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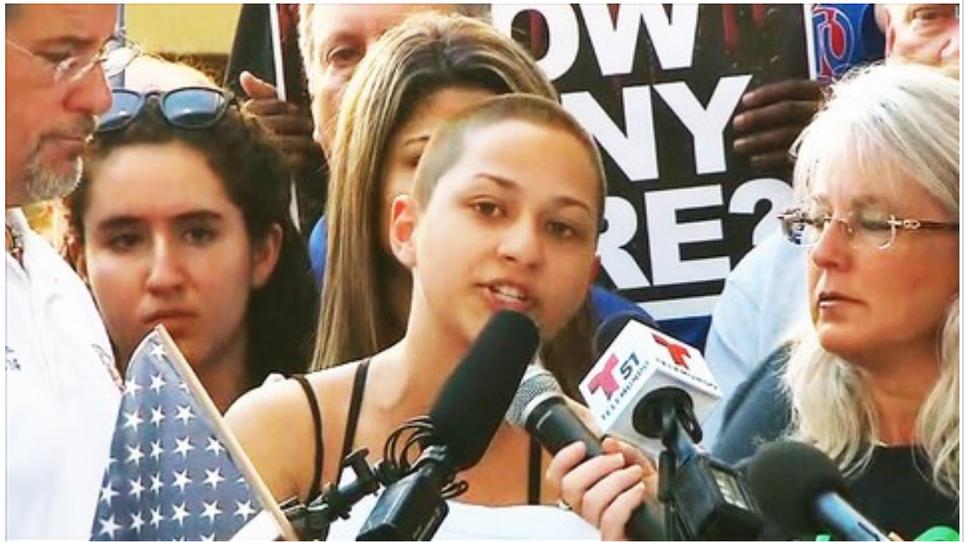
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## Perspectives

### Students Speak: *How Can We Protect Our Schools?*



*Parkland shooting survivor Emma Gonzalez addresses the nation*

By Karina Torres

In Florida, a former pupil devastated the Parkland community by shooting and killing 17 students and teachers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. He was 19 years old and was able to legally purchase the weapon that he used. We can prevent future school shootings by not allowing certain people to obtain guns.

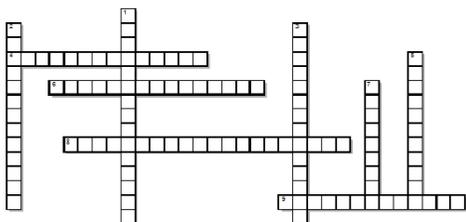
The government should prevent sales of guns to young people such as the Parkland shooter. Additionally,

civilians should not be able to access the type of weapon utilized in the massacre.

Some may argue that better security could prevent school shootings but that would only help in the moment. How about we prevent them before they even start?

We need to make stronger gun control laws. This way, we can stop school shootings before they happen.

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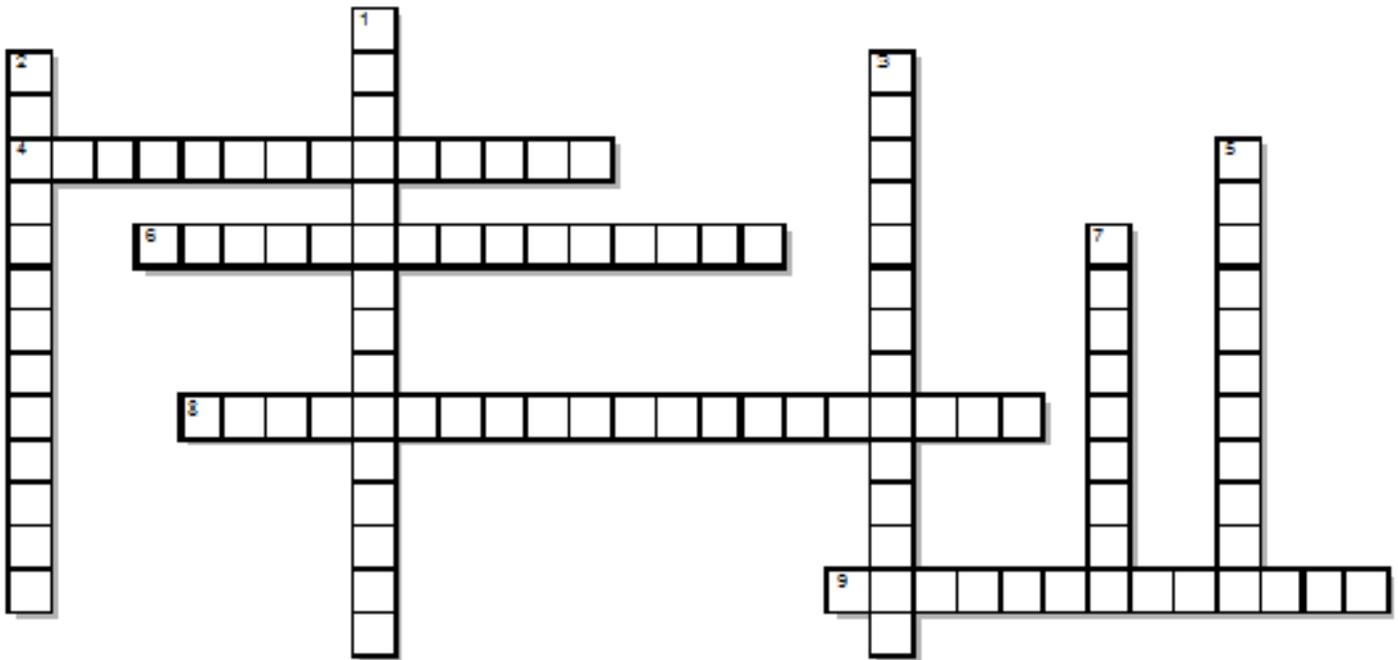
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# Women's History Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 4 Female abolitionist born into slavery in New York.
- 6 Teenage African-American girl who refused to give up her bus seat to white woman nine months before Rosa Parks.
- 8 Executive director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.
- 9 Co-founder of United Farm Workers and helped organize Delano grape strike in 1965.

