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A Look Through the Lens:

Baseballs and Robots By Olivia Bennett

The season being part way over the softball and baseball teams are doing great! The varsity softball, JV baseball, and varsity baseball teams all have winning records, and will hopefully keep their hard work and determination up as the season continues. We would also like to recognize robotics team 1629 as they will be heading to Missouri at the end of the month for internationals. (Pictured top right: McKenna Houser) (Pictured: top left Carsyn King) (Pictured: bottom right Sara Smith, Lauren Derato, Justin Hershberger, Dawson Beitzel, and Abby Burdock)



Science Now: Could Babies Learn Languages Better than Adults?

By Nathan Ashley

Amazing new studies are showing that babies born in one country, then adopted internationally are finding that they have natural language skills for their native language. A recent study in the Netherlands tested the language skills of native Dutch speakers attempting to learn

the tricky Korean sounds versus the skills of Koreans adopted to Dutch speakers at a young age. Those who were born in Korea, even if they were adopted before they were old enough to speak, outperformed the native Dutch speakers at identifying the different sounds of the Korean language. According to *sciencenews.com*, "Researchers tested how well people could learn to identify and speak tricky Korean sounds. 'For Korean (Continued on page 2)

In Sports: Keeping The Winning Streak Steady By Alanna Kinney

The Huskies have held their winning streak and continue to defeat their opposing teams with baseball, softball, and track. There have been multiple games this past week along with its weekend tournaments coming up. The baseball team completely knocked their last game out of the park against Bishop Walsh on Tuesday April 12th with a final (continued on page 4)

Breaking News United Boots Passenger

By Bailey Brewer

On Monday, April 10, 2017, a United Airlines flight was overbooked, resulting in a customer being dragged down through the aisle of the plane after "refusing to leave the airlift," a United spokesperson, Charlie Hobart states. The airline stated that the voucher to leave was up to \$1000, but the man resisted this offer, stating, "I'm not getting off the plane. I'm a doctor; I have patients to see in the morning," according to a United employee.

After the man's refusal, the Chicago Police was then brought onto site. "It was really tense, really uncomfortable," Hobart told New York Times. The man's departure from the plane, captured on video and then posted to Twitter, left him bloody, which caused a major outbreak among all who saw. The man's verbal and then physical refusal caused the police to forcefully pull the man into the aisle, which resulted in a bloody mouth, later required to be seen by medics on site. A portion of the outrage to this event is not due to the injuries sustained to the man, but perhaps the broken trust (continued on page 8)

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listeners, these sounds are easy to distinguish, but for second-language learners they are very difficult to master,' says study coauthor Mirjam Broersma, a psycholinguist of Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands. For instance, a native Dutch speaker would listen to three distinct Korean sounds and hear only the same 't' sound." Babies apparently begin to develop their language skills very early on in their lives, practicing putting syllables together in context and rehearsing the correct mouth movements, far before they learn to actually speak and enunciate the words. Other studies have hinted that babies' skills might even be partially learned in the womb, though this group did not study pre-birth development. ParentExpress, an educational section for parents on sentinelsource.com, discusses language development in babies, saying, "Unlike walking and other physical skills, the talking skills of internationally adopted children cannot just keep going from where they left off while in their country of origin and even tiny babies experience important exposure to the language of those around them from the very first weeks of life... those in good health who have normal cognitive development tend to acquire good nonverbal interaction and social skills in the orphanage. This helps them catch up in language once they arrive home." In the study in the Netherlands, "Half of the adoptees moved to the Netherlands when they were

older than 17 months – ages at which the kids had probably begun talking. The other half were adopted as preverbal babies younger than 6 months. As a group, the South Korea-born adults outperformed the native-born Dutch adults, more easily learning both to recognize and speak the Korean sounds. This advantage held when the researchers looked at only adults who had been adopted before turning 6 months old." (sciencenews.com) Babies' brains are like absorbent sponges, learning more knowledge in the first three years of life than the remainder of their years combined; and it is in the first year that the majority of this knowledge is gained. Thus, the first year of life is crucial for the language skills to develop, which explains why most children can talk by the age of 12-18 months. Toddlers at the age of two should have a vocabulary of at least fifty words and be able to create two- to three-word sentences on their own, though some develop these skills earlier or later (give or take about 6 months). With these extreme absorption skills, it makes sense that babies' language skills are relatively much more impressive than an adult's average word-learning rate of about 7 words per day in languages similar to their own, and around 3 for languages with different alphabets and/or extreme differences to their native language. Babies, however, can absorb up to 30 words per day of their native language and will practice many sounds and lip/tongue movements simultaneously.

