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Scotts, Sod Save St. Edward

BY KYLE BROWN

"Playing on grass is the best," says former Chicago Bears star Brian Urlacher, who came out to St. Edward to celebrate the new field. "You can ask any player and he will agree." Thanks to Scotts, playing on a perfect grass field has become a reality for St. Edward's sports teams.

St. Edward has received a large amount of publicity for the damages done to our football field. The accident happened in the middle of the fall sports season, and unfortunately caused the football team and soccer team to play the rest of their home games at a different location. However, Scotts made sure that no spring sport would have to do the same.

Meghan, who grew up in the St. Charles area, and Aunica from Scotts deserve special recognition. They noticed the news stories about our field and notified Chris Strunk, who is the director of marketing and communication at Scotts. The company has a program to help renovate sports fields across America. Thankfully, Strunk chose St. Edward as one of Scotts' projects.



Urlacher addresses the football and cheerleading teams in the St. Edward gym.

Scotts didn't just give us a field. They gave us the best field. They donated the sod but Scotts didn't stop there. They also laser-leveled the field before the sod was put down to help with drainage. With the fresh grass and remodeled landscape, St. Edward has one of the best athletic fields in the region. They donated more than just field; they also hosted a pre-game tailgate party to help celebrate the event. They tailgate was fun for everyone

with free food, free shirts, and contests.

Brian Urlacher, a Chicago Bears legend, came out to St. Edward to help celebrate the new field. He came to meet fans and hang out with some of the football players. He also addressed the cheerleaders and football players, inspiring them before their playoff-clinching 34-13 victory over Elwood Park.

Urlacher gave the players insight on several areas of the game, but he focused on two important ideas. First, Urlacher told the players to always give maximum effort. Urlacher said, "Effort is the only part of the game that you can control. You can't control how the ball bounces, but you can control how much effort you give on each play."

Second, he advised the players to always forget about the previous play, saying that the most important play in football is the next play. Whether you scored a touchdown or fumbled the ball, focus on the next play and give all the effort you can.

The plan was for Senior Night to be played at home on Oct. 23. Unfortunately, the field wasn't quite ready for a full game of football on a rainy night. The game was moved to Geneva High School, and the tailgate was moved as well. Even though the game was moved away from Greg True Field, many Green Wave fans made the drive down to Geneva to enjoy the tailgate and cheer the team on victory.



Urlacher allowed time for an interview as well.

Living the Lavorata life

BY TAYLOR GILLEN



Mr. Lavorata, a new Theology teacher at St. Edward, with his giant rosary.

Mr. Lavorata is one of the many new faces you will see among tee St. Edward faculty. He teaches all the senior Theology classes and one sophomore Theology class. If you haven't already noticed, you will by the end of this article - Mr. Lavorata is no ordinary Theology teacher. Mr. Lavorata has a unique personality that cannot be compared to anyone else.

It all started in St. Paul, Minnesota where Mr. Lavorata grew up. He spent his early childhood playing in the Mall of America, exploring LEGOLAND and riding the Screaming Eagle in the mall's indoor amusement park. He then moved to Illinois where he went to middle and high school. His passion for Theology was always prevalent in his life but, he didn't always want to be a Theology teacher. In his early childhood he dreamed of being a paleontologist; like most youngins he had an obsession with dinosaurs, and his next option was to be an international spy.

Mr. Lavorata knew that dinosaurs weren't in his future but rather that he would turn his faith into a career. When asked if he always wanted to be a Theology major he responded. "There's so much to theology and it approaches many of those 'deep' questions in such a reasonable way. Catholic Theology allows us to see the world in light of truth and meaning, and I want to be a part of that journey."

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Water on Mars

BY JAKE WEST

Water on mars has been a hot topic in science for around 15 years. Water on mars was first discovered in 2000. Scientists believed that water was present in vast quantities on the red planet many years ago. Though most of the water that lies on the planet is mostly ice or water vapor. There is however, still a decent amount of flowing liquid water. The pictures taken by NASA's satellite Curiosity are hard for the average person to understand, but some interesting discoveries have been made because of them.

Billions of years ago, Mars was a warm wet planet that could have closely resembled what Earth looks like now. It could have had vast oceans, rivers, lakes, and even life. Mars has less gravity and a thinner atmosphere, so most of the water has evaporated over the years.

Liquid water appears to flow from some steep, warm slopes on the Martian surface. First identified in 2011, features known as recurring slope lineae were con-

firmed to be signs of salty water running on the surface of the planet today. Frozen water also lies beneath the surface. Scientists discovered a slab of ice as large as California and Texas combined in the region between the equator and North Pole of the Red Planet.

"What we thought we knew about water on Mars is constantly being put to the test," said Michael Meyer, one of NASA's lead scientists. "It's clear that the Mars of billions of years ago more closely resembled Earth than it does today. Our challenge is to figure out how this more clement Mars was even possible, and what happened to that wetter Mars."

The possibility of travel to Mars in 2023, with the *Mars One* company planning to set up a colony there, is even more interesting with this new discovery of water on the planet. The company has not yet commented on how, or if, this will change their plans for the one-way trip.

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Happy Halloween!

The results are finally in, and after hard work, sweat, blood, and tears from the *Edge* team, we have the results on which Halloween movie St. Edward student think is the greatest. We are ready to share this important information with you!

In first place came the family-friendly Disney classic: *HalloweenTown* (big surprise) with 59 votes.

In an extremely close second came everyone's favorite *Ogre: Scared Shrekless* (2 votes).

A few honorable mentions: *Halloween* (Michael Myers) - 48 votes, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* - 35 votes, and *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* - 26 votes.

NEWS

Terminator Tech Turned Real

BY IAN HAVEMANN

Honestly, seeing some special effect from a movie 30 years ago become a reality isn’t a surprise anymore. We’re already talking into our wrists, FaceTiming from halfway around the world, and carrying a supercomputer in our pocket that we still call a “phone”. Is finding out that a man named Timothy Scott developed an almost biological, auto-repairing “skin” that can heal itself in seconds really that shocking?

