

Just foolin'

In the spirit of April Fool's Day, this edition of The Messenger has several stories that fall into the category of "fake news".

Can you find all of them? Any student who submits the correct number to Mr. Willard will win a prize!

Pennies update

The latest count shows that Mr. Pierce's class leads the Pennies from Heaven collection contest with \$648. Mrs. Child's class was second, with \$284.

Stations set

Living Stations of the Cross will be held April 17. Those interested in attending can join any group or if you would like to go with your child's class, ask your teacher for the time they are going.

Mark the date

- **April 3:** Report cards
- **April 4:** Spring Concert
- **April 5:** No school
- **April 12:** Honors, Earth Day Paralyturgy
- **April 18-28:** Easter Break
- **April 29-May 3:** Spring Book Fair

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'Dreamcoat' a perfect fit for SMS students

BY ALEXIS BYKS

Ever read that part in the Book of Genesis about Jacob and his many sons? Ever wish it was a musical? Well, your wish has come true! The musical is called "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat"!

On March 21-23, four St. Mary students participated in this play, which was staged by De La Salle and Regina high schools. Those four lucky kids were second-grader Nathan Byks, sixth-graders Emma Dobrzycki and Alexis Byks,

and eighth-grader Anastasia Berry. We were part of the children's chorus. We got to sing, dance, and smile.

The play tells the story of Joseph, a boy with special dreams. His father, Jacob,

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Detroit Red Wings defenseman Danny DeKeyser visited St. Mary School, where he high-fived students and read to kindergarteners.

St. Mary gets new principal from Mongolia

BY ANTHONY BOMMARITO

A new principal is coming to St. Mary School. Her name is Mrs. Bashiemacidad.

She is from Mongolia. Most in the St. Mary community have not heard of her because she is at home right now, getting ready for next school year. She wants to make many changes, including several new rules.

One of them is that every Monday, Thursday and Friday, we can wear whatever clothes we want to wear at school (except hats). The second rule is that you can bring a pet to school once a

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New academic incentive program announced

BY NICHOLAS GORDAY

On March 14, Mrs. Miscavish told us there was a new rule. Making the honor roll for the whole school year will give you the choice between a trophy or a free Xbox One. It seems wacky, but she

said it will make kids work harder for honors and see the importance of it.

Teachers might do a raffle if everyone in the class makes honors. Doing good deeds will add another ticket in for the trophy or Xbox. There is one of each in the contest.

First honors will have a chance for the Xbox. Second honors will have a chance for the trophy. Get studying and you can get a prize!

Now if your Xbox or trophy gets broken, just bring it into the office. Staff will fix it and will return it to you.



Around School

TEACHER FEATURE



Mr. Pierce is a fourth-grade teacher who likes to have lots of fun with his students. He likes to play (not-so) silent ball, but only if the kids behave. I asked Mr. Pierce 5 questions. Lets begin!

How long have you been teaching?

Well, I have been teaching a total of 28 years, 16 at St. Mary.

What is your favorite part of teaching?

Probably the history of presidents. Some of them are good, and some are a real losers.

How many class pets have you had? (Get ready. Some answers may be shocking.)

I have had so many class pets that I can't even name them all! They are everything from seahorses (wow), to Cecropia moths, to fish. The current pet is a tadpole.

Have you taught at any other schools?

Yes, I have taught at two other schools — Holy Innocents and St. Theresa in Detroit.

What is your favorite subject to teach and why?

History, hands down! I love to teach history because it is just so fascinating!

— Alexis Byks

Fourth-graders receive Reconciliation

BY AVA ESQUIVEL

At St. Mary School, First Reconciliation is an annual tradition this time of year.

Fourth graders were anxious to receive Reconciliation recently at St. Peter Church. Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Sulek planned this exciting event for quite a while.

The celebration was different for each class, with Mr Pierce's taking place on March 21, and Mrs. Sulek's on March 22. The fourth-graders had special parts, in-



cluding reading a story from the Bible, a psalm, or another role. They practiced in their classrooms by reading at the podium, standing in their specialized positions, learning the songs, and memorizing their responses. They also had to remember their prayers to Father, which is a very important part of the Sacrament.

