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National History Club New To Fleetwood

School

This year was the inaugural year for a new club at Fleetwood Area High School: the National History Club. The club is co-advised by history teachers Mr. Todd Weiss and Ms. Becky Jarosynski.

"The club is designed to compete on a local, state, regional and national level, and I felt it would be a great opportunity for FAHS to showcase the bright, enthusiastic, and talented students we have in our school and social studies department," Weiss said.

The club will participate in a competition May 2018. The competition in question will be about the 3/5ths Compro-

mise and will require research and teamwork to come out on top.

"Because it is a competition, good research and writing skills are necessary, as well as a creative side, to develop an exhibit that is both eye catching and informative. Fundraising activities help generate income to purchase the necessary items for exhibit development and travel expenses," Weiss said.

The club, though in its first year, is full of bright students who love history and are ready to work together and put their mind to the test with historical research and

discussion, with a true passion for the subject.

"I initially joined solely because Mr. Weiss was the club's advisor, but I've since come to realize that the club has other enjoyable aspects as well," senior Jake McGarry said.

"It's a fun time with a lot of great opportunities, and it allows students to get a good understanding of not only history but also teamwork," Club President Zach Warren said.

By Jack Pickar

Notorious Killer Charles Manson Dead

Cops & Courts

Charles Manson was born on 12 November 1934. Mason was an American cult leader whose followers were mass murderers in the 1960s.

Manson's leaders were called The Manson Family. The Manson Family, including Charles himself, was a group of approximately 100 followers who shared his passion for an unconventional lifestyle and habitual use of hallucinogenic drugs. They carried out 35 killings.

Charles Manson ended up dying at the age of 83 in a hospital in Kern County, which is north of Los Angeles. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation announced his death during a news release. Manson was hospitalized in January for intestinal bleeding, but he ended up be-

ing too frail to undergo surgery.

Before Manson became a famous criminal, he was actually a failed musician. While in jail, he had learned to play the guitar and planned on making a career out of it. Manson was compared to Frankie Laine, who was a coroner who became popular during the 1940s.

Then, in the 1960s, The Manson family, a group of murders in California, came to attention. The most known victim of the Manson Family was Sharon Tate. Sharon Tate was an actress who married Roman Polanski, a film director. Tate was eight and a half months pregnant when she was killed in her home along with four other people in Benedict Canyon.

Since Tate's death, The Manson

Family has developed a dark and scary persona in the eyes of the public. The Manson Family then all got together and decided to move to Death Valley. Death Valley would give them the protection they needed in order to keep the family alive and the murders going.

Most of Manson's followers are now dead. Even though Charles Manson is no longer here, he will always be remembered as one of the most notorious murderers in American history.

By Elyse Essick

California Teen Ends Life From Bullying

Obituaries

Rosalie Avila was a thirteen-year-old girl who lost her life because of bullying. Rosalie's bullying led to her loss of innocence. She attempted to commit suicide on 27 November 2017. She was declared brain dead on 1 December 2017 and was taken off life support on 4 December 2017.

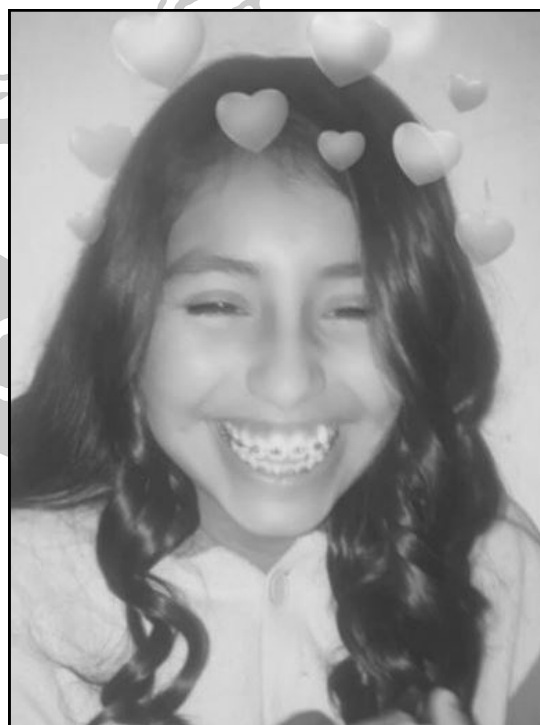
Avila was found unconscious in her bedroom by her parents. She left notes apologizing to her parents for what she did.