On second thought, that is pretty mind- blowing. Scott’s education includes a PhD in Materials Engineering from the University of Clayton in Australia, and he graduated with Honors (Chemistry) from the University of Melbourne. Applying his skills, along with the combined efforts of his team at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, they have developed a reactive liquid containing the chemical tributylborane; when exposed to oxygen, this liquid hardens to create a seamless material. Sounds like SkyNet at work to me.



Timothy Scott, creator of the autorepairing “skin” which will be used by NASA.

On the New Scientist website, there is a video of the experiment they conducted of someone shooting the material with a speeding bullet. Within seconds, the bullet is caught by the “skin” and completely heals itself, sealing the bullet within the material.



A space shuttle launch in Florida. NASA

Technological advances like this allow NASA and others to further research in a variety of fields of study. We could apply this material to not only our space stations, but space suits as well. Creating the helmet out of a form of this material could save an astronaut from a blunt hit to the face. The material will also be used to reinforce the outside of spaceships.

Also, we could apply the same to deep-sea divers and submarines to help reinforce their suits or glass from the powerful pressure of the Earth’s ocean. We are living in the future and it’s wild.

Historic Storm

BY MADDIE SPAGNOLA

South Carolina was hit by a historic storm causing massive rainfall and flooding during the first week of October. The central and eastern parts of the state received up to two feet of rainfall. Throughout the state, 11 dams broke through and 35 were being watched until the water level went down. In fear of how much more damage the storm could cause, 239 roads and 134 bridges were closed during that time.

The major rainfall and flooding was a natural disaster, but tragedy hit the people of the state in other ways as well. The cost to repair the damage is catastrophic. Families have lost their homes and won’t be able to access their neighborhoods for some time. There have also been at least 19 storm-related deaths and many people are still missing.

The state has received a lot of help and support from people all over the country. Homes, churches, and schools have experienced a lot of damage. If you want to help the Salvation Army support these communities, you can donate online or by texting STORM to 51555.



Water was higher than street signs. Getty Images

Nightmare on Chicago Street

BY JOSE SANDOVAL



Two cars flipped over as people take shelter from the infected at the annual Nightmare on Chicago street event downtown Elgin. NoCS Website

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The city of Elgin’s biggest event was last weekend. Nightmare on Chicago Street was held on October 24th and it looked like it had its largest crowd yet. Nightmare on Chicago Street was first held in 2011 when just 4,000 people attended the horrifying music and zombie apocalypse event.

Last year, in 2014, there were about 12,000 people who attended. Tickets were \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate. This event costs Elgin more than \$134,000 to host but overall, the city usually makes around \$100,000 of profit from the event. Businesses in downtown Elgin profited greatly from Nightmare on Chicago Street because it exposes them to large amounts of people. Mayor Kaptain believes this event is great for small businesses because it brings in revenues to those businesses and sales tax money.

This year, Nightmare on Chicago Street was expected to have 15,000+ people in attendance, which was the biggest crowd yet. Tickets, however, were \$5 more expensive, in order to make sure that the city can cover the full cost of the event. Tickets purchased in advanced were \$12 and tickets that were purchased at the gate or the day of the event was \$15.

The estimated 13,000 attendees (final attendance records have not been released) last weekend enjoyed music, zombies, costume contests and a lively atmosphere with food and drink. Many attendees were seen in full costume, makeup from head to toe. Many St. Edward students attended the event and the football team even helped set up.

The city of Elgin is hopeful that they can cover the full cost that it takes to make this event happen. Nightmare on Chicago Street was from 6 - 11 p.m. and included wandering zombies, bands, and “movie-like” sets on the closed-off streets of downtown Elgin.

One complaint the annual festival draws from local residents is the street closures that take place 24 hour before and after the event. Because the streets remained closed for clean-up Sunday, local residents, shoppers and diners had a difficult time navigating the area.

After another succesful event though, the City will likely continue to host the annual October party.



St. Edward sophs. Victoria Mindykowski (left) and Izzy Palacios in full makeup, with Captain Jack Sparrow at the festival.

Missing Cargo Ship

BY SHANNON MAY

On October 1, 2015, the cargo ship, El Faro, was believed to have sunk during Hurricane Joaquin. On October 5, the National Transportation Safety Board said they would investigate the sinking of El Faro which disappeared around the Bahamas.

Coast Guard Captain Mark Fedor said, “We believe [El Faro] sank in its last known position on Thursday. We are still looking for survivors or any signs of life.”

The 790-foot container ship had 33 people aboard, 28 of them being American citizens. Fedor stated that aircraft have searched 70,000 nautical miles Sunday, October 10, when the weather was good enough to start the search. Two debris fields have been found and were focused on. According to USA Today, Fedor says the crew would have been well-trained on abandoning ship so the Coast Guard is still searching for survivors.

On Sunday, October 10,

a survival suit with unidentifiable remains, a heavily damaged life boat, and other debris was found during the search. On the following Monday the effort continued with five planes, helicopters, tug-boats, and three Coast Guard cutters.

The Category 4 hurricane brought 50-foot waves and 120 mph winds, making federal investigators wonder why the ship would travel in such conditions.

El Faro was traveling from Florida to Puerto Rico when on Thursday their last radio transmission came in, reporting the ship was taking on water.

The owners of El Faro, TOTE Maritime Puerto Rico, thanked the Coast Guard in a statement for their assistance in the search. “We continue to hold out hope for survivors. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family members and we will continue to do all we can to support them.”



