Congratulations to the Drama department’s Forensics Team for the success they had at Regionals! Seven students are moving on to the States competition held on April 2nd. Taylor Noll finished first in her category. Finishing second in their categories are Taylor Patzman and Jeanie Wagnon. Finishing third in their categories are Andres Fontan, Olivia Royster, Abby Nichols, and Margo Weber. Tion Edmunds, Emma Masaitis, and Stephen Leprino were chosen as alternates for finishing fourth. Congratulations to everyone who placed, as well as everyone who participated.
Editorial

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By Jordan Pearson
Editor-in-Chief

Chargers, we have about three months of school left, and at this point school is all about us just MARCHing along... See what I did there? That was bad, but I promise, TLB is working on some great things for the end of the year! Trying new things is always, well almost always, a good decision, and we plan on doing just that, so stay tuned!

Taking a moment to address the seniors, graduation is approaching in just a few short months and we as a class need to step up our game. Many seniors are not on track to graduate, setting Chancellor up for a large repeat percentage as well as a large drop out percentage. I just have to say that WE STILL HAVE TIME! For some it will take more work than others, but if your grades are not up to par, seek help! Talk to your teachers. They as well as your counselors, peers, and parents, are there to help. It is always possible to improve. With hard work and determination, you can get back on track and graduate.

If you are interested on what is currently going on in the school, read this issue of The Lightning Bolt. March hosts the positively green holiday, St. Patrick’s Day! See all things St. Patty’s day throughout the paper, like a Battlefield on whether you should get pinched if not wearing green or not in the Op-Ed section, and a St. Patrick’s day word search in the Features section. Check out the Sports and News updates to stay current with the athletic competitions in the school.

We hope you enjoy this issue of The Lightning Bolt, and March on!

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ON THE COVER

Chancellor’s representatives in the states track competition were David Moore, Kia Rivers, and Chris Greene. Chris and David were ranked #1 and #2 triple jumpers in the 4A state division. The cover and Nationals pictures are courtesy of Coach Kristen Jones.

March 2016
**PEACE OUT PICKREN**

By Emma Haus
Junior Sports Features Editor

“I will miss the camaraderie—there’s a lot of fun people here that I’ve enjoyed doing things with!” states Ms. Pickren, librarian at Chancellor High. “I plan to stay in touch with friends that I have made.”

Pickren is a familiar face who greets everyone when students make their way to the library every day. After 15 years of hard work and dedication, Pickren’s retirement will be a change the whole school must endure.

“When I was sponsoring a Double Dutch team, the students grabbed the ropes and made me get in,” states Pickren recalling one of her favorite memories at Chancellor.

“After two failed attempts to jump, I finally got to jump for about 30 seconds! The students went crazy!” The Double Dutch event was part of the 2009 fall school pep rally. “The rest is history—it’s on YouTube entitled ‘Ms. Pickren’s Moment,’” states Pickren.

When asked about her reasons for retiring she simply said, “Hey, it’s time!” She plans to work on her French language skills and travel around the world to places like Canada. Pickren is excited to be involved with a campaign with a certain female candidate for President. She also is excited to be spending more time with her grandkids and conduct some volunteer work.

Pickren’s favorite part about her job over the years has been getting to know the students who come to the library regularly. She enjoys talking to them about their classes and helping them with their work.

Pickren’s kind face and dedication to the students will be missed terribly throughout Chancellor High. However, we, as a student body, wish her a heart-warming farewell and the best of luck as she starts a new chapter in her life.

I have to say I enjoyed “hall-duty” between classes the most! It was always a chance to see what the latest trend in fashion is, or what the latest in hair styles is!

I love the energy they have. I will miss seeing them every day!”

**SUPERSTAR JETT-BROWN**

By Danielle Gray
Staff-Reporter

Kristy Jett-Brown is the Chancellor librarian and has recently received the Spotsylvania Superstar award. This award is given to remarkable staff members who deserve every accolade for routinely surpassing their job description, and playing such an active role in helping schools surpass their goals.

“She doesn’t wear a cape, she doesn’t have exo-genes created by Superman, she doesn’t have an “S” plastered on her chest, and she’s not a fictional character. BUT ... she does have a lot of energy,” states Chancellor’s principal Jackie Bass-Fortune.

“She does have a warm and inviting personality. She does have the knowledge for almost anything you could ask. She does have the patience of Job. Who is this person who excels in all aspects of her work? It’s our very own Superwoman, Kristy Jett-Brown, one of our school librarians and - without a doubt - one of the caped crusaders of Chancellor High!”

Jett-Brown has helped us all in more ways than one. She has helped us find our favorite books, understand how to do our research and how to do much more.

Jett-Brown is truly an asset to the Chancellor High School family.

**FORENSICS MOVES FORWARD**

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Congratulations to all of the students headed to States!
MARCH MOVIE LINE-UP

By Ashley Ragone
Junior News Editor

April is a great month for movies! With all the rain that comes with this springtime month it will be the perfect time to stay dry at the theaters to see these new movies.

God’s Not Dead 2: This PG rated sequel will be out in theaters on April 1st. It is the story of a high school teacher who makes a statement about Jesus in one of her classes which causes a massive amount of controversy with the public.

Barbershop: The Next Cut: Ten years ago was the last Barbershop movie featuring Calvin and his crew and in this sequel there are some exciting additions to the cast even world famous stars like Nicki Minaj! The movie will premiere on April 15th and will show an audience the story of Calvin and the crew getting together to get their neighborhood and barbershop back together.

The Meddler: The Meddler starring Megan Echikunwoke, Rose Byrne, J.K. Simmons, and Susan Sarandon will be in theaters on April 22nd. This story follows a recently divorced mother who follows her daughter to Los Angeles to start a new life.

Keanu: In this comedy, which has not yet been rated, a couple of friends have a problem: their cat is stolen and as they scheme to solve this problem they come up with the idea to retrieve the cat by posing to be delinquents.

A Beautiful Planet: For all of those who love learning about our mysterious planet there will be a movie coming out that will explore the earth and beyond from a beautiful outer space view. This movie will be out in theaters on April 29th.

Marianna Smith Wins Superintendent Award

Marianna Smith was awarded the Superintendent’s Award. Her artwork is hanging in Dr. Baker’s office for the month.

PARTING SUCH SWEET SORROW

By Raelyn Slaughter
Junior Features Editor

“I worked cleaning rooms at a hotel when I was in high school, moved to being a cook in a deli and manning the cash register at a small grocery before I began my teaching career, stated Mrs. Terry Garfield. “I taught for three years at Courtland High School.”

Garfield, one of Chancellor’s English teachers, has been working at Chancellor since it first opened, and is planning to retire this year.

“Being an English teacher chose me. I got a chalkboard and box of chalk for Christmas one year when I was quite young, and the rest is history as they say,” stated Garfield via e-mail. “As an avid reader, teaching English was a given.”

Garfield has taught Creative Writing, English 10, English 12, and AP Literature and Composition. “Eleventh grade English is the only one I haven’t taught,” stated Garfield. “I want to leave behind the frustrations that come with a society that is slowly turning away from a love of literature, but for a legacy I want to leave behind my love and passion for the power of the written word.”