Reconciliation is about confessing your sins to Father, and for the most part, being forgiven by God. The main percentage of the students have only experienced two Sacraments before this, which would be the Eucharist and Baptism, so the third is a really big deal.

Overall, Reconciliation is much hard work and effort. To all of the parents of the fourth graders: you should be very proud. Enjoy this exciting event very much!

Joseph

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loves him very much because of this, and because Joseph is a splitting image of his mother, who died. Joseph's 11 brothers (Ruben, Simion, Levi, Nathali, Isicar, Ashet, Dan, Zebulan, Gad, Benjamin, and Judah) are very jealous of of Joseph, so they first throw him into a pit. Laughing at him, they see a bunch of Ishmaelites traveling past. They decide to sell Joseph, who ends up as a slave. He likes his owner, but not his owner's wife.

When Joseph rejects her and runs away, she yells, "Look! This Hebrew servant has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house!" (Gen. 39:14-15) This, of course, was not true.

When Joseph's owner, Potiphar, heard his wife's tale, he tracked down Joseph and

threw him in jail. While incarcerated, he met the Pharaoh's cupbearer, and his cook. Both had strange dreams, so Joseph interpreted them. The cook's dream told him he would be executed, and the cupbearer's dream said he would be let out of jail and back to his job.

After a while behind bars, the Pharaoh had a strange dream. The cupbearer said he knew somebody in jail who could interpret his dream, and so the Pharaoh had Joseph come before him. Pharaoh told his dream. It took Joseph a minute, but he finally said, "Egypt will have seven years of bumper crops," which meant they would have so much food they couldn't store it all. Then Joseph said, "After that, Egypt will suffer seven years of famine."

Pharaoh was amazed, and made Joseph kind of like the second Pharaoh. Joseph came in charge of Egypt. After some dozen years later, Joseph's brothers and family hit hard during the famine and went off to Egypt. When Joseph saw them, he recognized them, but said, "You are spies!" The brothers pleaded with Joseph to give them

food, and finally he gave in. While giving them their food, Joseph secretly hid his golden cup into the bag belonging to his youngest, and actual blood-brother, Benjamin.

When the brothers went to leave, Joseph stopped them, saying, "One of you has stolen my gold cup!" He searched the bags, stopping at Ben's bag last. He opened the bag, revealing his gold cup. Joseph yelled, "Guards! Take this man to jail!" The brothers begged Joseph to let Ben go and take them instead.

Joseph finally decided to tell his brother that he was their brother. When he told them, they ran to him, and hugged him. He said to them, "Bring your families here to live". So they went back to Canaan, and brought their things and families to Egypt. When Jacob saw Joseph, and he became overwhelmed with joy. The large family lived happily ever after.

If you are interested in the play, look up "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat full play" on YouTube, or read Genesis ch. 37: 1-36, then ch. 39-47: 1-12.



Around School

In wake of new gym, St. Mary preps for pool

BY KATELYN CATANA

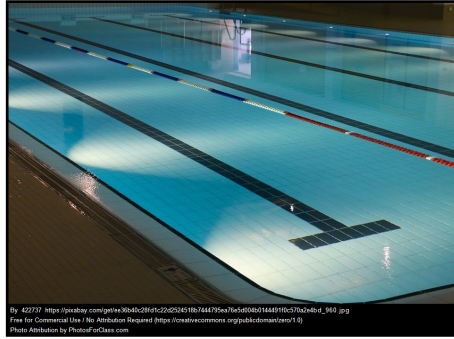
St. Mary will be getting a brand-new swimming pool.

Crews will break ground on the pool in May, at a ceremony all are invited to attend. The project is expected to be finished by 2020, though the exact date has not been set.

St. Mary students will attend swimming lessons in the new pool, which will be located behind the new gymnasium.

