



THE NEWSHAKER

LET'S SHAKE THE NEWS!

St Marc High School newsletter

EDITO

Once upon a time...

Welcome to « **The Newshaker** » ! November issue will dive you into the genesis of « **The Newshaker** ». First of all, the team wanted to thank our teachers, Miss Barret, and Miss Gautron, who brought the project to us. To begin with, we decided of the title all together, and ended up with **The Newshaker**. It is a pun, referring to the *milkshake*, an emblematic food of the United States of America plus the idea of *shaking* the news, hence our logo design. We are called the 2nd international in Saint Marc and not the 10th grade, as it is said in the US. Finally, the bright pink and blue colors also come from a typical American milkshake called the unicorn!

For the sections, our different articles deal with interesting, unusual news from English speaking countries to varied activities taking place in our High School. By clicking on the light orange words you can find, you will be redirected to complete articles dealing with the subjects.

The choice is complex and it's a hard work, however, we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we love creating it!

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FESTIVITIES IN THE USA

The dark side of the shop

Black Friday is an American event which happens on the day after Thanksgiving. It marks the beginning of the season of Christmas shopping. Usually, the stores open early and people become crazy, waiting more than two hours for a deal. The term Black Friday comes from shop owners. It means that they emerge from the deficit, red, to reach a comfortable situation, black.

Firstly used in the printed press in 1951, with the birth of the consumption society, Black Friday is now, since 2001, the busiest shopping day. The crowd can even become inhuman and use violence to have discounts.

On average, an American spends \$1,000 during this day.

Black Friday is not exclusively happening in America now, it's spreading around the globe, also invading the Internet.

M.N.

THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION REVIEWS

Gobble Gobble



Thanksgiving... On Thursday, 22nd of November, it was in every mouth, especially for the evening. Everyone from the International section was gathered to perform a wonderful show. Every class had prepared plays, to act in front of parents and teachers (most of them just shown up), and we had rehearsed a lot. We started preparing it a month ago, and practiced for at least two hours a day! The show was very entertaining and friendly, we all were proud to present our work. It was a moment of togetherness and unity, greatly anchored by Terminales.

All of us were fortunate to be gathered, and felt like a family. Then, the treat - the diner. A delicious buffet, with turkey, mashed potatoes, and homemade deserts brought by the students. We all could talk to each other, and savor the meal. Turkey was our eatable guest; in almost every part we talked about it, we even ate it! It was really nice and interesting to talk with other people, and we really enjoyed sharing this wonderful moment and preparing this show. We felt like we were part of a team, and we all hope our audience felt as pleased as us.

M.L.

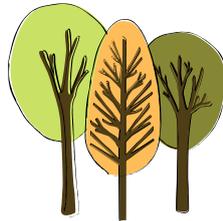
WHAT A WORLD

Spying trees ?

Some weeks ago, The staff of the national reserve in Peru invented a brand new device to stop illegal logging : It records and analyzes the sounds of the forest, and calls the authorities if it detects any sounds from a chainsaw.



The "guardian", as they call it, is built with old smartphones, and equipped with refillable solar batteries.



G.R.

A hundred years after...

The 11th of November 2018 marked the end of the First World War's centenary. Indeed, a hundred years ago, the German government signed the Armistice. Commemorations were organized and the French government invited more than 72 leaders of different countries. Most of them were African leaders, at that time, many got enrolled in the French army .

In Lyon, a special tribute to thank the sacrifice of all the soldiers was organized, with military and flag parades, children choir and dove throwing. But we all wonder how Germany is commemorating this war. Well, in fact, Germany has never commemorated the Armistice: Even if their defeat was a long time ago, don't they take it as a lesson, but as a humiliation?

G.R.

SNAPSHOT

The new Star

I interviewed Marie Pilloix (TES1), who finished on the third place with her partner, in the France Modern Jazz Dance championship in 2017. You might imagine that she is just living for competition but she is a normal teenager, maybe with a busier schedule than the average one.

I interviewed her on Instagram (which is, for our elder readers, the new Facebook =-)). Marie has been dancing since she is 6 at Move Dance Club. She started competition when she was eleven. Being at this level requires a lot of training and Marie understood it well: she is dancing over 6 hours per week. But as an organized person, she managed to have a good balance between her high-school life and her training. She is so impressive !!



