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Puerto Rico In Dire Straits

Community

Puerto Rico is in a dire situation ever since Hurricane Maria hit its coast. Nearly 85% are without electricity and 45% without drinkable water. Puerto Rico's recovery could cost up to \$85 billion, which could destroy the island's economy.

The Trump administration submitted a \$29 billion disaster-relief request to Congress last week to fund recovery efforts in the wake of hurricanes Harvey, Maria, and Irma, as well as to pay federal flood insurance claims. The Jones Act, a century-old law that only allows American-built and operated vessels to make cargo shipments between U.S. ports, made getting aid to Puerto Rico very difficult. Fortunately it was briefly waived. The waiver of the Jones Act will help the hurricane relief tremendously.

Around 77% of grocery stores are open, nearly 80% of gas stations are open, and of 1,600 cellular sites, at least 1,300 are

Trump tweeted, "We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & the First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever!"

This has raised suspicion that the Trump administration may recall federal relief workers from any further aid to the island.

This is a major problem for Puerto Rico because this natural disaster has impacted the local health. With most of the electric grid in Puerto Rico wiped out, hospitals have to run on generators, if they have any at all. Puerto Rico's residents' overall health is in danger.

By Jayra Chavarria



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North Korea Continues To Violate Human Rights

Politics

After World War II, many powerful leaders swore to never let such atrocities happen again. Nevertheless, there is now a crisis that has been going on for quite some time.

Escaping a prison camp in North Korea is considered to be impossible, suicidal even. This raises a question, why are there prison camps in the first place?

In North Korea, there are many established prisons for people who commit no crimes. These camps apparently hold "unspeakable horrors."

There are about 200,000 prisoners in these camps today. An estimated 400,000 people have died in these camps.

In North Korea, the policy of guilt by association is used to make entire families "disappear." Many laws are put in place that endanger human rights, even outside of the camps.

According to tele-

graph.co.uk, "One of the country's most brutal laws is the 'three generations of punishment' rule. If one person is convicted of a serious crime and sent to a prison camp, their immediate family can also be sent with them. Then the next two generations born in the camps can also remain there. The edict was introduced in 1972 by Kim Il-sung and said up to three generations had to be punished to wipe out the 'seed' of class enemies."

North Korea also forbids any form of expression. Additionally, a food crisis is also going on. Many citizens starve to death, as do many prisoners in the camps.

An estimated 40% of inmates starve to death. The best chance of survival is by scavenging for cockroaches and rats to eat.

By Morgan Althouse

Safe Trick Or Treat a Family Hit for Halloween

School

Do you want your kids to have a fun and secure experience when trick-or-treating? If your answer is yes, then your kids should attend next year's Safe Trick-or-Treat event at the Fleetwood Area High School.

Every year, the Relay for Life team conducts major activities like the haunted house, trick-or-treating, cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, and face painting.

Due to the new officers elected each year, each and every one of them all invent new ways to redecorate or redesign the activities to best suit the new year. Relay for Life has broadened its scope of advertising and managed to bring in thirty more people this year than last year. For next year, participants plan to revamp the haunted house even more, and they are already conjuring up new decorations and ideas for each level of horror that is offered.

The trick-or-treating took place in the English hallway, which includes about ten rooms. Those who attended were offered

access to the Family Consumer Science (FCS) room for the haunted house as well as the cafeteria for pumpkins and snacks. It is up to the kids to determine what level of scary they want in the haunted house.

The team offers up to three levels of horror in the haunted house.

"Besides the haunted house, the English hallway and cafeteria weren't scary at all," Relay For Life President Grace Aftandilov said. "The younger kids could stay safe from all the scare and focus solely on the treats. For next year, the kids could expect the event's classic activities, such as the haunted house, trick-or-treating, cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, and face painting. The haunted house has always been a favorite each year. This year we redecorated every aspect to encourage and welcome new visitors and the returning families."