"Sorry, Mom and Dad. I love you. Sorry, Mom, you're gonna find me like this," she wrote.

Rosalie also left journals detailing what she would go through at school that day.

"They told me I was ugly today," Rosalie's father, Freddie, said he read in the journal. "They were making fun of me today about my teeth."

Not only did the bullying affect Rosalie, but the bullies also went after her parents. They tormented the Avilas by sending them pictures online which



A picture of Rosalie Avila,
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mocked their daughter's death.

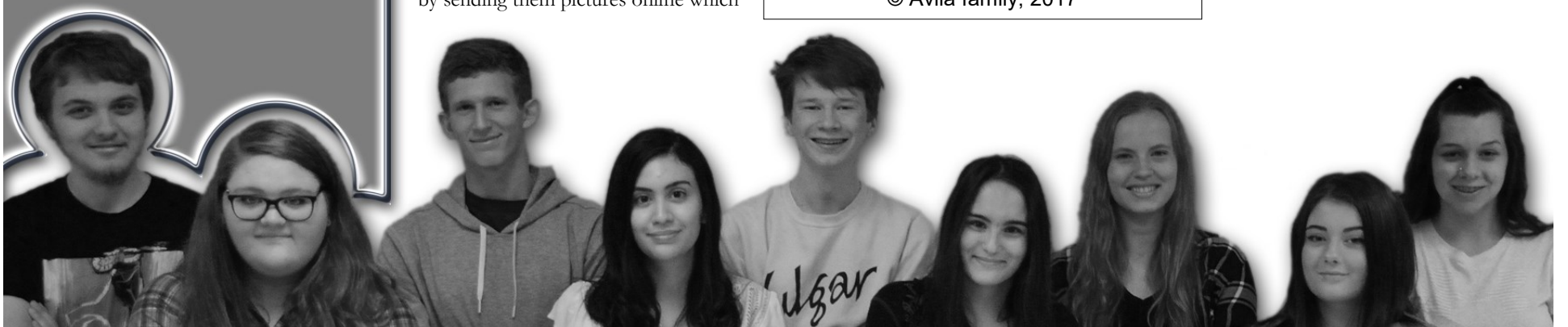
Some research indicates that there is a correlation between social media use and anxiety in young adults.

"Where bullying and cyberbullying is concerned, it is not a cause of suicide, but it is definitely a risk factor. When you are being harassed and intimidated in school and in any form on social media, it's very difficult to get away from that," Phyllis Alongi, clinical director for Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, said.

Rosalie's death has devastated her close-knit family, who enjoyed going to the park together on weekends for barbecues. Charlene said Rosalie's five siblings are traumatized and can't stand to be home because their last memory of Rosalie is of her after she ended her life in her room.

"They all said goodbye in their own way yesterday," Rosalie's father said.

By Jayra Chavarria



Trump Administration Forfeits Plan to Repeal Ban on Elephant Hunting

Environment

A census that was conducted in 2014 declared that only around 700,000 African elephants were left in the wild. The President of the United States Donald Trump and the Trump administration are now considering repealing an Obama-era ban that protects these giants.

This ban blocks the imports of hunting trophies. The ban was introduced to help conservation efforts. The Trump Administration is taking steps to allow the sports' hunted trophies to be imported into America. Elephants that are hunted in Zimbabwe are large targets.

"The Service claims that sport hunting, as part of 'sound wildlife management programs,' can help provide 'benefits to conservation,' *C.B.S. News Said. No evidence has been provided as to how the slaughtering of endangered elephants benefits efforts to help conserve their species.*

The Trump family have been known supporters of large game trophy hunting. Photos have been released that show Donald Trump, Jr., holding a bloody elephant's tail as he is standing next to an

elephant's corpse. Other photos of the President's sons can be seen on their social media of their sporting kills.

"The suggestion by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that slaughtering imperiled elephants is acceptable as long as a donation is given to 'conservation' marks an expansion of its outrageous 'pay-to-play' policy, which thwarts the Endangered Species Act," The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Vice President and Deputy General Counsel Delcianna Winders said in a CBS interview.

"Big-game trophy decision will be announced next week but will be very hard pressed to change my mind that this horror show in any way helps conservation of Elephants or any other animal," Donald Trump posted on his twitter on 19 November 2017.

