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### Mr. Skrip: A Helping Hand By Ian Macari

Jim Skrip is the new Director of Finance and Operations at The Harvey School after the position opened last year. Mr. Skrip is new to the school, but he knows a lot about the Harvey community.

Mr. Skrip grew up in Buffalo, New York and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 1984. He graduated with a degree in Accounting. Due to a poor economy at the time in the Northeast, however, he moved to Dallas, Texas to work at Arthur Andersen in the public accounting department of the company. After a while, he began working for a real estate company in Dallas as an assistant controller.

Mr. Skrip later moved to San Francisco to work as the chief financial officer at a small software company before taking on a bigger job as the Director of Asset Management at a large real estate company which had control of more than 5,000 apartments in multiple cities. Eventually, however, Mr. Skrip would end up back in Buffalo for eight years.

Mr. Skrip would meet his wife, Harvey parent Vanessa Williams, and after getting married, he moved to Westchester County. This was at the same time that the position of Director of Finance and Operations opened up at Harvey. Mr. Skrip learned about Harvey through his step-daughter Sasha Fox.

The job description, as well as Mr. Skrip's knowledge of the school, made the job the perfect fit, and he decided very quickly that Harvey was a place that he would want to work.

The job of Director of Finance and Operations involves a lot of different duties around Harvey. The director is involved in many day-to-day duties at the school, including the overseeing of financial issues at the school, accounting, cash flow forecast, and maintenance and construction on the grounds.



Mr. Skrip in his office. Photo courtesy of Ian Macari

While Mr. Skrip has only been working at Harvey for a couple of months now, he does have some goals for what he would like to accomplish

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### “Working”: An Industrial Triumph By Daniel Patrick Galgano

On Friday, Nov. 7, the musical “Working” opened at Harvey. There was a regularly scheduled performance Friday and then a matinee Saturday. The production was directed by Chair of the Performing Arts Vinny Alexander.

The musical was about the working class in New York City. The script was originally based on Louis Terkel's book, which was a collection of interviews with working people in the city. The musical consists of theatrical interpretations of these interviews. Over the years, it has been adapted to reflect modern times.

The production opened with senior Jared Peraglia, who played an ironworker. All the characters wore black costumes, and each wore something different on top of it to signify their role, such as an orange construction vest, scarf, etc.

The music in this production was especially well executed, and all the cast members did an exceptional job. Many of the characters also had slight accents, which can be difficult to do. However, here they were very well done and practiced.

In the production, the actors had to transition from scene to scene and interview to interview. It would seem easy to blunt these transitions, but these transitions were fluid, and one scene slid easily into the next one. For example, the transition between a scene with truck drivers soon followed a scene with a technology helpline, which must have been a challenging transition.

“Working” really made you think about working-class America and how many of the people in these kinds of professions are disenfranchised by society. Characters like hedge fund manager Rex Winship (played by Ben Kabakow) also did a good job at showing how the elite did not care or help the middle and working class.

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Photograph of the “Working” cast. Photo courtesy of John Brooks.

## Speech and Poetry Recitation Contests: Is It Time to Revise?

There is no doubt that both the Speech Contest and the Poetry Recitation Contest are two of the most debated topics within the Harvey student body. Some look at them as chances to express themselves and exercise their talents, while others feel that they are both heavily catered to those involved in theater.

Being able to speak in front of a group of peers is an extremely important skill that should be learned and practiced in high school. Those of us who have no previous training in this activity, however, are put against others who do, and in a schoolwide competition. How is this fair?

According to the Chair of the English Department, Mr. Jeffrey Seymour, the only changes made to the Speech Contest in recent years were to make sure they were not “excessively long,” and that the English department has “wrestled with how to deal with spoken word poetry.” He also mentioned the fact that students come up to him every year and have the same complaints, but they never listen to the answer. He makes a reasonable argument that, if a student genuinely wants change, they should actually listen and devise a working plan to propose.

Nothing, however, has changed with the whole competition aspect. When I asked Mr. Seymour if he thought that the competitions were fair, he stated, “Well, if I were playing basketball against someone six-feet tall, they’d have a better chance at winning the game than I do, but it would still be fair, right?” This is a great point, and it goes to further prove my argument for the administration to revise the Speech and Poetry Contests.

Maybe the students who complained each year simply argued for the wrong case. It should not be the question of whether or not the contests should be mandatory; it should be about the competition itself and who the contenders really are year to year.

Students with vastly different talents should not be put in a competition together where the final product is graded. The presentations should still be held in front of the class in order to practice public speech as well as develop writing skills, but the competitive aspect is pointless. Either get rid of both the Speech and Poetry Recitation Contests completely, or revise the outdated system.

A competition should be between people with similar practices and interests, like two football teams that both play two hours a day before the big game, or debate teams that stay late after school to polish their argument styles before they go head to head. Both examples show opposing parties practicing and training for the same outcome.

Take a student who finds joy in analytical math and problem-solving but does not excel in English or writing in any way. He is involuntarily signed up into a competition against the student who spends their time memorizing lines and rehearsing in front of their peers. He does not ever express himself verbally, and the other student practices this skill for fun.

It is not the same as when a football team goes against another that is clearly better. The hearts of both teams are set on the same goal: winning the football game. Obviously in life one will have to compete with another more qualified in whatever field they are competing in, but they both strive for the same job and have previous experience. A public speaker wants to compete in public speaking because that is what they do. A football player wants to compete with physical and mental force because that is what they do.

I ask the English department and the administration, are these competitions still in play purely due to tradition? Students should not compete against each other for a graded assignment. This is a request to review the purpose and style in which the Wells Speech Contest and the Michael Lopes Poetry Recitation Contest are carried out.