When Garfield leaves Chancellor she is planning a brief trip to celebrate with her family. “It won’t become real for me until September when my husband and daughter go back to teaching,” stated Garfield. “The best thing that has come out of working here beyond knowing that I have had a positive impact on those I have taught, I would have to say is the friendships I have developed with my colleagues.”

Garfield is looking forward to reading into the wee hours of the morning, developing a straw bale garden, and taking advantage of the opportunities that free time will afford her.

“My favorite memory would be escaping out the back doors of the building during the teacher work week before this school ever opened. We had a gas leak that had filled the auditorium; we were told to leave the premises, but we weren’t told why. Two of us went back to our rooms to get keys and purses. We realized the seriousness of the situation when a construction worker ran through the hall yelling for us to get out. We left by why of the nearest doors, meaning we went out of the back of the building. The middle school had not been built, so we came around the building from that direction and straight into the overwhelming smell of gas. It was quite a frightening moment. It definitely taught me to take my purse with me to meetings. Then you have the “where- were- you- when” moments such as the earthquake or 9/11. Big moments and little ones, when we pulled together as a team, as a family, are my favorites,” stated Garfield.

Garfield will miss seeing the lights go on in the eyes of her students when they understand something new, or have a new understanding of something old. “I will miss the camaraderie of the English Department,” Garfield muses. “They are my family in a very real sense.”
NEWS
ADDAIR ON TOP

By Jordan Pearson
Editor-In-Chief

“At first it was mostly disbelief,” stated Band Director Mr. Addair, 2016 Teacher of the Year Award recipient.

The Teacher of the Year award has the entire faculty on the edge of their seats, wondering if it will be them this year. Addair was approached by Mrs. Bass-Fortune and was given a ton of paperwork to fill out. He muttered a confused statement, and our principal simply stated, “Yes.”

Addair’s disbelief is just his own however, because Addair contributes so much to Chancellor. Not only does he teach Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, AP Music Theory, and Band Class, but he also runs the award-winning Lightning Regiment Marching Band and over-sees the winter color guard and winter drum line.

“I am one of the lucky few teachers that get to have the same students over a four-year period,” stated Addair. “My favorite thing is watching the progression from the insecure, fearful student who walks in as a freshman, to the confident leader who walks out as a senior.” Addair achieves all of this because he loves his job.

Addair has been teaching for 14 years, six years at James Monroe and Walker Grant Middle School, and eight years at Chancellor, and in that time there have been many memories that he calls his favorites. For instance, the numerous water balloon fights at band camp, the donations to the Arthritis Foundation to support his daughter, the day that the entire group did the ice bucket challenge, and seeing their expressions when they perform and when all of their hard work pays off. Lately, though, the most amazing thing to him is seeing his students get accepted into college.

“I take a step back and reflect,” Addair states. “It makes me so proud to see the amazing young adults they have become since the first time I met them years ago.”

Mr. Caroll, Addair’s high school band director, is someone Addair treasures and calls his idol. “He made me realize that band isn’t only about the music; it is about the people, and how they become amazing human beings just from being an active participant in band.” His wife Tera, and his kids Aiden and Lily, are also big inspirations for him. They support him and everything that he does wholeheartedly.

“He’s got pretty good taste in donuts, he’s better looking than the chicken man from Toy Story 2, and he was awarded teacher of the year for a reason,” stated Savannah Roberts. Addair makes his students laugh and connects with them, an unforgettable gift that students will forever cherish.

GERMANNIA REGION WINNERS

Congratulations to Chancellor’s Germanna Region Winners: Nikko Tolentino earned the Future Award and completed his term as the Germanna Region Historian, Christian Clark won second place in accounting, and Brett Harte won first place in cyber security.

CULTURE A LA CARTE

By Lilly Chruch
Staff Reporter

“Something that Latin clubs do every year at Culture a la Carte is gladiator fights which are really cool,” said Mr. Leber, about the annual Culture a la Carte Festival.

Culture a la Carte, or C a la C, is an annual festival to celebrate cultures around the world, especially those that kids in Spotsylvania County Schools learn about. This year was the 8th celebration since the event’s beginning, and it was held at Courtland on Saturday, March 5th.

Students and families from all over the area come to walk around Courtland and interact with the activities set up on and around booths covering the downstairs floor. These activities include crafts, costumes, dancing, racing, and food tasting. There are also dance performances and demonstrations that run on a stage throughout the whole event.

Many music classes from elementary schools across the county also come to show off their musical ability. Pieces are memorized and either sung or played by the students on percussion instruments.

Food is a very important part of culture, not to mention that everyone loves it. Therefore, multiple restaurants and bakeries sell international food at C a la C for everyone to enjoy. Also, students paint and draw pictures to hand all the wall all over the building that reflect different cultures.
Beloved history teacher Mr. Rudolph speaks to English Teacher Mr. Barber’s Creative Writing class to discuss the process of writing, editing, and publishing books. The teacher told his stories from coming up with the idea of his first novel to releasing his two newest. Interested in reading Rudolph’s new works? His novels Land of the Blue Devils Part 2 of the Days in Parkersburg series and Days of Devo: My Life with a Senior Dog can be found on Amazon.com.

**YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW**

If you’ve ever purchased a yearbook before, you know how hectic it can get at the end of the school year waiting for a book. Do yourself a favor, order a book now, and save yourself from standing in long lines paying when books are distributed in May. Supplies are limited, so don’t miss out on this opportunity to own a piece of your life in high school!
SPRING TRACK PREVIEW

Runners Take Your Marks, Get Set... Spring Track

By Alex Keisling  
Staff Reporter

With the help of Coach Kristen Jones, spring track has begun and the athletes on the team are getting warmed up for a great season. With around 100 athletes on the team this season between the boys’ and girls’ teams combined, many of them have seen improvements in their own running styles.

“I definitely think that I have gotten faster due to track,” states Jonathan Pryor, a sophomore, who is running on the track team for the first time. “All of the hard workouts and conditioning exercises we have done have really helped. Also, my fellow athletes actually make me work harder and the coaches give us encouraging feedback on how to make us better citizens and athletes.”

In practices the long-distance, mid-distance, sprinters, and the throwers are all split up, and do multiple of activities, based on what the athletes need to improve on or what the coach wants to do. But before practice starts, the sprinters warm up with the mid-distance and the throwers, and then the long-distance warm up separately.

Track’s first meet at home is April 20 against James Monroe. They are also home May 4 and 11. All meets are at 4pm.

WINTER TRACK WRAP-UP

By Mary Cate Mosher  
Staff Reporter

“This year, we were able to connect to everybody in a different way than we do in outdoor track,” stated Maddison Wester, a junior at Chancellor High School.

Although this is only the second year winter indoor track is available at Chancellor, the team has already made a name for themselves. At conference Ben Ransom broke the school record in pole vault, and the boys team was conference champions. From conference many of the team members made it to regionals. At regionals Kara Kreiling broke the school record for the 3200, Hannah Nichols broke the school record in the 1000, and the girls 4x200 team (Maddison Wester, Hannah Nichols, Akeila Edwards, and Kia Rivers) were regional champions and won first overall.

“My favorite memory was becoming regional champions at regionals for the 4x200 relay,” states Wester. “We were wanting to go up our rivals Louisa County, but we were put in heat before them. Our time ended up being the fastest time overall, and we became regional champions, and we set the meet record,” Wester says recalling her favorite memory of the season.