The El Faro Cargo Ship was built in 1975 and has been sailing ever since. NBC News

NBC News

The Nobel Prize for Medicine

BY SHANNON MAY

Three scientists won the Nobel Prize for Medicine Monday, October 5, 2015, for their groundbreaking work on drugs used to prevent and treat parasitic diseases. Japan’s Satoshi Omura, China’s Youyou Tu, and Ireland’s William C. Campbell all played a part in the development of this new drug.

According to CNN, avermectin, a main component of this drug, was discovered by Campbell and Omura. This derivative is used to treat river blindness and lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis. Artemisinin, discovered by Tu, can effectively fight malaria and its use has led to a major decline in deaths from malaria.

Ivermectin, derived from avermectin, is used across the globe to fight roundworm. Artemisinin, used to kill malaria in its early stages, was discovered by Tu among traditional herbal medicine practices.

Half of the prize was awarded to Omura and Campbell, while the other half was presented to Tu. The Nobel Assembly said of Omura and Campbell’s discovery, “These two discoveries have provided humankind with powerful new means to combat these debilitating diseases that affect hundreds of millions of people annually. The consequences in terms of improved human health and reduced suffering are immeasurable.”

The assembly said of Tu’s discovery, “Artemisinin represents a new class of antimalarial agents that rapidly kill the Malaria parasites at an early stage of

their development, which explains its unprecedented potency in the treatment of severe malaria.”

The assembly also noted how the treatment of river blindness and lymphatic filariasis is so successful that the diseases have almost been eradicated.



Nobel Prize Committee

Omura, Tu, and Campbell have made tremendous discoveries in the field of medicine.



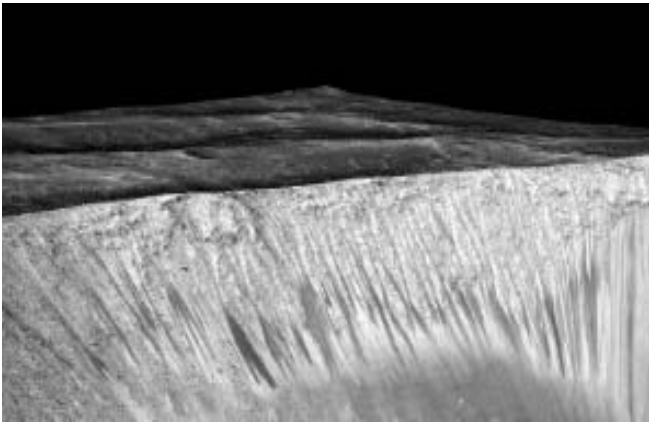
The Nobel Prize for Medicine.

Mars: Water

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The finely laminated mudstones that Curiosity has discovered match the types of rocks that would be left behind by large bodies of water. It’s possible that those lakes expanded and contracted over hundreds of millions of years. What still puzzles scientists is where all this water came from in the first place.

Scientists are still unsure about the precise amount of water that is currently on the planet, but hope to send astronauts to Mars in the near future. Though it may take years, the plans are already being made for the long journey.



CNN.com-

NASA says this picture shows proof of water in the dark streaks called recurring slope lineae, on the sides of the Garni Crater on Mars.

Budget Debacle: Congress Passes 2016 Budget

BY TAYLOR GILLEN

President Obama and Congress have reached an agreement that will moderately increase spending over the next two years. The deal still has to be approved by the House and the Senate. The agreement plans to increase spending by 80 billion dollars in the next two years and adds 32 billion dollars to an emergency war fund.

These additions are coming from cuts in Medicare and Social Security, a compromise not expected from The President. Social Security will sacrifice major cuts to disability funding while doctors and health care providers will see a decrease in payments. Another increase is the statutory borrowing limit. Democrats are pleased with this deal because of the equal increases in military and nonmilitary programs. The agreement is surprising after years of gridlock.

Republicans hope this compromise will make a good impression on voters as they try to show how reasonable this agreement is, after receiving blame for the government shutdown in 2013. This bill is a shocking compromise between Democrats and Republicans, especially with the complications that previously ensued:

President Obama was done with the short-term resolutions and wanted to establish a budget before he left office. Obama stressed the importance of creating a long-term plan to help give America’s economy a push into the right direction.

President Obama had signed a

short-term spending plan or a “continuing resolution”(CR) that congress drafted to direct spending for the next 10 weeks. The final budget had to be ready to be put into effect by December 11th or another short-term budget would have to be passed to avoid another embarrassing shutdown. “I will not sign another short-sighted spending bill like the one Congress sent me this week,” [Obama] said in early Oct. “We purchased ourselves 10 additional weeks; we need to use them effectively.”

“This is not the way the United States should be operating,” he continued. “Oftentimes, I hear from folks up on Capitol Hill [about] the need for American leadership, the need for America to be No. 1. Well, you know what? Around the globe, part of what makes us a leader is when we govern effectively and we keep our own house in order and we pass budgets and we can engage in long-term planning, and we can invest in the things that are important for the future. That’s U.S. leadership.”

The most controversial aspect to the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget was the money set aside for the Department of Defense. Keeping Americans safe is the number one priority for the U.S. Government. The Budget for Keeping Americans Safe at Home and Abroad in the first proposed bill was set at 612 billion dollars. The President’s veto sent congress a message they did not want to receive.

Then Republican Speaker of The

House, John Boehner, argued “By placing domestic politics ahead of our troops, President Obama had put America’s national security at risk.”

One of President Obama’s main concerns with the bill was its funding for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA will limit The President’s ability to shut down the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center before he leaves office. “Guantanamo is one of the premier mechanisms for jihadists to recruit,” he told reporters at a rare White House veto signing ceremony. It’s time for us to close it. It’s outdated, it’s expensive, it’s been there for years. We can do better in terms of keeping Americans safe while making sure that we are consistent with our values,” he said. Shutting the detention center down had been a promise since his 2008 campaign.

