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Alliance Française de Las Vegas (AFLV)

Newsletter April 2019

The AFLV plays a vital role in the diversity of our community, promoting the French language and French-speaking cultures in the Las Vegas area.

President's Preface

Dear Members, Students, and Friends,

Please remember that The Consulate General of France in Los Angeles will be conducting a “Mobile Consulate” at our offices on Monday April 8 and Tuesday April 9, to receive passport applications and voting proxies. You may schedule an appointment at: admin-francais.los-angeles-fslt@diplomatie.gouv.fr

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As we announced earlier, the Alliance Française de Las Vegas is now a certified testing center for the official Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFF) series of examinations. AFLV is certified to administer and grade proficiency levels A1, A2, B1 and B2. These are official levels and examinations as developed and globally overseen by the Ministry of Education in France. The levels are employed on an equivalent proficiency basis for all the languages in the European Union. The next examinations will be given in June, and anyone interested in pursuing or just discussing the DELF exams should contact our Executive Director, Claudine Escobar-Durand at: director@aflasvegas.org

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It is well known that in France, there are often strikes and protests against many government policies, actions and proposals. The extensive and sometimes violent “yellow vest” protests throughout France, principally against increased fuel prices and proposed fuel tax increases, is a significant example.

Currently, there are protest by teachers and parents against the Ministry of

Ministry's proposals, which include:

- Requiring school to begin at age 3 and continue through age 16 – teachers and parents protest adding 3-year old students (thousands of new students without increased infrastructure)
- Combining all these age groups into a single school in an area to centralize management – teachers protest the elimination of early-year schools (nursery schools or kindergartens).
- Requiring teachers to maintain a manner “exemplary in the exercise of their function” – teachers protest that this would indeed limit their right to freedom of speech and expression.

In the United States as well, there are currently intense debates over the Department of Education's recent budget proposals, and their impact on education. France and the United States are highly developed countries. A 2016 Brookings Institute article discussed the skills gap and under-education in many underdeveloped countries as well, see: <https://www.brookings.edu/research/skills-in-the-digital-age-how-should-education-systems-evolve/>

AFLV is in no way a political organization, we promote language and cultural education. However, since children are the future, shouldn't countries work to get their educational systems as perfect as possible? Perhaps if governments better engaged with educators who actually work with children on a daily basis, policy proposals might not be met with such intense criticism and protest.

Best regards,

Marc Zeman

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FRENCH MOBILE CONSULATE

France in the United States

Consulate of France in Los Angeles



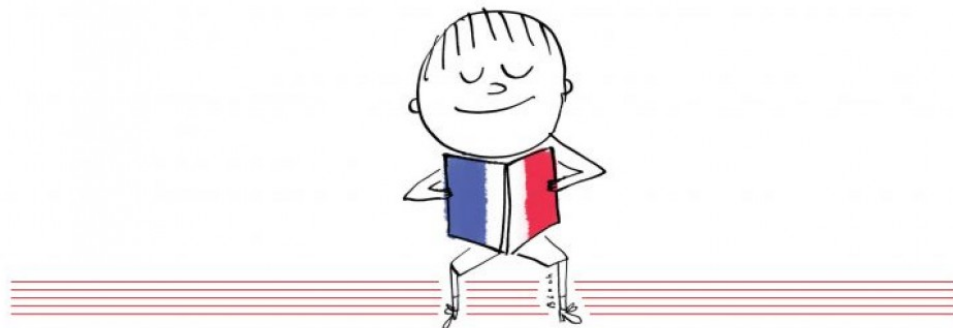
The Consulate General of France in Los Angeles announces consular meetings will soon be held in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico to receive proxies for the European elections that will take place in France on Sunday, May 26 and in America on Saturday, May 25.

Passport applications will also be received.

Las Vegas Mobile Consulate will be conducted on Monday April 8 and Tuesday April 9 at the Alliance Française de las Vegas office: 6425 W Sahara Ave Suite 220, Las Vegas, NV 89146

For more information visit: <https://losangeles.consulfrance.org/spip.php?article3785>

PRIX ALBERTINE JEUNESSE 2019



The Prix Albertine Jeunesse, a reader's choice award, invites children between 3 and 11 years of age to choose their favorite book from a selection of works of Francophone youth literature that are available in English translation. The prize seeks to reinforce the practice and love of reading among children.

All books from the prize selection are available at both languages. The theme for this

Voting will take place between May 1 and May 15, 2019 on the Albertine website. We invite parents and their children, as well as teachers and their students, to discover the book selection, and to vote for their favorite titles!

For more information and to view this year's selection go to:

<http://frenchculture.org/books-and-ideas/9272-albertine-prix-jeunesse-2019>

<http://www.albertine.com/prix-albertine-jeunesse-2019/>

COMING UP IN APRIL



FRENCH BREAKFAST

Saturdays, April 6 and 20, 2019 at 9:30 AM "[Délices Gourmands](#)"

3620 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89102 (702-331-2526).

Join us to practice your French over an excellent breakfast!

Members of the AFLV receive a 10% discount on their purchase.

FRENCH MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for a free French Movie every third Friday of the month. All movies are shown in French with English subtitles.

Thank you to our partners: Institut Français de Paris, French Consulate in Los Angeles and the French Club of UNLV

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 6:30PM

Corporate (2017)

Drama by Nicolas Silhol with Céline Sallette and Lambert Wilson.

Synopsis: Emilie Tesson-Hansen is a young and brilliant head of Human Resources. After



She has to face the pressure of the Department of Labor, but also from her superiors who threaten to turn against her. Emilie is determined to save her skin. How far will she remain corporate?

Venue: UNLV, Frank and Estella Beam Hall (BEH) Room 104.

<https://www.unlv.edu/maps/campus/BEH>

In French with English subtitles. Free admission.

DEL F - DAL F PREP COURSES

APRIL AND MAY 2019



You need to certify your French level with a DELF or a DALF? Don't miss this opportunity to get the best preparation for our June test session.

Ask for our 10 hour intensive prep courses.

Membership

activities. You can support a non-profit that promotes cross-cultural understanding, while taking advantage of special member benefits. As a duly registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, all donations made to AFLV are tax deductible. We are very grateful to all our generous contributors! [Join now!](#)

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Merci et à bientôt !

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This schedule is tentative and may be subject to change if circumstances require it.

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