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March For Our Lives Takes Washington, DC

Politics

On Saturday 24 March 2018, people gathered in Washington D.C. to protest in favor of gun control.

"The 'March for Our Lives' protest in the nation's capital was organized by students after 17 people were killed in a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., last month," *MPRnews* said.

There are people who think the second amendment should be repealed. Others feel background checks should be more thorough. However, for the protest, thousands of people came to stand up for the people who died, and for gun control, which may save lives in the future. People from other countries even protested in favor of gun control in the United States.

"Hundreds of protesters showed up outside the U.S. Embassy in London; protests also took place in Paris; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Sydney," according to *The Hill*. People from all over are trying to end



gun
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One of the survivors that goes to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School named Emma Gonzalez gave a moment of silence for those who lost their lives that day.

According to *MPRnews*, Gonzalez said this afterwards: "Since the time that I

came out here, it has been six minutes and 20 seconds," Gonzalez said. "The shooter has ceased shooting and will soon abandon his rifle, blend in with the students as they escape, and walk free for an hour before arrest. Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job."

"Support for stricter gun laws always spikes after mass shootings. In this case, though, the response has been stronger than usual. In a widely cited Quinnipiac University poll, ninety-seven per cent of Republicans said that they supported background checks for all gun buyers, seventy-seven per cent said that they supported mandatory waiting periods for all gun purchases, and forty-three per cent said that they supported a ban on assault weapons," *The New Yorker* said.

This protest had a lot of participants, but it is unclear what kind of changes will occur.

By Amber Weiss

American Gun Control in a Global Context

Politics

America, the land of freedom and guns. Guns are a big part of American culture. The Constitution has given Americans the right to bear arms, but did our founding fathers understand the degree of dissent this would imply in the future of their country?

There are more public mass shootings in America than any other place in the world. Americans are killed by more fellow citizens than any other people in the world. Americans also own the most guns per person in the world, about four in ten saying they either own a gun or live in a home with guns, according to a 2017 study by Pew Center. Forty-eight percent of Americans said they grew up in a house with guns, while three quarters say they cannot imagine living without a gun.

Globally, restrictive gun laws have

been proven to make a difference in curbing massacres. For example, after four mass shootings occurred between 1987 and 1996, Australia's Parliament passed stricter gun laws. Australia hasn't had a mass shooting since.

Massacres like Columbine, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Virginia Tech, Pulse, Parkland, etc. have prompted the debate for gun control, but they also increase a demand for weapons. Regulations covering the sale of firearms are looser now than they were two years ago.

In February 2017, President Donald Trump signed a measure that scrapped an Obama-era regulation aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of severely mentally ill people. Americans own nearly half (48%) of the estimated 650 million civilian-guns

worldwide. The number of firearms available to American civilians is estimated at 310 million according to a 2009 National Institute of Justice report, making it easier for dangerous and mentally ill individuals to formulate more mass shootings.

Americans are divided on whether the country's gun deaths could be reduced through tougher laws on gun ownership. Liberals argue that legal restrictions on gun ownership could save lives. Conservatives say that stricter gun laws would do nothing to curb the behavior of violent criminals. The future is still unclear, and mass shootings could be preventable.

By Jayra Chavarria

Film Club Hosts Annual Lock-In

School

On 20 April, a group of high school students who are part of Fleetwood's film club participated in the annual overnight film club lock-in with club advisors Mr. Sean D. Gaston, Mr. Zachary Steven Houpp, and Mrs. Erin Barnett.

They watched a marathon of 7 films. The films were *Miami Connection*, *The Disaster Artist*, *The Post*, *Edge of 17*, *Call Me By Your Name*, *Lady Bird*, and *Good Time*. It was the goal of some students to stay up all night and watch all of the films, although that rarely happens.

"I usually don't stay up all

night. There's always going to be one boring movie that's easy to sleep through," junior Aydan Tregear said.

Some members of Film Club are in the senior class, so this was their last lock-in experience.