By Isabella Balthaser



McGarry and Masenheimer Named October Students of the Month

School

Fleetwood’s students of the month for October are Jenna Masenheimer and Jake McGarry. Both students are heavily involved in school activities and very academically inclined.

Jenna Masenheimer is the child of Mr. and Mrs Timothy Masenheimer. Masenheimer is involved in many school activities, including band, FBLA, Student Council, and Magic Club. Masenheimer also volunteers around Fleetwood, helping with the Fleetwood Community Theater, Reading Community Players, and the Reading Civic Theater. The teacher Masenheimer looks up to the most is Mr. Barnett.

“I think Masenheimer is very deserving, despite what she might tell you. She might be involved in more activities than most will be in their entire high school careers,” librarian Mr. Kirby Barnett said.

Jake McGarry is the son of Ms. Catherine Bleyer. McGarry is involved in a large amount of school activities. He’s the secretary of Student Council, an officer in both Magic club and Model UN, and a Mock Trial participant. He is involved in his community, and he helps with Owen’s Rubber Duck Race, Benny’s Race, and the Keystone Villa.

“I’ll never forget being forcefully assigned the titles Nicest Ninth Grader and Sweetest Senior--Probably because Google Images is so saturated with those photos that I’ll never have the opportunity to forget,” McGarry said about his “favorite” high school memory.

By Jack Pickar



Cruz, Trump Conspiracy Theories Take Twitter By Storm

Politics

Have you ever wondered what Ted Cruz and Melania Trump have in common? They were both trending on Twitter for a hot minute on 18 October. The reason for this was a mixture of conspiracies and confusion.

Ted Cruz has been the subject of two long-running conspiracy theories. One is that he is actually a serial killer who roamed California in the 1960s and 1970s and was never caught--a.k.a., The Zodiac Killer. The second is that his father had a hand in JFK’s death.

Melania Trump, on the other hand, has been rumored to have been replaced by a body-double. Conspiracy theorists say that Mrs. Trump has been long gone. A video surfaced of "her" standing next to her husband, seeming to be very stoic and robot-like. The president oddly referred to his “wife Melania, who happens to be standing right here.”

This was a topic for debate on Twit-

ter for the fact that this "Fake Melania" conspiracy arose the same day Ted Cruz tweeted a picture of an infamous Zodiac Killer letter. He tweeted this to Ben Sasse, a Nebraskan senator, after he jokingly tweeted he wore a “Lee Harvey Oswald was framed” T-shirt when he accidentally spilled Dr. Pepper on Cruz at a meeting.

In the wake of these bizarre (but amusing) conspiracy theories, neither party has confirmed nor denied anything. This puts to question if Mrs. Trump has really left her husband and has been replaced by a body double, and if Ted Cruz un-relecutantly acknowledges the two conspiracy theories with which he’s famously identified. It can only be noted that Melania hasn’t denied a body double and that Cruz didn’t actually deny being the Zodiac Killer.

By Jayra Chavarria

Fleetwood Class of 2018 Will Graduate Entirely in Red

School

For the 2018 graduating class of Fleetwood Area High School, the students will be dressed in all red when crossing the stage to receive their diplomas this year.

Fleetwood's administrators have decided to change the gown color to all red, eliminating the white gowns for the girls. This decision has made some of the student body a little upset, considering the boys and girls will both be matching with the red gowns.

This is the first year in Fleetwood that the gown color is changing, but teachers think this change isn't really that bad.

“It’s a good idea to change the gowns into one color. In past years, it was hard for female students to find dresses to match the white gowns, and now, with the new red gowns, nothing will be see-through