The decision to keep a near-total ban on the national trade on African elephant ivory will remain in place. The Trump administration has decided to keep the ban in place.

By Morgan Althouse

FBLA Hosts Local Craft Show Fundraiser

Community

FBLA is having a craft show on 18 November. It will not only help FBLA, but also help the senior class as well.

The craft show starts at 9 o'clock a.m. and ends at 3. Anyone can go and it is free to enter. The entrance is through the doors across from auditorium. FBLA members and seniors will be selling food at the concession stand.

Profits from the craft show will be split between FBLA and the seniors. It will be used to help with graduation, and for FBLA workshops. There will also be about 150 vendors there. Students who volunteer can receive pay they can use towards FBLA activities.

The vendors there are selling some very cool things that are worth checking out. Natalie Schappell and Emily Jones are selling knit hats and scarves. They come in a variety of colors and are handmade. They are \$8. German Club sold advent calendars for \$4.

"The craft show is a unique way to buy gifts" senior Amanda Beidler said. "There was a very friendly atmosphere" junior Madeline Burt said. "I thought the craft show had a lot of great work, and all of the things there had their own originality," sophomore Ashley Unger said.

By Amber Weiss

Australian Government Votes 'Yes' To Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Nationwide

Politics

On 15 November 2017, Australia announced that they would legalize same-sex marriage. The decision was settled upon a public opinion survey sent out to Australians to vote 'yes' or 'no' on allowing same-sex couples to marry. Overwhelmingly, 61.6% of Australians voted 'yes,' while 38.4% voted 'no.' More than 12.7 million people participated in the survey.

There were campaigns running for and against the bill.

When the results were announced, "the crowd jumped with ecstasy and relief. Rainbow flags blurred the sky with a frenzy. Couples grasped one another in long embraces, tears streaming down their cheeks. The polls said that Brexit wouldn't happen, the polls said that Hillary would win, and I

sort of thought this felt like Australia's time to show everyone that we're backward too," Canberra native Tanna Winter said to the Associated Press. "Australians have spoken in their millions, and they have voted overwhelmingly yes for marriage equality."

As early as 2007, polling showed a majority of Australians were in favor of allowing marriage for same-sex couples. Since then, poll after poll has shown the same thing.

"They voted yes for fairness, yes for commitment, yes for love," Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said after revealing the results.

By Jayra Chavarria



Australians celebrate the results of the vote for same-sex marriage.
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Fleetwood Opens First Rho Kappa Chapter in Berks

School

Fleetwood Area High School is the first school in Berks County, Pennsylvania, to join Rho Kappa, the Social Studies Honor Society. The induction ceremony will be held at the Reading Public Museum on 11 December 2017.

"The Social Studies Honor Society recognizes juniors and seniors who excel in social studies," economics teacher Dina Heffner said.

The National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) was founded in 1921, and the organization is completely dedicated to fortifying and supporting anyone who is passionate about history.

The membership selection criteria in order for one to be considered eligible for induction into Fleetwood's chapter of Rho Kappa is that they need to complete four semesters of classes in the Social Studies category after their sophomore year. After that, students should complete, at the minimum, six semesters of courses in Social Studies. Applicants should also be enrolled at FAHS for at least one semester before the students may be considered.

In order to sustain a membership in Fleetwood Area High School's chapter of Rho Kappa, students must have a 92% average or higher in their Social Studies classes from their 9th, 10th, and 11th-grade years (if the student is a senior). If the student is a

junior, then only his or her 9th and 10th grade grades will be calculated. Neither of these cumulative averages are rounded up.

Juniors who were not selected this year are encouraged to submit another application at the beginning of their senior year. As of now, the list of inductees for juniors are as follows: Taylor Althouse, Shelby Claytor, Sienna Cowley, Megan Dunkle, Matthew Dybowski, Elise Eggleston, Emma Eggleston, Kandace Engle, Sydney Geist, Brooke Gorman, Ashtyn Heckart, Abigail Hinkle, Alexa Hromiak, Justin Kramer, Erin O'Neil, Kylee Paules, Taylor Reed, Samuel Schappell, Alexis Sterner, and Lucas Strange.