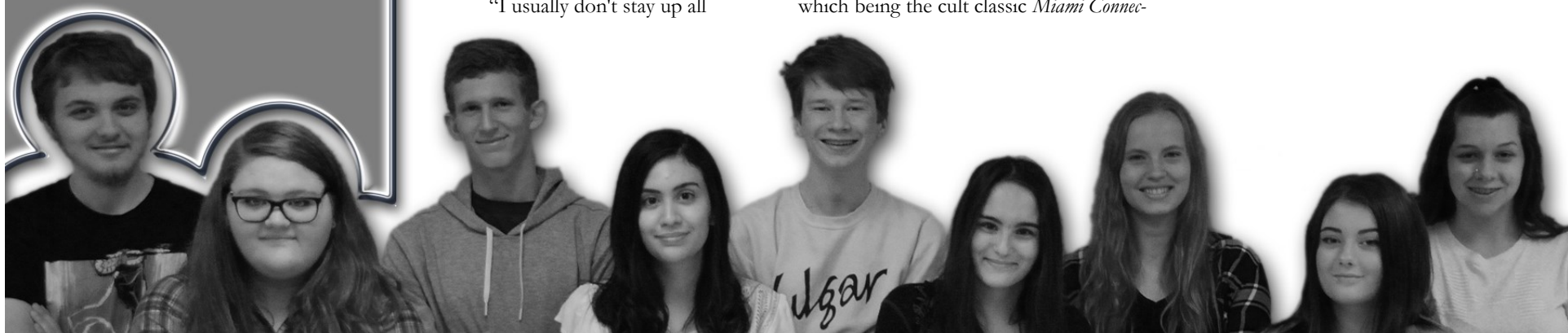
"It was nice attending this event because, after this, there isn't really a big thing that the whole group is going to do, so it's nice going out with a bang," senior Joshua Nasados said.

Some films have received a lot of buzz within the ranks of film club, most of which being the cult classic *Miami Connec-*

tion. "The movies I'm most looking forward to are *The Disaster Artist* and *Miami Connection*, which I've been waiting for film club to watch the last three years," Tregear said.

Film Club will continue into future years. If any cinema-loving students are interested, they should sign up.

By Mason Harris



Charles Manson's Last Remains Claimed By Wrestler Grandson

Cops & Courts

On 19 November 2017, notorious mastermind Charles Manson died of natural causes at a hospital in Bakersfield, California. Manson was known for being the head of the Manson Family cult in the late 1960s, who are “thought to have carried out some 35 killings, but most of them were never tried because of lack of evidence or the perpetrators were already sentenced to life for the Tate/Labianca killings,” *Biography.com* said.

Born 12 November 1934 as Charles Milles Maddox in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Kathleen Maddox, a sixteen-year-old girl who was an alcoholic and prostitute and who “married William Manson, but the marriage ended quickly and Charles was placed in a boys school,” *Biography.com* said.

He started off his criminal career with petty crime, first beginning to spend time in prison in 1951. He was incarcerated for various offenses, such as pimping, stealing/forging government checks, driving a stolen car across the border, etc., and according to an interview with Vincent Bugliosi with *History.com*, he “could find nothing in his background that would indicate he’d turn into this terrible mass murderer.”

On 9 August 1969, Manson sent members Charles “Tex” Watson, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel, and Linda Kasabian to kill actress Sharon Tate (who was eight months pregnant), coffee bean heiress Abigail Folger, writer Wojciech Frykowski, celebrity hair stylist Jay Sebring, and 18-year-old caretaker Steven Parent, who was staying in Tate’s guest home at the time.

Sebring was shot and kicked to death after trying to defend Tate. Frykowski and Folger tried to escape but were caught and stabbed to death. Tate begged for her un-

born child’s life, but according to *Biography.com*, Atkins said in response, “Look, I have no mercy for you. You’re going to die, so get used to it,” before stabbing her to death in the stomach and then writing the word ‘pig’ in the actress’ blood on the front door.

The following day, according to *Biography.com*, Manson sent Krenwinkel, Watson, and Leslie Van Houten to the LaBiancas, and they were murdered in a similar fashion. The Manson family was arrested the same year, the trial beginning in 1970 and ending in 1971, when Manson was sentenced to death, but the California Supreme Court changed his sentence to life when they voided all death sentences in 1972.

On 12 March 2018, four months after Manson’s death, a Kern County, California judge ruled that MMA fighter Jason L. Freeman (also known as Charles Manson III, according to *sherdog.com*), was the “surviving competent adult next of kin,” the *New York Times* said.

In an interview with the *New York Times* in January, Freeman said, if he was given Manson’s remains, he would invite some of his grandfather’s friends in his inner circle to a private service and cremate him.