Phil on Food **An Inside Look into The Chef**

By Phil Checkes

So this week, I decided to try something different. Chances are, if you live around here, you've probably had the majority of the same stuff that I've had, considering that Garrett County is a very small area with not a lot of restaurants. That led to some thinking, and I had an idea. Why not showcase someone's own cooking? Someone who a lot of people know, like, and is a really good cook. I present to you, Northern High School, senior Claudia Rieve, and her absolutely fantastic grilled cheese sandwich.

Now, I don't know how she does it, but this girl is a fantastic cook. She can turn a completely normal and basic dish into a masterpiece. Claudia tends to cook her grilled cheeses a little different than most people I know. She actually butters up both sides of a slice of bread before cooking it on a low temperature, as well as using a wide assortment of cheeses in order to maximize the flavor. It takes slightly longer than most grilled cheeses too, but it is well worth it.

I'm going to get right to the point. On a scale from 1 to 10, Claudia's grilled cheese sandwich usually tends to be a solid 12. She never rushes her cooking, as tempting as it might be sometimes because food is, well, food. The bread is crunchy, crumbling in your fingers as you take a giant bite. The cheese is melted, but not completely, allowing it to flow out like a delicious gooey waterfall, right into your

mouth. As basic as a grilled cheese sandwich is, Claudia knows exactly how to turn it into the best meal you've had in weeks.

Claudia's parents both happen to work with food, so obviously she has the blood of a gourmet chef. When asked if Claudia would pursue cooking professionally after high school, she told me, "Nope, my cooking is going to be only for me and whoever else is in my kitchen." Hearing that, I know for a fact where I'm going to place myself conveniently in the near future. Infact, I might be writing this food article in her kitchen right now as I wait for her to get home so I can force her to cook me another grilled cheese. It's just so good, wish me luck!

Travel On **Daytrip to DC**

By Alanna Kinney

The District of Columbia, better known as Washington DC is home to our nations capital .There are many things you can do here including the Smithsonian Musuems, National Monuments, shopping, festivals, and so much more! If you want to learn about some of the top places, then keep reading.

When you think of Washington DC, the president is usually the first to come to mind whichs leads me to the first destination; The White House. Located on 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, it has been standing since 1792. You can go inside and take a tour , but you have to book it in advance by at least 21 days prior to arrival. The plus side to this is that the tour itself is absolutely free! You get to (continued on page 6)

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The following articles are based on interviews done by our newspaper staff with NHS staff members in order to gain a bit of perspective on what the lives of our teachers are really like.

Enjoy!

Sold on Ms. Saler

By Nathan Ashley

Ms. Chelsey Saler is a new, young teacher at Northern High School who teaches IED and College Ecology. She is a 25 year old graduate of the California University of Pennsylvania with Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry, and is a few classes away from a Bachelor's in math. She had been a substitute teacher at four different schools in Pennsylvania before coming to Northern as a full-time teacher, and plans to stick around. Before teaching, she worked at a chemistry lab in Pennsylvania called PPG Labs in the optical department. The company specializes in a wide variety of chemical developments from car spray paint formulas to lubrications. Ms. Saler worked on optical lenses for eyeglasses, developing a lense material called Trivex, which is a scratch-resistant kind of plastic. The company is working on ways to make this durable material less expensive. Ms. Saler however, soon learned she was unable to fulfill her job's duties as she could not lift the heavy chemicals that were often in drums of over 100 pounds. It did not take her long to find jobs subbing at high schools, and this year she ended up at Northern.