Respectfully,  
Jacob Reber

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this year. He would like to get to know “the lay of the land” and everyone here at Harvey.

Currently, he spends his time meeting with Harvey leaders to talk about issues that include maintenance, repairs, and money for new projects. He needs to discuss what they would like to do and how their ideas fit in the budget, including training for teachers, student trips, and kitchen-related activities.

So far, what Mr. Skrip has enjoyed the most at Harvey has been getting to know all the teachers and students. He enjoys working with everyone from the Board of Trustees and Mr. Knauer to parents and students.

Outside of work, Mr. Skrip has a lot of interests in many different aspects of life. He is a true Renaissance Man. He enjoys rooting for the Buffalo Bills and Sabres, as well as St. Bonaventure basketball. He enjoys playing basketball and golf in his free time. Due to his wife’s involvement in the arts, he also attends Broadway shows and concerts.

Mr. Skrip would like to let everyone at Harvey know that his door is always open, and he would love to hear from people. He would also like to let everyone know that the business office is here to assist. Mr. Skrip refers to himself as a “Customer Service” person, as he is always willing to help.

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# Current Events

## Horrorful Sexual Allegations in Hollywood

By Leah Wang

The number of people coming forward with allegations of harassment and sexual assault in Hollywood continues to grow. This list includes Kevin Spacey, who, according to ABC News, is being investigated by British police for assaulting a man in London in 2008. Film producer Harvey Weinstein is also facing allegations that he sexually harassed numerous women.

According to The Los Angeles Times, police in London have opened an investigation into an allegation of sexual assault against two-time Oscar winner Kevin Spacey. It remains unclear if Spacey's hit Netflix series "House of Cards" can now go ahead in any form.

At the same time, new alleged victims are coming forward. Actor Anthony Rapp said that Spacey tried to "seduce" him and lay on top of him when he was 14 years old at Spacey's New York apartment 31 years ago.

"I came forward with my story, standing on the shoulders of the many courageous women and men who have been speaking out, to shine a light and hopefully make a difference, as they have done for me," Mr. Rapp said in an emailed statement. Kevin Spacey, however, said he did not remember the encounter alleged by Rapp, but he apologized nonetheless.

A 48-year-old East Coast

artist has also approached New York Magazine to talk about Spacey. At the age of 14, he says, he began a sexual relationship with the actor that ended with what he describes as an attempted rape.

Mexican actor Roberto Cavazos was another who claimed he has faced "unpleasant" advances while at The Old Vic, the London theater where Spacey was the artistic director from 2003-2015.

Harvey Weinstein also has been accused of a number of sexual allegations. NBC News has confirmed there are at least four sexual misconduct or sexual assault investigations related to Weinstein underway in the Los Angeles area, and that London police are also investigating cases involving Weinstein. No charges have been filed.

Three weeks after complaints of sexual harassment and misconduct by Mr. Weinstein were first reported in The New York Times, women from different countries have come forward with allegations including rape and sexual assault.

According to The New York Times, Hope Exiner d'Amore said Harvey Weinstein raped her in a hotel room in the 1970s when he was a young concert promoter in Buffalo. "This has haunted me my entire life," said Exiner d'Amore, who is now 62 and was in her early 20s at the time of the alleged rape. The New York



Kevin Spacey and Harvey Weinstein have been accused of sexual harassment. Photo courtesy of AFP News.

Police Department is conducting a wide-ranging investigation of Weinstein.

At the same time, in other cities including London and Los Angeles, women have also spoken to law enforcement authorities regarding sexual assault allegations against Weinstein. London police are reportedly investigating three sexual assault cases involving Mr. Weinstein, ranging from the 1980s to 2015.

Mr. Weinstein's spokeswoman, Sallie Hofmeister, said in a statement that "any allegations of nonconsensual sex are unequivocally denied by Mr. Weinstein." Harvey Weinstein himself sent The New York Times a statement in response to stories about his treatment of

women in Hollywood.

"I realized some time ago I needed to be a better person and my interactions with people I work with have changed," Weinstein said in the statement. "I appreciate the way I've behaved with colleagues in the past has caused a lot of pain, and I sincerely apologize for it."

Some of the stories about both Kevin Spacey and Harvey Weinstein happened a long time ago, but they were only revealed recently. Hollywood is being questioned as an environment that allows sexual predators to thrive. Does Hollywood prevent men and women who were hurt from coming forward with the truth?



"Boy Scouts Will Accept Girls in Bid to 'Shape the Next Generation of Leaders.'" Photo courtesy of nytimes.com.

On Oct. 11, The Boy Scouts of America announced that starting next year, girls will be allowed to join Cub Scout units, known as dens, for the first time in its nearly 100-year history. A separate program for older girls will be available in 2019, enabling them to earn the rank of Eagle Scouts in Boy Scouts.

The reaction from many was one of outrage: Why should girls join a boys' organization when there's already one specifically designed for girls? Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are separate programs that provide very similar goals and opportunities

to girls and boys. Now, it is more like Girl Scouts versus Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest youth development organizations, providing programs for young boys that build character and train them to be prepared for life.

The Girl Scouts program builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. They offer a range of activities for every type of girl—sports, outdoor activities, and life skills.

## Battle Lines Drawn in Scouting

By Morgan Chapman

Yes, the change does give another option to girls, it also brings competition that could ultimately hurt the Girl Scouts and their mission. In the past few years, the Girl Scouts have seen declining membership, and therefore this decision may affect their leadership and damage the value system.