Madalyn Amos, Chauncey Longman, Trejon Edmonds, Hannah Nichols, Kara Kreiling, Ben Ransom, Chris Greene, David Moore, Akeila Edwards, Kia Rivers, and Maddison Wester all made it to states. At states Chris Greene qualified for nationals and received first overall.

“Tennis is coming around I know it’s time for baseball,” says Junior Jordan Byrd. “When spring time comes around I know we are going to improve on our fellow teams.”

“We expect to do big things this season,” says Nick Winston. “This is my senior year, so I would love to see us go to at least states this year.”

According to Winston, the team plans on doing twice as better as last year, working on their strengths and most importantly, their weaknesses. Every practice they’re going to try to make themselves and the team as a whole better, hopefully making it to States.

The baseball team will be looking forward to everyone coming out to support them. Varsity will be home April 19 against James Monroe at 6pm and JV is home April 21 against Caroline at 6:30pm.

BASEBALL PREVIEW

By Davis Stack  
Staff Reporter

Baseball is back! Time for warm weather and getting the mitts out. Baseball is a pastime, a sport that has been in America for decades, and Chancellor High School is lucky enough to experience the game.

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TENNIS PREVIEW

By Danielle Gray  
Staff Reporter

“The practices run from 4pm to 6pm, and the days when the weather is bad, we work in the weight room,” states Victoria Alcandro sophomore and fellow team mate on the Chancellor tennis team. “The actual procedures consist of the mix of cardio, practicing skills, foot works and games.”

“The team is all kind of new to the sport, and so we all help each other out,” says Alicandro.

“The coach of the tennis team is Marla Aste and she is a great coach for the team,” says Alicandro. Marla is doing a great job in practices getting the team ready for upcoming scrimmages and games.

Boys Tennis is home April 7, 14, 19, and 21 at 4pm. Girls Tennis will be home April 5, 12, and 26 at 4pm.
SPORTS

SPRING PREVIEWS CONTINUED

CHANCELLOR BOYS’ SOCCER LINE-UPS AND SCHEDULE

Varsity

12th grade:
George Banko
Jermaine Birriel
Robert Bunting
Jimmy Caras
Austin Duke
Samuel Frields
Ryan Mikeshe
Valente Perez
Nick Peterson
CJ Rhan
Matt Sanders
Gabriel Soriano
Frank Vega
Chris Villatoro
Connor Williams

11th grade:
Chris Escobar
Chris Jimenez
Kris Kokoneshi
Ruben Niamien

10th grade:
Herson Benitez
Nico Vega

J.V.

Kwesi Abban
Diego Arias
Daniel Garcia
Hunter Gardner
Daniel Graves
Rafael Guia
Chris Irby
Vladimir Perez
Angel Sierra-Hernandez

9th grade:
Julian Barbosa
D'Marco Cabrera
Eli Carr
Andres Correa
Travis Giraldi
Alejandro Gonzalez
Mike Kreider
Jake Peterson
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DIAMOND DIVAS

Varsity Softball will be home April 4, 6, 13, 19, 26, and 28 at 4:30pm.
JV Softball will be home April 11, 14, 21 at 4pm.
ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Name: Rachel Arnold
Grade: Junior
Sport: Softball
Position: 1st and 3rd baseman

“I choose to play softball because I have been playing it for about 7 years now and it is so much fun to me,” stated Arnold. Rachel Arnold, a junior at Chancellor, has been playing on Chancellor’s softball team since her freshman year. Playing softball has helped her open up to many people that she didn’t know and widened her horizon.

“My favorite thing about playing for the softball team is having a team to work with,” stated Arnold. “I have always loved the sport because of the activity and overall enjoyment of it. The best thing that has come out of playing this year is the experience. The experience is everything in high school. You are in high school for the experience.”

Arnold’s advice to fellow students at Chancellor would be to never give up. “Softball is a lot of work but it pays off in the end,” stated Arnold. “The challenges you face in playing any sports is getting home late on school nights. It can be a challenge to get my homework done, but if you work hard you can succeed in anything.”

One of the most important things when playing any sport is having dedication. “If you don’t have dedication then what is the point of playing? That’s a rough statement but it is true,” states Arnold.

Arnold enjoys playing softball so much that she has considered coaching after high school. “I would recommend anyone to playing any and all types of sports. Playing a sport is such a fun experience and if you don’t like it in the end then you don’t have to play,” states Arnold.

Her motto for the year is be patient, positive, and don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t chase dreams.

ATHLETE PROFILE

By Lilly Church
Staff Reporter

“I’ve played soccer for about eight years. I played on Parks & Rec teams from second grade to seventh grade. I started FFC Classic in eighth grade and also did both years of middle school soccer for Chancellor Middle School. Now I’m on Chancellor High School’s Junior Varsity soccer team!”, stated Holly Haus, a freshman here at Chancellor High School. Holly is an avid soccer player, an exceptional scholar, and a devoted Christian.

“My top five priorities would start with my faith. I am a Christian, and God does come first. The fourth is music and writing, which is something I really enjoy aside from soccer. Last but not least is my friends and family. I care about them all a lot.” Haus explains.

Something Haus didn’t include in her top five priorities but she is very passionate about is her band, Indenial. Her and four of her closest friends, Katie, Ally, Alexa, and Carrissa, started the cover band in eighth grade at Carrissa’s birthday party. Since then they have posted multiple Youtube videos of themselves covering popular songs, and they even performed in this year’s Chancellor Variety Show.

“My other hobbies include reading and binge watching The Flash on Netflix. I like to play guitar, bass and piano, and write. I also like to bake because then I can eat it when it’s done and I love food,” says Haus.

Haus plans to attend college after high school. She hopes to play soccer for the rest of high school and into high school. She says she can’t imagine not playing soccer and doesn’t plan on stopping any time soon.

BEST IN THE FIELD

By Mr. Bryant
Girls Soccer Coach

Early in the season, both JV and Varsity Girls Soccer teams have been very successful. The JV team is 1-0-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference after beating Eastern View 3-1. The Varsity team has started their season 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference after impressive wins over Massaponax and Eastern View. They have a very tough out of conference schedule which will prepare them for conference and regional play this year.

Girls’ JV and Varsity Soccer is home April 5, 14, 21 at 5:30pm and 7pm respectively.

THANKS TO OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS!

Tyler Jacobs
Team Manuel Karate
Nancy & Allen Kenny
Captain C.A. Kenny
A PUNTO DE ACABAR

Finally about to finish school
Por Alia Chaudhry

Finalmente, los seniors estamos a punto de terminar y empezamos a darnos cuenta que no vamos a volver el próximo año. La mayoría de nosotros tenemos emociones variadas. Cuando caminamos por el gimnasio por última vez, quizás pensemos en correr algunas vueltas, escribir ensayos de cinco páginas o calcular integrales. Pero serán las cosas pequeñas las que quedarán con nosotros: los equipos de fútbol americano, la primera vez que condujimos a la escuela y todas las bromas exclusivas con nuestros mejores amigos. Esto será lo que recordaremos durante años y aunque esté terminando, no ha concluido en realidad. Ahora miramos al futuro y lo que nos deparará; y eso es lo que hace el final tan emocionante. No solamente es un final – es nuestro comienzo.

