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(U//~~FOUO~~) 1. CLA Banquet Preps

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Preparations are already underway for the annual CLA Banquet that is scheduled to take place on 31 March 2010 in the Canine Annex. Dr. Cindy Courville has agreed to be our guest speaker and plans to focus her presentation on her previous experience as U.S. Ambassador to the African Union. She will discuss AFRICOM and the launching of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for information on ticket sales. Seating will be limited and CLA members will have priority. Don't miss it!

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(U//~~FOUO~~) 2. Next NML Exhibit / Flag Update

The National Museum of Language will open its new exhibit "Emerging American Language in 1812" in mid-February. This exhibit is about Noah Webster (and others) who shaped the language (some of it at least) which we now use. The old exhibit, "Writing Language: Passing It On" will still be on display (two for the price of one!).

If you have never seen the International Flag of Language (IFL), there is an article about it (written by yours truly) in the Fall 2009 issue of NAVA News. It is pretty much the whole story of the flag (the how and why) and includes photos of the IFL (two of them), the two first place flags as well as an Esperanto flag. If you want to see it, I will shotgun you a copy. The flag, by the way, is up for consideration in the Guinness Book of World Records "World's first" category.

(U) 3. Presidential Language Trivia

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Which president's sister worked with him to improve his Greek and Latin?

- A. James Madison
- B. James Monroe
- C. John Tyler
- D. Benjamin Harrison
- E. Rutherford Hayes

As always, the answer and details are at the very end of the issue:

(U) 4. English Is a Foreign Language Too

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes
I did not object to the object
They were too close to the door to close it
The wind was too strong to wind the sail
Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear
I had to subject the subject to a series of tests
There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row
The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert
Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the
present

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(U) 6. Friday Fun Fillers--Even Though It Is Thursday

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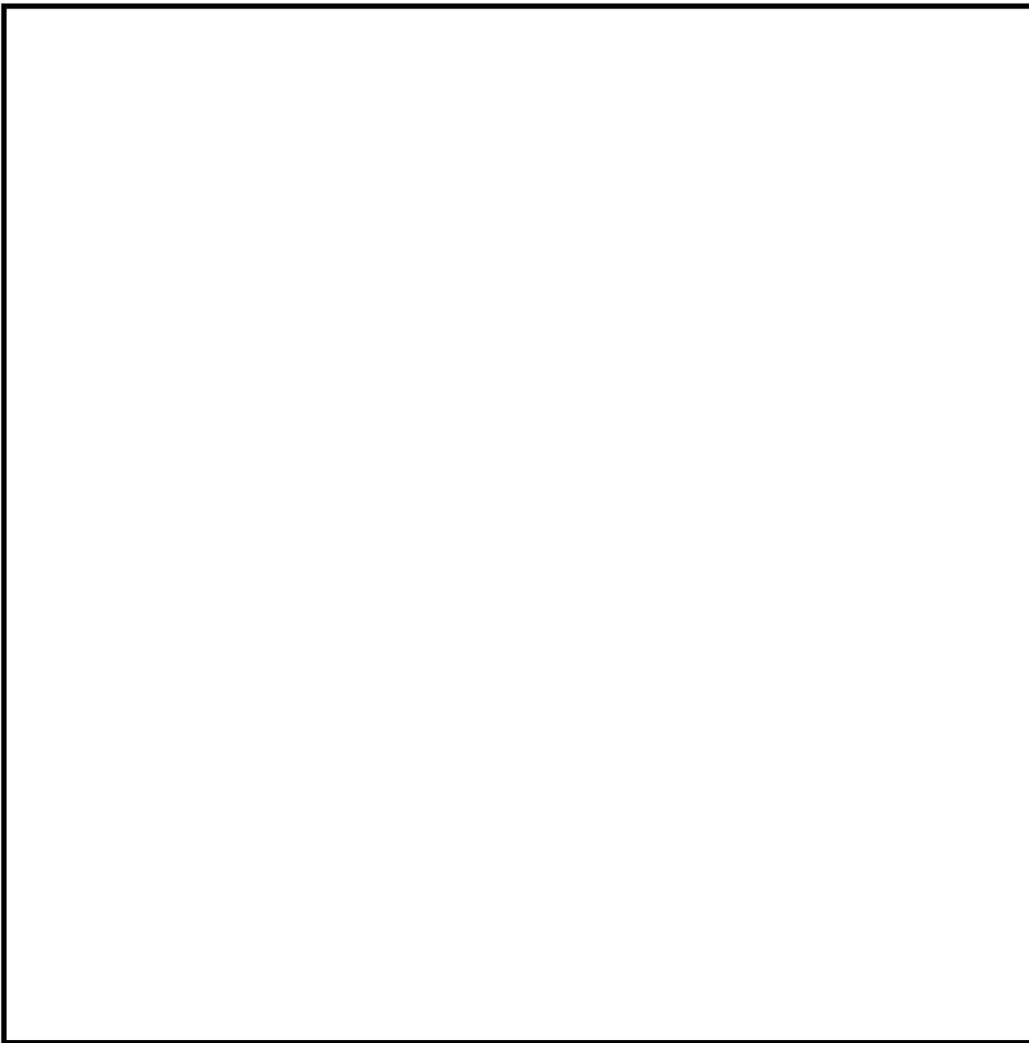
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--While it is a good idea obviously for spoken languages to have their written counterpart, an attraction of Navaho in World War Two was that it was NOT written down--the Japanese, etc., could not get a written copy, i.e., dictionary of the language.