Mrs. Miscavish said parents will have to give their children permission to use the facility. Teachers will pass out forms next December, she said.

Asked if the pool will be connected to the new gym, she answered, "Yes, so we



won't get cold in the winter just to get over to go swim."

There will also be locker rooms, she added.

Asked about the project, Mr. Kow-

alski said, "To be honest, I kinda do like the idea of a swimming pool."

Asked why they thought this swimming pool is such a good idea, they both noted that other schools have swimming pools and that they thought it would be good for St. Mary to have one, as well.

The school will have to be hiring a swim teacher so we are looking for someone right now. If you are looking for a job and used to be a lifeguard, then this is a perfect job for you.

The teacher will help students' swimming skills and simply help to teach them to swim the proper strokes. This teacher will be using the shallow end to teach the beginners the way to swim correctly and will have an assistant teacher to watch the ones who can swim already.

To infinity and beyond in sixth grade

BY JAMES ANDARY

Recently, 6th grade has been learning about the ancient Egyptians and ancient Israelites in social studies.

In math, we are learning about bar of notations, which means that the decimal is lasting forever. For some people it is hard, but for others, it is really easy. For example, one third equals 0.3333333333, etc., or 0.3 and then a little line above the three.

In English language arts, we are learning about the five senses and descriptive words

to inform others more realistically.

In science, we are learning about plate tectonics and all of Earth's plates under the crust, which is the top and thinnest layer of Earth's inside.

In religion, we are learning about Moses and his story in the Bible.

Sixth-graders also graduated from the DARE program, which taught us many useful things to keep us off of drugs and alcohol, like learning how to not give in.

lowed.

Her personality is great; she is kind fair, and always fun. Her favorite color is purple, her favorite animal is the Chinese zodiac goat, and her favorite subject is grammar. My favorite part about of her is, if you are bad, she really does not care and she won't give us a conduct referral.

New St. Mary ad hits the big screen

BY GAVIN GAYNOR

Audiences at the Chesterfield MJR cinema will see a new commercial for St Mary School.

The new advertisement is so funny and cool. Why would a school like St Mary make an ad like that? Well, they want more kids to come to our school. Now when I tell you about this ad, don't be amazed, you know what I told you!

So it starts out with these people named Jack and Jill, they go up the mountain to get water. All the sudden, after three hours, Jack gives up and falls into a paper and it says:

"GO TO ST. MARY'S IN MT. CLEMENS MICHIGAN... NEXT SESSION STARTS THIS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER"

Jack said "Yay, I've been looking for a school forever!"

He runs up to Jill and says with excitement, "LOOK! LOOK!" Jill looks at him and says, "Yes, no more being homeschooled!"

Also Humpty Dumpty sits on a wall and has a great fall! When he falls, he sees a paper that says:

"GO TO ST MARY'S IN MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN... NEXT SESSION STARTS THIS AUGUST/SEPTEMBER"

His reaction is "Sweet, now I can learn how to do math!"

Then after that, they both walk up to the school in August and are in a class together, having so much fun.

Then it says, **"COME TO ST MARY'S THIS AUGUST AND SIGN UP FOR YOUR KID TO COME!"**

It ends with rainbows, unicorns and explosions filling the screen.

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month but, your pet has to be an animal that no one is allergic to. It can also cannot be a crazy animal like a horse or a bull, but snakes will be al-



Features

What we all need right now is a good nap

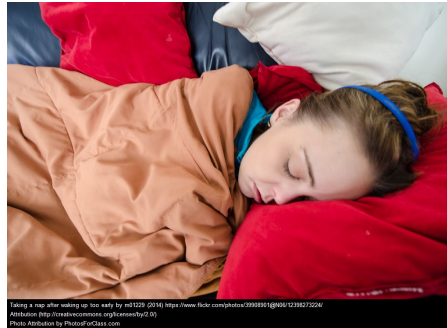
BY ABIGAIL J. FARAH

Have you ever thought randomly that you would really like to take a nap? You're not the only one, and for good reason.