“I’d like to grab ahold of my grandfather’s name and have a little more control over it. Everybody’s had a free-for-all for the past 50 years,” Freeman said.

By Isabella Balthaser

DNA Leads to Capture of Golden State Killer

Cops & Courts

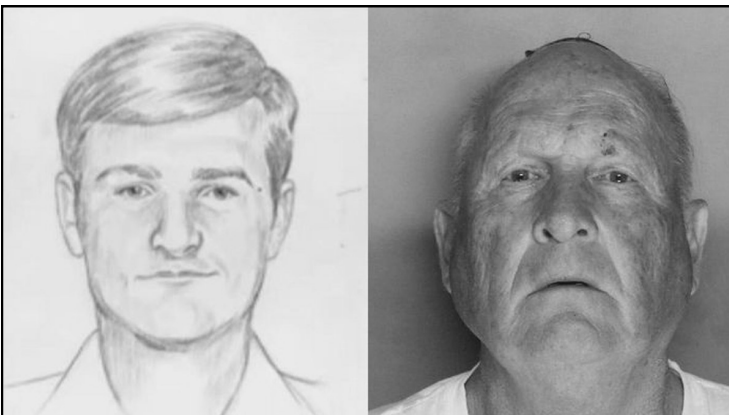
In the late 70’s and early 80’s, there were rapes, murders, and burglaries in California that were never solved. Now, in 2018, police have a suspect from using DNA from the crime scene and a site that holds DNA information.

“Paul Holes, a recently retired investigator with California’s Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office said he took crime-scene DNA -- believed to be that of the culprit -- and entered the profile into the online Florida-based GEDmatch database,” CNN said.

This has some controversy on whether police should be allowed to use people’s DNA on websites without asking the users, directly, for their permission. However, GEDmatch allows cops to use the information so users should be aware that, by using the site, your DNA could potentially be looked at.

So who is the suspect? Joseph James DeAngelo, a 72-year-old from California.

“DeAngelo is a former police officer



with the Auburn Police Department who was fired after he was caught shoplifting a hammer and dog repellent from a hardware store in 1979,” BBC said.

“In 2001, DNA evidence determined the East Area Rapist was the same offender as the Original Night Stalker. Now, the man is known as the Golden State Killer,” CNN said.

He will stand trial on 14 May 2018. There is no definite answer yet on whether the death penalty will be used or not.

By Amber Weiss

Student Loan Options Available

Finance

For those beginning their search for gearing up to go to the college of their choice, it can be difficult managing the financial aspects.

One thing students can do is reduce interest. Reducing this can lessen total debt and the size of monthly payments after graduation. This can help avoid capitalization, which is when unpaid interest is added to the loan principle. This is added to the loan when repayment begins.

Adding capitalized interest to a loan will increase the amount due on the loan and increase monthly payments. Also, interest does not usually accrue during deferment for federally subsidized loans.

There are also scholarship opportunities students can take advantage of. Keep

in mind, scholarship opportunities are not only available to top students and athletes, there are scholarships based on location, background, culture, and interests, among other things. In addition to scholarships, there are also grants which are available to students based on financial need as well as interests and areas of study, among other factors.

There are also forbearance options in relation to student loans. These options can extend the length of time for making payments. Postponement for paying your loans temporarily is based on financial need, or it can be automatic when a student is enrolled in school.

By Mason Harris

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Some Fleetwood High School Students Support National School Walkout

School

On 20 April, 2018, the Fleetwood Area High School had an assembly for the National School Walkout, which was organized by the student council, Rho Kappa, and other volunteers. Students who participated were called down at 9:30 a.m. to meet in the auditorium.

In the beginning, there was a seventeen-second moment of silence in honor of the Parkland victims. Then, each member took turns reading short biographies of the Parkland victims and gave another moment of silence for the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School Massacre before discussing about the signs of someone who could possibly become a mass shooter.

Then the microphone was handed to Pennsylvania State Representative Barry Jozwiak, and he discussed what he and other state representatives brought up in hearings.

"There were six days of hearings on gun violence and listening to people's various ideas, but we don't want knee-jerk reactions because knee-jerk reactions have consequences that no one really wants. Our job is public safety to [all high schoolers]. Also, keep in mind that the 2nd Amendment, the right to bear arms, shall not be infringed, but there will be a balancing act between the honest and dishonest people," Jozwiak said.