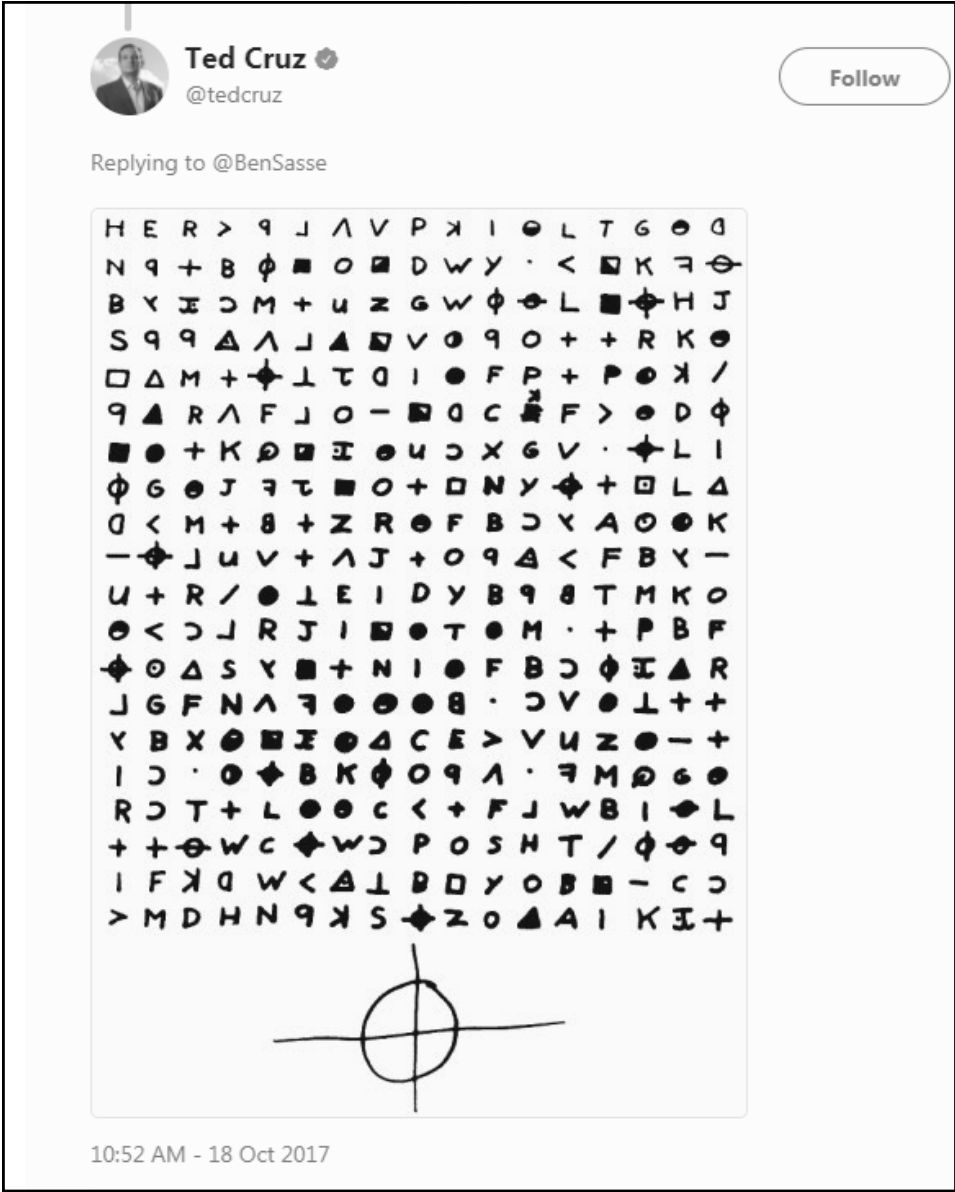
anymore,” Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson, one of Fleetwood’s English teachers, says.

“Sure, I think the change will be nice. It’ll be easier for the girls to pick out a dress,” Ms. Stephanie Skelly, one of Fleetwood's biology teachers, said.

“This new adjustment will make it a lot easier for female students to pick out a dress, making it more practical," science teacher Mrs. Karen Favata said.

Fleetwood teachers overall think this new change is a good idea. As for the students, even though they won’t be crossing the stage with their angelic white gowns, they are still graduating and about to have the time of their lives, and that’s the real win.

