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"Hold the cross high so I may see it through the flames!"

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Schmaltz Deli Relocates to Lisle By Meg Walls

Schmaltz's Jewish Deli has been a staple restaurant in Naperville for 16 years. Since then, the restaurant has not expanded much, until May 2020, when they opened a new location in Wheaton. However, it seems as if that location was only the first step in changes to the deli, as Schmaltz now plans to move their Naperville location to Lisle.

A few weeks ago, Schmaltz announced that they plan to relocate from their Naperville location to 3011, Ogden Avenue, which was formerly the home of Chinn's 34th Street Fishery. With this bigger location, Schmaltz hopes to expand both their quick and full service dining, allow for a separate retail area, and even add a drive-through for people who are really in a hurry. The village of Lisle has offered a tax incentive for Schmaltz to move to the new Lisle location.

Along with the expansion, Schmaltz's Deli also plans to expand their menu. The deli offers many sandwiches with corned beef and pastrami, sides such as a traditional Jewish matzo ball soup, and other treats like their black and white cookies. Schmaltz also intends to introduce vegetarian and vegan alternatives to their already expansive repertoire.



Pope Francis Travels to Iraq By Mary Elizabeth Ebey and Jacob Olejnik

Pope Francis returned to Vatican City recently after a four-day trip to Iraq. This trip was very significant and will be remembered throughout history because Pope Francis was the first Pope to visit Iraq. While there, His Holiness met with Iraq's top religious leaders in Nefal to seek peace and strengthen bonds between the Roman Catholic Church and the Muslim world. Notably, Pope Francis met with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, an influential Shiite cleric, and discussed how spiritual leaders can help heal the world. Pope Francis led mass at Baghdad's Saint Joseph Cathedral and told worshippers that he hoped the world would begin a "journey from conflict to unity."

With the increase in violence and COVID-19 cases in Iraq, Pope Francis' tour was thought over carefully. "I prayed a lot about this. And in the end, I took the decision freely," His Holiness said. "It came from inside. I said 'He who makes me decide this way will look after the people.'" Pope Francis met with large crowds during his trip and frequently wore a mask, in addition to having received a vaccination for COVID-19.

During his stay, the Pope visited the ancient city of Ur, the birthplace of Abraham and the city where Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are believed to have originated. Pope Francis stated that this shared bond should be a source of unity in a world that is often divided. Because of its cultural significance, Ur is protected as a World Heritage Site. Archaeological digs were previously prohibited because of conflict and security issues, but permission was granted after the fall of dictator Saddam Hussein.

Reopening as COVID-19 Threat Remains

By Abby Caminar, Luke Johnson, and Jack Yenter

As COVID-19 cases drop, some states are planning to remove mask mandates and further reopen their economies. Some health experts highly discourage this since a new COVID-19 variant has been discovered. Governors in Texas, Maryland, Mississippi, Connecticut, Arizona, West Virginia, and Wyoming have all announced plans to remove COVID-19 restrictions. Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson announced that if COVID-19 cases continue to decrease, COVID restrictions will be taken back, though he will reinstate restrictions if cases rise again. In Iowa, Governor Kim Reynolds lifted all COVID restrictions, including the mask mandate.

There are currently three different vaccines available to Americans: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. The Catholic Church has told people to only take the Johnson & Johnson options if they cannot get one of the other two because the vaccine was created using aborted fetal cells. In Phase 1A, healthcare workers were eligible to be vaccinated and now we have moved to Phase 1B, which includes people over 65, teachers, and other essential workers. President Biden has asked all states to make the vaccine available to all adults by May 1st.



Despite the fact that states are opening up, we still need to stay safe. To do this, we should continue to stay at least 3-6 feet away from other people, wear a mask inside of buildings, and sanitize our hands. Just remember to respect other people around you. These times can be tough, so hang in there and hope that this is all going to end soon.

Jokes By Dean Kimmel

I accidentally dropped my pillow on the floor. I think it has a *concushion*.