According to Elaine Godfrey of The Atlantic, "The Boy Scouts say they're doing it to make life easier for busy families with multiple children who might want to enroll their kids in a single organization." Godfrey continued, "The experiences of the two organizations are very different."

How are the Girl Scouts different from the Boy Scouts? In The Atlantic, according to Tammy Proctor, "From the beginnings of the two movements, there's been friction. In the 1920s, the Boy Scouts actually sued the Girl Scouts in court over the name "scout." They thought it was a male term. There were legal battles—and battles in the media—over this

decision. In some countries, there's a closer relationship between the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. But in the U.S., they've functioned as totally separate organizations and they don't always get along."

For both groups of scouts, this decision is impacting their success. On Oct. 26, The Pulse interviewed English teacher Mr. Cowan, who grew up involved with the Boy Scouts and has youth experience with the outdoors. He was a Cub Scout for 10 years (8 years old to 18 years old), and he was awarded the Eagle Scout award.

Mr. Cowan said, "I think it is a mistake. What's wrong with boys being boys and girls being girls? I support Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. There is already Explorers Post, which is coed. They offer 13-week backpacking trips, and when I was a Scout, I brought girls in, and people did not want me to... This has been the norm, and I believe this is a bad move on the Boy Scouts."

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# Current Events

## Catalan Debacle

By Daniel Patrick Galgano

On Oct. 1, 2017, the government of Catalonia held a referendum on independence from the Kingdom of Spain. Catalonia is located in the South-Eastern region of Spain and has long talked about independence from the Spanish government and has, in the past, gained levels of local government and autonomy.

The Catalan people are historically and ethnically different from the rest of the Spanish people, and many wish to see their own government in control of Catalonia. The Spanish government has granted Catalonia its own president and parliament to govern and run the region with oversight from Madrid.

According to The Economist, Catalonia is Spain's most populous and richest region, and losing Catalonia would strike a large blow to the Spanish government, economy, and the IBEX 35 (Spanish Stock Market Exchange Index). According to Gallup Inc., the Catalan people have a much better view of the economy than other Spanish citizens. This information may have to do with the fact that Catalonia has a better economy than the rest of Spain. Catalans also have significantly less faith in the Spanish government than other Spanish citizens have.

The referendum ended up pro-independence. According to The Los Angeles Times, Catalan officials are claiming that nine out of every



Photograph of protesters in Catalonia. Photo courtesy of EU Observer.

10 voters in the referendum voted for independence. However, questions have been brought up as to the legitimacy of the referendum, as less than half the Catalan population reported. It is believed that a large amount of the Catalan citizens who would vote not to declare independence did not come to the polls because they did not want to have to deal with the protests in the streets. Some polling suggests that most Catalans are satisfied with their local government and would not vote for independence.

Despite this referendum being declared legally "binding," Catalan President Carles Puigdemont has not formally declared indepen-

dence. The Spanish government laid out a deadline of Oct. 19 for the Catalan government to decide on independence, or they will have to take further action.

The further action here is enacting Section 155 of the Spanish constitution, which would dissolve the Catalan parliament and Presidency.

According to The Los Angeles Times, on Oct. 19, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy announced a cabinet meeting for Saturday, Oct. 21, in a special session to trigger Section 155.

According to Al Jazeera, Prime Minister Rajoy announced Oct. 21 that Spain will strip Catalonia of its autonomy through Article 155. The Prime Minister then made a statement saying that the Spanish government will not allow any attempts at independence.

Catalan President Puigdemont has asked the Spanish government to negotiate and come to a deal for (possibly) something less than full independence. Spanish Prime Minister Rajoy has refused to engage in any negotiations.

Madrid has taken drastic steps to stop any independence conclusion. On Oct. 16, Spanish officials jailed President Jordi Cuixart of the Catalan Omnium Cultural and President Jordi Sánchez of the Catalan national assembly without bail on charges of sedition. In Spain, a sedition charge can last up to 15 years. In response, over 200,000 Barcelona citizens took to the streets in protest over the arrest.

Al Jazeera has also reported that with Article 155 being enacted, the Catalan regional government will be immediately dissolved, and Madrid will govern Catalonia single handedly. The Catalan parliament will be transformed into more of a symbolic body than one empowered to govern the region.

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## Mayhem in Manhattan

By Morgan Chapman

Halloween 2017 will unfortunately be remembered as the day when a deranged terrorist mowed down more than a dozen bicyclists only blocks away from the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. The attack, which now stands as the second deadliest terrorist attack in Manhattan since 9/11, reminded New Yorkers (if not the entire country) that our nation's largest city remains a primary target.

Most recently, the terrorist attack that occurred on Halloween Day involved a man who drove a rented pickup truck down a crowded bike path, crushing and striking cyclists and pedestrians. The New York Daily News reported that eight people were dead and 12 were injured- six foreign tourists and two Americans.

The terrorist, 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov, immigrated to the United States from Uzbekistan in 2010, and he resided in Stow, Ohio, before moving to Tampa, Florida, and then Paterson, New Jersey. He worked in New Jersey as a driver for Uber for six months, according to CNN.

The events unfolded quickly. At 2:43 p.m., Saipov crossed the George Washington Bridge and entered Manhattan, going south

down the West Side Highway. At 3:04 p.m. at Houston Street near Pier 40, he swerved into the Hudson River Greenway, a protected bike lane of Hudson River Park that runs parallel to West Street. He ran over people in the bike lane, mainly cyclists.

Next, the driver's truck crashed into a school bus that was transporting students with special needs. Four people on the bus were injured. CNN stated, "Five of those killed were Argentinians, a group of friends celebrating the 30th anniversary of graduates of the Polytechnic School in their hometown."