RECOMENDACIONES PARA ESTUDIAR UNA LENGUA

Recommendations for studying a language
Por Michael D. Vázquez

Para todos los nuevos estudiantes que van entrar a Español 1, yo les recomendaría que siempre vayan a clase y que no anden faltando, porque si no van a clase, el trabajo se les acumulará. Y sea lo que sea, lo tendrán que terminar todo a tiempo, porque en español hay mucha tarea y se hace muchísimo trabajo. También es muy importante que no copien del examen de otro estudiante, porque pueden terminar con graves consecuencias. Yo lo digo porque he visto a algunos alumnos copiar y los maestros les quitan el examen y le ponen un cero. El español no es fácil de aprender, hay que practicar y practicar. Es un idioma totalmente nuevo y diferente que uno puede dominar. Yo que llegué hasta AP pienso que la clase de español es muy divertida. Se aprende mucho y se hacen cosas interesantes. ¡Espero que todos los estudiantes disfruten y que aprendan mucho español!

CONSEJOS PARA LOS ALUMNOS QUE EMPIEZAN NOVENO GRADO

Tips for students beginning ninth grade
Por Simon Kutenga

Lo más importante de aprender en el comienzo de la secundaria es cómo gestionar tu tiempo. Entre tareas, vida social y las actividades extracurriculares, el tiempo vuela. También es esencial que no te comprometas con muchas cosas y no tengas suficiente tiempo para dormir. Además, el dejar las cosas para mañana no es una buena idea. Posponer las cosas te hace infeliz y el trabajo no suele ser bueno. Cuando te unes a varios clubes o sociedades de honor, tú creas amistades valiosas que posteriormente serán útiles si estás pasándolo mal con algo o incluso si necesitas transporte a la escuela.

COSAS QUE HACER EN FREDERICKSBURG

What it’s like to live in Fredericksburg?
Por Susie Diaz

Mucha gente que vive en Fredericksburg dice que no hay mucho que hacer en esta ciudad, que nada es divertido sólo porque es una ciudad pequeña. Sin embargo, yo pienso que hay mucho que hacer en este lugar tan bello. Hay mucha naturaleza que explorar y muchos lugares que conocer. Por ejemplo, el centro de la ciudad, los parques, o el centro comercial. En el centro de la ciudad hay muchos restaurantes buenos como FoodE, Soup & Taco, y Benny’s. Uno de mis favoritos es el café Hyperion Espresso ubicado en la calle William. También hay mucha naturaleza bella. Esta el río Rappahannock y Alum Springs, que son lugares muy bonitos para pasar tiempo, especialmente en el verano. En el río uno puede nadar, pescar, pasar tiempo con amigos, y hasta hay un barco que hace viajes turísticos. Si uno quiere ir de compras, hay muchas tiendas. Hay un lugar bonito para sentarse que se llama Fredericksburg Square, es relajante porque no mucha gente pasa por allí. Además hay un centro comercial con más de cien tiendas y restaurantes. Al lado hay un cine para jugar boliche. En realidad hay muchas cosas divertidas que hacer en Fredericksburg.
Este año muchas personas del grado doce podrán votar por primera vez porque tendrán dieciocho años o más. Esto es importante porque hay elecciones presidenciales en noviembre del 2016 y nosotros vamos a tener el poder de elegir el próximo líder de nuestro país. Es fácil preocuparse con cosas como las universidades y las notas, pero en realidad lo que debe ocupar nuestras mentes son las elecciones del hombre o la mujer que va a guiar nuestra nación. Por este motivo, yo le animo a prestar atención a las campañas de los candidatos a fin de que usted pueda hacer un voto con conocimiento de fondo.

La escuela del gobernador es un programa en la escuela pública para los estudiantes de un alto nivel de aprendizaje. Estos estudiantes del programa viajan a la escuela de Riverbend donde el programa central está ubicado. Ellos toman las clases principales en la escuela gobernador y toman las lectivas en Chancellor. El programa es muy difícil pero las oportunidades de la escuela son magníficas. Nosotros viajamos a muchas obras y lugares diferentes para aprender fuera del aula. Mi viaje favorito fue a una cueva natural porque no había luz o escaleras. Fue una experiencia muy memorable. Aunque hay mucha tarea para la escuela del gobernador, las oportunidades y relaciones que tú puedes experimentar son fantásticas.

Mi participación en actividades extracurriculares ha ocurrido principalmente en deportes. Yo practico atletismo y carrera de campo a través. También jugué baloncesto en un momento dado, y además, fui parte del equipo de natación de Massaponax. En general disfruto siendo parte de los deportes escolares porque hago muchos amigos a través de estos deportes, y me dan un sentido de logro. En lo que se refiere a clubes, organizaciones o sociedades, soy miembro de la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica. Me habría gustado ser parte de más clubes porque te dan la oportunidad de servir a tu comunidad, y también conocer a más personas y hacer amigos.

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Reseña de película

El otro día me encontré con la necesidad de ver una película de acción llena de misterio y un poquito de romance. ¿Qué mejor película que Espectro? Muchas personas la han visto y han dicho buenas cosas de ella. Espectro es la continuación de las películas de James Bond aunque esta película tiene toda la acción y misterio de las otras. Esta en particular se concentró más en el protagonista. En el pasado James Bond salvaba a la mujer bonita, mataba al vil villano y resolvía todo siendo el mejor agente especial de Inglaterra. Pero esta vez James Bond decide lo que él quiere ser. Puede escoger quien quiere ser él y con quien quiere estar. Es una película extraordinaria porque enseña el poder de ser una mejor persona y el poder de poder escoger el futuro que tú quieres. Para terminar, si tuviera que ponerle una nota a esta película le daría un 10/10.

Las planes del futuro

Nick Peterson habla de sus planes para el futuro.

Morning Charge

Morning Charge ha cambiado mucho durante los últimos cuatro años. En mi primer año en Chancellor era después del primer periodo y podíamos ir a zonas comunes como la cafetería o el auditorio. Este año no tenemos zonas comunes para los estudiantes con buenas notas y debemos ir a nuestro homeroom si un maestro no nos llamó. Yo creo que deben de diseñar un plan durante el verano para implementar porque el sistema no funciona cuando quieren cambiarlo en la mitad del año escolar. Muchos estudiantes no están satisfechos porque las reglas son muy estrictas y el propósito de Morning Charge es ayudar a los estudiantes.
**OP-ED**

**LOS DEPORTES EN CHANCELLOR**

*Sports at Chancellor*

Por Gabriel Escalante

Hay muchos deportes en Chancellor. Durante el año hay deportes diferentes para todos los estudiantes de esta escuela. Los deportes de Chancellor son muy buenos porque la mayoría de los deportes tiene campeonatos estatales. Cada año varios de los deportes de Chancellor ganan conferencias o regionales y llegan a estados. Este año el equipo de fútbol americano llegó a la conferencia. Ellos fueron a conferencia con jugadores lesionados, pero ellos jugaron lo mejor que pudieron. Este año para pista y campo durante invierno los chicos ganaron conferencia y las chicas terminaron en el tercer puesto. Las chicas de baloncesto ganaron el campeonato de la conferencia. Hay muchos deportes para primavera y los equipos están listos para una buena temporada.