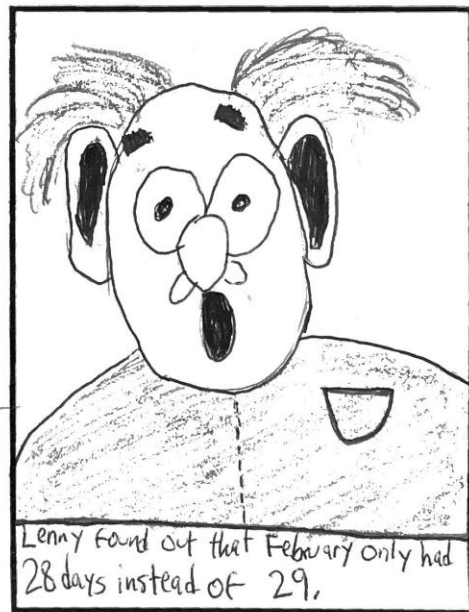
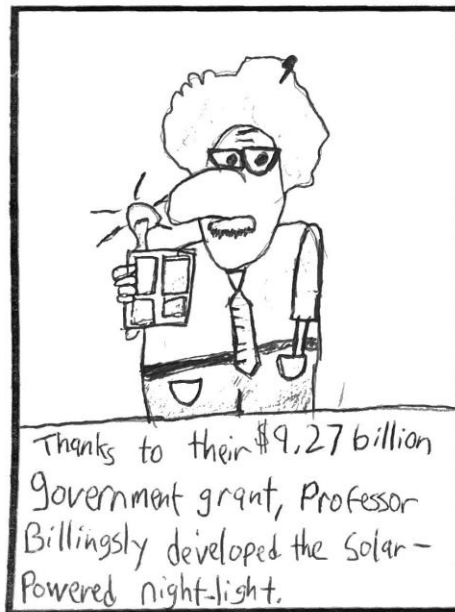
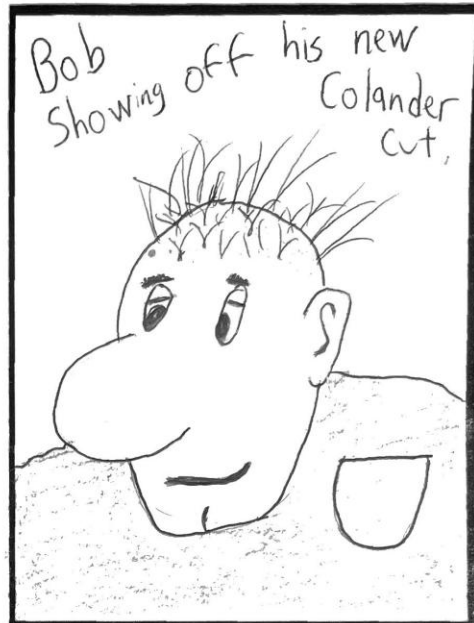
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<p>Staff Spotlight By Tristan Lakis</p> <hr/> <p>Mrs. Kenney</p>  <p><u>High School Attended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mother Theodore Guerin High School <p><u>Colleges Attended</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bachelor's degree: Northern Illinois University - Master's degree: Concordia University <p><u>Hobbies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike riding - Reading - Gardening <p><i>"My favorite part of teaching at SJA is the students!"</i></p>	<p>Restaurant Review By Joe Abboud and Cavan Dunne</p> <hr/> <p>Recently, we went to Noodles & Company located in Oakbrook Terrace. The employee taking our order patiently answered all our questions and helped us choose the best meal possible for our food preferences. The food came in an astonishing time of three minutes even though we had a large order. We knew this timing was too good to be true since they forgot our cookies in the process. When we returned to pick up our missing order, another employee gave the cookies to us without an apology or a friendly smile. All in all, we would rate the service a 7.5/10. The Wisconsin Mac and Cheese was incredible with very creamy cheese and scrumptious noodles. It was a true party in my mouth and definitely rated a 10/10. The Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese was brought together masterfully, as if Gordon Ramsay had made it. I rated the Buffalo Chicken Mac and Cheese a 10/10. The cheesy garlic bread was, as advertised, cheesy. It was crispy and packaged very nicely. When we ate it at home, it was still hot. We would rate the garlic bread a 9/10. Finally, the chocolate chunk cookies were incredible. The cookie dough was really good and the chocolate was the cherry on top. It was very delicious. The cookies rated a 10/10. The whole experience was great, and the final rating is a 9.3/10. We would definitely recommend it.</p>	<p>Sports By Evan MacDiarmid, Lane Ringsrud, and Luke Wildes</p> <hr/> <p>Team LeBron beat Team Durant 170-150 in the 2021 NBA All-Star Game held at the State Farm Arena in Atlanta, Georgia. Along with the NBA All-Star game, the festivities included a three-point contest. The final round was Stephen Curry vs. Mike Conley and Curry came out on top, winning his second career three-point contest. Conley was just one point away from beating Stephen Curry and becoming the first left hand shooter to win the three point contest. Anfernee Simons won the dunk contest after he kissed the rim during his dunk, outscoring Obi Toppin 3-2.</p> <p>The 2021 March Madness bracket came out on Selection Sunday (March 14). The four #1 seeds in the tournament were: Illinois, Gonzaga, Baylor, and Michigan. Surprisingly Michigan State, Duke, Kentucky, and Louisville are not in the NCAA tournament. Duke is missing its first tournament since 1995. Louisville, Colorado State, Saint Louis and Ole Miss are sitting out of the tournament, but will enter if any team drops out due to COVID. The first and second rounds are done and the next round, the Sweet Sixteen, will be played this Saturday and Sunday. Illinois, Ohio State, Kansas, and Texas all lost in upsets, with Illinois falling to in-state rival Loyola University.</p>
<p>Words of Wonder By Isabella Perez</p> <hr/> <p>Pandiculation <i>stretching when you wake up</i></p> <p>Xertz <i>to drink quickly</i></p> <p>Librocubicularist <i>someone who reads in bed</i></p> <p>Phrontistery <i>a place for thinking or study</i></p> <p>Finifugal <i>a fear of finishing something</i></p>	<p>Travel Log – Mexico By Danny Umana</p> <hr/> <p>Location – North America Population – 127.6 million people Size – 761,000 mi² Official Language – Spanish Fun Facts – Although burritos are thought to be a big part of Mexican cuisine, they are only common in the northern parts of Mexico and in the U.S. Also, Cinco de Mayo is thought to be an important Mexican event, but it is celebrated a lot more in the U.S. and is mostly only celebrated in Puebla, Mexico.</p> <p>Flag</p> 	



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