The pickup truck then came to a stop near the corner of Chambers Street and West Street. The driver was seen exiting the truck and then ran, zigzagging, while waving weapons that were later found to be a paintball gun and a pellet gun. The police said he shouted "Allahu Akbar" as he stepped out of the vehicle.

Finally, the suspect was shot in the abdomen by a New York City Police officer, taken into custody, and transported to a hospital for medical care.

This was the 15th attack in North America and Europe involving vehicles by terrorists since 2014. Ac-



Truck used by Sayfullo Saipov in terror attack. Photo courtesy of foxnews.com.

According to New America, a nonpartisan research institution, these 15 attacks killed 142 people in total.

According to CNN, this is New York's "deadliest terror attack since 9/11." It took Saipov less than an hour to rent a truck in New Jersey and drive 21 miles to the West Side Highway and violently kill eight people.

Saipov was a student of ISIS propaganda, and he was motivated to attack by an ISIS video questioning the killing of Muslims in Iraq. It took him a year to plan the attack, and after taking a test run in a Home Depot rental truck the week before the attack, Saipov chose Halloween to carry it out because more people would be on the streets.

The FBI took their time to closely examine details on Saipov's cellphone. The New York Times stated, "F.B.I. agents found 90 videos, including of ISIS fighters killing prisoners and of instructions for making an explosive device. They also found 3,800 images, among them some of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of ISIS. The complaint said Saipov reported being inspired in particular by a video in which Mr. al-Baghdadi 'questioned what Muslims in the United States and elsewhere were doing to respond to the killing of Muslims in Iraq.'"

As of Nov. 3, there are now barriers on the West Side highway bike path to block potential attackers from driving into crowds where there are many pedestrians.

## In Memory of Mr. McManus

By Julia Mallon

Howard McManus, an employee of The Harvey School for 17 years, recently passed away on October 27, 2017 at the age of 61. Most of the Harvey students remember Mr. McManus as the man who drove injured students to and from the Middle School, but he deserves to be remembered for a lot more than that.

Mr. McManus arrived at The Harvey School in 2000, and although he had a quiet presence on campus, he was devoted and passionate about his work. Mr. McManus was responsible for starting some of the earliest computer science courses at Harvey. He taught classes like Computer Aided Design (CAD), AP Computer Science, Intro to Gaming, Intro to Coding, Intermediate Coding, and Model Building.

Mr. McManus was very knowledgeable on these subjects, as he was interested in them from a young age. Mr. McManus attended Western Connecticut University and the Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University, enabling him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science.

One administrator who worked with Mr. McManus for many years is Assistant Head of School Richard Wyland. "Mr. McManus was a teacher who always gave his best and expected his students to do the same," Mr. Wyland told The Pulse. "He set high standards for his classes and was always ready to help those who reached out to him."

Not only was Mr. McManus involved with computer science courses, but he also had a passion for Ireland and rugby. Being a devoted Harvey rugby fan, he attended many matches and even chaperoned several spring break trips for the rugby team.

Aside from being a rugby fan, Mr. McManus enjoyed taking pictures of all Harvey athletics. He often took different team, captain, and senior pictures for many sports. Also, aside from just attending the spring break rugby trips, Mr. McManus also chaperoned Model U.N. trips.

Mr. Wyland continued, "He was always ready to lend a hand at whatever the school needed to be done." Mr. McManus proctored countless study halls and was willing to put the school first. Mr. Wyland said, "In my



Photo of Howard McManus.  
Photo courtesy of The Harvey School.

mind, Mr. McManus stands out as a person devoted and loyal to The Harvey School."

Another administrator who had the opportunity to get to know Mr. McManus well is Head of Upper School Philip Lazzaro. "Mr. McManus was a good friend who could always be counted on to help our school community at any time," Mr. Lazzaro said. "He was always a voice of clarity for me. Mr. McManus was dependable, passionate, and quite an intellectual. He helped our community in many ways, and I will miss him dearly."

Mr. McManus always took time out of his own day to make sure the school was running smoothly and that everyone was comfortable. Many other administrators and staff looked to Mr. McManus as a friend and someone they could trust. Mr. McManus also loved his family deeply and enjoyed reading with them on a regular basis.

One lesson that every student at Harvey should learn from Mr. McManus is to be altruistic. Mr. McManus showed up to work every day with a positive attitude that was reflected in his students. Mr. McManus was proud to be a part of the Harvey community, and that is why it is important to give his name the same respect. Mr. McManus and his family will remain in the thoughts of the community for the rest of this school year and beyond. Mr. McManus will be profoundly missed but never replaced.

## International Interaction with Northern Westchester Chinese School

By Leah Wang

The International Student Program at The Harvey School started to volunteer as Chinese teachers at Northern Westchester Chinese School (NWCS) in the beginning of the school year. Ms. Lindquist, the director of International Programs, took a group of nine international students from China to NWCS on Oct. 15, 2017.

This program was introduced to the International Student Program (ISP) by a host family who is enrolled in both NWCS and The Harvey School. The purpose is to connect the international students at Harvey with other American families that are from China or have interests in Chinese culture. This is also an opportunity to show our international students' leadership strengths outside of school.

The ISP students helped with the school's dumpling sale in the morning when they first arrived. They rolled out the dough and stuffed the dumplings. Then, the students were needed in different classrooms, and they practiced conversations in Chinese with the students at NWCS. Many Harvey students helped in cultural art classes, using their experience of living in China as well.

The Pulse interviewed Ms. Lindquist about her firsthand experience with the volunteering program and some of her expectations of the ISP.

