ms. Carolyn for organizing this wonderful project, and thank you to all the students who participated in making cards! Your kindness and willingness to help is greatly appreciated

by the school, our nation's Veterans, and by the nation itself.

Restructured Library

Recently our School librarian– Mr. Barret– restructured the library’s book organization system, moving all the books into the back area and away from the central shelves. During the two-month process, Mr. Barret recruited students to help him with the little jobs along the way. He would like to thank everyone involved in helping him with this major task. Make sure to come to the library during open hours (announced on the intercom every morning) to see the change for yourself.

Black History Month Display

Some of Mr. Taylor's 8th grade classes have recently learned and celebrated February– Black History Month– through creative 3D panoramas. Each one depicts varying important events in the U.S.’s long battle for equality between different “races.”Some of the
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the ball as he attempted to switch his carry arm. Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton recovered the fumble and returned it all the way to the endzone for a touchdown. The Eagles were not fazed, as they came right back to score another touchdown. The Chiefs punted again, and the Eagles managed to score a field goal as the half ran out 24-14 with the Eagles leading.



Above: The controversial holding call on 3rd & 8 which gave the Chiefs a first down and iced the game.

After a halftime performance from Rihanna, the Chiefs came back with some fire. They scored three touchdowns in a row, while the Eagles only managed a field goal. Then, with only 5 minutes left in the game, Jalen Hurts threw a huge 45 yard pass to a wide open Devonta Smith down the field. Smith stepped out at the two yard line, and Jalen Hurts was able to rush in for the score. This touchdown cut the Chiefs lead to just two points, so the Eagles had to go for the two point conversion. Trusting the ball in his hands once again, the playcall was a Jalen Hurts rush. He managed to break the goal line and tied the game at 35 points each.

Despite Philadelphia's celebrations, they had still left Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs with an entire five minutes to take the lead. The Chiefs had no trouble marching down the field, but with just under two minutes left, they were stuck in the red zone with a 3rd & 8. Mahomes took the snap from the shotgun, and went through his progressions as the Eagle’s pressure arrived. Finding himself stuck in the backfield, he threw a hopeless pass into the endzone in front of receiver Ju-Ju Smith Schuster. The Eagle’s defense celebrated as the Chiefs could not help but feel like they left points on the table. However, a penalty was called on the play. The decision was a defensive holding on cornerback James Bradberry, giving the Chiefs an automatic first down, meaning they could run the clock all the way down and kick a field goal. That was exactly what they did, taking a three point lead with just eight seconds remaining in the game. The holding call was extremely controversial, and most fans thought that the referees made the wrong choice. Although, the Eagles were very insistent after the game that it was the right call and that one call does not decide the game. The Eagle’s ‘Hail Mary’ fell short, as did their Super Bowl hopes, and the Chiefs were once again crowned the World Champions.

World News

By Theodore Anderson and Khalil Garcia-Lloréns

Ohio Train Derailment

On February 3, a train carrying toxic chemicals operated by the Norfolk Southern transportation
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projects can be viewed in the third floor display case, right above the library. Between all the presentations, there is so much history to be learned– so come take a peek and you might be surprised by how much African American history has to offer.

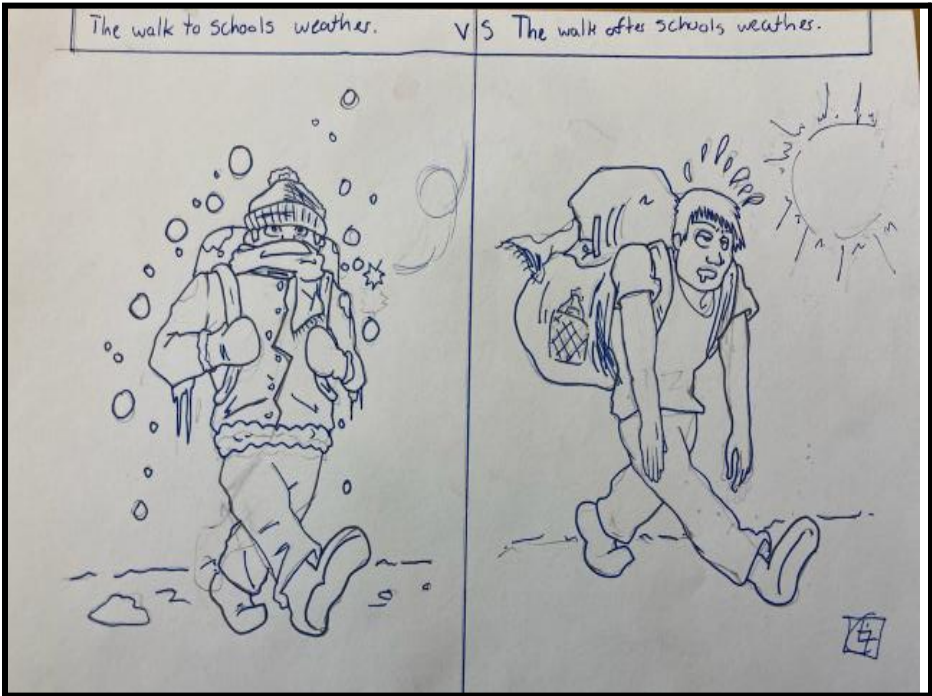
Game Gauntlet
By Lucy Schneider

February Word Search

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| Groundhog | Heart | Love |
| Month | Otter | Pink |
| Red | Relationship | Spring |
| Squirrel | Valentine | Winter |

Original Student Comic
By Linus Greeves



company, derailed in East Palestine, Ohio. One of these chemicals, vinyl fluoride, is incredibly flammable and toxic. As the train derailed and crashed, it caught fire and sent toxic fumes into the air that created a black cloud above the crash. Civilians were ordered to evacuate, however, the fumes spread to the water and soil around the crash. Companies using water from the Ohio River have started to take precautions and much of the aquatic life in the surrounding area has died. Now, Norfolk Southern is working to fix the damage they have caused by paying for the clean up and taking part in governmental meetings surrounding the incident.

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Syria and Turkey Earthquakes



Recently, the nations of Turkey and Syria have been devastated by three high-magnitude earthquakes in the month of February, 2023. The first two earthquakes happened on February 6, and the second on February 20, while both nations were still sorting out the catastrophic effects of the first set. Estimates show that over 23 million people will have been affected by the earthquakes, with countless people left injured and homeless amongst the destruction. To date, more than 50,000 dead have been counted, with many more to be found in the rubble across the two nations. International organizations have been participating in the relief efforts for the region, but there is no telling when a true sense of normalcy will return to these two distraught and grieving nations.

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Ohio Metal Factory Explosion



On February 20, in a Bedford Ohio metal plant, a large explosion tore through the facility and injured 13 workers, killing one. While debris is present on the site and billowing fumes were released into the area, the EPA did not issue any evacuation order for the surrounding communities. The I. Schuman & Co alloy plant indicated in a press statement that the plant explosion was an unforeseen accident, and that the particular reasoning behind the event will be looked into and corrected.

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