Napping offers several benefits for creating healthy adults, including relaxation, reduced fatigue, increased alertness, improved mood, improved performance, increased reaction time, better memory, and fewer accidents and mistakes.

Your parents might not sing you a lullaby, but if you are going to nap, make sure to tell them. If you don't -- and yes, I did make this mistake once -- they will be as loud as always.

The dad will be screaming about how dumb the Spartans are for letting the Ohio State Buckeyes get a touch-



down when there are only about 3 seconds left in the game. Your mom...well... I don't know what your mom might be doing. She might be screaming about how happy she is that the Ohio State Buckeyes got a touchdown in the 3rd quarter with exactly 2.84 seconds left in the game.

Napping is basically a shorter version of sleeping. There are three types of naps:

- Planned napping, which involves planning to take a nap before a person gets sleepy;

- Emergency napping, which occurs when a person is suddenly very tired and cannot continue with an activity (*Cough* Dramatic);

- Habitual napping, or when a person takes a nap at the same time each day.

According to a study by the National Sleep Foundation, 74% of women get less sleep per night than men, yet women feel more guilt about napping than men.

Most Europeans -- aside from Germans -- usually snooze or relax in the middle of the day.

Mrs. Kroha has WNBA background

BY JAMES ANDARY

Mrs. Kroha, the 6th grade ELA teacher, is a former Women's National Basketball Association basketball player and retired due to not caring enough about the sport. It would also make sense because she is tall and was partially entertained by March Madness and filling out your brackets. Mrs. Kroha is also very smart and basketball is an IQ game.

In fact Mrs. Kroha isn't her real name. It is her alias because her name is really Shannon Charles.

Shannon is also a very good teacher. She helps all the children learn hard things about grammar and writing.

Party's over, but St. Patrick is still worth reading about

BY ANGIE ITCHON

Irish people will certainly be happy when the third Sunday of March swings around this year. Why? It's St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. This Irish day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. St. Patrick's Day is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church.

Patrick was a Christian bishop and missionary in Ireland. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian Church.

Patrick was born in Britain in 385. At the age of 16, he was attacked by Irish raiders.

They bought him in Ireland, where he spent six years in captivity. He explained the Sign of the Cross by using a shamrock. He also performed many miracles, including banning all snakes from Ireland, and bringing Christianity to the Irish people. He died on March 17, 461.

There are many traditions on St. Patrick's Day. One of them is to wear anything green -- hats, shirts, socks, pajamas. Anything you can think of that is green! Another tradition is to eat corned beef and cabbage. Some people substitute corned beef with Irish bacon.

Most people believe that leprechauns come on St. Patrick's Day. A leprechaun is a tiny figure, believed to serve good or evil. Most cities in

America hold a parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Last year in Chicago, they dyed the Chicago River green. Back when the first St. Patrick's Day was held, the Irish wore blue instead of green. Ireland did NOT celebrate the first St. Patrick's Day. Instead, New York held the very first Patrick parade in 1762.

St. Patrick's real name is not Patrick. His real name is Maewyn Succat. He wasn't known for wearing green.

Patrick was a great priest, and a great example of a disciple of God. Patrick wanted more people to believe in and follow God. That is what he wants us to do in our lifetime. Whether if you are Irish or not, always follow God like Patrick did.



Features



We're lovin' McDonald's newest items

BY ADAM HODGES

Wait? What's that? Did you say that McDonald's has some new drink items? Yep, that's right!

McDonald's just announced on their Twitter page that they have new candy bar flavored shakes, including Snickers, Twix, Milky Way, Crunch, Hershey's dark, white, and milk chocolate, and even 3 Musketeers!

But if you don't like that kind of stuff, and want a healthy choice, they have a new brussel sprout broccoli smoothie.

People love these shakes because they are chocolaty, smooth, crunchy, and creamy. And people like the brussel sprout broccoli smoothie because it's packed with vitamins, and a great way to start your day.