"Representative Jozwiak made this statement that it's not a gun violence problem, it's a violence problem because in England they banned guns, but they still have a problem with knives. And I brought up statistics showing that a lot more people are killed with guns than with knives, so it's obviously a problem with access to guns," senior Julia Donohoe said.

At 9:55, it was announced that participants could either join in on the walkout at 10:00 and walk out of the front doors of the school to the stadium bleachers until 10:17 or stay inside the school and ask Jozwiak questions, propose arguments, or sign petitions that were right outside the auditorium.

The petitions were for school safety, gun safety, mental healthcare, and the elimination of gun free zones. The school safety petition called for better staff preparedness, more mandatory intruder drills, and faculty members to

have more emergency training that improves life-saving techniques so they can be better prepared for events such as an intruder.

The gun safety petition is about enforcing better background checks, along with a two-week waiting period to give officials the time to properly perform a background check to see if the purchaser has any indication of a potential threat. The petition also questions why it is required for regular citizens to have access to semi-automatic weapons, especially firearms, that are designed to look like an assault rifle when it is not.

The mental healthcare petition urged schools to have one guidance counselor per 250 students, one social worker, and mental health screenings in each school. The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) does endorse this, but the state of Pennsylvania is falling behind on looking out for students' mental health, and because of this, there is a possibility for more school tragedies.

The final petition had urged for the elimination of gun free zones.

"In the first part of the petition is a piece that would allow people with CHL (concealed handgun license) to be able to carry their guns concealed and on their waist. And on top of that, we want to add more protection to the schools, so we would employ veterans through the Veterans Affairs Program, and that would be one officer per 200 students, so that would be 14 officers protecting the Fleetwood Area School District," freshman Gavin Milligan said.

"As far as [Fleetwood Area High School] goes, I am very content with how things went down today. I think that we had a really good turnout from the student body, and as far as questions went, everyone was respectful and got their point across. We kept our schedule pretty well, and Mr. Jozwiak did a good job in stating some points before he took questions, and he answered them as best as he could. So, overall, I'm pretty happy with how things went, especially given how I've been told from the stadium, at the end of things, everyone was incredibly respectful, which pleases me to hear that," senior Jake McGarry said.

By Isabella Balthaser

Sealing Industry Is Dying

Environment

The sealing industry is a dying market. Sealing is considered by many to be barbaric, and unnecessary.

Last year, 1.6 million dollars were made off of sealing. This is a 32.4 million dollar drop from the 2006 season. This is due to the decline of hunters participating.

"It is unlikely a seal will be stunned effectively with a single blow or shot. Instead, animals are left wounded and terrified, lingering on the ice in pain, suffering and distress. Some seals are struck and lost," *The International Fund for Animal Welfare* said.

It is encouraged that sealers "humanely" kill the seals and seal pups. However, evidence has shown that sealers rarely ensure a quick and painless death to the seals. Many seals are struck with clubs over the head or in between the eyes. This does nothing but disorient the seal. Often pups are also impaled or struck in the eyes.

"Many animals are left to suffer in agony, crawling through their own blood on the ice," *The executive director of the Humane Society International-Canada*, Rebecca Aldworth, said.

The sealing industry is declining rapidly. Canada however continues sealing every year.

"I think sealing is wrong, especially because it isn't necessary," junior Melissa Dieda said.

"Hunters take their boats into dangerous waters or rush across moving ice pans in attempts to kill as many baby seals as possible in the short time available. Seal pups, most too young to escape, are either shot or hit with a spiked wooden club called a hakapik," *The International Fund For Animal Welfare* said.

The pressure that hunters are under with the inconvenient conditions of the climate almost ensures inhumane killing.

Monitoring these boats is also an impossibility. The hunting-boat-to-monitoring-boat ratio makes it impossible to regulate the humane killing of these seals. Humane killing is rarely practiced or achieved.

By Morgan Althouse

Google's New Microscope Can Detect Cancer in Patients

Science & Technology

Recently, Google created an Augmented Reality Microscope (ARM) that will help detect cancer.

Currently, the microscope is a prototype, but Google thinks that their microscope can speed the process of adopting new learning tools for pathologists.

The AR microscope is a modified light microscope that enables a real-time image analysis and presentations of algorithms directly in the field of a medical professional.

"The microscope uses a low-cost component and doesn't need digital versions of tissue to analyze," Google said.