"The students at the Chinese school were very excited to have everyone there," Ms. Lindquist said. "I noticed some of the parents were talking to our students about coming from China and living in another country. These are the kind of connections I wish to see from events like this."

Ms. Lindquist continued, "I think it is significant for our students to realize there is more to this area than just Harvey, and they can actually contribute to the community. This is also an amazing way to let the Westchester community know how great Harvey is. The school was really excited when they gave their feedback, and they would like more interactions in the future."

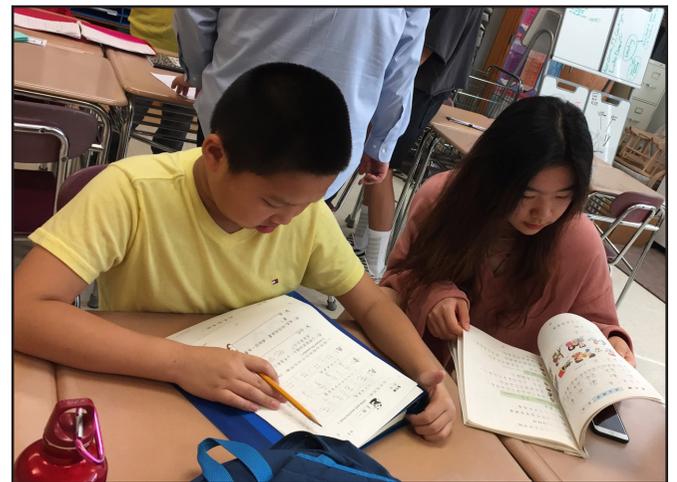
Having this connection with another school not only expands the stage for Harvey ISP students, but it also contributes to local schools and helps students with great interests in Chinese culture. The ISP is also looking forward to seeing more families become interested in being a host family for The

Harvey School through these volunteering opportunities.

The Pulse interviewed Rick Zhao, an international student from Harvey, about his experience at NWCS.

"It was such a different experience, not like anything I have done before," Zhao said. "I talked to the many children and their families. They were all very welcoming at the school, and many parents shared their experiences of living in the States and still maintain a connection with Chinese culture, which I found relatable and helpful."

Aside from academic courses, the ISP students were able to help with cultural classes as well. All of the Harvey ISP students that presented have lived in China for a very long time, which enabled them to explain the Chinese culture from the perspective of a native of China.



Harvey international student, Cici Chen, tutoring NWCS student.  
Photo courtesy of Ms. Lindquist.

Zhao talked to The Pulse about a cultural event he did during the day. He stated, "I helped organize the dumpling sale, and it was not challenging. Dumplings are made very often back in China, and most of us had experiences of making dumplings. We taught the children how to cook dumplings as well."

When asked about what he has learned from the experience, Zhao stated, "Organizing a large group of children was definitely not easy for me. Yet, we managed to make a lot of practice conversations in Chinese with children at NWCS. I definitely learned to communicate better with little children."

Starting from fall 2013, the ISP has brought Harvey various cultural experiences. The interactions with NWCS revealed the strength and qualities that the international students carry. This is going to be an amazing opportunity to introduce the international students at Harvey to the Westchester community.

## New Branches for Bottalico

By Julia Mallon



Harvey's newest art teacher, Ms. Bottalico, with her own artwork.  
Photo courtesy of Peter Dressel.

An advertisement online that called for a humorous art teacher for The Harvey School was delightfully filled by Jessica Bottalico of Poughkeepsie, New York. After teaching elementary school art, Ms. Bottalico was ready for a change of scenery and form of inspiration from her students.

Ms. Bottalico attended Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) for her undergraduate studies, and her major was General Fine Arts. She originally started as an illustration major, but after realizing she wanted to explore painting and textiles more, she switched majors. She also attended Rutgers University and earned her MFA while studying painting.

The phrasing of the advertisement is one of the features that drew Ms. Bottalico to The Harvey School. Ms. Bottalico told The Pulse, "I applied because my initial thought was everyone would be nice and fun to work with," and her thoughts were correct.

Ms. Bottalico continued, "I love Harvey, and I am really happy here. I teach classes like Digital Photo, Design Studio, Art Lab, Graphic Design, and Yearbook, all of which are art and design classes. I love teaching students. It's really rewarding. I often feel proud, joyful, frustrated, fulfilled, overwhelmed, tired, invigorated...so many feelings!"

"I enjoy teaching art because of all the different ideas my students have," Ms. Bottalico told The Pulse. High school students and elementary school students have very different minds, and therefore they produce different complexities of art. Ms. Bottalico said, "I loved teaching elementary school because young children are not self-conscious yet. Their creativity is refreshing and inspiring."

Ms. Bottalico worked at many elementary schools because she worked for The Guggenheim and Studio, which sent her to different schools. She worked for PS 299K in Brooklyn for two years, PS 88Q in Queens for three years, PS 144Q in Queens for a year, and PS 369X in the Bronx for one year each.

Contrasting the art of elementary school students, Ms. Bottalico continued, "High schoolers definitely have deeper ideas. I enjoy teaching older students, because I can have real conversations about art with them." Ms. Bottalico stated, "Working and traveling to different schools everyday gets tiring. I am so happy to be in one place and have no plans on leaving for a long time."

Down in the Art Center's basement, Room 011, Ms. Bottalico's students are always hard at work but having an enjoyable time. In one of Ms. Bottalico's Design Studio classes, there is a very diverse range of projects. Some students are designing their own websites and products online, while others are constructing three-dimensional objects out of materials like clay and fabric.

