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On the 16th Annual Maryland Day, the Language House hosted current, prospective, and former members. Visitors were escorted by Language House members around the world through teleportation in less than four hours. They even had enough time to stop in several worlds and participate in cultural activities. Some of the different arts and crafts activities that visitors tried out were making yummy macaroni necklaces in a land called Italy, writing beautiful Arabic calligraphy, and painting Russian dolls and letters. On the sporty side, visitors played Pétanque in a French

garden, danced Israeli Folk Dancing in communities called Kibbutzim, and Yo-Yoed Chinese style. Those who wanted to test their minds stopped in Germany and Iran for trivia challenges. Once they were done traveling between worlds, all of the travelers ended their journey with a sweet snack from a Piñata in the land of Mexico.

Thanks to the generous members of the Language House, the Maryland Day visitors were able to set a new record for the fastest journey around the world

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ter mates-the ones left in your mixed apartment-only in the target language. This is easier said than done, hence the renewed resolve; a determination to persevere, and steadfastly maintain your language in the face of any English being spoken around you. But what if, as in the case of clusters with only one member of a respective gender, you are the only one from your language in your mixed apartment? What to do then?

A person in this situation must spend extra time in one's other apartment. For every mixed apartment, there is usually a corresponding whole one of the opposite gender; by frequenting this other apartment, one can preserve immersion.

Of course, neither of these two solutions is very satisfactory. They are simply necessary.

They are necessary because the Language House has a silly and sense-

less under enrollment problem. The fact that it is inconceivable, that out of a campus of tens of thousands, for there not to be enough people to provide at least ten people for every cluster makes this issue a senseless one. The real reason the Language House does not have enough applicants is because students are unaware of the Language House. The real reason that there are mixed apartments is because eligible students are not applying. And last but not least, the real reason that the Language House has this ridiculous problem is because we Language House students have failed-we have failed to let more people know about the Language House, and we have failed to encourage those same people to apply. We must remember our duty, as existing Language House members, to actively recruit for future clusters. Otherwise, the Language house will continue to be plagued by necessary evils.

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From the Files of Tantiagiorgio: Sangria

Sangria is like a catch all alcoholic punch that is inexpensive and easy to make and whets the needs of many: it is an inexpensive way to serve an enjoyable alcoholic drink to a large crowd.

I first had sangria about 30 years ago while on my first trip to Malaga, Spain in a Flamenco Bar oddly named Mary's Place.

Ingredients:

- (*) One gallon of inexpensive red wine
 - (*) one cup of sugar
 - (*) one 2 liter bottle of some form of lemon/lime soda such as sprite.
 - (*) an orange
 - (*) a lemon
 - (*) a lime
- (other fruits can be used but the colors of oranges, lemons, limes are the most festive.)

Using a large punch bowl place the sugar in first, pour in half of wine, half of sprite, slice lemons, limes, and oranges into rounds that will float on top: I always use extra fruits to squeeze into the punch. add ice to chill and stir everything together. I have halved the wine and sprite so the sangria can be replenished or so you can use a large pitcher rather than a punch bowl. I cannot tell you how many hundreds of times I've served this at just about any kind of a gathering. It is unfortunate that many restrictions make it impossible to serve this at the Language House. However, you will all be invited to Nashio and my wedding in the fall and I will definitely be serving it---but quite possible you will have already tried your own. A bit of Spain served frequently and it always brings back fond memories. Tanta Giorgia

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Hebrew Proverb: אל תסתכל בקנקן, אלא במה שבתוכו

Don't look at the jar, but at what's inside it. / Don't be fooled by external appearances - find the real value.

The Mixed Apartment: A Necessary Evil

By **Hariton Wilson**
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Mixed apartments are a necessary evil. They are necessary, because a mixed apartment is often the only solution when more than one cluster does not have enough members to fill an apartment. But they are also evil, because of the obvious challenges and obstacles such an apartment poses to the whole concept of language immersion. What are some of these challenges?