**EL VIAJE DE LA SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA A WASHINGTON DC.**

*The National Spanish Honor Society visit Washington D.C.*

Por Carlos Escamilla

En el mes de febrero los estudiantes de la Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica hicieron un viaje a Washington D.C a ver una hermosa obra llamada Señorita y Madame que estuvo muy interesante. En total fuimos 23 estudiantes y dos tutores que nos cuidaron mientras estuvimos en el viaje. Lo más interesante fue que la obra de teatro que vimos estuvo asombrosa ya que nos enseñó más sobre las creadoras de productos de cremas y lociones para la piel. Los dos personajes principales, Elizabeth Arden y Helena Rubinstein se tenían envidia la una a otra, cada vez que una sacaba una innovación en sus productos la otra venía con otra idea aún más avanzada. Al final de la obra dejaron de tenerse envidia y se perdonaron. Fue con ellas como todos los productos cosméticos que tenemos hoy en día, como Avon entre otras corporaciones, empezaron su negocio. En su totalidad fue un divertido viaje. Espero que volvamos a ir otro año porque no me lo perderé. Las salidas como éstas valen mucho la pena.

**LAS ACTIVIDADES EXTRACURRICULARES**

*Extracurricular activities for all!*

Por Kara Kreiling

Las actividades extracurriculares son un elemento importante de la vida de un estudiante. No son cursos requeridos, sin embargo ofrecen oportunidades para los jóvenes de crecer fuera del aula. Mientras que durante el día los estudiantes deben sentarse en algunas clases que encuentran aburridas o difíciles, después de la escuela hay numerosas actividades donde los estudiantes pueden conectarse con otros a través de un interés compartido. Los equipos de deportes son el tipo más popular de actividad extracurricular, pero existen también actividades no deportivas. Todos pueden encontrar una actividad que se adapte a sus gustos. La escuela puede ser muy dura a veces, por lo que es imperativo que los jóvenes utilicen esta válvula de escape.
Howya young chiseller, I am here to have a quick chinwag with you about a serious part of Saint Patrick’s Day history. For ages people have celebrated Saint Patty’s day, and there have been multiple practices that we have picked up from this wonderful day. On Saint Patty’s day chisellers have pinched each other for neglecting to wear green. Though some people find this tradition a fostering, it is good fun for everyone. Originally, people wore green so that they could hide themselves from me and my family of leprechauns. If you did not wear green on Saint Patty’s day then leprechauns like myself would come and pinch you. Today, if you do not wear green people of all ages will pinch you to remind you that leprechauns are on their way to come and pinch you. In my eyes this tradition is good fun for everyone, even if you are a wee little baby, though I do not understand why you would be a git and pinch a baby.

Now, I know what you are going to say, ”What if they pinch too hard, sometimes it hurts when I get pinched, I don’t own any green pieces of clothes, leprechauns aren’t real.” First of all, as soon as you step out of your home without wearing green on Saint Patty’s day then you automatically put yourself at the mercy of me and my boys. You can easily solve this problem by wearing a plain white tee and roll around in the grass for a couple minutes like a omadhaun for not owning enough green. Second, what type of thick header are you to say that me and my leprechaun boyos are not “real.” If you honestly think that then you are not allowed to be part of this hooley.

Anyways, I am going to grab my fry and get my boys together so we can go hunting for pots of gold. See you, and thanks for the craic boyo!

Are you interested in getting pinched for St. Patrick’s day? With St. Patty’s day right around the corner it has diverse opinions on whether you should pinch someone if they don’t wear green.

St. Patrick’s day evolved when people thought it would be a good idea to wear green on the day so the leprechauns won’t be able to see you, or pinch you if you wear green. People over the years have started pinching others if they didn’t wear green, so they could keep that reminder of the leprechauns being able to see them. But over the years many people have changed their views on whether people should have to wear green on Saint Patrick’s day and if they should be pinched for not wearing green.

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“St. Patrick’s day is one of the holidays not everyone may believe in, so it wouldn’t be fair for anyone to judge or pinch another for not believing or celebrating the holiday. Everyone should be fair and not judge based on what others may believe in by not pinching people.

Not only do some people not celebrate the holiday, some people may be completely honest and just not have anything green to wear. Some people don’t have the ability or the money to go to the store and pick out a green shirt or a green pair of pants.

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Then there are some people who don’t like the color green or have anything with which to match. There are also those who may believe in the holiday, but just don’t want to participate. Some may not want to be pinched at all or even take offense to a person pinching them. Others may get mad at the fact that someone has pinched them and it may get you into some trouble if you do. It would save a whole lot of trouble by not pinching others.

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AMBER NEWMAN

“When you ask “what is beauty” you are asking a very subjective question. To me, beauty is waking up and seeing the good in mornings or in yourself. Beauty is feeling confident in what you can do. It’s spring mornings when the sun is casting pinks and oranges through the sky. It’s eating sweets you made yourself, or with your friends. Beauty can also be putting on makeup and smiling with confidence because you know you look good. Beauty is less of a physical object and more of a state of mind or mentality. Beauty is what you make it to be.”

If you resist reading what you disagree with, how will you ever acquire deeper insights into what you believe? The things most worth reading are precisely those that challenge our convictions.
~Author Unknown
From: Mrs. Pickren

DIGGING DEEP
WHAT DOES BEAUTY MEAN TO YOU?

By Makayla Tardie
Staff Reporter

TERrible JOKES AND PUNs

By Talon Torres
Staff Reporter

What do you call a con-man who is also a bean farmer? A bean-boozler!

How did Leo receive his Oscar? With his bear hands!

Why can’t a comedian be hired as an interrogator? His pun-ishments are too harsh!

Why aren’t there tests in a zoo? Too many Cheetahs!

What did the zero say to the eight? Nothing, they are only numbers.

What Disney movie will Rick Astley not loan you? Up
HE-MAN EPISODE 4: A NEW HOPE

By Talon Torres
Staff Reporter

Long, long ago, during the 1980’s, a cartoon called He-Man and the Masters of the Universe was created by Mattel and Filmation to increase sales on their toys. The show became a huge success, with 130 episodes being aired in two seasons from 1983 to 1985. Due to its massive popularity, He-Man received its own movie adaptation titled Masters of the Universe which was released on August 7th, 1987. The film earned $4,883,168 in its first week, but it was critically panned, with critics citing boredom or a lack of interest as the reason for its downfall.

The film starts off with Skeletor, the antagonist, capturing Castle Grayskull and the Sorceress of Grayskull, with the intent of stealing the Sorceress’ power to become all powerful. He-Man, with his friend Man-At-Arms, and Teela, Man-At-Arms’ daughter, rescue Gwildor from Skeletor’s guards. Gwildor has the ability to make “keys” that teleport people to different areas in the galaxy, as long as they can play the required notes. He-Man and company escape and end up on Earth, with the key seemingly missing. Elsewhere, two teenagers, Kevin and Julie, discover the key and accidentally transmit a signal to Skeletor, who sends mercenaries to retrieve the key and to destroy He-Man. It is up to He-Man to obtain the key and defeat Skeletor in order to save the world from annihilation.