President Obama stressed the importance of having a budget that balances major priorities. One of President Obama’s main goals is to redirect spending to needed projects such as building a better economy. “Let’s have a budget that properly funds our national security as well as economic security. Let’s make sure that we’re able in a constructive way to reform our military spending to make it sustainable over the long term.”

Much needed projects have been proposed in the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget, projects ranging from new education programs to making services like making re-

tirement plans more accessible to workers. The budget plans to improve many positive programs in education to help the well-being of many of American students in 2016.

The budget will increase funding to special education and will place a higher effort on assisting English language learners. The budget will also improve science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, granting 3 billion dollars to improve current programs and re-design America’s high school instruction for these courses. The budget will also help the American worker through added tax credits to families where both spouses work.

A ‘paid leave’ is proposed so that families can stop choosing between caring for their loved ones and receiving a paycheck they desperately need. The budget plans on making saving for retirement easier and accessible to all workers.

One of the most helpful and new areas of funding will go to making a college education more accessible. A tuition-free community college for responsible students, a partnership between community colleges and the federal government will help over 9 million students with starting their journey to a degree. Another improvement is a re-design on student loans. The budget proposes to start a pay as you earn repayment plan, so that repayment does not become unmanageable.



Former Speaker John Boehner (left), and President Obama



Politico

SPORTS

The Inside Scoop: Dominique Washington

BY: MICHAEL MATTAS



Dominique Washington hits against ICCP.

Daily Herald

Although we hear Green Wave volleyball star, Dom, gets announced last at home games, she is certainly not least. In fact, she gets announced last because her cheers are too dang loud. A fan favorite who really puts the “boom” in the tick tick chant has given the Green Machine every reason to cheer. Her 301 kills to date directly correlate to the 10/10 rating she gives to the Green Machine’s support this year.

When she brings down the hammer on a good set, she sends the opponents hip hopping away like the music she listens to. Unlike her favorite artist Fetty Wap, she has a keen eye for the open spot in the defense.

Although she may be sassy on the court like her favorite Disney Princess,

Tiana, she sends the heat like the Dominican Republic, her favorite vacation spot, and fries the defense like her favorite snack food.

When Dom is doing her thing getting loose hitting the Whip during pregame we all know something good is about to happen. She has goals to become a division one student athlete and ultimately represent the United States as an Olympian.

She has learned from the seniors how to become a more vocal leader and hopes that the team can make it to state in the future! This previous Athlete of the Month will continue to DOMinate opponents for years to come and continue to make the St. Edward family proud.

Par Sets The Bar

BY ABRIANNA SCHREURS

The boys golf team recently wrapped up their phenomenal season with a trip down state due to their consistent, outstanding performances in regionals and sectionals. After a minor team struggle at regionals, Karl Bibler's 5th score advanced the team to sectionals with a team score of 339. Keeping their scores low at Prairie View earned the boys second place at sectionals with a team score of 335 and pushed them through to state.

“The practice round was rough.” Steven Poremba mentioned. “The course was open and easy but the greens were really fast. Probably the fastest we’ve played on all year.”

The boys racked up an average team score of 335 on their first day competing and towered into their second day, despite the cold weather conditions and delayed tee times, with the second lowest team score of their season of 327.

Despite their best efforts the boys lost third place by one stroke to Rock Island Alleman and took fourth. However, they had the pleasure in saying that the state champion, Michael Mattas, was on their

team.

Senior Jason Allen commented, "Our goal all year was to make it down state as a team and we did. We just fell a little bit short. We had a successful season making it down state as a team, taking fourth place, and Michael winning state individually. It was a crazy year and I couldn't have asked for a better team."

The girls golf team also sent one member, sophomore Jordan Mattas, down state this season. After making it out of regionals with a score of 92, Mattas shot her season low of 88 which carried her into state. There she shot a 100 her first day and a 91 her second day placing 66th at the finish.

"The course was in pretty good condition. I didn't think it was that difficult except for a couple holes," Mattas said. "Playing on the course was challenging because of the wind but I told myself just to have fun."

As a returning state qualifier Mattas hopes to improve and qualify again in 2016 by practicing harder and consistently producing lower scores.



Boy's State Golf Team

Photo: Abrianna Schreurs

Slipping After Success

BY: STEVEN POREMBA



Chicago Blackhawks raising the banner at the United Center during the home opener

Getty Images

The Chicago Blackhawks are coming off an outstanding 2014-15 season after winning the Stanley Cup in a six game series against the Tampa Bay Lightning and they hope to bring Lord Stanley home once again. The Blackhawks have 15 of 29 players returning from their championship roster last season. Six of them have been part of all three championships won in the last six years. Most new or returning players for the Blackhawks have little to no experience with the team though, which has caused a rocky start to the 2015-16 season.

Raising the banner was the pride and joy of the Blackhawks opener against the New York Rangers. The Rangers

spoiled the night though, by defeating the Hawks 3-2 in regulation.

Since the opener the Blackhawks have been shaky. To add to the rough start, star defenseman and prior Norris trophy winner Duncan Keith will be out of action for four to six weeks after surgery on a torn meniscus.

A bright spot for the Hawks was a solid win in overtime against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday, Oct. 24. Even though the start of the season is not what the Hawks were hoping for, they are looking to bounce back and make a run for the playoffs. The Hawks are currently 6 - 3 and host the always formidable L.A. Kings on Monday November 2.

Running With The Bulls

BY JOSE SANDOVAL



Derrick Rose, in the Bulls home opener on Oct. 27, wearing a mask due to an orbital fracture.

Getty Images

The Chicago Bulls are ready and hungry to chase an NBA Championship. This year’s roster has many players returning, plus the addition of the potential sleeper pick of the 2015 NBA Draft, Bobby Portis from Arkansas University.

It will be weird not hearing former head coach Tom Thibodeau constantly yelling at the sidelines this year. The Bulls parted ways with Thibodeau this summer and hired former NBA player and Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg.