Seniors are also allowed to reapply to Rho Kappa as well. Currently, the senior inductees are as follows: Grace Afandilov, Audrey Agnew, Kyle Burns, Sarah Crissman, Quinlan Crossley, Julia Donohoe, Gabrielle Downs, Maya Evans, Thomas Hegedus, Israel Herndon, Nicole Hipp, Laura Kaskey, Jacob Kleinhenz, Aubrey Laity, Jenna Masenheimer, Jacob McGarry, Ryan Miller, Amanda Oross, Sarah Oxenreider, Ripley Price, Madysen Redding, Aiden Sandor, and Alicia Stitzel.

By Isabella Balthaser

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Classcraft Makes Its Fleetwood Debut In Algebra I

School

Teachers are always looking for ways to make their lessons more interesting and engaging to students. Fleetwood math teacher Ms. Amy Schlott is no different, having recently introduced Classcraft to her Algebra 1 classes.

“For me, I think Classcraft has helped a lot. You still learn the same, but with a twist on it. It’s easier to pay attention when you get a random event that has a certain team talk in a different voice or something else. I always make sure to stay on top of my homework now so I don’t lose XP and hurt my team.” freshman Brigid Pickar said.

Miss Schlott found Classcraft from a video ad and was intrigued, so she decided to demo a class with it. The response she received was overwhelming.

“Most of my students really seem to be enjoying Classcraft so far. Every day they ask to do a 'Random Event.' There was a day I had to begin class by singing the theme song to *SpongeBob SquarePants* and another day where we had to say, 'meow'

after every sentence we spoke... and of course, it was a day that I was doing a lot of the talking! I look forward to what Classcraft adventures lie in the days ahead,” Schlott said.

The Times also reached out to Classcraft and managed to talk to CEO Shawn Young, a former teacher of 10 years, about Classcraft and how it’s been helping students.

“It was always an RPG – when you think about it, the progress of a player in an RPG is really similar to a student’s progress in real life. They do things, gain experience, get better, work in teams. The feedback loops in RPGs are super effective. There is a real pleasure to leveling up. Also, MMORPGs have really solid team dynamics, and we wanted to mimic that in the classroom. We love it! I was a teacher for 10 years, and it’s really our mission to transform education. Every teacher that uses Classcraft is helping build positive environments for students,” Young said.



Congress Passes Bill To Drill In Arctic Region

Environment

While many political issues have flooded social media as of late, Congress has been quietly attempting to open an oil drilling area in the plains of the arctic refuge. Six house Republicans just voted in favor of a tax bill that allows the drilling over a massive area of the reserve.

The bill allows the lease of land to oil companies. These land leases are no less than 400,000 acres out of the 1.5 million acres of the coastal plain area. This refuge is home to caribou, polar bears, moose, and many more. The refuge covers more than 19 million acres in Alaska.

“I do not think they should do it. I think that, just because one resource is there, that does not mean you should risk another. Once the resource is gone, the damage will be done, and there is no telling how severe it will be,” history teacher Ms. Becky Jarosynski said.

Many negative results could come from allowing the oil drilling to take place.

“Scientists, environmentalists and

a bipartisan group of former Interior Department officials have warned that fossil fuel extraction there could spoil the landscape and harm the species that call it home,” the *Huffington Post* argued in an article, Arctic Refuge Tax Oil Bill.

However, oil drilling has also been known to provide hundreds of jobs. Nevertheless, drilling into the arctic landscape will disrupt the fragile ecosystem surrounding it. Species subjected to a potential oil spill will be put at a large risk. This also includes plant life. Entire species could be wiped out if an oil spill were to occur. Drilling by itself is harmful to the environment, but an oil spill will devastate the surrounding ecosystem.

“I do not think that we as a country should drill in the Alaskan refuge. The risk of an oil spill is too great,” junior Melissa Deida said.

By Morgan Althouse

Bergstresser and Nasados Kiss Pig For Four Diamonds

School

Before Thanksgiving break, the high school held Mini-Thon spirit week, including a “Kiss The Pig” event. Mini-Thon is a fundraiser held for the Four Diamonds fund. There were many activities going on throughout this spirit week.

The spirit week kicked off on 20 November with “blue out,” or “Penn State day”, where students were encouraged to wear blue or Penn State sportswear. Penn State is also a significant contributor to the Four Diamonds fund.

The second part of the spirit week was for vacation wear.

The last day, and by far the most popular amongst students and faculty, was pajama day.

“Any occasion that allows me to wear pajamas to school, I am down for,” junior Aydan Tregear said.

