Focus on Christ this Easter.
Chronic athletes foot becomes chronic pedestrian foot

Op-ed: You’re not proficient at Excel you filthy liar

Op-ed: The Geico Gecko belongs in a zoo, not on TV

Area man repeatedly shouting “Am I being detained?” detained

The people who found gold during the gold rush probably fucked so much
Is Mario racist against Italian people?
Wanna go respect some women later?
Kevin Jonas left the Jonas Brothers to pursue a biology degree at Texas Tech University
Do the Jews have a Facebook group?
Baby Boomers are the strip club generation and millennials are the high-end escort generation
I got my wisdom teeth removed by my barber
George Lopez would not have died in Game of Thrones
Yes, my wife still breastfeeds our son. He’s only 240 months
Can I stand with Ilhan Omar even if I don’t want to go to Minnesota?
All of Tiff’s Treats’ employees are named Tiffany, especially women
If we canceled the Black Eyed Peas, we’d have no Boom Boom Pow
You have to beg on your knees to move up in the Ramen Tatsu-ya line
It’s not that I’d rather play Fortnite than make love, it’s that I’d rather play Fortnite than spend $200

Wait, but where would you have wanted to be on 9/11?
I put my heart on my sleeve, and you decided to wear a tank top
Dap me up, mom!
Let’s Humans of New York his ass

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People you forgot died on Game of Thrones

James Corden couldn’t hang
Jesse Eisenberg killed for stuttering
Ted Cruz died at Castle Black protecting his nation from outside invaders
The cast of “This Is Us” they were dropped into battle with no weapons, just baggage.
Kurt Cobain hunting accident
The penguins of Madagascar they’re penguins so it could’ve been many reasons
David Blaine drowned for being a witch

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New Study: Beto O'Rourke’s sleeves get a little higher ever time he rolls them

AUSTIN – In a recent study conducted by the Texas Travesty, it has been discovered that the sleeves of 2020 presidential hopeful Beto O’Rourke get slightly higher towards his shoulders with each consecutive roll. “Using cutting-edge technology, we’ve been able to develop algorithms not unlike the ones that calculate the rate at which the State of California drifts off the mainland United States,” said Chief Researcher Thomas Thompson, who predicts that O’Rourke’s sleeves will be rolled well above his armpits by the night of the election. “If you were to look at an image of O’Rourke early into his Senatorial campaign, you would notice that his sleeves are modestly rolled low into his forearm, but when analyzing a recent image of him in Iowa, his sleeves seem to have inched well above his elbow. We calculate that O’Rourke’s sleeves rise approximately 3 nanometers per roll, which directly correlates with the number of his public appearances. It’s really quite interesting!” As of press time, the study is ongoing and will be periodically providing updates on the sleeve status. O’Rourke could not be reached for comment.

New Study: Kim Kardashian is on track to be the thickest grandma of all time

PASADENA — Researchers at the California Institute of Technology have come to a strong conclusion that Kim Kardashian West is projected to be the ‘thickest’ grandmother of all time. “After years of grueling number crunching and measuring tushies, we feel as if our conclusion is the most accurate of any experiment ever,” said Keegan DuPree-Michaels, an associate researcher. Keegan and his team began their study with the birth of Kardashian’s first daughter, North West. “When little North was born we all went nuts here, because we all love the show…but then we began thinking, her birth may bring bigger revelations…,” said Dr. Tunisia Patterson, the leader of the operation, 2 years ago. “In an era of increasingly thick grandmothers, Kim might have the potential to be the thickest of them all.” The study had a rough start, as researchers calculated the age and probability of little North having children in the next twenty years. But when Kim Kardashian had two more kids in the next three years, the researchers knew they had a conclusion in the bag. “This report is the culmination of all my life’s work,” said a proud Dr. Patterson after the finished report released. “I’m proud of myself and these researchers. We did it, Kim K WILL be the thickest grandma of all time.”

Op-ed: Pollen is on some shit today!