Aside from teaching art, Ms. Bottalico creates her own captivating artwork. Ms. Bottalico told The Pulse, "I have been creating artwork ever since I was a little child. I remember my favorite gift on Christmas would always be a giant box of art supplies my parents got for my sisters and me. I would always end up using the supplies the most."

Ms. Bottalico has since moved on to larger, more sophisticated art. Ms. Bottalico said, "I love to create paintings and ceramics. My paintings focus on different interior spaces and patterns. There are a lot of paintings based off my home and the homes of people who are important to me."

For her artwork Ms. Bottalico has earned many awards through her college years. For example, she was awarded the 2002 MICA Presidential Scholarship, the MICA Leadership award in 2005 and 2006, the 2009 Rutgers University and TA/GA Competitive Pool Scholarship, the 2011 Alfred and Trafford Klotz International Program for Artists, and MICA's Artist Residency in Brittany and Travel Grant.

All of Ms. Bottalico's new high school students have given her an opportunity to share her positive, artistic energy with the Harvey community. The Harvey School offered Ms. Bottalico a new branch of home to gain inspiration.

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There were also some interesting comparisons made by seemingly unrelated jobs. One scene drew a comparison between an escort (played by Chloe Savitch) and a fundraiser (played by Gisela Garcia). It showed how two seemingly different jobs were actually, at a base level, not very different.

There weren't too many mishaps in the production, which showed that the performance had been rehearsed frequently and everyone knew what to do. There were a few minor technical difficulties when some characters entered, but those seemed to have to do with the speakers and not the technicians.

The production itself was strong, and everyone involved should be very satisfied with their performance.

Soon after the performance, The Pulse interviewed Mr. Alexander, the director, about his experience of the performance and with the cast.

According to Mr. Alexander, this production was chosen for this group specifically because it would show off the different talents of the members of the cast. When this script was originally chosen, some members did not want to participate, but the cast pulled the musical together very well and put on an exemplary show.

The sets of the show were also exceptional. The stage and props gave off an industrial atmosphere.

This cast put on a great show, and everyone involved should be extremely proud of their work. Actors like Jared Peraglia, Maya Mehrara, Alexander Breitenbach, Chloe Savitch, and Elizabeth Mahony are just some of the standout performers. According to Mr. Alexander, this was one of the best productions to hit the Harvey stage under his direction.

This production made the audience think about working society and enjoy the wonderful world of "Working."

*Battle Lines Drawn in Scouting: cont. from page 3.*

There has been a massive decline in membership in both Boy and Girl Scouts. Individuals argue that the Boy Scouts are now recruiting girls to boost the Boy Scouts "falling membership."

According to [breakpoint.org](http://breakpoint.org), "... recent years have seen a significant decline in Scouting membership and revenue. The next year, membership fell by about 6 percent, the largest single-year decline in membership in the organization's history. Between 2013 and 2016 (the last year for which numbers are publicly available), membership has fallen by about 10 percent."

Next year, the full impact of this recent change will be clear.

*Catalan Debacle: cont. from page 3.*

The New York Times stated that many Catalan protesters wish for a European Union intervention to help solve this incident. While EU leaders have encouraged dialogue between the two parties, Catalonia, however, is not finding many friends amongst European leaders.

According to Bloomberg LP, however, Belgian Prime Minister Charle Michel has broken ranks with the European Union and publicly encouraged a dialogue between Catalan and Spanish officials.

Now, the Catalan government is stumbling, as they have little power. The president is losing respect and influence, and the parliament has been turned into a purely symbolic body. According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, President Puigdemont has ruled out the possibility of a snap election to strengthen parliament and himself.

On Oct. 27 the Catalan Parliament officially declared independence from the Kingdom of Spain. On the same day, the Spanish Senate took direct control of Catalonia and disassembled the government.

As reported by The Cable News Network, on Oct. 30 Spanish officials charged Catalan officials with crimes of rebellion, sedition, and misuse of government funds. According to the British Broadcasting Corporation, President Puigdemont has fled to Brussels, Belgium to avoid arrest.

Now, with Spanish officials refusing to negotiate with President Puigdemont and Belgium in the process of extradition, the situation is at a standstill. Spain has taken direct control of Catalonia, so all we can do now is sit and wait.

# Sports News

## The (New) New York Knicks

By Alex Kaplan

The New York Knicks began their season Oct. 19, 2017, against the Oklahoma City Thunder. Before the start of this season, a key player was traded, but many new players joined the team. On Sept. 23, 2017, Carmelo Anthony was traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder, the team that the Knicks played on the opening night of the season. Anthony was traded for Enes Kanter, Doug McDermott, and a 2018 second-round draft pick.

According to ESPN, the Knicks have brought in eight new players, such as Tim Hardaway Jr., Frank Ntilikina, Michael Beasley, Damyean Dotson, Jarrett Jack, Doug McDermott, Enes Kanter, and Ramon Sessions.

On March 18, 2014, the New York Knicks signed Phil Jackson as the president of basketball operations to a five-year deal worth \$60 million. As reported by Sports Illustrated, Jackson came into the position with 13 games left in the 2013-2014 NBA season. At the end of the '13-'14 season, Jackson fired head coach Mike Woodson after a 37-45 record and missing the playoffs by one game.

On June 10, 2014, the Knicks signed Derek Fisher as the new head coach, finalizing a five-year deal worth \$25 million. As reported by ESPN, in the 2014-2015 NBA season, the Knicks finished with the worst record in franchise



Phil Jackson (left) and Carmelo Anthony (right.)  
Photo courtesy of Opencourt Basketball.

history with a record of 17-65. On Feb. 8, 2016, after the Knicks started their season 23-31, the Knicks fired Derek Fisher after a 40-96 record over a season and a half. The Knicks named Kurt Rambis the interim head coach for the rest of the 2015-2016, finishing 32-50.