By Elyse Essick



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FAHS German Club Enjoys Oktoberfest Holiday

School

When Prince Ludwig married Princess Theresa, it started a 200-year tradition. The celebration started 22 September 1810 and ended 7 October. The reason it is called Oktoberfest is that it originally started in October but has changed to September due to weather.

There are many traditions for Oktoberfest that people do. Some traditional foods are sausage, roasted ox, chicken, and pork. They also eat crepes. Pretzels are very common as well. People wear lederhosen and dirndl dresses.

One thing that there is a lot of at this festival is beer. There are many tents that sell beer throughout the festival. The festival will not start until the mayor of Munich opens a barrel of beer. They go through about 6 million liters of the adult beverage. Participants also will not drink beer that is

from elsewhere than Munich.

Even though there is a lot of alcohol, there are lots of things for children to do as well. There are typically ferris wheels and carousels and much more. Schools will even take students to Oktoberfest.

There are lots of things that people do not know about Oktoberfest. Originally, there was no beer for Oktoberfest because it was basically just a wedding celebration. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 pm (except on weekends, when it opens at 9).

If you missed Oktoberfest this year, do not worry because next year's Oktoberfest will start on September 15. It will end on October 7. The festival has been cancelled 24 times. The 200th anniversary of Oktoberfest was in 2010.

By Amber Weiss

FAHS Senior Makes National Orchestra

Profile

Fleetwood Area High School senior Marisalley George made National Orchestra. George was "honestly really surprised" when she found out that she qualified, given there were many other people who auditioned for the orchestra.

She has been playing the viola since she was in fourth grade because the viola caught her attention the most when her sister showed her each instrument in the string family.

If she could play any other instrument besides the viola, it would be the French Horn, because she "had always enjoyed listening to it in orchestras."



George recommends that one should have a great deal of patience, along with a positive attitude, should they wish to audition for National Orchestra. Practicing the same instrument, along with the same piece, is no easy task when under pressure. "You also have to really stay focused and be willing to understand that the little stuff is what brings the music to a greater level," George said.

As far as pursuing a career in music, George plans to go to college for pre-med but is still trying to figure out what to do.

By Isabella Balthasar

Repetitive History Offers Learning Lessons

History

History repeats itself. While it may not repeat itself down to names and dates, there are some cases of history repeating itself over the course of time.

One example of history repeating itself is Napoleon's invasion of Russia in 1812 and Hitler's invasion of Russia in 1941.

After gaining control over the surrounding countries in 1799, Napoleon Bonaparte invaded the Soviet Union on 24 June 1812. Bonaparte crossed the Niemen River with 650,000 soldiers to fight around 200,000 Russian soldiers.

In comparison, Adolf Hitler and German forces invaded the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941 (otherwise referred as Operation Barbarossa), despite Hitler and Stalin signing the German-Soviet Nonaggression Pact less than two years prior to the invasion.

"The Holocaust is one to remember, because we should always be vigilant. This way, in order to make sure that wherever we

see hate raising its ugly hat, we have to stomp on it. And people should study the Civil Rights movement, because racism is one of the many things that continue to linger on throughout our history. If you do not understand history, then you tend to repeat history's mistakes. For example, not dealing with genocide will cause it to continue on," history teacher Mr. Paul Kochanasz said.

"I would allow for anyone and everyone to be equal, because that's how it should be," English teacher Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson said.

"I don't know if I want to change anything in history because, if I change one thing, where would we be? We can always learn from our mistakes. I'm an optimistic person, and I believe there is a higher power, and I think it should be left to His judgment," Mr. Kochanasz said.

By Isabella Balthasar

Animal Cruelty Not Limited To Leather Industry

Environment

Every year, more than one billion animals are subjected to extreme crowding and confinement, deprivation, and un-anesthetized castration, branding, tail-docking, and dehorning. These torments are all part of the leather industry.

Leather is a byproduct of most multi-billion dollar meat industries. Once a dairy cow is no longer deemed useful, it is slaughtered, and then its skin is torn away from its body. This often happens to the calves as well.

However, the leather industry is not limited to cows. Many other animals--such as lambs, pigs, goats, bison, kangaroos, crocodiles, snakes, and elephants--are also included.