I have seen many allergy seasons in my day. Harsh ones, I might add. However, there have been very few when pollen has been on some shit. It is estimated the Black Plague killed 25 million people in its stead; Genghis Khan brutally massacred 40 million people during the Mongol conquests. Pollen has made me sneeze an unprecedented twelve times since I’ve been awake today. If pollen were a human right now, it would be a 6’9”, 250-pound behemoth of a man who punches you in the face every time you breathe, talk, or do absolutely anything. Pollen is like that one drunk uncle who sits you down at your eighth birthday party to explain how Santa and God don’t exist. You just have to sit there and take it because your Alavert D hasn’t kicked in yet.
ASKING TO HAVE CLASS OUTSIDE SINCE 1997

SXSW HIGHLIGHTS

We went to South By Southwest and made this report of all our favorite parts!

Drake Kissing Booth (17 and under only)

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Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton air out their grievances (21+)

VICELAND: Cooking Barbecue w/ Jerry Trainor Yes, the Man From iCarly
Kid eats a marble, shits a marble

AUSTIN - The doo doo hit the fan last week when rebellious toddler Jaxsyn defecated a marble he had previously swallowed the week before, despite strictly having been told not to. Teenage babysitter Maggie was beyond mortified to discover the small ball in the daredevil’s diaper. “So like, at first I was like, ‘I think someone needs a changy,’ and then I was like, ‘OMG! Is that like, a kidney stone?’” Like, my dad had a kidney stone, but he’s like, 48. And this is, like, a baby.” Baby Jaxsyn’s mother, LuAnn was unfazed by the situation. “Y’all need suck it the fuck up. S’not like he ate fuckin’ bleach. Parents these days get worked up over the dumbest shit. Aw shit, where’d the baby go? Y’all seen the baby?”

“Yeah I mean she’s funny, but she’ll never be as funny as Reddit,” man claims

AUSTIN — Standing outside after seeing Nikki Glaser’s sold-out stand up show, Matthew Ryan decided to start spewing his thoughts on female comedians to literally anyone who would listen. “Yeah, my girlfriend dragged me to this, of course. I would never voluntarily go see a female comedian, or comedienne, which is what I think they like to be called.” Claiming that the only other “comedienne” he’d seen was Amy Schumer on her Netflix special, Matthew still wanted to make it clear that he loved a ton of stand up comedians, but none of them happened to be women. He also made sure to add that one of his favorites was Louis C.K., until he decided to commit a true act of bravery and listen to women. “Glaser actually made a great anal joke tonight though about how much she likes it. God, if only my girlfriend would listen to her on that one, am I right? But besides that, I just feel like the comedy was not relatable to me at all. She started talking about pregnancy and kids and I got freaked out. I mean, of course whenever I knock my girlfriend up I’ll tell everyone ‘we’re pregnant’, but I don’t want to hear about it until it’s actually happening to me.” When his girlfriend started to argue with Matthew on what he was saying, he interrupted her, claiming “Yeah okay I’ll admit she was funny, but the entire time I couldn’t wait to get home and read my favorite subreddit, /r/Facepalm, which honestly makes me laugh more than a woman ever could.”

Op-ed: I fucked Ben Shapiro and all I got was this stupid T-shirt

Some men really seem to have it all: short stature, expressive eyebrows, a podcast (that’s popular in some circles), and a close relationship with Charlie Kirk (of Turning Point USA fame). It is for these reasons, and others (read: I’m psychotically horny), that I fucked Ben Shapiro. We met through a hellish exchange of Twitter DMs. He wrote me off as a “triggered lib” with several crying laughing emojis after I called him out for inspiring white supremacists. What progressed from there can only be described as pure, unadulterated bipartisanship. After repeatedly refusing to go down on me (citing concerns about it causing a spike in DSA membership), he eventually reached climax by thinking about Ted Cruz forming an exploratory committee for the 2020 election. While most people moan and whisper sweet nothings, Ben yelled “facts don’t care about your feelings” gratingly into my ear before he finished. He told me he had a meeting later that day with Alex Jones, so he couldn’t stay the night. He threw a shirt on the bed with me: a graphic tee with a picture of his face on it above the message “Ok, that was epic.”
Disillusioned first grader sees through ‘quiet game’ bullshit