Ms. Saler's inspiration to become a teacher started with her parents. She says that her parents were extremely supportive and really pushed her to excel in school, always trying to motivate her to achieve good grades and to study. The support they provided for her aided her in succeeding with excellent math and science grades throughout high school and into college. She also mentioned that her college professors were just as supportive, even if they were a little more difficult. It was a "tough love" situation. The professors were tough because they cared and wanted her to learn as much as possible while there. She says this is one of the jobs of a teacher: being a tough, but loving mentor. She described college as "painful but rewarding" and didn't quite understand the actual difficulty of the occupation until she began teaching. The experience has given her a new perspective.

Teaching is a great thing for Ms. Saler. She loves the job so much, she stated that she would not change it for anything. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing her students learn and grow as time goes on. It's the "Aha!" moment when a student finally clicks and understands what she had been teaching that she really savors. In the past, she had always been good at explaining things to her friends and classmates. When they were struggling, it was to her they would take their issues, and she could usually help them understand. She told me an interesting story about an education

major who was taking a chemistry class with her in college who had never before taken a chem class and was struggling. Ms. Saler was able to tutor the girl and brought her grade up from an F to an A by the time finals arrived. Ms. Saler served as the Cal U tutor for math and chemistry for some time.

The hardest part of teaching, as she described, is seeing students without the family support and home life that she had. She expressed, "Seeing kids with absent or unsupportive parents is a difficult thing, and knowing you could be the only smile or 'Hey, how you doing?' they get that day really encourages me to try to connect with every student." Students with particularly low attention spans or impervious attitudes can also be challenging, but rewarding. Ms. Saler says that these students might be uninterested in much of the class material, but can usually discover something to their interests and seeing them click to a "Hey, that's kind of cool" attitude can be really rewarding.

In her free time, Ms. Saler loves to watch documentaries on the Science and Discovery Channels, especially those of David Attenborough, which include "Planet Earth", "Life", and "The Hunt". She and her fiance always love to hike outdoors and to get closer to nature with other activities such as fishing and golfing. However, these idyllic and tranquil pastimes certainly take nothing away from her adventurous side. On her bucket list is to travel to many of the ecologically diverse and scientifically fascinating destinations in the world that

usually don't attract much attention from tourists. Places like Malaysia, Madagascar, and Thailand are intermingled on her list with more common places like Europe and South America. She said she would really like to see the tsunami site in Thailand just to experience the destructive strength of nature. Also on her bucket list is to hike the entirety of the massive Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky with her soon-to-be husband, and they have already checked some trails off their list.

She is proud of her achievements so far and feels that she has tackled a lot. She wants to go for another Master's degree in Environmental Chemistry and wants to learn more and do more, possibly teaching college. However, she prefers to teach high school because the students there are more impressionable and can be more easily interested. Chemistry is something she will always be interested in and wishes to learn more. She also encourages her students to learn more and to want to do so for the rest of their lives. She provides one final word of advice to any student:

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"...This is one thing I've been taught in college: is that you never settle for mediocrity and you should always strive for more. Whenever you feel like you're content, that's when life gets boring... I think the more you try to achieve and the more goals you try to set; it makes you a better person and you learn more and become a more well-rounded person." Ms. Saler is truly an awesome and encouraging teacher, so be sure to pay her a visit in room V13 sometime!

All The World's A Stage- The Story of Jennifer Virts

By Madison Dolchan

Every single day, we the students of Northern Garrett High School, go to class and are taught everything we know by our teachers. Yet how often do we stop and consider the lives of those who have devoted themselves to make us shine in anything we strive to do? The answer is not often. I had the chance to sit down with Mrs. Jennifer Virts, one of the primary creative art teachers at our school, to obtain a better understanding about her as a person. Since I myself am a senior I started off by asking her what her life goals were when she was getting ready to graduate from High School, "To win an Academy award.....and to travel, that's probably about it." It's no secret that Mrs. Virts is a very theatrical person, as she is the drama teacher at NGHS, but even in her personal life everything she does is influenced by her

