



# THE NEWSHAKER

**LET'S SHAKE THE NEWS!**

St Marc High School newsletter

## EDITO

**It's a new day, it's a new year, it's a new life for me yeah !**

With the New Year come the good resolutions, some people decide to eat healthier, to exercise or to be nice with their little sister, so what is your resolution? Ours is to publish, every month, an informative newsletter to please each and every one of you. 2018 has brought us joy, amazing projects in the international section but most importantly, the backpack kid dance!!! But last year saw the building of "walls" between nations like the infamous Shutdown, and the Brexit.

Let's watch 2018 in the eyes and tell that year "thank you, next!"

We are whole-heartedly hoping that 2019 will see the resolution of all your problems and the fulfillment of your dreams. Now we wish you an enjoyable reading.

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## FESTIVITIES IN THE USA

### Martin sold "crepes"

Studied all around the world and famous for his speech, "I have a dream", leader of the Civil Rights movement, Martin Luther King Jr steered a large number of people into peaceful walks. To commemorate his bravery and his determination, a day was established to honor him. This date changes from one year to another: it is set on the third Monday of January.

Generally, on this day, American people celebrate equality, freedom and human rights. This federal holiday is dedicated to volunteering ; to give your time to people in need and to charities. Usually, people volunteer in citizen action groups.

To volunteer is to be involved, to devote your time and to give yourself body and soul to a cause. After you feel rewarded and it gives you a sense of responsibility. Students from the International Section and their teachers played along.

The Terminales chose an association called "Laurette Fugain", a foundation collecting money for medical researches on leukemia, focusing on children and teenagers. The whole section made and sold crepes on the 21st of January. Students had a lot of hard work preparing for the event! They set up shifts to sell the crepes they had prepared at home. More than 500 crepes were made! They also bought toppings, such as Nutella or sugar. The sale went on all day long and ended at 4 pm. The money received totalled €570 for the association.

We thank you all, for helping us on this day and for buying crepes!



## THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION REVIEWS

### Balloon debates

Who will jump ?

The 1ère international section organised a balloon debate. The picture: 3 people are stuck in a hot-air balloon in distress and must prove who is worth staying in the balloon and being saved. This is an eloquence activity, and a perfect speech training. Each student has to investigate on a famous character who could save the world, has to prepare a speech and arguments to convince their audience. Not only do they defend their ideas orally but they also embody the character in front of their schoolmates.

In a second part, they are « attacked » by their opponents who will try to find the loopholes in their speeches. This activity allows them to search on the web for information, to learn how to structure arguments and to speak in front of an audience.



# LATEST US NEWS

## When Peace meets Hate

Some teenagers who came from Kentucky's Covington Catholic High School were taking part in an anti-abortion rally on January the 18th, when Mr. Phillips, a Vietnam War veteran, came for an Indigenous People march in Washington Dc. The teens showed proudly their political affiliation to Donald Trump's party with the slogan "Make America great again" written on their caps and on their placards. Mr. Phillips was peacefully singing and playing music for that occasion with drums. The teenagers quickly surrounded him and made fun of him, they looked at him disrespectfully.



## Trump finds himself facing a wall

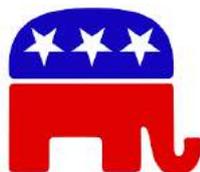
If you watch the news, listen to the radio or even just own a smartphone or a laptop, you must have heard of the word « shutdown » in the last few weeks. But hearing about it doesn't necessarily mean you understand it. Let me explain, in the USA, the government is divided into three branches. The legislative branch basically passes the bills into laws, is called the Congress. Every year, Congress has one required job: to fund (give money) to all the federal agencies for the upcoming year. In case you don't know, a federal agency is like a small division of the government designed to serve a specific role, like departments of trade, agriculture, education, special judicial courts... To be able to properly distribute all this money to the agencies, the Congress needs to vote for a budget right before the beginning of the upcoming year. If the Congress fails to complete this task for whatever reason, then the government calls for a « shutdown » .

In the video, one particular teenager is standing in front of Mr. Phillips, immobile, with an impertinent smile. During the whole video, he keeps staring at him, with disrespect. Indeed, even when the group of students shout "Let's build this wall", Mr. Phillips remains impassive.

After that showdown, Mr. Phillips was interviewed with tears in his eyes, stunned by what he had just lived. He explained that he kept singing for his origins and for freedom, regardless the hatred he could see in those teenagers' eyes. The school presented apologies. Medias have tried to play down that case by blaming in part the Native Americans...manipulation or not...I leave you judge.



During the shutdown, the government completely stops funding the federal agencies like they usually do, which means no more salaries for the workers, no more social aids for people who need them, the closure of national parks... It's a complete disaster. But what is so special about this specific shutdown? First of all, the reason it occurred : Donald Trump, thanks to his presidential veto, refused the budget proposition made by the congress, because it did not include the 5 billion dollars he wanted to build a wall between the United States and Mexico. As the President had not signed the budget yet, the shutdown was implemented on December 22, 2018 at midnight (6 am Paris time). Donald Trump has announced that this shutdown could last for months, even years, and that he won't change his position until he gets what he wants. How will this situation come to an end? What will happen? Only time can bring the answer.