AUSTIN — Ricky Jenkins, first grader at Adam Smith elementary and frequent browser of the illustrations in his dad's copies of Marx and Foucault books, has freed himself from the chains of an ageist society. In Monday’s class, when instructor Mr. Rosemann was trying to get his students under control, he reportedly told the students to “play the quiet game.” According to a statement by the teacher, the game was simply a measure to see who could be the most quiet. But Jenkins claimed the ploy was just one of many power tactics Rosemann used to assert his dominance. There would be no winner of this game; in fact, said Jenkins, the “winner” is the person who gives up the most personal freedom, thereby encouraging a society where the oppressed are rewarded for restraining themselves. Jenkins drew a rough Crayola sketch of a panopticon to support his point. At press time, Jenkins was found browsing “baby's first allegory of the cave,” liberating himself further.

Richard Nixon reminisces on Watergate: a time when he was still alive

HELL — With his bare feet flat on the cold, black tiles, Richard Nixon locked eyes with his reflection in the mirror. “Fuck, I'm dead,” he stated morosely to himself. The ex-president proceeded to walk across his bedroom to the lamp on his bedside table. “Fuck, I'm dead,” he spoke to the lamp. To his dismay, the lamp did not respond. Mr. Nixon soon resigned himself to his bed to catch his evening program. “He has been stuck on this loop for the past six months,” said Pat Nixon, former First Lady. “He spends fifteen minutes in front of the mirror, fifteen in front of the lamp, and then lies in bed and watches the missing eighteen and a half minutes of the White House tapes for some good Watergate nostalgia. I think he just misses being alive.” According to Pat, Richard has picked up the habit of smoking.
Op-ed: I think sand n-word is the worst slur, because Arab people aren’t allowed to say it

There are a lot of slurs in the world: the c-word, the f-word, b-word, the other c-word, and the n-word, but I believe the worst one is sand n-word, because Arabs, the people who the slur is aimed at, are not even allowed to say it. At least all of these other marginalized people are allowed to say their own slurs — to reclaim the word, use it to empower themselves, and create a sense of family. It’s a secret weapon that these groups can deploy to strengthen themselves as an in-group. Arab people do not have this option. They cannot call each other sand n-words or even say it while singing along to their favorite Arab rapper. The slur can only be used to hurt them. The only people who are allowed to say the n-word are black people. Thus, black people calling Arab people the sand n-word is the only politically correct form of racism.

Staff Writer Jack Kelly has your back: A review of the Fricano’s Turkey Special

Nothing screams springtime fun like blooming Carolina Cherry Laurels and a terrific turkey sandwich. If you’re looking for the right turkey sandwich for a lunch break at the botanical gardens, or something to bring to grandma’s house that will put a smile on her face, I recommend the Fricano’s Turkey Special. Fricano’s does deli sandwiches the Texas way. It only has two layers of turkey, which, for reference, is comparable to two layers of roast beef. Beyond the bird, the sandwich also features sprouts, avocado, and provolone. This reviewer likes the addition of sprouts and subtraction of lettuce, because sprouts complement the bird in a way lettuce can’t do. Fricano’s also gives patrons the option to add pesto or jalapeño spread to the sandwich for fifty cents more. I recommend adding pesto because, now that winter has passed, basil is coming back into season. While you’re at it, grab a punch-card! $120 worth of sandwiches later, and you’ll get your free big one. It’ll be worth the wait.
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**Area Man Goes To a Special Store To Get Less Than 100% Juice**

TUSCALOOSA — Area man Tim Tompkins revealed yesterday that he prefers juice that's less than 100% and is currently trying to find some. Tompkin prefers partial juice, because he likes the variety. “I want some juice and I want some surprises.” In all Tuscaloosa stores, 100% juice is all you can seem to find these days, with little to no demand for 50%, 60%, or even 70% juice. This has made it difficult for Tomkins to satiate his juice cravings. “I’m tired of all this juice purity crap. If I want apples, I’m not gonna drink 100% liquid apples, I’ll just eat an apple,” claimed Tomkins. Tompkins found himself searching in desperate places for diluted juice, as most results under the search terms “some juice” or “half juice” proved to be very different substances than what Tompkins was looking for.