But you have to get these soon, because they will be gone at the end of the month. I even invited 5th grader Nicholas Gorday over to my house so he can try the shakes and the smoothie; here's what he thought about it: "I really liked the Twix shake the best because it is crunchy, creamy, and REALLY sweet. But I also really liked the Hershey's Milk Chocolate, and the Brussel Sprout Broccoli smoothie was pretty good too."

So I guess he liked them, and, you probably will too, so try one at McDonald's, today.

Mummies, teachers join forces in creepy overthrow of Egypt

BY ALEXIS BYKS

I do not advise taking a trip to Egypt any time soon. The next time Egypt will be safe is in 10 years.

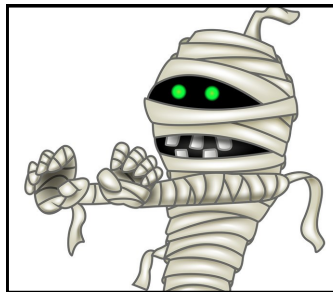
In Egypt, the mummies have risen from the dead to make an underground city.

They are taking people at random to be their slaves. The mummies also teamed up with some staff members from our school.

They include Mr. Kowalski, Mrs. Griffore and Mr. Willard. So, if you see them, RUN AND SCREAM!!

They and the mummies are taking over Egypt. They plan to take over the world and make us worship false gods!

I know this because the new kid in fifth grade, Billy



Manson, is the lead Death Eater and he is my step brother. That's right...

Oh no! He found me! IF YOU ARE READING THIS GET ME HELP —

This is Billy Manson speaking. DO NOT listen to anything Alexis is saying. She is trying to manipulate you. We don't want to harm you. We just want you to be our slaves friends!

New student brings shaky reputation

BY ABIGAIL FARAH

Billy Manson is a new 5th grade student who is coming to Ms. Venditto's classroom in April.



BILLY MANSON

Yesterday, he was here to "inspect" the school to make sure it was sanitary.

Billy is 9 years old, so he'll be the youngest in the whole fifth grade.

Apparently, Billy is friends with a kid named Harry Horn and the two cause problems every day at his soon-to-be former school. But so far, the school has yet to prove anything, and the pair has yet to be punished.

Couch provides no reason to ever get up

BY GABRIEL FISCHER

Just imagine all your comforts at home in a couch. This is exactly what the latest product from LazyBoy offers.

Instead of getting in your car, just hop on the couch and drive away. Also, instead of getting up and going to the bathroom there is a toilet in the couch.

To have some fun, turn the couch on auto drive, press a button and a TV pops up. Press another button and an Xbox pops with two controllers to play some games.

Priced at \$100, you can buy it today.

According to LazyBoy, the couch has many other features, including a top speed of more than 200 miles per hour.

If it rains and so people don't see you on the toilet, press a button and walls, a roof and a



windshield pop up.

The couch also has a mini kitchen with a snack bar, as well as robots that cook for you and do your homework.



Features

There are many signs of spring's return

BY GAVIN GAYNOR

Spring is one of the greatest seasons of all because it is the route to summer. The 2018-2019 season of winter was extremely cold, but very mild at times. Even though some people like winter because of the days off, I like winter because of the snow.

Spring is the second best season, in my opinion. But your opinion might be something else. I like spring for three reasons: 1.) route to summer; 2.) Easter; 3.) I don't have to wear my big green winter coat.

Not wearing my winter coat is really the number-one reason I am looking forward to Spring.



Here is what spring is about according to me. Just kidding, it is according to www.reference.com.

Weather during the season of spring varies depending on location, but it is usually marked by an increase in temperature and rain. In areas, that receive snow during winter, the snow begins to melt. This can lead to flooding.

Besides the weather, several other signs indicate that

spring has arrived. Buds form on trees, and vegetation begins to grow again. The number of hours of daylight increases. Animals wake, and birds return from migration. The closer a location is to the equator, the less obvious the signs of changing seasons are. In these areas, winter is sometimes barely different from summer, and spring is barely recognized.