love of the arts and theatre. She even stated that if she were not in the teaching profession that she, as a job, would be acting and probably making no money. Mrs. Virts has been involved with the dramatic arts since she was in the seventh grade, so over twenty years. She was influenced by both her obsession with movies and her mom's slight push. "My mom wanted me to get into it because I was slightly socially awkward so she thought it would be a good thing for me to do to make friends, and I wasn't especially athletic...", she stated while laughing. Theatre is so much more than just going on stage and talking, to become a well-rounded performer, Mrs. Virts took formal dance classes when she was younger. Starting out in a community ballet program called the Glyndon School of Ballet, from the age of four through college, Mrs. Virts learned different dances and perfected her technique. All of her hard work paid off when she began to teach others how to dance. "Yes, I actually taught at the school that I went to for two years, before I moved to Chicago. At the school I taught ballet, modern tap and jazz to kid's ages 3rd grade to about 7th grade I think." As members of NGHS we can witness some of her choreographing skills when watching the theatre department's musical productions. Mrs. Virts recently let me help her choreograph some of the numbers in the upcoming show Bye Bye Birdie, though I only have to choreograph two dances, it was increasingly more difficult than I had imagined. Virts is unbelievably



patient and devoted to working with the young performers. Whereas I struggled with two songs she is used to choreographing the whole show, which is truly inspiring. With all of the effort put into the dancing in musicals, it made me wonder if Mrs. Virts has ever considered having a dance club or program. She explained to me that she had had a dance camp one summer, and would really like to have an actual dance class. "I thought about doing it as an enrichment at some point, I'd like to use the studio at Northern Middle because they don't use it. But yeah, I would definitely like to teach dance again, I love it so much." While interviewing Mrs. Virts it was quickly clear that the dramatic arts played a huge role in her life. She explained that it is essentially all that she does in and outside of school. It is also how she met her husband and why she moved to Chicago when she was younger, "...it's affected pretty much every major step in my life". With all of the love she has for acting I was curious as to her reasoning to becoming a teacher. With a little influence from family as well as lack of

jobs in the acting field she turned to teaching and inspiring young performers. "My dad said it would be a good idea... I come from a family of several teachers... I was having a hard time dealing with the fact that I wasn't making money as an actor and I didn't feel like not having enough money to feed myself so I went back to school and it worked out. And I like it a lot." Mrs. Virts has been teaching now for nine years, two in Chicago and seven here at NGHS.

Teaching doesn't diminish Mrs. Virts' love of being onstage, which is her favorite thing to be doing when she isn't at school, other than traveling. As a matter of fact her whole family is involved in theatre, from her husband, to her dad, to her three daughters. Through laughter she stated that it was never boring. Her daughters, being raised in such a theatrical family, assume that if their parents aren't at home they are at the theater practicing, and the majority of the time that's true. "...our first play that we were both in after we had had our oldest, Maddy, she was at the theatre downstairs, in a pack and play while we were on stage acting and the other actors would just watch her in the green room. So they were used to theatre from day one." Now her girls put on their own shows next to a big picture window in their living room, pretending it is a stage. Our Town Theater (OTT), a local theatre in Oakland Maryland, is where one can often find the Virts family when school isn't in session. In fact there is very little that Mrs. Virts hasn't done there. She has directed a couple of

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shows, acted in at least ten, as well as being a contributing writer to a couple of shows. Even out of school she strives to share her passions with the next generations of performers by aiding OTT with their youth out-reach, summer theatre camps, and weekend theatre group. People act for different reasons, some for fame, and others for the pure love of it. Mrs. Virts falls into the second category. When asked what her favorite thing about the art was she replied with, "That I can be somebody totally different so I'm not shy anymore". Even as an adult she still finds joy in wearing costumes. As a performer she gets a rush out of being able to make people laugh, cry, or gasp. With all of the seriousness in this world it's beautiful to find someone like Mrs. Virts who is genuinely happy acting like a goofball to make others laugh. "I think all adults should be able to still play pretend. I think that when you lose that your life becomes just a little bit sadder", she later stated.