In the 2016-2017 season, the Knicks signed a new head coach in Jeff Hornacek, and the Knicks went 31-51 after a season full of drama. For example, there was a supposed feud between Carmelo Anthony and Phil Jackson. According to ESPN, on May 13, 2017, Phil Jackson tweeted, "We'd like Melo to have success somewhere." Phil

Jackson threatened to trade Anthony before the season ended, and over the summer, he threatened to trade him again. James Dolan, the owner of the Knicks, had enough of it and fired Phil Jackson.

According to The New York Times, on Sept. 21, 2017, James Dolan and the Knicks hired Scott Perry as the new General Manager of Basketball Operations, and the Knicks made Steve Mills to the new president of the team.

The 2017-2018 NBA season officially started Oct. 17, and The Knicks first game was against the Oklahoma City Thunder, who has

brought in two new superstars in Paul George from the Indiana Pacers and Anthony from the Knicks. It didn't seem like the Knicks even showed up to that game, losing to the Thunder 105-84.

In the preseason, the Knicks went 0-5, so fans should've expected that the first few games weren't going to be so successful. In their second game, the Knicks played the Detroit Pistons at home on Oct. 21, and this game was looking promising for them until they reached the end of the third quarter.

The Knicks had a 64-51 lead at halftime, but that lead would slip, and at the end of the third quarter, the Pistons outscored the Knicks 28-16 to cut the lead to 80-79 Knicks. And in the fourth quarter, The Pistons again outscored the Knicks 32-27 to give the Pistons a 111-107 victory over the Knicks.

At the end of the night on Oct. 24, the Knicks would lose another game, this time to the Celtics. By the time the game was over, the Knicks were the only team left in the NBA to not have won a game.

Finally, on Oct. 27, the Knicks would get their first win against the Brooklyn Nets, winning 107-86. The Knicks are projected to finish the season 28-54 and place 27th overall by the time the season ends. Let's Go Knicks!

## Houston, We Have a Title

By Will Shelden

On Nov. 1, the Houston Astros captured their first World Series in franchise history by defeating the Los Angeles Dodgers in seven games. In a back-and-forth series, the Astros were declared World Series champions in a Fall Classic for the ages.

According to the MLB website, Jose Altuve and the Astros scorched their way to a 42-16 record to start the season after winning 11 consecutive games. On July 18, though, starting shortstop and MVP candidate Carlos Correa went down with a thumb injury. This loss certainly hurt the Astros. During his absence, the club compiled a mediocre 20-24 record.

Desperate for another starting pitcher, the Astros traded for six-time all-star and former MVP Justin Verlander with just minutes to go before the Aug. 31 waiver trade deadline. "Anytime you get a perennial All-Star and a pitcher of his caliber that just makes the team that much better," said star pitcher Dallas Keuchel after the news broke out on the team acquiring the future hall of famer.

Verlander was nothing short of miraculous. According to Baseball Reference, Verlander earned a 5-0 record with a mere 1.06 ERA during the regular season with Houston.

Houston finished with a final record of 101-61, the second best record in the American League, and had the Boston Red Sox on the horizon for the American League Division Series.

Game 1 started out with a bang when 5-foot 6-inch superstar Jose Altuve clubbed three home runs in the first game, ultimately winning the game 8-2. Houston later went on to win the best of five series in four games. Their next opponent was the New York Yankees.

Game 1 and 2 of the series started out in the Astros' favor, as Houston took the both games with a final score of 2-1. Carlos Correa delivered the walk-off double in game 2 off Aroldis Chapman. Games 3-5 were all New York Yankees as they went 3-0 in the Bronx. On the brink of elimination, Houston then took Games 6 and 7 to win the American League Pennant. At Minute Maid Park in Houston, the Astros allowed

only three runs in the four games they played against the Yankees.

On the other side of the league, the Los Angeles Dodgers steamrolled their way to the World Series, sweeping the Arizona Diamondbacks in the NLDS and then winning in five games against the

defending champions Chicago Cubs. According to SB Nation, the 2017 World Series was the first time in 47 years that both teams had 100 win seasons.

Game 1 of the series was all Dodgers, specifically Clayton Kershaw. The southpaw tossed seven in-



The Houston Astros defeated the LA Dodgers in 7 games to win the World Series. Photo Courtesy of NY Daily News.

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## UberEats is UberRevolutionary

*A Review by Will Shelden*

UberEats is an app that anyone can download on the App Store for iPhones and on the Google's Play store for Androids. It is also available on computers. Stemming from the revolutionary app Uber, which has been a highly successful form of car transportation, UberEats allows you to order from a various number of restaurants in the local area.

Any certified Uber driver will pick your food up from the restaurant and bring it to the site requested. Uber usually saves the credit/debit card on file, so the hassle of trying to rummage for extra cash is nonexistent. After you receive the dish, you can rate the driver and give them an extra tip if you're feeling generous.

UberEats is something that is not going away anytime soon. According to Eater, UberEats has now become the most profitable part of the company and now has 8 million active users in the United States alone. It is also competing and thriving against stiff competition like Grubhub and Postmates. For an app that was first introduced in 2015, the amount of success it has now is no fluke. UberEats is here to stay and is revolutionizing home food delivery.

Living in a town where UberEats has been prevalent for over a year, the amount of restaurants over that time span certainly has continually risen. The application has been more compatible for the iPhone. Depending on the service of the restaurants and the distance, the time waiting for the food almost always makes it in the scheduled time frame.