We start seeing spring usually in April. And spring brings rain, as they say "April showers bring May flowers." With this, I share this Shel Silverstein poem — which reminds me of spring — called "Rain":

I opened my eyes

*And looked up at the rain
And it dripped in my head
And flowed into my brain
And all that I hear as I lie
in my bed*

*Is the slishity-slosh of the
rain in my head.*

*I step very softly,
I walk very slow,
I Can't do a handstand-
I might overflow,
So pardon what wild crazy
thing I just said-*

*I'm just not the same since
there's rain in my head.*

Spring gets me in mood for summer, but I hope summer is not a bummer. Rhyming is fun, the main question is do you like rhyming and what's your opinion about spring?

New foods are taking odd forms

BY CADEN SILER

Edible Light Bulb- New and improved edible light bulb. The light bulb actually works but is advised not to use for permanent use, because the edibility will become bad. They come in varieties of flavors like blueberry, strawberry and grape.

Edible Deck of Cards- New and improved edible deck of cards. The deck of cards can't snap easily and are readable and usable. They come in varieties of flavors like chocolate, banana, pineapple, (etc.).

Paczki are jam-packed with tasty facts

BY DASH HEATH & CADEN SILER

Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is a yearly excuse to stuff your face full of delicious, fruit-filled *paczki* (pronounced "POWN-shkee") before the Lenten fasting begins. However, not everyone knows a number of cool facts about these delicious Polish pastries.

First of all, most people use *paczki* as both the singular and the plural form, or sometimes add an "s" to make it plural. However, *paczki* is the plural version of the noun, while *paczek* (said like "POWN-check") is the correct singular.

English speakers often write *paczki* (without the ogonek under the letter a), which can be confused with another Polish word that's the

St. Mary students were polled on their favorite *paczki* flavors. The results:

- strawberry: 7
- custard: 6
- cream: 2
- raspberry, cherry, blueberry, lemon: chocolate, banana: 1

plural form of *paczka* (package).

In Poland, *paczki* were traditionally made to use up all of the tempting ingredients before Lenten fasting, and were typically eaten the Thursday prior to Ash Wednesday, known as Fat Thursday. In some places, however, including Cleveland, Detroit, Windsor, Buffalo, and Toledo, *Pączki* Day is celebrated on Fat Tuesday

rather than Thursday.

Pączki are traditionally filled with stewed plum jam or wind rose hip jam, however some fillings, like strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, and custard are also used. All you need to know about ingredients is that they are made to finish off lard, sugar, eggs and fruit before Lent.

Fat Tuesday was originally known as Shrove Tuesday, because it was known to fast from rich foods. Fat Tuesday was also known as Pancake Day, because pancakes were a good way to use up lard.

Ash Wednesday is a Catholic celebration where you get ashes on your forehead, symbolizing the start of Lent, and to "Turn away from sin and back to God." During the 40 days of Lent you should give something up and fast from it.



Opinions

Kids should never feel at fault in a divorce

Dear Rita,

My parents divorced recently. It's been really hard, especially on my mom's side of the family.

My mom and dad won't even talk to each other and everyone blames my mom for leaving. Since I live with my mom, me and her are kind of alone now, with no one to support us. In all the books I've read about a kid stuck in between a divorce, the kid always seems depressed and gloomy and holds a grudge against his/her mom or dad, sometimes both. Is that what's going to happen to me? Will I still love my parents?

Isolated Ivy

Dear Ivy,

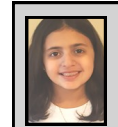
I'm here for you. You will never feel the need to hold a grudge, your parents will always love you. I know that's not always clear to see, but they love you in such a way that could be incomprehensible, especially in times of a

divorce. Try to find something that you and your mom can do together. Like watching a favorite show, or doing an activity you both enjoy.

And when you call/see your dad, don't be shy. You didn't divorce your dad; your mom did. And if you're feeling particularly lonely one night, just pray for yourself, your family, and others going through the same thing. You'll remember those people that you're praying for are not alone and neither are you.