One of the major problems the film had was a lack of originality. When the title appeared, a theme sounding similar to an off-key performance of the Superman theme was played. Soon after, the opening scene looks like a low budget version of Star Wars, complete with Stormtrooper knockoffs and Skeletor’s costume looking like a cross between Darth Vader’s suit and Emperor Palpatine’s cloak. Lastly, the film was filled with overused character archetypes, such as the tough talking cop (Lubic), the “punk” kid (Kevin), the girl next door (Julie), the comic relief (Gwildor), and a plethora of ones who can’t be named for lack of space.

Another problem the film had was the script. The characters’ reactions to events were abnormal and irrational, especially Officer Lubic (who may or may not have looked like an American Vladimir Putin.). In one scene, after Lubic witnesses the mercenaries and He-Man’s group battle one another, he tries to arrest the good guys even after there was more than enough proof that they would not harm innocents. Lubic also illegally detained Kevin just because he looked suspicious, when Kevin was searching for Julie and could not have caused the destruction of the Senior party. Lubic isn’t the only offender however, and on two separate occasions Kevin and Julie attack He-Man and friends even though He-Man saved them.

Lastly, Skeletor’s incompetence ruined the film. Although he has a multitude of soldiers at his disposal, he only sends a team of mercenaries to defeat He-Man. After those fail, he sends an army to attack Earth, but when they corner He-Man, instead of having his troops unload their laser guns on them, they attack one at a time, giving He-Man a chance to fight back. Lastly, after Skeletor obtains absolute power, he doesn’t instantly destroy He-Man and company, opting to fight He-Man in a close quarters sword battle instead of firing a beam of darkness or having his soldiers fire at them. Due to Skeletor’s incompetence and acts of foolish pride, he not only lost control of Castle Grayskull and his extra power, but was also defeated and nearly killed by He-Man, who a few minutes prior was restrained and monitored by guards.

In short, I rate Masters of the Universe a paper sword out of ten because although the sword looks cool and has nice looking CGI for the time, paper is fragile and can easily fall apart, just like Skeletor’s plans for absolute control of the galaxy.

MAYA ANGELOU

By Myah Hidalgo
Junior Op-Ed Editor

Maya Angelou has not only been an exceptional author, but has dabbled and excelled in various other experiences. At a young age, Angelou experienced hardships and obstacles that inspired her Pulitzer Prize nominated collection of poems entitled, Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water ‘Fore I Die. Her novel, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings was the first non-fiction best seller by an African-American women and Angelou’s poem, On The Pulse Of the Morning was recited at President Bill Clinton’s inauguration in 1993. As an author, she was able to be a voice for so many people who were frightened to speak up during that difficult time frame.

INSPIRING AUTHORS

JANE AUSTEN

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Jane Austen is mostly known for her brilliant novels that explore romance, life lessons and many of social traditions that we see today. Her novels such as Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Northanger Abbey, Lady Susan, and Emma have a common theme: choosing your own path. Austen’s work set new expectations and broke the barrier of women writers. Her work highlighted women as these powerful beings and mocked society’s injustice of them. Though Austen did receive some popularity and fame in her earlier novels, it was not until after her death, that she gained her credibility as an author.
Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/22-2/18) – Your ability to take full control of almost everything you do will surely help you with leadership skills in the future.


Aries (3/21-4/20) – There will be many events for you to attend soon. Don’t miss a single one, and always make the best of it.

Taurus (4/21-5/20) – You will meet new friends soon who will introduce you to a new hobby.

Gemini (5/21-6/20) – Peer pressure is weighing on you heavily lately. Stay focused and remain on the correct path.

Cancer (6/21-7/22) – Don’t depend on anyone for your happiness. Each day is based on your attitude so stay positive.

Leo (7/23-8/23) – You can help others more than they can help you. Use your strength to help others. It’ll make you feel better.

Virgo (8/24-9/22) – Enjoy a quiet dinner with someone close to you and discuss your future plans. It will help you to figure out more.

Libra (9/23-10/23) – Be sure to take care of any homework you have. Don’t let it pile up. Life will be busy soon.

Scorpio (10/24-11/22) – You’re struggling in school. Just do your best and work your hardest. Your efforts will be noticed.

Sagittarius (11/23-12/21) – You’re dealing with conflict, whether it’s in a friendship or a relationship. Always focus on your own happiness first.

Capricorn (12/22-1/21) – You will be visiting family soon that you don’t see often. Enjoy all the time spent together.

Star Wars: Tarkin, A Novel

By: Tyler Jacobs
Staff Reporter

Star Wars: Tarkin is another fine addition to author James Luceno’s already impressive resume of other Star Wars books including film-to-novel adaptations and several stories driven by any number of antagonists which appear in the films. Many of Luceno’s novels are also widely accepted as factual lore within the Star Wars universe, Tarkin being among them.

Star Wars: Tarkin follows the titular character Wilhuff Tarkin who was the commander of the Empire’s galactic battle station, the Death Star, in A New Hope (1977). He serves as a cold, calculating military leader and galactic governor for the Empire, destroying an entire inhabited planet for the sake of testing out the Empire’s new superweapon. Despite his powerful presence, the film does not reveal much about his history as he dies at the end of the movie. The novel by Luceno does not follow this route of storytelling.

Luceno opens with Tarkin commanding a seemingly unimportant battle station. He is then forced into action when an unidentified spaceship appears to wreak havoc on the station, an objective it fails due to Tarkin’s supreme military stratagem and intellect. This chapter sets the stage for the rest of the novel which follows Tarkin’s heavy involvement in political matters, commanding epic space battles, and his own flashbacks to his days of trials in the exotic wilderness of his homeworld Eriadu.

While the first half of the book sets up Tarkin’s relationships with other characters from the film such as Darth Vader and the Emperor, as well as showing Tarkin’s opinions and beliefs on moral and governmental matters, the second half of the novel takes a drastic turn as Tarkin and Darth Vader work together to unravel a conspiracy in which rebels opposed to the Empire use Tarkin’s ship “the Carrion Spike” to commit acts of terrorism on Imperial space stations on mining planets, and to outwit the Empire’s finest military minds.

During this half of the novel, the focus occasionally switches viewpoints between the Emperor, Tarkin, and the thieves who stole Tarkin’s ship. While the action may lack in the novel, the reader along with Tarkin as he analyzes situations, creates brilliant battle plans, and unfolds a conspiracy of traitors within the Empire. Tarkin is still cold and calculated just the same as his film counterpart, however the novel has the reader rooting for him. The character’s past is intriguing and his present keeping the same standards. The reader may often find themselves yearning to learn more about his history as they cruise through the novel.

Ultimately, the novel is a fun and quick read. However the author often fills paragraphs with large amounts of science from the Star Wars lore, layering vast amounts of detail. This shouldn’t get in the way of completing the novel, as it usually picks up quite fast between these segments. This science fiction novel is highly recommended to fans of any of the Star Wars films.


**FEATURES**

**Doubt, A Film Exploring Human Conviction**

_Doubt_ (2008) is a film adaptation of the 2004 play which won a Pulitzer of the same name. The film is written and directed by the writer of the original play, John Patrick Shanley. It stars Meryl Streep as Sister Aloysius, Philip Seymour Hoffman as Father Flynn, Amy Adams as Sister James, and Viola Davis as Mrs. Miller. Each of these actors were Oscar nominated for their respective roles, and Shanley’s screenplay was also nominated for best writing, adapted screenplay.