The idea of tracking your driver when the food has been picked up is certainly an intelligent idea to help the customer gain trust and keep the driver busy at work. Another positive in the app is that there isn't any confusion about directions or delivery. If lost, the driver will contact you by either text or phone call.

For an app that started just about two years ago, it is hard



*Photo courtesy of Google Image.*

to criticize an idea that has been extremely successful, although there are cons. The negatives of UberEats most of the time doesn't actually depend on the actual application. If the food does come after a substantial amount of time, the restaurants slow service is to blame. UberEats itself can do nothing about the poor service of restaurants.

It would be helpful if UberEats sent out a notification briefly explaining the delay in the delivery of your food to keep the customer fully informed about what is going on with their food and their money. A top complaint of UberEats is that it is not available to people who live in smaller regions. If they could make this a possibility, it could help skyrocket their profits and outperform competitors such as Postmates and Grubhub.

The final verdict for UberEats is certainly a major thumbs-up, especially if you live in a city or a heavily populated region of the United States. Yet, there is room to grow, largely because of the amount of time and manpower being put into UberEats. Overall, UberEats is a very profitable and successful app that is certainly worth downloading.

## Bartaco Trouble

*A Restaurant Review by Matthew Mutkoski*

A well-known food establishment in Port Chester, New York, recently did more than just serve food to its customers. Bartaco was closed Oct. 19 for exposing customers to Hepatitis A (HEP A). "Hepatitis A is generally a mild illness whose symptoms include fatigue, fever, poor appetite, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dark urine, light-colored stool, and jaundice, which is the yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes," Dr. Sherlita Amler, Westchester County's Commissioner of Health, said in a statement. "There are no special medications used to treat a person once symptoms appear, but Hepatitis A's transmission to others can be prevented through proper hand-washing."

According to Christopher J. Eberhart of Lohud.com, county health officials said "At least four people in Westchester contracted the disease as early as September, and the commonality among them was that they all ate at the popular Port Chester restaurant."

After health officials inspected the restaurant and its employees, it was discovered that one of the employees at Bartaco unknowingly had HEP A. This employee had passed along the illness when he prepared food without gloves.

Not everyone who ate at the restaurant was affected. In fact, many people today are already vaccinated for HEP A, but still 3,000 people have since been treated for HEP A in Westchester, according to David Robinson of Lohud.com.

The issue wasn't handled properly. Christopher J. Eberhart of Lohud.com stated, "The preventive treatment is only effective if given within two weeks of exposure, according to the Health Department, so those who visited the restaurant Oct. 14 need to receive treatment no later than Saturday." The restaurant should have been in contact with customers sooner. If Bartaco was made aware of the problem Sept. 19, then why was this kept a secret for so long?

I was personally contacted by the restaurant more than a week after the discovery of HEP A and was told to seek medical attention. After I was contacted by the restaurant, I felt zero sense of relief. The employees were extremely cautious in their choice of words, and it was hard to understand



*A sample of food served at Bartaco. Photo courtesy of Google Image.*

what they were telling me at first. All that was said over the phone was that I needed to go to my doctor or make my way over to a vaccination center set up by the state.

According to CBS New York, "The health department is offering free preventive treatment at the County Center in White Plains for anyone who ate or drank at the restaurant during that time period." The free preventive treatments have since concluded, but treatments can still be carried out at your medical professional.

Who is paying for the vaccinations? Experts estimate that the cost for taxpayers will be around \$75,000 to \$210,000, according to David Robinson of Lohud.com. Attorney Bill Marler stated, "Bartaco should now step up and reimburse the department of public health for the cost of vaccinating over 3,000 people." Marler continued, "Other companies in similar situations have paid for their error and relieved the taxpayers of the cost burden." As reported by an employee over the phone, customers who received treatment outside of the set location can make a claim and forward the bill to Bartaco.

Bartaco has since reopened. The owners made a statement saying they have retrained all employees to wear gloves. That should have been happening from the start. An unnamed customer stated, "I will not be returning to Bartaco. The fact that employees were not required to wear gloves in the first place is disgusting." This incident may be too much for the restaurant to come back from.

Bartaco has set up a dedicated phone line for anyone with any questions at 844-617-8242 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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nings, allowing one run, and leading the Dodgers to the Game 1 victory.

Game 2 was one of the greatest World Series games of all time. After managing to tie the game in the ninth inning off Dodgers Closer Kenley Jansen, extra innings was nothing short of uneventful. In a back-and-forth seesaw game, George Springer's game-leading home run in the 11th inning ended up being the game-winner.

Game 3 in Houston was all Astros. Houston jumped out with four runs in the second inning to eventually go on and win 5-3. In a solid all-around team effort, the Astros pulled their way to a 2-1 series lead.

The Dodgers rallied late in the game thanks to Cody Bellinger and Joc Pederson to come out victorious 6-2.

With one more game in Houston, the Astros were planning to leave their home crowd happy. In a

game that was surely never to be forgotten, in another extra-inning affair, the Astros came out with the win as Alex Bregman delivered the walk-off single in the 10th. Game 5 was without a doubt the wildest game in World Series history.

In Game 6, with the Astros one win away from capturing their first World Series Title, they headed back to Los Angeles for the next game. In another well-pitched game by Los Angeles, the Dodgers escaped elimination, defeating the Astros 3-1.

In an elimination game for both teams, and with a World Series title on the line, the Astros had ice in their veins. After a first inning error by Cody Bellinger and an RBI groundout by Jose Altuve, the Astros didn't look back. They went on to win 5-1 and captured their first fall classic in franchise history.

It sure was an up-and-down season for the team in Houston, but when fully healthy, they were always considered serious World Series contenders.