Dear Rita,

I do not get good grades. I only have one friend. When we met in 2nd Grade, she seemed so nice. I asked if she wanted to be friends with me; she said yes. When I told her about my grades, I whispered it to her like it was secret (which it sort of was). She promised she would never judge me. Turns



Dear Rita

out that was a lie. In 6th Grade, popularity is a necessity to many students. Sometimes they will make or break friendships to obtain it. My friend broke ours. She told all the "popular" kids my highest grade is a C+. They all laughed at me and said a baby is smarter than I'll ever be. My confidence hit rock bottom. Is there anything you can do to help me?

Teased Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

Don't listen to them. Your grades don't define who you are. 6th Grade can be a tough time. Your confidence shouldn't be based on what other people think of you. It should be based on having true joy and standing out in a crowd.

And when people make fun of you, simply say, "I forgive you." Those three words change the way you see the world. You'll see the world as a place of hope, where you don't have to hold grudges or

feel the need to avenge a wrong someone has done to you. Also, prayer is always a way to heal spiritual wounds.

Just remember: don't wish the people who tease you have bad things happen to them. What good will that do you? Just be your awesome, unique self.

Dear Rita,

My friend is really mad at me, and I don't why. It's really annoying because she's never done this before. It's not like I want crawl back to her like I'm her puppy, but she's my friend and I want to piece my friendship back together. Is there anything I can do?

Irritated Isabelle

Dear Isabelle,

Don't worry about it! You can solve the problem without being her pet. For example, you could steal her mechanical pencils, ask her stupid questions, throw paper balls at her, etc. Honestly, there is so

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Ancient clues suggest we are not alone in the universe

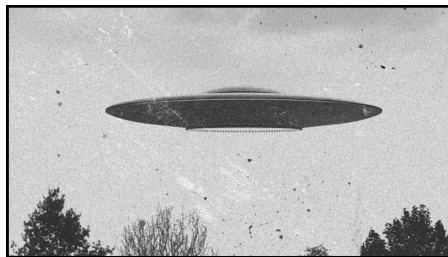
BY NICHOLAS GORDAY

Many people are familiar with fantasy stories about aliens, but what if they were real and watching over us right now?

The Ancient Clues

Lots of native stories tell about aliens coming in the future. There are clues of aliens in ancient artifacts. That is an idea of how dinosaurs came to an end: by aliens killing all of the dinosaurs. No one knows if it was on purpose or accident

Another clue is that the pyramids and other ancient monuments around the world were attempted to be remade using



top-of-the-line technology and could not be made. A big and popular -- but alien -- clue is all of the Stonehenge-type monuments around the world, but a strange thing is how they are actually connected around the world in straight lines. These

are some ancient clues.

A Modern Day Mystery

As you look up into the sky, you see thousands of stars. But what if one of those stars was an alien spacecraft? This thought was brought up a lot of times? It probably seems very creepy. People have brought up an even creepier thought. What if aliens are already on the planet? Aliens might have a huge grip on technology. Lots of hackings on the planet could be from alien masterminds.

Conclusion

People have studied alien clues from ancient times to modern days, and everything ends up as a mystery. It could just be a fantasy-- or it could all be real.



Fun & Games

Virtual reality looks like the future of entertainment

BY ADAM HODGES

I really like virtual reality, and I think most people would, too. I own a VR headset, and everyone we let try it has loved it.

The headset makes you feel like you are in an imaginary world while sitting on your couch. For example, you can enter the world of Disney or Star Wars in one of the apps on the Oculus Go. (I'm not sure about other headsets.)

The Oculus Go comes with the remote you use to control stuff on the VR. It also comes with the headset, obviously, and it also comes with a charger.

Everyone especially loves a roller coaster game for the Oculus. I think it is



the coolest of all the games available, because it makes you seem like you're on a lightning-fast roller coaster while sitting

on a chair.

There are fishing and zombie shooting games that are also popular, and even Netflix is cool on a VR headset. I mention these ones because I think they are cool, and so do my family/friends.