Towards the end of the interview I had to ask about the elephant in the room, I asked if she felt that there was a lack of appreciation for the arts in Garrett County. Immediately she answered "Yes" and then laughed. She stated that early on she realized the community in the county was much more in favor of sports teams than arts groups. Mrs. Virts also stated that it showed in the audience size. She explained that she gets really upset when parents and families don't come to watch their kids perform, because if they were playing a sport, that parent

would probably be there for every game. Mrs. Virts went into further description about how people should be paying more attention to the arts because without them there would be no movies or television programs. Also if people are willing to pay attention to what's on a screen they should be able to pay attention to what's on the stage. "I definitely think that people don't connect the fact that they are constantly watching the arts on TV and it's the same thing on stage". Lack of audience isn't the only thing Mrs. Virts wishes she could change about the NGHS theatre program. She would also love to see the program grow bigger with more people and to have a sound system to match the very cool new lighting system installed last year. In addition to things just mentioned, when she was first asked she laughed and said "A theatre that's not in the Cafeteria." Though the stage could stand to be better, Mrs. Virts exceeds in creating a safe and friendly environment for anyone who wishes to be creative. She knows that not everyone is excited about being on stage, but there are multiple benefits from being on stage or even being backstage and helping. One example, Virts explained, was Alex Miller a 2016 Alumni who was very quiet and never thought of doing anything on a stage until her mother encouraged her to take the theatre class. Now Alex is a public speaker out in the world and has the confidence to do all sorts of things. "It is not a scary thing, at all, it's actually a very liberating experience and you don't know how it's going to affect you later down the road...So it can really change you and affect you even if you don't want to go into a career in

the arts. It can just give you that confidence you need to be in front of a group later on in life. And it's fun." With the hope of expanding the program, Mrs. Virts has to say goodbye to students each year who are graduating and leaving her theatre family. To her seniors this year who are leaving she wanted to say, "...I think they've gotten more accomplished than just about any other group so far, so I will be very sad, they will not be easily replaced. But I hope they all go on and still stay active, it's a very talented group." Mrs. Virts is an incredibly accomplished person who has proven to be passionate about the arts in her community. She inspires her students and gives them the guidance and support needed to excel in whatever they pursue. Overall she is an incredible person with the charismatic energy to leave a lasting positive impact wherever she goes and on whomever she meets. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

What is that cacophony in that English class!?! A look into Jennifer Theriot

By Phil Checkes

When wandering the halls, either as a new freshman or a senior in their last semester, students can find new teachers and classes to be exciting, yet terrifying at the same time. Out of the many teachers at Northern High School, one's classroom is extremely unique and certainly unlike the others, and that classroom is Ms. Jennifer Theriot's.

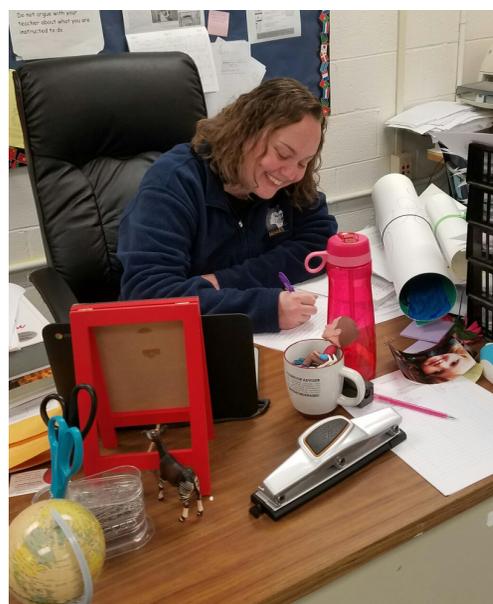
Theriot grew up, like a lot of us, in Garrett County, Maryland. Grantsville to be specific. She first realized that she wanted to become a teacher in middle school, and decided on teaching English in college. "I love words and literature, and want to share it with all of my students," she told me. When asked what her favorite part of teaching was, she told me that she enjoyed "talking to students about life issues. So much of literature is about life, and it's wonderful to share that with my students." When asked if she could change one thing about her job, she told me it'd be to reduce the amount of paperwork she has to do. Theriot's favorite class to teach is AP Literature, and her favorite lesson is with the poem "Me Up At Does" by E.E. Cummings. When asked why, she told me that the poem "has weird syntax and it is fun to figure out what is going on in the poem." She also stated that "previous AP Lit students will be laughing at the mention of this poem when reading this article." When teaching students, Theriot enjoys seeing enthusiasm in her students. She loves to eavesdrop on their discussions and listen to them analyze the literature and make connections with it. When asked what the funniest moment in the classroom was, she told me that "there have been countless funny moments, but my favorite recent one was when my students had told me that in middle school, they thought that quicksand would be a much bigger problem in life." When asked what the most difficult part of teaching was today, in her opinion, she told me that it's hard to keep the standards high, as well as (continued on page 6)