The mixed apartment unavoidably creates the situation where English is spoken between members of each respective language. When immersion is the key, it is obvious why this situation is undesirable. The problem amplifies when two people who speak different languages occupy the same room as roommates; for who does not talk to their own roommate? Ultimately, the mixed apartment requires a heightened level of effort on behalf of its residents to maintain and preserve the language immersion element-our very reason for living in the Language House. How exactly can a resident of a mixed apartment do this?

The first step is to renew one's resolve to speak to your existing clus

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Around the World in 80 Days 4 Hours

By **Julie Bayer**
Staff Writer

This is the story of how the record time for traveling around the world was broken.

Once Upon a time in a well-known and not so far off place called the University of Maryland, terrapins ruled the land and squirrels roamed freely. One year, a new place was created in order to let the people of this wonderful land express their creativity. This place was named the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Because this spectacular center was built thanks to financial support of the land's rulers and subjects,

the people of the center decided to host an open house to show their supporters what wonderful learning and art-making they inspired by investing in the Center. That year, the event was such a success that the people of the University of Maryland decided to showcase the many different departments and programs the following year on Maryland Day. One of the groups in the wonderful land of the University of Maryland that eventually opened its doors on Maryland Day was the Language House - a group of highly intelligent creatures who eventually invented a method of teleportation so that they could easily study other worlds and habits of foreign creatures.

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May: The Month of Passport DC!

By Ronit Zelivinski

Staff Writer

This annual celebration of culture and D.C.'s flourishing diversity kicked off last weekend with the "World Embassy Tour." This tour showcased 50 embassies from all around the world by opening their doors to visitors and giving them a taste of various foods, art, dance, fashion, and music belonging to each respective country. Do not be discouraged though, for this month-long festival has so much more in store! In fact, the entire month of May is devoted to exposing the rich international culture that comprises D.C.

Hello from France: Meet Annika

Bonjour Language House! I'm Annika from the French cluster, and I'm studying abroad in Paris with ISA (International Studies Abroad). I live with a single mother and her daughter in an apartment in the 14e arrondissement, and I take French grammar, phonetics and culture classes at the Sorbonne through a program for international students.

Paris is very expensive, but there's a lot to do for free or for discounts with a student ID card, including many museums and major city sites. On the weekends, we can also take the trains for free to visit towns outside of the city. With my program, I've visited the chateaux (castles) of the Loire Valley and the Normandy beaches, and during spring break I spent a week in Morocco, where I slept in a tent in the Sahara Desert and rode a camel!

French people (and especially Parisians) are sometimes stereotyped as cold or mean, but I've learned they're just more reserved and private than Americans. It's important in France to greet

Not only are there more open door embassy events, but this month also has hundreds of special programs, performances, street festivals and exhibits. Best of all- these events are absolutely free! Language Housers, stay on the lookout for the European Union Embassies Open House on May 10th from 10a.m. to 4p.m. when the embassies of the EU will open their doors to the D.C. public. Also, the Asian Heritage Festival- Fiesta Asia, on May 17th offers a plethora of outdoor activities, demonstrations, musical performances and a multicultural marketplace in the heart of D.C. You don't want to miss it!

others, even restaurant workers and salespeople, with "bonjour" before inquiring about something else, and friends often "bijoux" – kiss each other on each cheek-when they meet.

Parisians know how to enjoy life, and they take the time to do so! They eat two-hour-long, late family dinners that sometimes begin after 11 p.m. They buy fresh food each day from different small neighborhood stores- bread from the boulangerie (bakery), meat from the butcher, cheese from the fromagerie, and fruits and vegetables from the produce vendor. Life is slower-paced and savored, and it's common to wallow away an afternoon sipping espresso in an outdoor café.

Some of my favorite moments are enjoying picnics in Parisian parks or walking around exploring small alleyways and ducking into hidden plazas. The architecture, art, music, fashion and history of this city are beautiful and fascinating!

If you have any questions about ISA or Paris, please don't hesitate to contact me at annika.mcginis@gmail.com.

Arabic: In Libya, it remains unclear who will be the prime minister, after a disputed vote and a walkout by secular lawmakers.

Chinese: Chinese prime minister, Li Keqiang, arrived on Sunday to Ethiopia for a four-country tour of Africa seeking to make deeper ties.