**Movie executive snatches up 20th film script where emotional climax is girlfriend shouting “I waited up all night!”**

LOS ANGELES — Warner Brothers producer Tim Perch just found his next blockbuster: a fresh script where the emotional climax is a girlfriend, sitting at the table on the verge of tears, with two plates of spaghetti and a single candle flickering, telling her boyfriend, “I waited up all night!” “When the guy gets home, the spaghetti is cold and the candle is all melted wax and shit. It’s fuckin’ devastating. Genius writing,” said Perch, clutching the script in one hand and two different cigars in the other. The girlfriend is an unnamed character in this draft, but Warner Brothers is reportedly thinking of naming her Sarah, or Kate, or something. When asked how this will be different from similar movies of male self-discovery where the protagonist’s girlfriend gets pissed because her boyfriend is late, Perch said “Well in this one they also have a baby, and the baby is in his high chair which also has a single candle and two little plates of spaghetti, and he’s really disappointed too.” At press time, Perch was seen gushing over the 7th script of a man trying to revenge the death of his nameless, petite girlfriend who is only seen in one flashback scene in which she laughs at an unknown joke for a full minute while gardening in overalls.

**Area man has somehow mentioned his middle school gifted program 3 minutes into date**

AUSTIN — Within mere minutes of arriving at the Chili’s at 45th and Lamar for his dinner date, Austin resident Ethan Williams has miraculously already mentioned his middle school gifted and talented program. “Well, actually, it was called ‘Workshop’, but everyone in it knew that it was supposed to be the smartest kids in the grade. They just didn’t want to say ‘gifted’ so the average kids wouldn’t feel bad about themselves,” said Williams, who had not entered the doors of Burnet Middle School in nearly 12 years, and was not in contact with anyone from his coming-of-age years. “I guess it was really competitive. Like, we had to take a diagnostic test and I was apparently the only kid in my class who passed,” he boasted to his Hinge date, who seemed absolutely entranced by her 3 for $10 Crispy Honey Chipotle Chicken Crispers. At press time, Williams had reportedly transitioned to discussing his reign as Editor-in-Chief of his high school yearbook, which was actually a super cutthroat application process and a lot harder than it sounds.

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Travesty Fact #6: Buttigieg is pronounced “Bush did 9/11”

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Point: Writing comedy that relies on references to pop culture is alienating to those who aren’t well-versed enough in that culture

Comedy these days has gotten lazy. Everywhere I turn, it’s just a cascading series of more and more obscure pop culture references that nerds really love because it makes them feel like they’re in on the joke. Even worse, when I don’t chuckle at a reference, my boyfriend will be like “that’s from Back to the Future 6!” or some geeky shit like that, and I’m sitting here looking like the dumbass who stopped watching after Back to the Future 5. You know when comedy was good? Friends. That’s right, you meta-joke lovingfuckers. You don’t need any background knowledge to watch Friends. You don’t need to have watched Full House because Ross isn’t a depressed horse version of Bob Saget and you don’t need to have seen Forrest Gump because the show isn’t just dumb skits satirizing Forrest Gump. You don’t need to know shit to know that Ross yelling “unagi” at his friends is fucking funny, whether you’re an immigrant who barely speaks English or a girl who’s spent the last 15 years being Amish. That’s what true diversity and inclusion looks like.