"Orphaned joeys and wounded adults (kangaroos) are, according to the government, to be decapitated or hit sharply on the head 'to destroy the brain,'" People for The Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)



said.

Many snakes are skinned alive in the leather industry. Often times, the snake is nailed to a tree and has its skin slowly peeled off from its body. Due to its slow metabolism, the snake remains conscious during this procedure.

By Morgan Althouse

Largest Shooting in Texas Leaves 26 Dead

Cops & Courts

November 8th marks the day of one of the largest mass shootings in U.S. history and the largest mass shooting in Texas history. Twenty-six people, ranging from five to seventy-seven years old, were killed whilst attending morning mass. The shooting occurred inside a small church in Sutherland Springs, Texas on a Sunday morning.

Two of the deadliest mass shootings in American history have taken place in the span of just over a month.

"If we look at say the top seven in terms of how deadly they've been, five of the seven deadliest have been in the last ten years," Grant Duwe, a criminologist and author of *Mass Murder in the United States: A History*, said.

Devin Patrick Kelley, a military veteran, was convicted of beating his wife and stepson in 2012. This alone should have restricted Kelley from purchasing the guns he used in the church shooting. Kelley was discharged from the military in 2014, but the Air Force failed to enter this into the national database that prevents people with convictions from buying guns.

Gun control advocates say the background check system remains an effective tool, blocking nearly 1.4 million gun sales since 1998.

"It's not that the system is weak. The system has a lot of records in it. The problem is, we can't afford to have a single record missing," William Rosen of *Everytown for Gun Safety*, which advocates stricter gun control, said.

The small church remained closed on Sunday morning, so parishioners and hundreds of guests gathered under a white tent. In the evening, the church reopened. It was converted into a memorial. The walls had all been painted with white paint, and the pews were gone. White chairs stood where the victims were said to have been praying at the time of the shooting. Red roses with ribbons were propped up on the chairs, where the names of the victims were displayed in gold.

By Jayra Chavarria



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The inside of the church after its conversion into a memorial for the victims of the shooting

FBLA Attends Leadership Workshop

School

The Future Business Leaders of America at Fleetwood attended the Region 8 Leadership Workshop in September of this year. They excelled in the debate portion and in most cases came out on top.

While they were at the Workshop, the students learned about The Alzheimer's Association and the ways the student body could help the program.

"FBLA helps its members learn about multiple different business skills and jobs that are offered in college," FBLA officer Sebastian Kukielka said.

Kukielka also made sure to mention that anyone thinking about joining should go in headfirst.

The FBLA is a nationwide organization in schools to help students gain the upperhand on the future of business and professionalism in the world. Since 1937, they've been helping students make their futures brighter. By going on trips like the

business workshop, they are able to help students sharpen their skills for the real world.

"The regional leadership workshop acts as a helpful tool to create bonds between the different chapters within the region and future business opportunities," senior Laura Kaskey said.

"It taught me how to budget my time wisely and to stay organized. That way, I am able to do all my assignments in order and accomplish every task on time," junior Elizabeth Walters said.

Students in FBLA are exposed to many experiences to prepare them for the post college world. Any student who is interested in a career in business, or who is just looking to gain valuable life skills or some bonds with hard-working students, should look into joining.

By Jack Pickar

Oley Dairy Will Close

Community

The Oley Turnpike Dairy was established in June of 1970. In 1991, the zoo welcomed two baby calves. Now, in 2017, the zoo contains sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, birds, and monkeys.

Today, the farm contains over 80 animals that welcome guests everyday. The Oley Dairy also offers the Fall Fest that started in the mid-1900s. When the Fall Fest just began, it only had a hayride and a small hand built maze. Now, the Fall Fest includes 20 acres for the hayride, a play area, corn maze, and, of course, the zoo.

The Oley Dairy farm also contains the Country Diner. The diner was established in the year 2000. The Country Diner serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It also includes an ice cream parlor that has thirty different flavors for an afternoon treat.