## ZAPPING



### USA

#### OFF THE CHAIN

On January the 12th, UCLA Katelyn Ohashi's gymnastic routine collected 39 millions views, a viral fame. Only a front-flip, front-flip with a twist, then front flip again with another twist before bounding up into the air gave her the ultimate grade of 10 and her unbridled joy permitted her to beat the Olympic gold medalist.



### HAWAII

#### Jaws

On January the 15th, the biggest white-shark ever known, approximately 2.5 tons and 6m long, approached the coast of Hawaii. The giant was trying to feed off a dead sperm whale, when divers arrived. It is obvious that sharks are not human-eating monsters, that is why the aforementioned divers decided to swim with it. They were even able to touch the sea animal !



### CHINA

#### Clones' war

In Shenzhen, the scientist He Jiankui revealed his breakthrough innovation: the birth of genetically modified twins, respectively named Lulu and Nana, this late November. He succeeded in modifying the genes of two babies to protect them from AIDS.



## ZAPPING



### ENGLAND

#### The new New Deal

On the 15th of January, the Brexit Deal proposed by Theresa May was harshly rejected by the members of the English parliament. Then, the English PM won the motion of a no confidence vote (it means the parliament doesn't trust in the government anymore). It was the second one organized by the Labour Party leader, Jeremy Corbyn. Theresa May now needs to work on a plan B by the 21st of January.



### FRANCE

#### Lunar eclipse

On Monday the 21st of January, from 4 :33 to 7 :50 A.M., there was a total lunar eclipse. It was the 2nd one in 6 months, but the next one is supposed to be in 2022 !



### JAPAN

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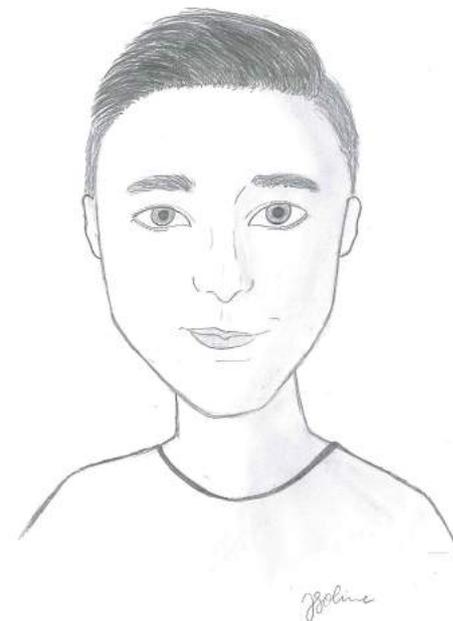
The oldest man in the world , Mazazo Nonaka, died on January the 20th , on the island of Hokkaido where he used to live. He was born on July the 25th 1905. The secret of his long life : his weekly hot spring baths in onsens and his sweet tooth ! Enjoy life!



## SNAPSHOT

### Skate pro

This month we have the chance to introduce a champion of a well-known sport in the United States of America that developed in France some decades ago. Antoine Subra is today one of the greatest French skateboarders, the best skater of Auvergne Rhône-Alpes. I interviewed him, as he is studying in St. Marc's high school in Second 9. His story started 6 years ago when he began skating in his garden. From 2016 to 2018, he took part in the French championship. Last year, he eventually added the 6th place to the French championship hit list. This year, he will aim for the podium. This talented teenager who only attended a 2-year training, is now creating his own videos to inspire other people (check the Instagram's platform). As he is not following any lessons anymore he draws his inspiration from youtube channels like Thrasher or from professional skateboarders. Our guest's favorite skaters are Louis Lopez, Pedro Barros, and finally Willy Lara. Regarding Antoine, he thinks that skateboarding is a real lifestyle because it goes with fashion as well as music. In fact, his skateboarding style is influenced by people all over the world who introduced him to this sport. His success helped him to gain recognition and fame. He is the ambassador of the brands "Arkaic skateboard" from Lyon or even "NoComment" in Bourgoin Jallieu.



He met the supervisor of the brands during skateboarding meetings, in fact, sponsoring is based on relationships but also about how much you could influence other skateboarders. Antoine's favorite brands are the well-known brand "Vans", "Independent", or the luxurious brand: "Supreme". In addition to that, I interviewed Antoine about his experience and skateboarding in general. I first asked him about his motivation, and he told me that sensations such as speed or doing tricks were keeping him enjoying what he was doing. He also added: "when it has been months since you tried to attempt a trick and you finally achieved it...it is a great feeling of pride". The 3 qualities of a skater are tenacity, strong-will and self-determination. You should also be motivated, since the more you practice the better you are. And to end with, you should be brave and be able to take risks to give the best of yourself. Nevertheless, skateboarding is a dangerous sport. For example, Antoine sprained his ankle and could not take part in the final of the French championship last year. This is the worst that could occur when you skateboard. However, you could be mad at what happened or you can just be afraid of skating again but as Antoine told me, "No pain, no gain". He meant that you should learn from what was wrong. Antoine's favorite moment was last year in Lyon when he qualified for the national championship. He finished third, behind other talented French skateboarders. Antoine dreams of skating in California the home country of skateboarding. Good news for 2020! Skateboarding is going to be included in the programme of the 2020 Olympic games in Tokyo! A warm thanks to Antoine Subra and good luck for the future. Hoping to see you at the Olympic games, let's skate!

If you want you may also see him in the video on the Bourgoin Jallieu youtube channel in which he is playing the role of a secret agent.