In the new Hoiberg era, the Bulls hope to speed up the offense and to shoot, a lot. Hoiberg will bring a new style that Thibodeau probably would have condemned. Thibodeau was considered a defensive guru, while Hoiberg brings more offensive firepower to the scheme.

Jimmy Butler, Doug McDermott, and Niko Mirotic should benefit a lot from Hoiberg's new offensive system.

The talk of the Bulls has mostly surrounded Derrick Rose, who was out the entire preseason due to a fractured left orbital, which he sustained on the first day of practice. Also of note are the question-

able comments made by Jimmy Butler concerning the team’s lack of leadership, questioning Derrick Rose's work ethic and their friendship, and criticizing the team's defense.

Butler commented on the lack of leadership to the Chicago Sun Times, “I think I can lead vocally and obviously with my actions on the court. I can’t tell anybody to do something if I’m not doing it. I can’t ask one of these rookies to dive on the floor if I’m not diving on the floor, take a charge if I’m not taking a charge. Leadership is one of the only things that this team has really been lacking. We’ve had a little here and there, but I think you’ve got to have that guy to come in and get it done in the leadership role. We’ve got good enough players. I don’t think that’s ever been a problem”.

After Butler’s comments, Rose told the media he bought Butler a \$30,000 watch. Interesting turn of events, but it is still to be seen how the two work together on the floor this year. The Bulls won their opener against a depleted Cavs team 97-95 on Oct. 27, in a potential Eastern Conference Finals match up.

SPORTS

Number One in the State and in Our Hearts

BY NICK WORRALL

As a pudgy little 4’10, 110 pound, baby-faced, freshman emerged on the St. Edward golf scene in the summer of 2012, few knew that he would turn into one of the greatest golf machines the school has ever seen. The biggest believer of the few you might ask? It was the boy, himself, Michael Jordan Mattas.

The first time Mattas picked up a club was before he was two years old, when he started to walk. He said it has been true love ever since. Mattas’ biggest support has come from his family, but especially his dad. “He taught me how to play the game, I wouldn’t be anywhere close to where I am without him,” remarked Mattas.

Six years ago, when Mattas was 12, his family got a membership to Elgin Country Club, where they are still members today; he said this is the point when he started taking golf seriously. His entire family golfs, which is one of the major reasons golf has become such a big part of his life. His sister, sophomore Jordan, placed 66th at state, which is incredible considering she still has two more years of high school.

Mattas’ goal since freshman year was to just make it to state, “It would be hard and take a lot of work but I was willing to sacrifice anything to make it happen,” he said.

Sacrificing everything is exactly what he did; his summer days all through his high school career consisted of him arriving at Elgin Country club around 8a.m. and golfing until late in the afternoon around 5p.m. This left little time for work or friends.

His junior year he accomplished the goal he had worked so hard to achieve. Mattas said this is when he re-

alized he could do more than just make it; he could win it.



The “I’m about to win state” look. Mrs. Mattas

Over the summer coming into his senior year of high school, one trip to the state tournament under his belt, Mattas met Jordan Spieth’s coach, Cameron McCormick, who gave him a few words of advice he will never forget, “Focus, there will be distractions but you need to have purpose and be willing to do anything it takes if that’s truly what you want.”

Mattas said he thought about this all summer while preparing for his last year of high school golf and that is what, he says, drove him. After his 25th place finish at state his junior year he had only one thing on his mind heading into this season, he needed to be number one.

After a rough start at regional competition, and improving at sectionals Mattas found himself in just the place he had always dreamed. He was in the final round of state competition, in a heated battle with Urbana junior

Varun Chopra. Although Mattas sunk his final putt he didn’t have it in the bag quite yet. Chopra, who was right on Mattas’ heels, was still a few holes back so Mattas went to the range with his coach to hit a few balls while he waited.

As Chopra lined up a difficult 5 foot putt for par, on the 18th hole, that would tie him for first with Mattas, the suspense rose. Chopra hit the hole but the ball popped out.

The crowd went wild but there was one very important person missing from the frenzy of people, the champion himself. Mattas was still at the range and didn’t even know he had placed first. “I didn’t know what to do, everyone came running towards me while I was on the range and it was a huge sense of relief. I was the champ.”

He joins the Ralph Gierens (class of 1965), as the only two in St. Edward history to win a golf state championship.

Mattas is just as great off the course as he is on. He is the kind of guy any girl would want to bring home on a Sunday night to have dinner with the parents. He is someone guys want to be like. Mattas is the real deal, the whole package. He always has something positive to say as well as one of his famous handshakes to go along with it.

Be sure to ask him for his signature, which he has been perfecting since his sophomore year, when you see him in the hallways. It will be worth some money one day when he’s swinging with the best of them.

Winning Not Bears’ Forte

BY KYLE BROWN



Jay Cuter eludes Kansas City Chief linebacker Justin Houston

Getty Images

The beginning of the season started off extremely rough for the Chicago Bears. They have once again struggled to string together wins, falling to 2-4 after only seven weeks. After a week one loss to the dreaded Green Bay Packers, the Bears fell to the Arizona Cardinals in week two. To make matters worse, the Bears traveled to Seattle in week three, only to be shutout 26-0 by the Seahawks.

With a 0-3 record in week four, the Bears’ season looked all but over unde new head coach John Fox. Then came Robbie Gould’s game winning field goal versus the Oakland Raiders in week four.

In the following week against the Chiefs, Cutler again marched the Bears down the field in the fourth quarter to score the game winning touchdown. Unfortunately, that luck came to a stop against the Detroit Lions in week five. The Bears lost a close game to the then winless Lions that went deep into overtime.

Matt Forte has once again been one of the most productive running backs in

the NFL, with 698 yards from scrimmage and two touchdowns. Unfortunately, that success has only helped produce two wins.