The VR headset should not give you headaches; if it is, then you would probably have it on too tight. To make sure you don't, look in a mirror and see if you have red marks around your eyes.

I think that VR headset will only get more popular. I think this because, well -- as I already mentioned -- it lets you visit an imaginary world while just sitting on your couch.

Which cereal is your favorite?

BY HANNAH CABAL

Ever wake up and had a nice bowl of cereal? Probably but some people have other cravings of 6:00 am. You always put the cereal before the milk every time. These are the good cereals that you can eat, or you can eat another one. Just choose one you like.

Here are the top 10 favorite cereals that consumers eat in order from great to great-est:

10. Raisin Bran Cereal from the Kellogg Company, retail sales: \$1.84 million;

9. Frosted Mini Wheats from the Kellogg Company, retail sales: \$2.46 million;

8. Lucky Charms from General Mills, retail sales: \$2.63 million;

7. Fruit Loops from the Kellogg Company, retail sales: \$2.67 million;

6. Cheerios from General Mills, retail sales: \$3.31 million;

5. Cinnamon Toast Crunch from General Mills, retail sales: \$3.70 million; 4. Honey Bunch Oats from Post Holding, retail sales: \$3.98 million;

3. Frosted Flakes from the Kellogg Company, retail sales: \$4.13 million;

2. Honey Nut Cheerios from General Mill, retail sales: \$5.03 million;

Now for the #1 most eaten cereal eaten by consumers is...Private label or store brands! Seriously though, their retail sales are \$6.46 million. Big surprise that its a store brand, right?



Some familiar names formerly of the NFL have gotten the fledgling Alliance of American Football off the ground.

New football league offers fun alternative to the NFL

BY JAMES ANDARY

There is a brand new football league called the Alliance of American Football.

The AAF, which began its inaugural season six days after the Super Bowl, consists of only eight franchises compared to the NFL's 32.

The league was founded by Charlie Ebersol and Bill Polian. There are also some former NFL players too, in-

cluding Chad Johnson and possibly Johnny Manziel.

This will be a great addition to this league to become more known. I do not know if this league will last long, but if it does, it could be the thing that one day dethrones the NFL.

To be honest I do not think that this league will last more than 15 years, but I think it will be a fun league to watch once the NFL season is over.



Fun & Games

Dear Rita

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much more you could think of. Just remember: whatever you do, make it REALLY annoying. Annoyance is key in friendship, I hope I helped!

Dear Rita,

Homework is the worst! I know that's something basically every kid in the world says, but still! It's so annoying, and I'm not improving on it at all! Is there anything you recommend that would help me?

Failing Fran

Dear Francesca,

If you really don't like it, then don't do it!

If the teacher asks why you didn't do your homework, sing the Muffin Time song. That'll confuse the teacher for at least 10 seconds. Once you're done singing, run!

Of course, there are other options. For example, you could say your mom or dad is bringing the homework, and while the teacher is "waiting" for it, make a mock-up of the real assignment. That should stall for a long time.

WORD SEARCH

BY GAVIN GAYNOR

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U	S	S	G	G	E	T	S
A	S	X	E	R	R	E	R
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SPRING

Flower

Easter

Water

Spring

Bunny

Basket

Eggs

Let's spread kindness to every corner of Earth

BY RITA YAMMINE

Kindness.

What comes to your head when you hear that word? Opening the door for someone else? Helping others, both physically and spiritually.

These factors and so many more contribute to a single act of kindness. Kindness is like if joy and modesty married each other and then had a baby named Peace. All together, they make a happy family. Like this figurative family, kindness brings people together.

The best thing about it, though, is that you

don't have to use words in order to be kind. It's better to deliver kindness through actions. This is truly when you are living the way Jesus taught.

Jesus wasn't going around saying, "This guy can walk because of me," or "That guy can see because of me!"

He demonstrated the authentic way to live like a Catholic with the Spiritual Squad: modesty + joy, which equals kindness. Just think: germs are contagious.

Why can't kindness be, too?

Happy Easter!