One of the events for the Mini-

Thon spirit week was a jeopardy game played by both students and faculty in the auditorium. There were also games in the auxiliary gym, as well as a volleyball tournament, all to get students further involved and pumped for mini-thon.

To raise money for Mini-Thon, students and staff had buckets, and whoever had the most funds kissed the pig. The teacher and student who “won” were math teacher Mrs. Jennifer Bergstresser and senior Joshua Nasados.

“It was an honor to win, honestly, like it was for a great cause, and just to help out in a small way felt great,” Nasados said.

The main Mini-Thon events will be held on 23-24 March.

By Mason Harris

Couple That Shackled Their Children On Trial

Cops & Courts

Thirteen children were being shackled, teased with food, and only allowed to shower once a year.

After years of this torture, their parents could finally go to prison. Their seventeen-year-old daughter managed to escape and called the police. Their parents, David and Louise Turpin, are pleading not guilty.

“If found guilty of the dozens of charges against them, the Turpin couple could receive 94 years to life in prison,” the BBC said.

“At first, the Turpin children were tied up with rope at their family home. But as they tried to get free, they were hogtied,” said *Desert Sun*.

It got to where they were not allowed to go to the bathroom.

Someone who went to school with the Turpin’s oldest daughter said this:

“Mr Muntajibuddin, who attended nursery with her in Fort Worth, Texas, wrote that he felt ‘an overwhelming sense of guilt and shame’ when learning about the conditions his former classmate experienced at home.”

“You can’t help but feel rotten when the classmate your peers made fun of for ‘smelling like poop’ quite literally had to sit in her own waste because she was chained to her bed,” said

BBC.

Angie Parra, a classmate at the Riverside County College, told NBC Los Angeles that one of Turpin’s sons was an introverted young man who was “sweet but odd” and wore the same clothing all semester.

“I could see sadness in his face,” Parra told the news station. “His eyes – he never wanted to make eye contact with anyone.”

Parra also recalled how her “famished” classmate once scarfed down food at a school potluck.

“He stood by the table and didn’t sit down with a plate,” Parra said in the NBC interview.

“He literally ate plate after plate after plate,” *Desert Sun* said.

Louise’s sister Elizabeth Flores has not been able to contact them in a long time.

“I want to reach out to the kids. I want them to know that, for years, we begged to Skype them, begged to see them...and I want them to know that they do have family that [loves them], whether they know us or not,” Flores said.

By Amber Weiss

What is Net Neutrality?

Politics

Net Neutrality preserves Americans’ right to communicate freely online. It means an Internet that enables and protects free speech. Net neutrality is the principle that Internet service providers must treat all data on the Internet the same and not discriminate or charge differently by user, content, website, platform, or application.

Net Neutrality was put in place by the Obama administration in 2015. In 2015, millions of activists pressured the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to adopt historic Net Neutrality rules that keep the Internet free and open. This allows people to share and access information of their choosing without interference. But on 14 December 2017, the FCC’s Republican majority approved Chairman Ajit Pai’s plan to eliminate Net Neutrality protections.

A former Verizon lawyer and a Trump appointee, Pai ignored the protests against his plan from millions of people, lawmakers, and companies.

The commission’s chairman, Ajit Pai,

heavily defended the repeal before the vote. He said the repeal would eventually benefit consumers because broadband providers like AT&T and Comcast could offer them a wider variety of service options. His two fellow Republican commissioners also supported the change, giving them a 3-to-2 majority in the vote.

“We are helping consumers and promoting competition,” Pai said. “Broadband providers will have more incentive to build networks.”

Many states are now taking matters in their own hands and suing the FCC. Some states are even preparing their own laws for Net Neutrality. The Federal Communications Commission voted to repeal net neutrality rules on 14 December 2017, but the FCC is still making edits to the repeal order and hasn’t yet released the final version.

By Jayra Chavarria

Adopt-A-Shelf Earns Students Community Service Hours

Community

Adopt-A-Shelf is a way to help the Fleetwood Area Public Library have organized shelves, and it is an excellent way to get community service hours.

So what is Adopt-A-Shelf? It is a system the Fleetwood Library has where community members can adopt a shelf of books. Once you do that, you are then responsible for organizing the shelf for an entire year.