A slew of Bears’ injuries could be a major reason for their abysmal record. Kevin White, the Bears’ first round draft pick in 2015, suffered a stress fracture in his shin before the season even started and will be out for the remainder of the season. Ego Ferguson, another young impact player for the Bears, is also out for the year with a knee injury. The Bears had a week seven bye which helped players like Alshon Jeffery, Eddie Royal, and Shea McClellin recover from lingering injuries.

Looking ahead, the Bears will travel to Green Bay to battle the Packers on Thanksgiving Day. With the opening kick at 7:30 pm, it is a great way to end Thanksgiving Day. Hopefully the Bears can put up a good fight against the reigning NFC North champions. With four games between now and Thanksgiving, the Bears look to muster up some momentum and turn their season around.

An October to Remember

BY CECILIA KOCHANЕК

The 2015 MLB post-season started off as a wild one, especially for Cubs fans. The two wild-card games were played on Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 7. The Houston Astros beat the New York Yankees and the Chicago Cubs, who clinched a playoff spot for the first time since 2008, beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to advance.

The Astros went on to play the Kansas City Royals, and lost the series three games to two. The Toronto Blue Jays and the Texas Rangers also played in the first round of the American League playoffs. Winning the series three games to two, the Blue Jays advanced to the AL Division Series and eventually beat the Astros. Kansas City emerged as the eventual American League champion after beating the Blue Jays.

For the first time in playoff history, the Chicago Cubs met their division-rival, the St. Louis Cardinals, and won that series three games to one to advance to the NLCS.

History was in the making for

the Chicago Cubs. It’s been over a decade since the Cubs went to the NLCS Championship series. They started the series on Saturday, Oct. 17 against the New York Mets, who beat the Dodgers three games to two to advance to play the Cubs.

The Mets came in hot, and gave the young Cubbies something to think about, notching a 4-2 victory in game one. The nerves seemed to get to Chicago, who committed uncharacteristic errors in game two and whose bats fell silent. The Mets took the lead in the series two games to none.

The next week was a continued letdown for the Cubs, losing the next two games 5-2 and 8-3; the Mets won the series four games to none and moved on to the World Series to play the Kansas City Royals.

Although the Cubs were not able to make their dreams come true, they are a young team with incredible talent and a bright future.



Jake Arrieta celebrates a strikeout during the NLCS against the New York Mets.

Latinpost.com

ENTERTAINMENT

DIY Halloween Costumes

BY IAN HAVEMANN AND TAYLOR GILLEN

Second Edition

Uh oh! Another year without a Halloween costume? Don't fret! Taylor and Ian are back with another edition of Do-It-Yourself Costumes. In just a few easy steps you too can look this good on the 31st.

1. Mr. Clean - How desperate are you? If you really need a solid costume, this one's easy. Shave your head and throw on a plain white T and call yourself Mr. Clean.



mrclean.com

2. Shia Labeouf – Grow a beard (if possible) and literally say anything you want, like it doesn't even have to make sense. You even have an excuse to bust out that terrible free-style without judgement! Bam, Shia Labeouf.



E!Online

3. Iron Man – Ready to hop on the super hero costume train? Easy! Start with a red jump suit, grab an entire roll of clear tape, and go crazy taping yellow paper to your face, chest, and appendages. You can't go wrong!



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7. Quarterback – For all you sport buffs out there, this one's for you. Grab any T-shirt really, and tape one quarter to the back of it. Walk around and you, my friend, are one of the most important players on a football team.



USA Today

4. Donna Pinciotti – This one's for the ladies. If you don't want to spend money on a costume, just keep on your school uniform and you can be Donna from That 70's Show. (Optional: Ladies you can grab your boyfriend with normal clothes and you got an Eric!)



ABC

5. Netflix and Chill – Stay up on with the lingo “the kids” are sayin' nowadays with this simple costume. Stick a Netflix logo on a red T-shirt and carry a bag of ice. Complete with a sly smirk to let the ladies know.



GQ

6. Crying Laughing Emoji – Here's one that everyone will recognize. Only slightly blow up two blue balloons and tape those bad boys right by your eyes. Just keep an extremely enthusiastic smile for the entire day, and every once in a while mention how you “can't even.”



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Cooking Corner

BY MADDIE SPAGNOLA

Fall is a time whern the weather is getting colder, the leaves are changing, and the delicious goodies are getting even better. Puppy chow is an easy, quick, delicious dessert that you can make for gatherings, trick-or-treat bags, or really any occasion. Pumpkin is a popular flavor in the fall months, so why not mix together an already easy treat with an even more delicious taste? Pumpkin Spice Puppy Chow is a great recipe for your fall activities. It's easy to make with the perfect amount of the fall pumpkin flavor!

Ingredients

- 13.5 oz box (about 7-8 cups) Cinnamon Chex cereal or Rice Chex
- 12 ounces orange candy melts or pure white chocolate
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-2 cups mallowcreme pumpkins

Directions

1. Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Set aside.
2. In 20 second increments, melt the candy melts or white chocolate in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Stir each increment until melted and completely smooth. Stir in 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, the nutmeg, cloves, and allspice until combined. Pour mixture over cereal and toss gently to coat each square. Be gentle, the cereal can break easily.
3. Pour the confectioners sugar and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon into a large zipped-top bag. Add the coated cereal and shake until each piece is coated. Pour back into a large bowl and discard excess confectioners sugar. Toss in the mallowcreme pumpkins. Use 1 - 2 cups, whichever amount you prefer.
4. Cover and store puppy chow for up to 2 weeks.



Sally's Baking Addiction

Greek Comedy at St. Edward

BY KYLE BROWN

Autumn is upon us. The changing of seasons brings us beautiful outdoor scenery, the wonderful holiday of Halloween, and St. Edward's fall play! This year's production is Greek Mythology Olympiaganza, a fun and modern take on Greek mythology. Opening night is Friday, November 6, at 7 pm. There are two more performances, Saturday at 7 pm and Sunday at 3 pm.