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making sure students are learning as much as they possibly can while being able to keep up with the class. Like any other teacher, Theriot isn't just a robot that turns off once the school day is over though. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys hiking, kayaking, knitting, and reading. She also loves to travel, her favorite place being Taos, New Mexico. There, she gets to visit her adorable niece, and loves doing so. Recently, this past summer, she also visited Montreal, and enjoyed every minute of it. When asked if she had any useless talents, she told me that she is very good at puns. Her favorite words are Cacophony and Metacognition. She told me that she "just couldn't choose one." When asked about her name, Theriot told me that it's actually a very common name in Louisiana. It's a French-Cajun last name, and ironically spells out "the riot." When asked how she feels about this, she is used to it if people slip up and call her the riot. She also finds it hilarious when people who have known her for awhile suddenly realize that it spells out "the riot." Theriot also stated that if she wasn't in this profession currently as an English teacher, she would probably be an editor. Accomplishments that she wishes to achieve in the near future include her AP kids passing the AP Test, as well as winning the "non-official" AP breakfast competition. Each year before the test, most AP teachers make breakfast for their classes, and Theriot enjoys going all out. Finally, when asked if she had

any encouraging words for students to convince them to take AP Lit/Lang, she stated, "AP Lang is a very practical class in itself, focusing on elements of nonfiction. It's useful for future college classes, and also allows for discussions about the real world. AP Lit is just wonderful, we act out plays and read poetry." Past students have also stated that because of taking AP Lang, all of their college classes were overall easier, enhancing their abilities in identifying nonfiction, as well as their writing abilities. Overall, Theriot's classroom is very unique, as well as fun. Theriot, herself, is also a great person and teacher. As a previous student of hers, I enjoyed her class quite a lot, and regret not taking advantage of everything I could have. Theriot is an amazing addition to Northern High School, and I hope that she continues teaching students in an incredible way to maximize their future potential.



Travel On

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see the whole West Wing which roughly lasts about 45 minutes. For more information and how to get your tickets today, visit whitehouse.gov1.info. More famous landmarks you can see include the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial,

and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, which are all within the National Mall. You can walk around and enjoy what they have to offer. Most of them include signs that give you a brief history and facts that allow you to get a better understanding of their significance.

If you are interested history, science, nature, and artifacts, then you will love the Smithsonian National Museums. There are three main ones which include the American History, Air and Space, and Natural History. They are free of charge to visit and are incredible. I have been to all three and my favorite was the natural history because they had a butterfly garden . It was really beautiful and there were so many different species. Also linked to the Smithsonian is the National Zoological Park. It is a great place for people of all ages and is a place anyone can enjoy. One person from the Smithsonian Zoological park review said, " Amazing zoo! The animals were fantastic to watch. Even though it was March, many could be found indoors. By far the crowd favorite was the Panda exhibit, but the orangutans were fun and engaging as well. I wish the Aviary was open, but it was under renovations. A great free place for family and adults alike." For more information, visit nationalzoo.si.edu. Finally, one of the most popular spring time attractions of the year, the Cherry Blossom Festival. According to nationalcherryblossomfestival.org, "Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The gift and annual

celebration honor the lasting friendship between the United States and Japan and the continued close relationship between the two countries. It took the coordination of many to ensure the arrival of the cherry trees. A first batch of 2,000 trees arrived diseased in 1910, but did not deter the parties. Between the governments of the two countries, coordination by Dr. Jokichi Takamine, a world-famous chemist and the founder of Sankyo Co., Ltd. (today known as Daiichi Sankyo), Dr. David Fairchild of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Eliza Scidmore, first female board member of the National Geographic Society, and First Lady Helen Herron Taft, more than 3,000 trees arrived in Washington in 1912. In a simple ceremony on March 27, 1912, First Lady Helen Herron Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, planted the first two trees from Japan on the north bank of the Tidal Basin in West Potomac Park." It is a beautiful time to visit DC because you can see all the vibrant pink cherry blossom trees. Although it ends April 15th, you can always book time for it next year. The celebration lasts for about three weeks and is sure to be something to remember. So what are you waiting for? Book your trip the the capital and enjoy your stay in the lovely DC!



