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As the weather begins to turn and Christmas tunes fill almost every store, there was one thing AHS students can anticipated this holiday season. The Alhambra Mighty Moors presented the annual winter concert titled “A Christmas Miracle.”

“To prepare for the winter concert our group has spent all of our sixth periods to go over and refine our music,” senior Toby Chao said. “Additionally, we have stayed after school to five on Mondays and Thursdays to practice so our songs will be pleasant to the ear.”

Orchestra and choir performed on Dec. 6, wind and band performed on Dec. 7 and guitar and jazz will perform on Dec. 13. All performances were (or will be) held in the Auditorium. Tickets were \$5 presale and \$7 at the door.

While many enjoy the annual tradition of listening to holiday music, some wish for changes.

“I feel like the [band] performances are not very relevant to my life,” senior Frida Mitre said. “I’d want to see some better music in the

Although the band has endured a lower number of members this past competition season, they continued to push past their obstacles to provide an enjoyable program for the entire family. Viewing these struggles through a positive lens has inspired the musicians to strive for more.

“Our band is the smallest it’s been in a while,” junior Daisy West said. “This has made it easier to create small events for our sections to practice.”

Performances are organized for students to practice skills similar to those used professionally.

“I saw a lot of great performances that were very passionate and



Hard at Work For the Holidays Members of Orschestra practice for their upcoming annual winter concert, “A Christmas Miracle”

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The 41st president of the United States, George H.W. Bush was pronounced dead on November 30, 2018 at the age of 94. He died at his home in Houston, Texas, seven months after the death of his wife Barbara. A state funeral was held on Nov. 28, while another was held in Bush’s home state of Texas on Nov. 29.

“The loss of [President] Bush impacted a lot of people because he was a shining example of how respectful a president should be to others,” junior Caden Paks said.

During Bush’s presidency from 1989-1993, a key focus was foreign policy. According to History.com, he entered the White House during the process of German reunification. He is known for helping improve relations with the Soviet Union, as the Cold War was ending and the Soviet Union was collapsing during his time in office. Many mourners mentioned his kind demeanor and level-headedness.

“He is one of the last decent presidents we have had,” senior Jun Wang said. “Each president is different, but he did what he had to do to make our country a great place, and I appreciate what he did for us. I liked how he handled the separation of the Soviet Union and pushed for democracy in European countries.”

To many citizens, the death of former President George H.W. George Bush was the loss of a hero.

United States Proposes Rule Banning Asylum for Illegal Migrants

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During Donald Trump’s mid-term election campaign, a major focus of the campaign was immigration. This focus led him to sign a proclamation that bans immigrants who enter illegally from applying for asylum. The proclamation also promoted asylum to migrants who come to the United States through legal points of entry. An asylum is the right to international protection in another country.

As stated by the BBC, the proclamation will only apply to aliens who violate a presidential suspension of entry or other restrictions from asylum eligibility. Asylum-seekers, will be barred from entry for around 90 days. These rules do not apply to minors and migrants who claim they fear violence in

their home countries. In accordance with U.S. law, there is a legal obligation to hear claims proposed by migrants as, under international law, people who have these claims are considered refugees.

“I believe asylum is a human right and here in the United States there is a process for asylum that I think Trump is undermining,” IDEAs advisor Travis Corona said. “What we have to remember is that people are fleeing their countries because of either natural disasters, war, poverty, violence, political or religious persecution and persecution due to their sexual orientation.”

According to the Department of Homeland Security, the proclamation states that detained individuals who were caught entering illegally will be sent to legal points of entry to be processed. It also states that

migrants who entered before this proclamation is in effect will not be subject to this rule. However, if they depart and re-enter the country while it still is in effect they will be subject to the proclamation.

In a report by the rights group, Washington Office on Latin America, the number of migrants from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras who request asylum has increased by 25 percent. Since the Refugee Act that was passed by congress in 1980, the U.S. has had a cap on refugee admissions, making the application process for asylum complicated and making it more difficult to gain entry into the United States, especially for those who lack the necessary funds. Immigrants who attempt to enter the United States by any means, however, are still entitled to have a court hearing if such a hearing is requested.

Viruses May Be the Cause of Polio-like Symptoms in California

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Patients in California who were previously diagnosed with a viral infection are now turning up at hospitals and clinics with a Polio-like condition called Acute Flaccid Myelitis. According to The New York Post, the condition causes muscle weakness or paralysis and it can also damage the spinal cord.

During the week of Oct. 22, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a report stating that there have been 386 cases of AFM since August 2014. AFM mainly affects children.

One of the symptoms of AFM is paralysis, which is also a major symptom

of polio, a disease which is preventable with the polio vaccine. AFM’s similarity to polio can be alarming.

“It is very sad that this is happening because the government should be doing something about this,” senior Winston Yan said. “There should be no signs of polio [or polio-like diseases] anywhere in America because this was a disease that was supposedly eradicated yet it seems to be making a return.”

According to USA Today, the CDC has not yet found a definitive cause for AFM or a reason why it continues to spread.

“This is a mystery so far and we haven’t solved it yet,” said Nancy Messonnier, the CDC’s director of im-

munization and respiratory diseases.

Even though parents and victims are searching for answers, many have also been critical of the CDC and its decision to test the spinal fluid of patients. Only two people have shown any evidence of the virus in their spinal fluid. Finding a virus in spinal fluid is very rare because healthy people do not usually have viruses in their spinal fluid. Testing spinal fluid can have some complications.

The CDC is working with state health officials to get more complete and timely reporting of suspected cases of AFM, which can help with the current investigation. Messonnier also said the CDC will work harder to follow up

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