### DOWN

- 1 First woman to run for Democratic Party's presidential nomination.
- 2 Co-founder of Voto Latino and participant in 2016 Democracy Spring protests.
- 3 Known as Mayor of Christopher Street and active in Stonewall uprising.
- 5 Creator of the Me Too movement.
- 7 Investigative journalist, co-founder of NAACP and suffragist born into slavery.

(Answers appear on Page 4.)

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# Parkland Perspectives

**By Elian Fernandez**

One way to prevent school shootings is to focus on victims' families, not on the shooters. The media should quit sensationalizing these tragedies and perpetrators should be ignored in favor of a focus on helping families cope. Never mention shooters' names. Let them die in anonymity so that others aren't motivated to follow in their footsteps.

**By Khalis Gonzalez**

A way we can protect schools is to arm security guards with guns and tasers. School shooters are not afraid of getting arrested or injured because they know that school guards can only use their hands to defend themselves and others.

**By Matthew Ortiz**

The best way to protect schools from these incidents is to strengthen gun laws. States can reduce access to buying guns, especially for those 21 or younger. We can also make sure uniforms are required for students so that intruders are recognized right away.

**By DeJean Lithus**

We can stop school shootings by improving building security. Schools should have locked bulletproof doors. Cameras should be monitored constantly. If someone looks like they don't belong or haven't been to the school before, they should be stopped and checked – especially if they look weird.

**By Jocelyn Villa**

It is necessary to have one or two police officers in every school because they know how to react to and stop shootings unlike ordinary school staff. There should also be safe, bulletproof rooms to hide in and emergency alert buttons in the hallways so that everyone knows what is happening and where to go.

**NEWARK MARCH FOR OUR LIVES** 

**March 24, 2018**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Military Park,  
Newark, NJ**



Hon. Ras J. Baraka  
Mayor

March for Our Lives New Jersey is the sister march of a national movement led and inspired by young activists from Parkland, Florida, who survived the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14th.

Now we say: **NEVER AGAIN.**

# Why Pay for Wi-Fi?

By Aaron Wilson

Wi-Fi has become a necessity in our lives. We use it for work, entertainment and social interaction. Most people use it every single day. However, some people cannot afford Wi-Fi and are at a daily disadvantage. This raises the question: Should cities provide free public Wi-Fi for everyone? I believe that this would be a good idea.

In 2014, the world's longest free Wi-Fi zone was nearly 12.5 miles so it would be possible to provide free Wi-Fi to Manhattan which is 13.5 miles long. There are, of course, problems with giving away free Wi-Fi. All of that Wi-Fi has to be paid for in some way by somebody. The fairest course of action would be to have taxpayers cover it. This may end up saving people money as the average American family already pays about \$600 a year for internet service. With the money households could save, the required tax increase would hardly be noticed.

Secondly, free Wi-Fi could allow people to find jobs and make living arrangements. Since almost anything can be found on the internet, this can help people living in poverty. It's fairly easy to find a phone that can connect to the internet. People throw away perfectly work-



ing phones because they're not as advanced as new phones that come out each year. There can be a place where homeless people get discarded phones so they could look for jobs and affordable housing. They could even do this research outdoors at their leisure. This could help find housing for the 1.56 million people without permanent shelter.

Lastly, free Wi-Fi could help us track criminals. It does sound scary with the police being able to track people through their Wi-Fi connection, but this technology could save lives. Criminals can be tracked to where they went or what websites they visited. It could also help us shut down the dark web's black market. Currently, tracking people through Wi-Fi connection has a 90% or higher accuracy rate. With a citywide Wi-Fi connection, we could crack down on cyber-crimes.

In conclusion, having a free Wi-Fi connection for an entire city could help us in many ways. It would be cost effective, help with poverty and prevent crime. We could have a much safer city and cut down on homelessness. Free Wi-Fi might end up being one of the greatest technological advances in history.

# Should Pit Bulls Be Banned?

By Elian Fernandez

Pit bulls are not the only dog breed that bites, but often they are the only breed that is singled out because of it. Although pit bulls are sometimes bred to kill by bad owners, most are fun-loving dogs that make their human families happy. They are well-behaved dogs if you train and treat them right. People should be allowed to keep them as long as they are responsible and take care of them, just like they would for any other dog breed.

Pit bulls are often only violent because of their owners. Abusive owners beat their dogs or train them to fight. With time, the dogs become more aggressive. Although these dogs may end up attacking a person or another dog, it is because their owners made them that way. If more people understood that, there would be more people who support being allowed to keep pit bulls as loving and loyal pets.

## Crossword Puzzle Answers

- 7 Ida B. Wells
  - 5 Tarama Burke
  - 3 Marsha P. Johnson
  - 2 Rosario Dawson
  - 1 Shirley Chisholm
- DOWN**
- 9 Dolores Huerta
  - 8 Jessica Gonzalez Rojas
  - 6 Claudette Colvin
  - 4 Sojourner Truth
- ACROSS**