When I asked her how she was coping with the stress that comes with competition, she told me that she was a stressful person but, strangely, the competition helps her to deal with it. Finally, according to Marie, working hard, coping with stressful situations, giving the best of your capacity are nothing compared to the joy of self achievement. So, put your shyness away and go dancing baby !

N.A.

ZAPPING



Greenland

Artistic penguins?

The NASA captured a picture of the ice floe where the ice had a perfect rectangle shape ! Do you think penguins could have done it?



England

Microwave backpack

In England, a school decided to forbid backpacks to avoid scoliosis. A student decided to make fun of this rule without breaking it, and to do he came to school with an interesting bag... a microwave oven!!!!



Australia

First-aid worker for animal

In Australia, a kangaroo ran into the ocean until he drowned. Indeed, have you ever seen a kangaroo swim? This one couldn't either! First-aid workers that were luckily near, saved him by doing CPR on the baby animal.

J.B.

ZAPPING



India

Holi festival turns grey!

As firecrackers were allowed only during 2 hours on the day of the Holi festival in India, the citizens cracked so many of them that the air was unbreathable! Would it have changed if they allowed it all day long?



France

Smoked baked presidents

When Donald Trump visited the Elysée for the hundred years' commemoration of World War I, his really luxurious but also very polluting Cadillac, smoked our president and his wife while they were waving at him as he was leaving.

J.B.



FUN FACTS

THANKSGIVING

280 million turkeys are sold in the United States

50 Million pumpkin pies are eaten
1,3 pound is, on average, the weight gain of an American after this feast (590g)

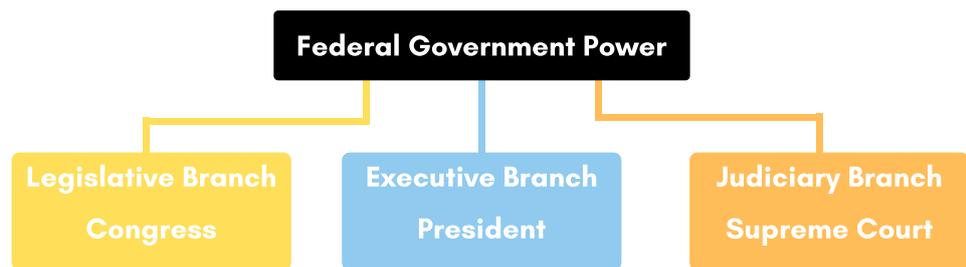
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LATEST US NEWS

Trump's presidency, new constraints to rule the States?



Midterms elections have just happened this November. These elections are held near the midpoint of the four years term presidency and renew the members from the House of Representatives and from the Senate (Congress). In France, the equivalent of the House of Representatives is the National Assembly. Media were very focused on midterm's elections. Indeed, there was a huge question about Trump's legitimacy. Actually, the USA is divided between pro-Trump and anti-Trump. Finally, there were 113 million voters, the highest ever recorded number.



Americans voted and decided that the Congress will be half ruled by Democrats and half by Republicans:

House of Representatives :

-Ruled by Democrats

-233 Democrats vs. 200 Republicans

Senate :

-Ruled by Republicans

-47 Democrats vs. 52 Republicans

In 2018, although 108 women are holding seats in the Congress, the change has not been met.

It's a burning issue!

The California wildfire might be the most destructive wildfire in Californian history. Started on November the 8th 2018 it has still not been contained.

But why is it so deadly?

Sad figures: 80% contained, 153.000 acres burnt, 55.000 people displaced and 13.500 homes destroyed. In addition, 86 dead people and still 2.000 people missing.

Besides extremely powerful winds and aridity have limited the containment of the wildfire and still no help from the government. So Associations and charities collected money to help the victims .

To continue with it, the president Donald Trump showed empathy to Californians on November the 17th 2018. Donald trump pretended to ignore that this could be due to global warming.

He also took advantage of the situation to accuse a mismanagement of forest administration.

Well known celebrities were also victims of the wildfire as Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus and many others. Despite the incredible fight led by the firefighters they did their best to contain it, the air in California became the worst air quality of the world even compared to the most polluted cities in China. It is like smoking 10 cigarettes a day, while breathing....



S.F.

L.C.