Seniors Amy Al-Salaita and Tess Schuck, the narrators, will lead the audience through several famous Greek stories. Together they will use sarcasm and creative zingers to poke fun at age old tales such as “The Birth of Zeus,” “The Labors of Her-

cules,” and “Jason and the Argonauts.”

The set production for this play is very unique. Mr. Godinez, a new math teacher, is already impacting St. Edward outside of the classroom by helping lead the set construction. He is very excited by the versatility that the play offers. He envisions transforming the stage into a Greek Temple which will be, as he describes, “Simple but big.”

Leading the entire production is Ms. Rodman. This is only her third production at St. Edward, but anyone who has seen her two previous shows knows that she is a fantastic director. She brings a fun and upbeat energy

that is easily seen in the actors' performances on stage.

When asked about how this play appeals to people of all ages, Ms. Rodman replied, “This is an incredibly high-energy parody of the Greek myths in a brand new way. No matter your sense of humor, be it highbrow or sophomoric, silly or dark, slapstick or satiric, this show will have everyone in the audience laughing the whole way!”

If you're a fan of mythology or just a fan of comedy, this show is for you. Admission is only \$10 per person at the door, which is a great value to liven up your weekend!

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Sunday November 8th	3:00pm	

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The Egg Heard ‘Round the World

BY MICHAEL MATTAS

There is nothing worse than that incredibly deflating feeling of arriving at the drive thru at 10:36 a.m., craving an egg McMuffin, a sausage burrito, or a terrible for you, but oh so good McGrid-dle and realizing you’re just a little too late. Breakfast is over, it’s lunch time.

Luckily, we no longer have to awkwardly order a double quarter pounder, small fry, and a coca cola at 10:36a.m. when we don’t really want it. McDonalds finally did what we all hoped they would, and opened the breakfast menu full time.

Unfortunately, it is a limited menu offering only some of our breakfast favorites. McDonalds decided they will base the menu items on location. More of the southern states will have biscuit

based items while other states will have McMuffin items.

Early assessments of the new all day breakfast have been mixed. Deciding how they will manage the mix between lunch and breakfast orders will be a challenge. McDonalds manager a Juan Garcia, from restaurant in Missouri, said that finding the grill space has been the most difficult thing to manage. He claims that the eggs and breakfast items take up much more space than the lunch menu items and this has delayed orders and greatly increased the preparation time.

The company is confident though, they can get things figured out quickly and make a smooth transition into the ‘McMuffin for dinner’ era.



Egg McMuffin breakfast sandwich.

McDonalds.com

The King and Queen of 2015

BY NICK WORRALL

From the crowd at the homecoming football game, at NIU, you could hear chants of “kiss, kiss, kiss” as the homecoming king and queen were crowned. They are Jared Rejman and Sam Boydston; St. Eds’ cutest couple.

Sam and Jared have known each other since they were in Kindergarten together at Saint Laurence Grade School in Elgin. The summer between 7th and 8th grade was when Jared finally popped the question in a very typical grade school way, he sent Sam a text, which she obviously said yes to and the rest is history. Was it destiny? I think so.

There is no doubt that there is nothing but love when it comes to these two. “They enjoy being with other people and have fun no matter what,” Golf State Champion, Michael Mattas, joyfully exclaimed, “They make the best out of any situation.”

When Sam was asked about how she felt about Jared she admitted, “I am so lucky to have Jared in my life and to have him around for so long. He is so fun and caring and is exactly the person I want to talk to after a long day. Jared does so much for me and I don’t know where I’d be without

him. He’s my best friend.”

Jared had a shorter but just as sweet response when asked him about Sam, “I am so thankful Sam has stuck with me throughout these 4+ years because I know how annoying I can be. I am the luckiest guy in the world to have someone like her.”

There are no other couples at St. Eds that have been going strong for all four years and that is what makes them so special. Many girls like to use the term “#goals” while describing Sam and Jared. “They always tease each other but know the other is kidding, they remember important days, help each other out, are considerate of one another, but most importantly they love each other.” Said Abrianna Schreurs, a “#goals” Twitter retweet junkie, “They’re definitely “#goals”!”

After high school is over, they both hope to attend college. Jared’s top choice is Depaul while Sam’s is Augustana. They don’t have much of an idea about what they would like to major in or what will happen after that, but no matter where they end up, it looks like they’re going to end up together.



Sam and Jared just after being crowned King and Queen.



Sam and Jared freshman year homecoming.

The Lovely Ladies in the Lunch Room

BY IAN HAVEMANN

As a senior, I’ve had pleasure of being served by those terrific three ladies in the kitchen for all four years of my high school career. And it dawned on me, exactly how long have they been at St. Ed’s? What’s their story? My curiosity led me to the kitchen, to interview Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Sanders, and Mrs. Hutchenson about their background at St. Edward.

Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Sanders have been whipping up lunch for a whopping 35 years, while Mrs. Hutchenson has worked here for 20 years. When I asked them what keeps them going with such a positive attitude, they all promptly responded, “The kids!”

I learned that not just their own children went to St. Ed’s, but their grand-kids as well. Having such an extended family of alumni, they love serving the students of St. Ed’s. They love all the high school kids and even commented on how polite we are. Keep it up guys!

Now, we all have likes and dislikes when it comes to the lunch menu, so I had to know if the ladies have any favorites. Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Hutchenson both went with the Roast Beef as their number one, while Mrs. Sanders went with the majority favorite, Super Chicken.

When I asked about least fa-

vorites, Mrs. Knott commented on how she knows there are some lunch items that the kids don’t like. Since Mrs. Knott makes up the lunch schedule, she controls what gets served and when. However, the only feedback she receives is whether or not students actually buy the food. She told me she’s completely open to changing items and adding new ones, if only we would actually tell her what we liked and disliked. So look out next month for a lunch schedule poll; you might decide what gets served!