--Murrinh-Patha, a language of the Northern Territory of Australia, has whole sentences which can be expressed as a single multi-syllabic word.

--Sequoyah, the creator of the Cherokee alphabet, was so much into his creation that his neglected wife--in a moment of anger undoubtedly--destroyed all his notes (and there were a lot). He had to start all over again.

--The University of Maryland will probably drop Yiddish due to budget cuts--it is one of the few schools that apparently had a stable program.



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C. John Tyler
D. Benjamin Harrison
ANSWER E. Rutherford Hayes (19th President, 1877-1881)

Although he had a tutor, young Hayes was not doing well with Greek and Latin. His sister, Fanny, learned the same material and recited it to him to reinforce his tutoring sessions.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) (Editor's Note: Since I will be away teaching a course (earning my paycheck for a change) at another facility, these newsletters will be less frequent for a while. Thanks. ☐)

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(U) 1. Presidential Language Trivia

(U) Which president said the following to a Supreme Court chief justice:

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"You didn't say that right, you should have said, "Delenda est Carthago."

- A. Harry Truman
- B. Franklin Roosevelt
- C. Woodrow Wilson
- D. Ronald Reagan
- E. Abraham Lincoln

(U) As always, the answer and an explanation are at the very end of the issue.

(U) 2. NML Linguamon Program on Sunday (Short Notice)

(U) The National Museum of Language is pleased to announce that Mr. Antoni Mir, director of Linguamon: House of Languages (www.linguamon.cat) in Barcelona, Spain, will be at the Museum this Sunday 21 February at 1330 to give a presentation on the development of Linguamon and its importance to people in Spain and the world. Anyone interested in attending should contact President Gary McCone ASAP at 410-707-9307 since this is very short notice and there is limited seating.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) 3. CLA Foreign Language Book Give-Away

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Title: CLA Foreign Language Book Give-Away (formerly Book Swap)
Date: 04/30/2010
Time: 1130 - 1400

Location: [REDACTED]

NOTE: This is a book give-away. However, anyone wanting to DONATE books may contact POC [REDACTED] in advance or just bring the books to [REDACTED] between 1130 and 1200 on 30 April 2010.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) 4. CLA Scissors Party

(~~C//REL~~) (Item courtesy of [REDACTED] who is also the POC for the activity [REDACTED] or 966-3630))

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Do you love animals, especially African animals? Are you good with your hands? Do you want to support the Crypto-Linguistic Association as we prepare for the 31 March banquet?

If the answer to all these questions is yes, please join us in making African animal table decorations on 3 March from 1100-1200 in the [REDACTED] conference room. [REDACTED] will provide the animal patterns; all we have to do is color them and cut them out.

Please bring a pair of scissors and an assortment of colored pencils. Tape will be provided.

Come one, come all. The more the merrier and the faster we will make about 100 animal decorations!

See you then.

Sue

(U) 5. English is a Foreign Language Too

(U) SEEN:

--in a Tokyo bar: "Special cocktails for the ladies with nuts"
--in a Copenhagen airline ticket office: "We take your bags and send them in all directions"
--on the door of a Moscow hotel room: "If this is your visit to Russia, you are welcome to it"
--in a Norwegian cocktail lounge: "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar"

(U) 6. Culture is a Foreign Language Too
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Clairol once introduced the "Mist Stick," a curling iron, into Germany only to find out that the German word "mist" is slang for "manure."
Sweden's Electrolux once tried to sell vacuum cleaners in the United States with the slogan "Nothing sucks like an Electrolux."
Colgate once introduced a toothpaste in France called Cue, the name of a notorious porn star.

(U) 7. Upcoming Area Events

~~(C//REL)~~ (Item courtesy of [redacted])

Here are some upcoming events that you may want to put on your calendars:

1. World Artists Experiences and the International Division of Maryland's Office of the Secretary of State will be having a free international film festival from 8 Feb. to 12 Mar. at five different locations throughout MD (the closest being the MD Hall for Creative Arts, 801 Chase St., Annapolis). The following five films will be screened at all five locations (starting at 7 p.m.):

Son of the Bride (Argentina), 25 Feb. at MD Hall

Decemberheat (Estonia), 4 Mar. at MD Hall

Dance of the Maidens (Nigeria), 11 Mar. at MD Hall

For more details, including other dates & locations, go to www.worldartists.org

2. Back by popular demand: Alash, Throat Singing of Tuva. This group, from the tiny Republic of Tuva (located between Mongolia & Russia), has mastered a remarkable technique for singing multiple pitches at the same time. If you missed them last year, here's your chance (again) to hear music like nothing that you've ever heard before, performed in traditional Tuvan dress with authentic Tuvan instruments. The concert is free, and it will be performed at four locations in MD. Here is the closest venue:

Chesapeake Arts Center, 194 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, MD; 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 Mar.

For more details & other locations, go to www.worldartists.org and/or www.alashensemble.com

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ANSWER A. Harry Truman (33rd President, 1945-1953)

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C. Woodrow Wilson

D. Ronald Reagan

E. Abraham Lincoln

(U) DETAILS. The chief justice who Truman corrected was Fred Vinson. The two were having a conversation about something going on in Congress that neither approved of when Vinson said: "Well, like old Cato said in the Roman Senate, "it ought to be destroyed--Carthage ought to be destroyed--Carthago delenda est." Reporters on the scene investigated and discovered that Truman learned his high school Latin well.

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