French: A deadly outbreak of a new strain of Ebola virus has killed over 100 people this year in Guinea.

German: Germany has developed multi generation houses in which support is given to people of several generations at once, in a radical new approach to care homes.

Hebrew: Netanyahu reminds Israel not to forget the 23,169 "sons and daughters" that gave their lives in the Memorial Day opening.

Italian: New information has been released about the murder trial of Amanda Knox. Ms. Knox has spent four years in an Italian prison.

Japanese: Recent studies show that the number of children in Japan has reached a new low, while number of people over the age of 65 has reached a record high.

Persian: In Kabul, there was a horrible landslide triggered by heavy rain killing at least 350 people and leaving thousands missing.

Russian: Ukrainian troops launched a major assault on Friday only a day after Putin warned Ukraine to withdraw its troops.

Spanish: Panama observed very high turnout in its presidential elections, as a result of the very narrow race between the former Housing Minister Jose Domingo Arias, the former Panama City Mayor Juan Carlos Navaro, and ex-Vice President Juan Carlos Varela. Sunday morning.

Tragedy Strikes Mountain Climbers: One Dead and Three Injured in Piedmont

By RaVaughn Green

Italian Cluster

A group of climbers was hit by a huge avalanche on May 1, 2014. As the mountain-climbers were making their way up the Alps, taking their normal route to the tip of Ciamarella, disaster struck.

Out of the four in the group, one died and the other three were injured. The rescue team that found the climbers transferred them immediately by helicopter to the Centro Traumatologico Ortopedico (CTO) hospital in Turin. One of the victims was thought to be in critical condition and was transferred to the hospital first.

After arriving to the emergency room, the climber's condition improved. He now needed treatment for his dislocated shoulder and fractured pelvis. Fortunately, these were not life threatening injuries.

The other two survivors were reported to have a fractured femur and ruptured ligaments. The rescue team, however, was unable to retrieve the last climber due to the conditions in the mountain. When the team was finally able to reach the last climber, they could no longer help him.

His name was Enrico Cerro and he was 33 years old. Although he was living in London at the time, he was buried in a cemetery in Balme, Italy.¹

¹Source: <http://www.tgcom24.mediaset.it/>



Easing Sanctions May Alleviate Iranian Aviation Woes

By Kamran Partovi

Persian Cluster

Iran Air, once the world's fastest growing airline, was ranked as the world's second safest airline after Qantas in 1976 thanks to a spotless safety record. This was the 1970s, when Tehran was considered a prime midway point between East and West.

But the Iranian revolution certainly brought many changes to Iran's aviation industry, and in 1979 the last direct flight from Tehran to New York was diverted at last minute to Montreal. Today, the fleet of Iran Air and many other Iranian airlines consists of several aging Boeing aircraft purchased before the revolution. Due to US and EU sanctions imposed over Iran's nuclear program, spare parts cannot be sold to Iran, and thus jeopardizing the safety of many of Iran's still-operating Boeing aircraft –some of which have been grounded due to the lack of access to spare parts.

This has posed a huge risk to passengers. In 2011, an Iran Air Boeing 727-200 from Tehran

headed to the city of Urmia crashed upon final approach, killing 77 out of the 105 passengers onboard. The aircraft had been out of service from 1984 to 2002 when it was overhauled and returned to service.

Fortunately, in the wake of easing tensions and diplomatic talks between Iran and the permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany, the US Treasury Department has recently granted Boeing and General Electric licenses allowing for the export of commercial aircraft spare parts to Iran under a temporary sanctions relief deal beginning in January.

The threat to flight safety in Iran has been one of many consequences of western sanctions that have been criticized for unfairly affecting Iranian citizens. While there's no talk yet of the possible sale of new jets to Iran, top Iranian aviation officials have recently stated that Iran would be interested in purchasing up to 400 new passenger jets by the year 2025 if sanctions were to be completely lifted. With hope for safer planes and flights for Iranian airlines, perhaps we will soon witness the reestablishment of direct flights between the United States and Iran in the future.