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Bob Saget
- Treason
- Refusing to quarter soldiers
- Being the mastermind behind “the bling ring”

The Olsens
- Infanticide of the third Olsen triplet
- Orchestrating a coup somewhere in the global south

John Stamos
- We seriously believe John Stamos actually murdered my father. Help us bring him to justice

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The Travesty mourns most valued staff writer

DALLAS – In this modern era of cinema, where you regularly find yourself wasting your hard-earned $7.25 minimum wage on seeing whatever new Star War is out, it would be odd to suggest that we trudge up more old properties. However, we must admit that the 1963 footage of President John F. Kennedy’s assassination, captured by Abraham Zapruder, is frankly this: dogshit. The film features no sound and its insistence on being captured on 8mm film is a blatant, tired homage to Spielberg that proves Zapruder’s inability to make any artistic decisions for himself. In this way, the contemporary film I would most closely associate the Zapruder film with is Ready Player One. As I asked for opinions from passerby at Grassy Knoll, I noticed general support for a reboot. “Yeah, if I were directing it, there would be a real emphasis on him getting freaking merced,” said one twelve year old wearing a Fortnite shirt. The youth agree: It’s time for a refresh.
Look out: Area woman has a declaration of sentiments

Sentiment #1: Goodbyes are icky, and I don’t like them.

Sentiment #2: The scene at the end of *Grease* where Sandy and Danny’s car suddenly goes flying into the clouds gives me anxiety about the hellish future of automobiles and aviation. I promise not to say goodbye that way.

Sentiment #3: The Von Trapp children mastered the best ever way to say goodbye in *Sound of Music*: “So long Farewell.” I promise, at some point, I will learn the choreography, enlist some lower schoolers, and say a proper, Von Trapp goodbye.

Sentiment #4: The people who work here are all so weird, and I like them quite a bit: my dearest Ginny, Arvind, Aakash, Max, Fern, Eileen, Jackson, Ignacio, Lulu, Grace, Will, Jacks 1 +2, Bens 1 +2, Tommy, Kevin. And there were so many weirds who came before. David and Cole thank you for your service, gents.

Sentiment #6: The coolest way to say goodbye is a simple: “Stay out of trouble,” but I am not near cool enough to pull that off.

Sentiment #5: I’m grateful to the Travesty for making me laugh so consistently and reminding me what significant magic it is to create something (an actual thing!) with other people.

I hope you all stay very much in trouble. With love and stuff --Laura

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**Farewell to Aakash**

*Two people on a long desk. A man in a dog costume and a woman in a cat costume.*

**The man in a dog costume**

Hello this is News Clues the news show for Cool Clue Kids. I'm Woof Blitzer

**The woman in a cat costume**

... and I'm Kat Couric.

**The man in a dog costume**

Boy do we have some clues for you today. A new study came out about brushing your teeth. The study compared the teeth of people who claim to brush and floss twice a day, to people who were Somali pirates.

**The woman in a cat costume**

Let’s hear the results right meow.

**The man in a dog costume**

No lets paws.

**The woman in a cat costume**

Okay.

They pause for a pointlessly long time and just stare at each other.

**The man in a dog costume**

Okay. Here we go. The Somali pirates on average have three times as many cavities as the other group that must be why they don’t like to smile.

**The woman in a cat costume**

That's all the woof I need. Brushing is so important for teeth and fur.

**The woman in a cat costume**

That’s true! Well that’s the end of the clues news, goodbye buddyos.

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The Travesty mourns most valued staff writer

Here lies Jackson Grabois, the longest service Administrative Assistant in Travesty history. Like a stray dog, he did what he wanted; sometimes coming to meetings, other times eating his own barf by the dumpsters. Hey, remember that one article everyone thought was real? Well, yep, that was Jackson.

Some say Aakash lost faith in Jackson a long time ago, when the only times he would come to meeting were if there was food involved, but this is wrong. Aakash is a liar. The word “Aakash” literally translates to “lying satirical writer.” Did Aakash ever write a viral article? No. He’s too busy playing Sekiro.

Jackson died a good man. After college, he ventured West to follow in Cole’s footsteps, but alas, Conan had stopped taking interns by then.

Jackson is survived by pretty much everyone. He bequeathes nothing to Aakash the Liar, and his Final Draft subscription to Max.

Rest in Power.