Entertainment

Blood Thirsty for a New Series

By Olivia Bennett

With the new and final season beginning, *The Originals* is definitely not lacking in the famous vampires vs werewolf action. Three seasons already available on Netflix, the fourth season just started a couple weeks ago back on the CW Friday nights at 9pm. *The Originals* is a spinoff show of *The Vampire Diaries* that just went off the air recently as well. Although in season four of *The Originals*, previous faces from previous seasons will be missed especially Davina and Cami. The series begins with hybrid Klaus, and vampires Rebekah and Elijah Michaelson returning to home city New Orleans, that they previously ruled, to find out it is being ruled by an old nemesis, Marcel. Cassidy Murphy a junior at NHS states, "I highly recommend watching both *The Vampire Diaries* and *The Originals* for the action and constant love triangles being formed." Hayley, a werewolf, is pregnant with Klaus's child, but yet there is a big plot twist when Hayley and Elijah explain their love for each other. The fourth season is a time jump five years ahead after season three with many new challenges facing the Michaelsons. Although season one had the lowest ratings on Rotten Tomatoes, I personally liked season one the best. Leanne Aguilera, a critic states "With its high-stakes drama and it's dark and sexy undertones *The*

Originals is like *The Vampire Diaries* on steroids. In the best way possible, of course!" Joseph Morgan who plays Klaus in the series states in an interview "This season has a lot of twists and turns. Some familiar faces from *The Vampire Diaries* will start appearing. We will all be sad as the series wraps up for we have become like a family." *The Originals* can relate to many viewers, and readers should try checking it out!



In Sports

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score of 21-1! The leaders of the team consisted of Cayleb Broadwater who had a grand slam in the first inning making the boys score 13 runs! Logan Yommer, Keygan Broadwater, and Logan McClintock all had doubles. Peyton Carr and Elliot Schilpp had a double and a single, and finally Calyb King had two singles. They now have a record of 6-1 and take on Fort Hill at home Thursday night. The Lady Husky softball team keeps up their good work with their win over Keyser April 10th with a final score of 10-3. Junior Stephanie Bryner is satisfied with the winning season so far and said, "I think it is a very positive thing and it helps give the girls confidence." Another sophomore Cheyenne Bagley stated, "It makes me feel extremely confident and it builds our team spirit and strength." They take off this weekend along with the baseball team for the Hancock

Easter Tournaments. On April 13th, the tack team headed to the AMAC tournament hosted at Mountain Ridge High School. Good luck! Congratulations to all fellow athletes. Keep up the good work!

Strange Happenings "Stayin' Alive" With CPR

By Bailey Brewer

"Ah-ah-ah-ah-ah Stayin' alive, stayin' alive," the famous Bee Gees stated in song "Stayin' Alive," not knowing that the beat of this song could very well help someone stay alive. A song with a steady beat like this is now used to help teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR. New York Presbyterian Hospital trains its first responders using songs with a classic 70's beat, such as "Stayin' Alive," to achieve the 100 beats target (AARP). Knowing simple songs on the playlist, including "Dancing Queen" by ABBA, or "Quit Playin' Games (With My Heart)" by the Backstreet Boys could mean the difference between a bystander looking for help and a bystander saving someone's life. With the help of the CPR Playlist, found at nyp.org, and a 60 second video also posted on the hospital's website, the average person can learn how to help someone in cardiac arrest, something that causes a death every 2 minutes, according to New York Presbyterian Hospital. The playlist can also be found on *Spotify* by searching Songs to do CPR. The playlist was uploaded by 12129503156. After taking a look at this playlist, senior Olivia Bennett states, "I love the song "Float On" by Modest Mouse!