“The Adopt a Shelf program is essential to the daily operations of our library. Our volunteers come in and take care of their shelves, making sure everything is in order and where it should be. The more shelves we have in order, the better service we can provide to our patrons. There is

nothing more frustrating than when you are trying to help a patron with a request and cannot find an item they are looking for,” library director Carin Mileschosky said.

If you sign up for this, you can get community service hours.

“Adopt a Shelf is a great way to earn community service hours over a period of time at your own pace and schedule. It is set up so that you can come in whenever is most convenient for you during each month. Depending on how many shelves you adopt will depend on how much time you will be here each month,” Mileschosky said.

But you don't have to organize the shelf each and every week. You only have to

clean it at least once a month; however, it is a good idea to go more often. Before you start, the librarians will teach you how to clean your shelf.

To adopt a bookshelf you will have to go to the library and get a form to fill out.

“The Adopt-A-Shelf sounds like a great idea. It will show kids responsibility, and it will take some work off the librarians,” sophomore Claudia Bice said.

“The program seems to be a good way to get community service hours,” Biology teacher Mr. Mark Coassolo said.

“I believe [it's] a good idea. It lets you get some community service hours, and you help make our town a cleaner place,” freshman Lyle Greiss said.

“I think this program teaches responsibility because you have made a commitment to do it. I think more people will most likely do it since they can get community service hours,” sophomore Veronica Nasados said.

“I think this is a good idea because community service will go on your record and show jobs and colleges that you like to be a part of things and help. Also, it will teach responsibility because you have to keep that shelf clean and look after it and be a part of something,” sophomore Amaya Pearsall said.

By Amber Weiss

Amtrak Train Derails In Washington

Transportation

On 18 December 2017, an Amtrak train in Washington crashed.

Around three people have died and “Police say 19 people were taken from the scene uninjured. Of the approximately 100 people transferred to hospital for evaluation, 10 were considered to have serious injuries,” the BBC said.

According to the BBC, the train was going around 80 mph while the track could only handle a train going 30 mph.

“The derailment happened on a section of track previously only used for freight trains,” the BBC said.

This means that this was kind of dangerous to begin with.

“A safety system called Positive Train Control (PTC) was not operational on the train in question,” the president of Amtrak told reporters. “Using GPS tracking, PTC automatically warns the driver of speed limits and other local conditions and applies the train's brakes if the warnings are not heeded. Congress originally legislated for PTC to be installed by the end of 2015, but it is still not even halfway complete.”

This is also extremely dangerous because the train was unable to be notified

about the speed limit of the track.

“The NTSB has said that PTC technology could have prevented numerous railroad accidents that involved human error,” CNN said.

So PTC could have potentially helped the train, had it been installed.

This is not the first time an Amtrak train has crashed. In 2015, an Amtrak train in Philadelphia derailed after it hit a curve at 106-mph in a 80-mph zone.

There was also a supposed terrorist attack, where brakes were randomly pulled on an Amtrak train, in Nebraska on 6 Janu-

ary 2017. “Amtrak staff searched the train and discovered the perpetrator in the engineer's seat of the follow engine, where he was behaving erratically and playing with the controls. A Furnas County deputy sent to the scene found Amtrak employees holding the man, court documents said,” according to *Afro*.

“He had a loaded revolver, plus more ammunition and a knife,” the deputy said.

By Amber Weiss

Government Abuse of Power an Established Routine

Politics

What is power? For as long as the human population can remember, one way or another, this question has always been brought to one's attention. Depending on the situation, one can compile many interpretations of the matter. But somehow, some way, power is always abused, whether it is government, corporate, or military power.

What initially comes to mind when one hears the word ‘power’ varies. It all depends on what the responding person thinks.

“Electricity,” English teacher Mr. Andrew Good said.

“Strength,” history teacher Mr. Paul Kochanasz said.

“What initially comes to mind when I hear the word ‘power’ is someone or something having the ability to influence or effect somebody or something else,” conspiracy theories teacher Mr. Sean Gaston said.

“Having authority over others,” an anonymous source said.

“Power is when we have every justification to kill, and we don't. That's what the Emperor said. A man steals something, he's brought in before the Emperor, he throws himself down on the ground. He begs for his life, he knows he's going to die. And the Emperor...pardons him. This worthless man, he lets him go. That's power, Amon. That is power,” Oskar Schindler said, from Steven Spielberg's 1993 black-and-white movie adaptation *Schindler's List*, played by Liam Neeson.