The film takes place in 1965 in a Brooklyn Catholic school, two years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The focus mainly falls on Streep’s character Sister Aloysius, a nun who is principal of the school. She is a strict authoritarian bent on providing the students cold rules and consequences instead of a warm hand. The main conflict falls between her and the parish’s priest Father Flynn. Flynn is well respected in the community as a good man and a great priest. Aloysius thinks otherwise, heavily convinced that Flynn has had or is currently involved in an improper relationship with the altar boys, one in particular, the school’s first black student, an eighth grader named Donald Miller.

The film follows Aloysius as she tries to bring Flynn down and allying others to her cause such as Sister James and Donald’s mother. Aloysius is merciless in her campaign to remove Flynn from his position in the church and the community despite lacking real evidence to support her cause. She is also unable to go to any men of higher authority as they would not believe her accusations.

The film is loaded with imagery, symbolism, and scenes in which the film’s actors are put to the test with excellent dialogue. The film tests the actors, but more importantly, it tests the viewers. In the end, it isn’t revealed whether or not Father Flynn has had improper relations with any of the boys. One is left to their own interpretation of the film, their own doubts, ideals, and convictions. It is ultimately designed to spark discussion and controversy amongst others or with oneself.

The acting and cinematography in _Doubt_ is beautiful, painting a glorious picture for the true purpose of the film: to inspire doubt. The film is recommended to be watched independently the first time through, however it is excellent for any group of friends or family who want to start a debate. _Doubt_ is PG-13 but should be viewed by mature audiences. Undoubtedly, it is a great film.

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**CHASTAIN CHRONICLES**

_By: Tyler Jacobs  
Staff Reporter_

Chastain had been dealing with Marcus’s antics for too long now. The man had the monster hunter all over the city, sending him on wild goose chases and suicide missions. Chastain was nearing exhaustion. He knew that he needed to play along for as long as required until he could find a conceivable way to bring down the new coven’s leader. For now, he needed to head back home.

Back in the slums, he walked his way down the dank streets. There were gunshots a few blocks away, but those weren’t his problem. Mundane human affairs never were. His problems were the ones that the people were too blind to see or too ignorant to comprehend. In truth, Chastain didn’t truly understand his reason for spending all this time protecting them from evils they blatantly ignored. They were naïve, irresponsible, and cruel. He assumed it was perhaps a means of him feed-

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**Choose your own adventure Chapter 6: Breaking Point**

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out of the way, Julio. And stay down here,” Chastain snarled. He felt his blood boiling, even if his burners were worn down. He ascended, trudging up the corroding stairwell, the metallic ping of the infrastructure echoing with each heavy-laden step. At Julio’s floor, two thugs stood outside what used to be Antonio’s apartment. That name would no longer be whispered in this neighborhood. He was a man that had gang ties and a

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record of domestic abuse, not a
man who deserved name rec-
ognition. As Chastain stormed
down the hall with his own
quiet rage, the two gang mem-
bers perked up, terror in their
eyes. “Yo, man! You can’t go in
here! Antonio says no visitors!”
beamed the younger gang affili-
ate. Both men had tattoos cover-
ing their arms and sported some
on their necks. The negativity
that poured out of the apart-
ment was almost as palpable as
the rancid stench of drugs and
booze.

“I’m a special guest, Antonio’s
doctor,” Chastain stated as he
came up on the two men. They
put their arms up in protest and
one reached for a gun. Chastain’s
instincts took over. He grabbed
the gunner’s arm and slammed
it against the wall, keeping his
hand below the gun, catching
the weapon as it dropped from
hand below the gun, catching
it against the wall, keeping his
muscle. His eyes filled with the
fiery passion that was rage. “Put
the gun down, Antonio. Now,”
Chastain ordered, not restrain-
ing the atrocity of emotions
from fueling his words.

“How about you get the hell
out of my house you trench coat
wearing creeper! This is my home,
my apartment complex! This
woman belongs to me and so
does Julio!” Antonio screamed
back, his words slurring. The
drunkeness the abuser experi-
enced did not stop him from
lacing each word with venom.

“Then you stroll up, huh! Wear-
ing your fancy coat and doing
little favors for the people here!
You turned them against me! I
hate you!”

“You turned them against you
by your own accord,” Chastain
growled. “You aren’t the first
person to announce their hate
for me either.” Chastain’s stance
was like that of a feral dog, ready
to tear out the throat of its oppo-
nent in a split second. Chastain
slowly drew his coat to a close,
ready to take a bullet.

“I’ll kill you!” Antonio cried
out. “I’ll kill you!” In a quick,
unsteady movement, Antonio
pulled the gun away from Ver-
onica and pointed it at Chas-
tain, pulling the trigger. Chas-
tain bunched together his coat,
the force of the bullet making
him stumble backwards… The
noise seemed to burn his ears,
as he had been no more than
ten feet away. Chastain’s coat
protected him from any damage.
The bullet simply laying on the
crusty carpet at their feet.

As Antonio released Veroni-
ca’s hair and looked at his gun
in confusion, Chastain lurched
forward. He grabbed Antonio by
the wrist and snapped it back-
wards, making him drop the
gun. Once the gun was on the
floor, Chastain kicked it away.
He ripped the man out of the
chair and with all his might,
threw him at the small section
of wall between the small win-
dows leading to the terrace.
Chastain walked over to An-
tonio and lifted him off the ground
by the front of his shirt. “I’m
tired-” Chastain shouted, send-
ingar his fist straight towards the
abuser’s jaw, “of dealing with
you!” Chastain slammed An-
tonio against the wall and then
tossed him into a coffee table.
Before Chastain could grab the
man again, a gunshot rang out
through the tiny apartment.
A crimson pool on Antonio’s
stomach formed and swelled.
Chastain quicklly went to his
knees by Antonio’s side, press-
ing his hand on the center of
the blood spot.

“I had to do it, Mr. Chastain,
I had to do it,” Veronica whis-
pered, her eyes crazed, hands
trembling. The gun fell from her
hands as she stared blankly at
the man who she had shot. An-
tonio’s breathing was quick and
raspy.

“Shut up,” Chastain said to her
as he pressed his hands down
on the blood, trying to stop the
bleeding. Antonio was a bad
man, but no one deserved to be
murdered. Death was too simple
a sentencing. One should live
with their decisions, not be ab-
solved by them at the doors of
death, Chastain thought.

“I can,” Chastain began. “No,
I can’t-” Antonio rasped once
more and finally, his chest sim-
ply stopped rising. With blood-
ed hands, Chastain closed the
man’s eyes. Chastain stood,
somn. He turned to Veronica,
who stared at the now corpse of
her ex husband.
The door to the apartment
swung open, Natasha standing
there. She rushed in, looking
to Chastain for answers. “What
happened, Chas? Good lord,”
Natasha questioned, getting a
look at the body.

“Abuser. He and I fought and
she shot him dead. After he
had threatened her life earlier,”
Chastain said simply, his focus
lost. “Formulate a story, Nat-
asha. I need to go.” With that,

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Antonio before the fight.

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Chastain left the apartment and ascended a few floors before reaching his own. His thoughts were running amuck in his mind, blurring his thoughts into an unintelligible mess. His brain was like a splatter painting without the style, and was made up of blacks and greys instead of flamboyant colors. At his apartment, he unlocked the myriad of locks, working like clockwork without purpose. Blood on his hands, he pushed open the yellow door, leaving crimson prints all over it.