Working for so long together, Mrs. Knott, Sanders, and Hutchenson have a really tight bond with each other and the St. Ed’s faculty. They really do enjoy coming in everyday and I’m sure you’ve noticed, they always serve with a smile.

Any student who has worked in the kitchen with them knows the great attitude they bring to those around them. Over the years, students have gone in and out of the kitchen helping them with serving and stocking. Students will find themselves making some unexpected friends, and the ladies love the company every time. They look forward to serving us that boat of fries just as much as we look forward to receiving them!



(From left to right) Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Hutchenson, Mrs. Knott.

Ian Havemann

More to Mr. Lavorata

Lavorata, from Page 1

He studied at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. He majored in Theology with a concentration in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, and Youth Ministry. He also minored in Philosophy with a concentration on Eschatology and Psychology concentrating on Personal Psychology. After his time in Joliet he started as a Peer Minister in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. While he was a Peer Minister he studied at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. He received his masters in Theology and Christian Ministry there.

Mr. Lavorata’s personality is what makes him such an intriguing teacher. Since the first day with him our senior class knew this year would be interesting. Mr. Lavorata not only has character bursting from the seams but, a unique taste in hobbies to match. Mr. Lavorata spends his free time as a Dungeons and Dragons enthusiast. He enjoys escaping reality to join his warlock allies. You can catch him in his favorite class Paladin. In and out of the classroom he is a heavily-armored defender of the innocent and upholder of righteousness. By day he is Theology teacher Anthony Lavorata and by night he delves into his alter ego Ember, a level 5 Genasi Warlock. His ambidextrous talents save him time and time again. He holds his sword

with one hand and shoots fire with the other.

Mr. Lavorata takes the game seriously and can interpret the many challenges of Dungeons and Dragon’s into real life experience. “I would say it’s important to remember that you are in a group with other PCs (Player Characters) who have talents different from yours. It’s a group game and therefore imperative to rely on other’s actions and advice. In addition, just like video, tabletop, and athletic games, RPGs are a social interaction game that encourages and fosters teamwork for a common goal and often leads to lifelong, meaningful friendships.”



Mr. Lavorata with his 100-sided die.

Taylor Gillen

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Fall Traditions

By Abrianna Schreurs

The night quickly closes in, the trees begin to lose their beautiful color, and a chill creeps into the air letting us know the fall season is just around the corner. Fireplaces are lit after months of being untouched and hoodies are pulled to the front of everyone’s closet. Fall is finally here bringing a train of radically different traditions with it. Apart from the usual holiday traditions, we asked some students what their family customs are during the season, as well as their favorite things about fall.

Alex Piton
Sr.



Tradition(s):
-Watching football, eating turkey, and having his uncle and grandparents come over.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Crisp air in the mornings, fishing, and the crunch/color of leaves.

Dylan Murray
Sr.



Tradition(s):
-Carving pumpkins with his family, having all of his cousins over for Thanksgiving, and making chili in a bread bowl.
Fall Favorite(s):
-The leaves changing color, scary movies, festive candle scents, and sassy scarves.

Noelle Delacruz
Soph.



Tradition(s)
-Picking out/ caving pumpkins, going to haunted houses and bonfires with friends
Fall Favorite(s):
-Football games, volleyball games, drive in movies, camping, exploring the baron woods, and apple cider

Alec Uscila
Jr.



Tradition(s)
-Painting his little sister for Halloween, listening to country music, watching movies, hunting, and making cookies.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Wearing flannels, walking around without socks, celebrating my birthday, soccer, carpent-ing, selling apple cider, and sewing.

Kiana Horn
Jr.



Tradition(s):
-Trick or treating with family, trading candy, making chili, playing campfire games with her cousins, and having a contest for who can make the funniest Halloween costume.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Sweater weather and the leaves changing color.

Saveon Smith
Soph.



Tradition(s):
-Trick or treating, visiting haunted houses, and Thanksgiving.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Football

Brandon Soto
Fr.



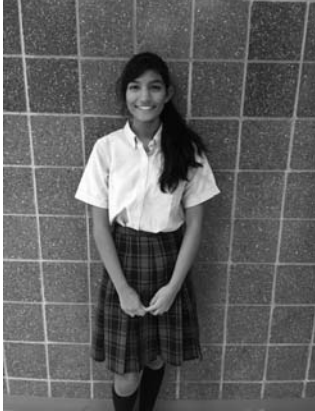
Tradition(s):
-Going to the pumpkin patch with his family, eating apple pie, and jumping in piles of leaves.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Football, bonfires, and reading.

Jimmy Harkins
Jr.



Tradition(s)
-Hanging out with friends on Hal-loween, dressing up as a pony every year, going to his grandmas for Thanks-giving and then to his uncles for desert.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Playoff season, Thanksgiving, Hal-loween, and different costumes.

Sienna Fernandes
Fr.



Tradition(s):
-Carving pumpkins and going to Goberts with her family.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Scaring people, dressing up for Halloween, watching movies, and French silk pie.

Ellie Trieber
Jr.



Tradition(s):
-Going to see her grandparents, spending time with her family, dressing up for Hal-loween, and eating candy
Fall Favorite(s):
-Cute outfits, boots, cozy sweaters, and the cool weather.

Caysie Colasuono
Sr.



Tradition(s):
-Taking cute pictures at the pumpkin farm, carving pumpkins, haunted houses, and watching Hocus Pocus EVERY DAY.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Dressing her dogs up, getting snow tires on her car for the winter, and fall candles.

Alex Scola
Sr.



Tradition(s):
-Going through corn mazes, scaring her mom, and dressing up for Halloween with her brother.
Fall Favorite(s):
-Getting a new dog, wearing headbands, northfaces, leggings, and tall boots.