For those who have not seen the movie, Schindler spoke to Amon Goeth, the SS guard who lived in a villa that overlooked the concentration camp known as Plaszow, (referred to as Konzentrationslager Plaszow in German) located 10 kilometers, or about six miles, away from Krakow, Poland.

Goeth was known for killing more than 10,000 prisoners between both the Plaszow and

Szebnie camps during World War II. In the iconic scene discussed above, Schindler was attempting to persuade Goeth to stop killing, given that the late SS guard used his obsession of excessively committing murder as a way to boast about his own interpretation of power. During September 1944, Goeth was arrested for sending Jews to the forced labour camps (after taking bribes) instead of sending them to the extermination camps as ordered. Goeth was then executed on September 5th, 1946.

One modern incident can be compared to Amon Goeth's actions in the modern day and age. During the years after 9/11, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, the United States government has been known for illegally kidnapping, torturing, and detaining “anyone, including Americans as ‘enemy combatants’ without charge.”

Ever since 2002, the so-called ‘enemy combatants’ were also kept prisoner at Guantanamo Bay, along with other places without access to the Red Cross. Our government has also been known for renditioning, otherwise known as the practice of “secretly kidnapping people and moving them to foreign countries where they are tortured and abused,” the American Civil Liberties Union said.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the United States' Central Intelligence Agency also has access to their own secret prison camps, located in Eastern Europe that “violates international standards.” But why is it necessary for our government to have access to such camps, if they aren't trying to repeat the actions of a dictator?

Also, during George Walker Bush Jr.'s presidency in December 2005, the National Security Agency was reported to be wiretapping telephone calls without a warrant. The ACLU filed a lawsuit against the program, and in August 2006, a Detroit federal judge came to the

verdict that the National Security Agency was “both unconstitutional and illegal.” The Sixth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals revoked the judge's decision, because they discovered the plaintiffs could not certify they were actually being wiretapped but the court “did not rule out the legality of the program,” the ACLU said.

In October 2007, the ACLU filed an appeal, but the Supreme Court denied it in February 2008.

On 17 June 1972, members of President Richard Nixon's Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP) were arrested after evidence of them breaking into the Democratic National Committee's Watergate complex, wiretapped the government's phones and stole top-secret documents came to light in May 1972. Five men showed up at the building once they realized their wiretaps were unsuccessful, but before they could install a new and improved microphone, a security guard caught them once they “noticed someone had taped over several of the building's door locks,” *History.com* said on the Watergate scandal.

In August of the same year, Nixon swore in his speech that no one in his staff was ever involved in the break-in, which convinced the majority of his voters, hence why he was reelected in November 1972. But if that was not the case, then why did he pay the prowlers hundreds of thousands of dollars days after the break-in? Not to mention, Nixon and his crew strategized to order the Central Intelligence Agency to disrupt the FBI's investigation of the break-in, which was a “deliberate obstruction of justice,” *History.com* said.

During this timeframe, however, seven conspirators were prosecuted for offenses that were connected to the Watergate scandal. Upon Nixon's aides advising the conspirators, five of them pleaded guilty, so they could avoid being

taken to trial, while the other two were convicted in January 1973. Meanwhile, according to *History.com*, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, reporters from the Washington Post, trial judge John J. Sirica and members of the Senate investigating committee were already beginning to investigate further into the case, which caused some of the conspirators to “crack under the pressure of the cover-up.”

In court, several of Nixon's aides testified that Nixon privately recorded every conversation in the Oval Office. Nixon tried to hide the tapes from the courts' eye, what with his lawyers insisting “that the president's executive privilege allowed him to keep the tapes to himself,” *History.com* said. Executive privilege is the constitutional principle that permits the president and high-level executive branch officers to withhold information from Congress, the courts, and ultimately the public. This presidential power is considered controversial because it is nowhere mentioned in the U.S. Constitution.

On 20 October 1973, also known as the Saturday Night Massacre, Nixon decreed that prosecutor Archibald Cox be fired from his position for not stepping down from demanding the tapes from the president. This, in turn, caused a number of members from the Justice Department to quit their jobs as a way to protest against Nixon's actions.

Finally, in July, Nixon was forced by the Supreme Court to turn over all the tapes, which were released by him to the public on August 5. They provided hard evidence of his involvement, which ultimately led to his resign four days later to jump-start “that process of healing which is so desperately needed in America,” he said in his final speech.

By Isabella Balthaser

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