The animals that are kept there are sweet and welcoming. As one walks in to visit the animals, the farm offers food so customers can feed certain animals. Also, as you leave the farm, there is a bottle of hand sanitizer so visitors can kill the germs from petting the animals.

Sadly, a former worker was informed in October that the business will be closing down. According to reports, the owner has passed away, and no one will be taking her place. The animals will be sold.

This was very sad to hear, considering the Oley farm has been around for years, welcoming families from all around. The farm was near and dear to many people, and it will certainly be missed by many.

By Elyse Essick

Fleetwood Fall Blood Drive a Success

School

The Miller-Keystone Blood Center Blood Drive took place at Fleetwood Area High School recently and was a huge success. Taking place on 19 October, many students turned out to donate blood. The drive was in honor of Alison Stern, who passed away earlier this year.

Miller-Keystone's cause reaches throughout the Berks area and other counties. Having operated for over forty years and having many drives and centers, they continue to be successful. They describe their mission on their website as, "saving lives by partnering with our community to provide a continuous supply of blood products and services."

The drive was a group effort, as many students and teachers turned out for the drive as both donors and volunteers. "No one has ever had any serious complica-

tions from blood donating, and it is just a minor thing," senior Julia Donohoe said. "I've always wanted to participate because it really is a great cause," senior Tianna Columbo said.

Once blood is donated, it is shipped to a testing center. Once the blood is separated, it is given to hospitals in over 5 counties.

"Give it a try. You are doing a wonderful thing for people who need blood," nurse Mrs. Bonnie Fansler said.

Donating can help save lives, and if you missed this past drive, there are plenty more to sign up for at the high school, including some during the spring.

By Mason Harris

Miller, Crissman Sign Letters of Intent

School

On 8 November, two seniors signed their letters of intent. Those seniors were Ryan Miller and Sarah Crissman. As long time sports players here at Fleetwood, it's time for them to take their next step!

Sarah Crissman has committed to Monmouth University for track and field, while Ryan Miller has committed to N.C. Central for baseball. With both students' long-running athletic careers, they are no doubt prepared for the college athletic season!

"It has always been a dream of mine to play baseball down south and was something I could not pass up. I'm not nervous, and I'm ready for a new challenge and experience," Miller said.

Both seniors' athletic careers extend well before high school, starting when they were young children. Sarah Crissman also

plays soccer here at Fleetwood and has played for many years. Miller had earned a chance to pitch against some very tough opponents in a chance to impress coaches from college, and, in the end, he really shined.

"Ryan and Sarah are excellent student-athletes that have represented Fleetwood Area High School in such a positive manner both on and off the field of play," FASD athletic direct Matthew Diehl said. "They've matured into great leaders that set a positive example for their teammates as well as the youth of the Fleetwood community. With their tireless work ethic, I have no doubt that they'll succeed at the collegiate level as well as in life after college."

By Jack Pickar

Weinhold and Crissman Selected as November Students of the Month

School

Sarah Crissman and Chris Weinhold were named Fleetwood's November Students of the month. Sarah is the daughter of Pam and Dave Crissman and Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Weinhold.

"I think I was chosen because the teachers and faculty have acknowledged that I have a positive influence in the classroom and outside as well," Crissman said. After high school, she plans on majoring in elementary education at Monmouth University. Crissman is involved in soccer, FBLA, chorus, and track and field. Crissman looks up to her mother because, "she does everything for me and has helped me become who I am today."

"I am very appreciative of being selected. It is nice to see that my teachers have noticed my hard work and are rewarding me with this," Crissman said.

Crissman recommends that students work hard and make good decisions if they would like to be Student of the Month in the future.

Weinhold volunteers at the high-

school by managing the printers, baking cookies, and assisting with recycling. Weinhold would like to be an actor after high school, and he enjoys writing stories for a movie he would like to make.

"I was chosen for helping around the school with job skills- filling the printers and collecting the recycling", Weinhold said.

By Amber Weiss



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