Once inside, each blurb of thought came to a standstill. His the hoard of documents, which filled his apartment wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling, were gone. The entire apartment had been completely cleaned out, the space completely open. He had once only had a single hallway between the floor-to-ceiling stacks of documents, which led to his bedroom and bathroom. Both which also contained hundreds of thousands of lines of information which he used to block out the useless information his mind often picked up on, such as guessing the kind of socks someone bought simply by seeing how they styled their hair. All of the documents, his obsessive hoarding was an escape from the reality he existed in.

“I told her that she was to say it out, Chastain.” Chastain's fingers twitched, he shivered. “Don't worry. They're simply in a storage unit, two connect-ed units. They're fine,” Natasha elaborated. “They're a hazard to you and the rest of the residents here.” Natasha crossed her arms over her chest and approached Chastain from behind, a look of concern taking hold of her expression. “Are you alright?” “I've done something terrible, Natasha,” Chastain stated, ignoring her last statements. He glanced over her shoulder at her. “What did you do, Chas?” Natasha questioned. “Did you kill that man downstairs?” Natasha’s eyes were piercing, yet warm.

“I did not kill him,” Chastain mumbled. “I just didn't save him.” Chastain turned to face Natasha, staring into her eyes. “There was nothing you could have done, Chastain. He was a dead man once that woman pulled the trigger,” Natasha tried to clarify as a means to put Chastain at ease.

“I could have healed him,” Chastain confessed. “I simply decided it was best to not. I decided that he... wasn't a benefit to humans anymore. I let a man die because I deemed him unworthy of this world.” “Chastain, what you did, it was for the best, was it not?” Natasha asked, her hands on Chas-tain’s firm shoulders. “He would just cause more pain to many people.” “That is not the way!” Chastain cried out, dropping to his knees before Natasha. “One does not decide that a human life is not fit for this world! That is not justice to the human world! It is murder!” Hot tears streamed down Chastain's cheeks as he hugged her around the waist. Natasha placed her hands on his shoulders and massaged them tenderly.

“Chastain, whether your choice was right or wrong, you thought it right in that moment. When overworked and exhaust-ed, people make poor choices. Sometimes, I think you forget that you are a person too,” Natasha explained, a motherly tone in her voice. “You mustn’t lose sight of that. Marcus has worked you relentlessly, and has impaired your judgement. We must stop him.”

Chastain took a deep breath, containing his sobbing. He released Natasha and laid back on the floor, staring at the ceiling. He swallowed hard. “That’s what I’ve been trying to do since the 1800s. What do you suggest?” Chastain wiped his eyes and climbed to his feet.

“I see two ways of going about this. I’ve done some digging as of recently and I’ve come up with some gold,” Natasha stated. “There’s some intel circulating about this club in Brooklyn run by that werewolf pack that has moved in.”

“And what is the other option?” Chastain questioned as he gathered his thoughts. “The coven that was ruling before Marcus strolled into town. They’ve been here for centuries, very closeted organization. I say we find our way in and knock in some teeth until we get some answers.” Natasha once again crossed her arms over her chest and approached Chastain.

“I'm ready for anything,” Chastain replied, wiping his hands off on a rag from the Mary Poppins closet in his pocket.

Find some answers at the Brooklyn night club.

Close in on a vampire coven opposed to Marcus.

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“The most important thing about illness is not to push it and to take care of yourself,” stated Chancellor High School Ap U.S. Government Teacher Penelope Millar. Recently Millar has recovered and still is recovering from an illness that made her homesick, but not in a good way. Though Millar was going through a hard time, she still made sure to keep her spirits up. “I listened to one of my favorite book series on audio books; the series was called The Amelia Peabody Mysteries by Elizabeth Peters.”

“I’ve never had to be in the hospital for an illness before,” exclaimed Millar. Millar missed over two weeks of school while she was recovering from her untimely illness. However, Millar managed to keep up with most of her grading and planning by communicating with the substitute teacher that stood in her place while she was out. Though Millar could communicate with the substitute teacher and have her husband help her get ungraded papers, Millar still had a hard time fighting the illness and worrying about work at the same time. “I couldn’t really focus on reading; I was so out of it, especially while I was in the hospital.”

“They decided I was recovered enough to come back to work, but I am not fully recovered yet,” stated Millar. Gladly Millar has recently returned to Chancellor High School and is able, once again, to teach her classes in an efficient and interesting way.

“Each day I feel a little better than the day before,” exclaimed Millar. There is no doubt that Millar is an experienced teacher and a valuable piece to the puzzle here at Chancellor and lets all hope that she fully recovers soon, as well as all the other ill students and staff of Chancellor High School.

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AP Recovery: Millar

St. Patrick’s Day is one of those holidays that everyone gets really into. It doesn’t matter if you’re full blown Irish, just a little Irish, or if you have absolutely no ties to Irish heritage; everyone makes an effort to wear a little green on March 17th. After all, if you don’t, you’ll get a full day of pinches and harassment. Depending on where you are in the world determines how you celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, but everywhere seems to observe this day in one way or another.

In Ireland, the heart of all this, they hold a five day festival to celebrate the Catholic feast day. In Argentina, a party that attracts more than 50,000 people is held in the downtown street of Reconquista, where there are several Irish pubs. One of the longest-running and largest St. Patrick’s Day parades in North America takes place each year in Montreal Canada. Japan even celebrates St. Patrick’s Day with parades for the entire month of March which were originally started and organized by The Irish Network Japan in 1992. It seems as though everyone in the world observes St. Patrick’s Day. Whether it’s just by wearing a green t-shirt, or by attending parades in huge celebration. It’s a fun holiday that everyone loves to participate.

By: Talon Torres
Staff Reporter

Staircase Bath Magic

You are sitting at a table. The dealer has played the 6 of clubs. On your side of the table, you have a 6 of Clubs and a 7 of Diamonds. In your hand, you have a 5 of Hearts, an Ace of Spades, and an 3 of Diamonds. What card do you need to play to end the game in a draw?
“I wanted to come to America because I liked the language and wanted to experience the culture and meet new people,” explains Emily Seiff.

Emily is a German exchange student at Chancellor High for the 2015-2016 school year. She is staying with a host family. “They are really nice,” states Emily.

Before coming to Virginia for the school year she went to New York for a five day trip. This spring break she will be going to Hawaii with the Exchange Student program. Emily has traveled to many countries. She has been to Poland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Greece, Belgium, France.

“I miss the food and public busses the most,” states Emily when thinking of home.

The biggest difference between living here and Germany is the school. “Here you’re allowed to choose classes but in Germany they give you your classes. It’s the same people in every class and the days are shorter over there.” Emily’s favorite part about living here is the school. Her favorite class is Art with Mr. Moore and Psychology with Mrs. Dockery. But her most challenging class is sociology.

She is not allowed to have a job while here in America, and although she’s not in any extracurricular activities or sports she says, “I always go to the games because my friends play.” Outside of school she likes to hang out with friends and goes to her friend’s farm where they ride horses. She has a horse back in Germany. She and her friends also like to go to the mall together. She enjoys that because there is no mall in Germany.

Emily will be heading back to Germany on June 23rd, but plans on coming back to visit next summer.
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