Other than detecting cancer, the microscope can show text, contours, and heat maps.

The microscope Google used is just a normal, original microscope with a tweak in order to introduce AI technology and augmented reality. Since Google has made the microscope, they have demonstrated the scope's abilities concerning breast cancer and prostate cancer.

The Google team configured the microscope in order to run two different cancer algorithms, one being able to detect breast cancer metastases in lymph node specimens and the other detecting prostate cancer in prostatectomy specimens.

"These models perform well on the ARM with no additional retraining. The ARM has a potential for making a large impact globally...it will detect infectious diseases, including tuberculosis and malaria, in developing countries," Google said.

"I feel that it is very interesting that Google made the microscope, but I wonder how, in the long run, they will advance the advantages to these microscopes. Eventually, the microscope could become successful depending on how we utilize it in the future. I believe Google wants to help out people, but they also want to receive full credit and most of the money for this microscope," junior Kylee Paules said.

By Elyse Essick



Suspected Russian Spies Injured in UK

Cops & Courts

On 3 March 2018, former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia Skripal, were found unconscious on a bench in Salisbury, England. Suspecting passersby saw the pair lying on the bench in a daze-like state. They were transported to a hospital after emergency services were called by a member of the public where police arrived at the scene within minutes.

Prime Minister Theresa May of the UK has said the chemical used in the attack was part of a group of nerve agents developed by Russia known as Novichok. The prime minister has said there was "no alternative conclusion other than that the Russian state was culpable." She has expelled 23 Russian diplomats from the UK.

Security correspondent Gordon Corera said the highest concentration of the nerve agent was found on the Skripals' door handle and could have been administered through a "gooey substance which could have been smeared on to that door handle." He added

that it would explain why the nerve agent may have been found on the Skripals' car, which has been taken by police, or the restaurant in which they had eaten before they were found unconscious, which has been closed by detectives.

Police say about 400 witnesses had given statements, 762 possible pieces of evidence had been collected, and about 4,000 hours of CCTV were being examined.

"This is an extremely challenging and complex investigation and we currently have around 250 exceptionally experienced and dedicated specialist officers from the counterterrorism network working around the clock on this case," he said. "They are making good progress in what is a painstaking investigation that is likely to be ongoing for weeks, if not months."

In addition, at least 26 countries, including the US and European allies, are expelling more than 130 diplomats.

By Jayra Chavarria



Sergei Skripal and Daughter Yulia Skripal © PA

Bill Cosby Found Guilty of Indecent Assault in PA

Cops & Courts

Bill Cosby, once known as the "American Dad," was convicted on three counts of aggravated indecent assault that stemmed from drugging and molesting a women in Philadelphia 14 years ago.

Cosby ended up facing consequences in the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pennsylvania. The verdict was reached around 2:00 p.m. Three of Cosby's accusers attended this court case and broke out in tears when they heard the verdict. Eleven months ago, before this trial, the

conviction came out to the public, but the jury failed to reach a verdict.

The jury on 26 April 2018 consisted of seven males and five females. They spent over twelve hours evaluating evidence that was given before they came to their final decision.

"He used his celebrity, he used his wealth, he used his network of supporters to help him conceal his crimes, and now we really know today who was behind that act, who the real Bill Cosby was and a jury has

spoken with one voice in a court of law and found the defendant guilty of drugging and sexually assaulting Andrea Constand in his Elkins Park home," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said.

The 80-year-old comedian and actor faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and will be sentenced within 90 days, following pre-sentence investigation. Cosby's sentencing date has not been released yet.

"Cosby is guilty because there is a bunch of evidence and multiple assaults. I

don't think the accusers just wanted money. I believe they wanted justice for what happened to them. Cosby is definitely trying to curve these accusations with his money and fame because he doesn't want to seem guilty. He wants to be an innocent [redacted] like OJ Simpson," junior Maddy Fiechtel said.

By Elyse Essick

Random Cheese

What will you miss most about Fleetwood Area High School?

"Mr. Ebersole, because he's a good role model and inspires me to do better," senior Zach Warren said.



"Seeing my friends I've had my whole life every day," senior Gabby Downs said.



"The people, both my peers and faculty," senior Jake McGarry said.



"The music program, because it created several friendships for me and brought everyone together," senior Emily Delozier said.



"I'll miss my friends the most," senior Mady Redding said.

By Ripley Price

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