Now when I hear that song, I will always think of CPR." Songs like these have already been used in teaching. Graduated NHS student Hunter Mallow states, "I remember learning to administer CPR with these songs in Allied Health. They really helped me pass the test." Even television sitcoms have addressed songs on the CPR Playlist. *The Office* (US), has an episode in which the employees are learning how to administer CPR using the infamous "Stayin' Alive." Needless to say, the characters on the show seemed to make the situation humorous, though the message was still made to viewers- simple songs with steady beats can help save someone's life.

Life Hacks

DIY Dorm Room

By Madison Dolchan

In about a month and a half, one fourth of our school will be graduating and preparing for college. With college comes the hassle of making due with a small dorm room. It is often times hard to make this tiny, generic, cold space feel like home. I did some digging in order to find ways to utilize every nook and cranny, as well as making the new space more like home. One of the first major problems is storage. There is rarely enough, however buzzfeed.com came up with many solutions as to how one can solve this problem. One of those ways was to stack milk crates on top of shelves, this basically adds extra shelving to create more storage space. Wall pockets were also suggested as a way (continued on page 8)

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to keep the work area clutter free from papers. *Bobvila.com* stated that, "Even in this so-called digital age, students are inundated with paper..." With a dorm room at first appearance it is hard to picture all of your possessions fitting. However, if the bed is raised then there is the possibility to store boxes, shoes, luggage, snacks, and any other essential items. One last bit of organizational advice is you can use binder clips to keep chargers within reach. With the clip fastened to your desk simply push the charging cord through. Now that your living space is organized and not claustrophobic it needs to feel like home. Find a glade car freshener clip that is a familiar sent to you, and then attach it to your heating and cooling system. This will fill the whole room with its comforting aroma. Next, and this one is important, is lighting. Dorm lighting is terrible, overhead fluorescents aren't good for anything, even when aided by a single desk lamp. Take rope lights, floor lamps, desk lamps or pendant lamps to make the lighting homier. Cold tile floor isn't exactly what one thinks of when imagining home, *apartmenttherapy.com* stated that, "it will help soften the visual

weight of the usual heavy oppressive furniture you'll be stuck with..." Decorate your bed with plush linens and pillows, and maybe add a mattress pad just to add to the comfortability level. Add pictures or art work to the wall as decoration, and use mirrors to make the room look bigger. I hope some of these hack were useful. Go check out the mentioned websites to find more information about how to best utilize the space given, and how to make your college dorm seem like home! Good luck, and have fun!

Breaking News

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between airline companies and their customers. Andrew D. Gilmen, a chief executive of CommCore Consulting Group, states, "As somebody who flies thousands of miles, I thought once I was on the plane, it was my seat." Unfortunately, the fact is that around 50,000 people with valid plane tickets are asked to leave due to overbooking (*Daily Mail*). This man, now known as David Dao, was just one of the tens of thousands, though his situation has become widely known. David Dao intends to bring his situation to court, though United could claim that Dao's refusal was what led to the chaotic events that followed (*NBC News*). This case could last months on

end, and citizens are tuning in to find out what exactly will happen next.

Eye For Art Spooky Strokes

By Bailey Brewer

While art is very diverse, an artist's style has the ability to make each work of art reflect who they are, so that viewers immediately know that art piece is in fact from the artist. Ian Brennehan's style is very defined and unlike that of artists featured beforehand. He describes his style as "darker" because of his love of abstract things. By looking at his pieces at a whole, viewers are able to see the scattered pen strokes combined with the unrealistic watercolor. Ian has created art that truly captures a more gothic look into reality. Another piece, entitled "Einstein", also creates a rather colorful piece of one of the world's most prominent figures, but once again takes that unrealistic route to capture the subject not in the light of day. "I hate realism." Ian has been impacted in the past by our very own Mr. Paxton, along with artists Salvador Dali and Stephen Gammel. Ian stated that Mr. Paxton not only helped nurture Ian's love of art but also helped Ian develop a confidence in his particular style. Ian's ability to be influenced by very prominent artists also created the style he creates today. "[Dali] influenced me to be random and creative. [Gammel's] art inspired me to make art that is creepy yet elegant." Just by looking at Ian's art, his influences are extremely evident, and I believe that there's no two better words to describe Ian's work by than "creepy" and

"elegant." Thank you Ian for showing us a new take on reality through your creativity. We can't wait to see what's next for you!

