

Nativity News Club Presents...

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Editor's Note:

Welcome Back, Nativity Family!

Welcome back everyone to the 6th issue of the All Saints Post! As always we are so excited to bring you yet another issue and to continue to tell amazing stories in and out of our community. This week, some of the topics that will be covered a report from the Volleyball Team's latest experience, the world's smallest country, the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle and more! We hope that you enjoy and always remember to stay curious!

Sincerely,

The Nativity News Club



Front Page News: Recent Developments in and Beyond Our Community

The Poorest and Richest Cities in the World As of 2025

By Emersyn Hill and August Dewdney

As of 2025 reports, New York City is the wealthiest city in the world, known for its towering skyscrapers, bustling streets, and thriving economy. With a population of over 8 million people, it is one of the most diverse and vibrant cities, attracting residents and visitors from all over the globe. In addition to its financial success, New York City is home to some of the nation's best schools, both public and private, providing top-tier education to students. Families in NYC have access to a wide range of educational opportunities, from prestigious private institutions to highly ranked public schools, making it an ideal place for academic excellence and future success.



Now, moving on from the wealthiest city in the world, let's discuss the poorest. The poorest city in the world is Damascus, Syria, where an estimated 90% of Syrians are living in poverty. The people of Damascus face severe challenges, including high unemployment, economic hardship, and a lack of basic necessities. One of the most pressing issues is the water supply, as overuse of resources has led to shortages and contamination, making clean water difficult to access. Additionally, years of conflict have devastated the city's infrastructure, limiting essential services and making daily life incredibly difficult. The future of Damascus remains uncertain, but we can only hope that aid and support reach those in need, helping to improve conditions for its residents.

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The Alpha Heart Volleyball Tournament Recap

By Analiese Franco, Leilani Rosado, and G'anna Woods



On Saturday, March 15, several members of our school's volleyball team, including G'Anna, Leilani, Analiese, and Zakir, along with Mr. Smith and President Smith, participated in a special tournament. The event, hosted annually by Rebecca and Paul Leclair of the Alpha Heart Foundation, honors their son, Dane Leclair, who passed away in 2019. More than just a competition, the tournament serves as a way to remember Dane and raise funds to support volleyball programs throughout Rochester.

Thanks to this incredible foundation, our volleyball team was honored with a \$500 donation and an invitation to attend the tournament. We proudly represented our school by wearing black Nativity fleeces with matching black pants. During the event, our coach delivered a brief speech, recognizing the participating players, sharing the mission of Nativity Volleyball, and expressing gratitude to all in attendance.

Beyond the competition, the tournament provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with players at various levels. We met varsity athletes from Penfield, college coaches and players, and even Team U.S.A. volleyball members!

The generous donation we received will help us purchase much-needed equipment, including nets, volleyballs, knee pads, and arm pads, enhancing our training and performance. We may even be able to invest in new team jerseys. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Leclair for their generosity, for inviting us to such an inspiring event, and for honoring the legacy of Dane Leclair.

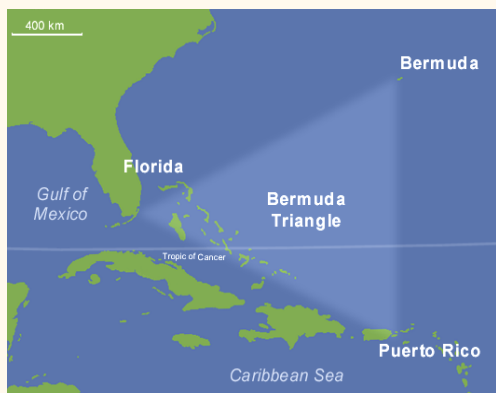
Although the volleyball enrichment program has concluded for now, our journey is just beginning. With the continued support of our teachers, staff, students, parents, and foundations like the Alpha Heart Foundation, we are excited to grow our program into something even greater. See you all next year—stay tuned for exciting things ahead!



Fascinating Facts: Stories of Interest as well as Facts

The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle... Or Not?

By Emersyn Hill



Imagine a giant triangle in the ocean, kind of like a pizza slice, but way bigger! This triangle is in the Atlantic Ocean, and it's called the Bermuda Triangle. It stretches from Florida to Bermuda to Puerto Rico. And guess what? It's super deep in some spots, like dropping to 27,493 feet! That's deeper than any other place in the Atlantic Ocean! Now, this area is famous for something spooky: things disappearing! Ships, airplanes, and even people have vanished there, and nobody knows exactly why. People have talked about lots of ships (maybe 50!) and airplanes (maybe 20!) going missing.

One really famous person who disappeared was Amelia Earhart. She was trying to fly her airplane all the way around the world, but she just...vanished. People never found her or her plane. Even though she did not disappear in the Bermuda Triangle, people often add her story into the mystery. There are lots of crazy stories about the Bermuda Triangle. Some people think aliens took the ships and planes! Others think there are time warps or lost cities under the water. But scientists have some more normal ideas:

- **Big Ocean Rivers:** There's a really strong ocean current called the Gulf Stream that can make the weather change super fast and make the sea really rough.
- **Sudden Storms:** The weather in the Bermuda Triangle can change really quickly. There can be huge storms, like hurricanes, that can sink ships and crash planes.
- **Regular Mistakes:** Sometimes, people make mistakes when they're driving ships or flying planes. They might get lost, or their machines might break down.
- **Lots of Traffic:** The Bermuda Triangle is a busy place! Lots of ships and planes go through there, so there's a higher chance of accidents.
- **Gas Bubbles:** Some scientists think that gas bubbles might pop up from the bottom of the ocean and make ships sink.

It's important to know that most of the stories about the Bermuda Triangle are just that—stories. There's no real proof that anything magical or strange is happening there. It's mostly just the ocean being a big, powerful, and sometimes dangerous place. And about Amelia Earhart? She most likely ran out of gas and crashed into the ocean. The ocean is huge, so it's really hard to find things that go missing there. So, the Bermuda Triangle isn't really a mystery. It's just a place where the ocean

can be tough, and sometimes, bad things happen. Just like anywhere else, there can be accidents. The ocean is very large, and very powerful."

Celebration of History and Culture: Diving into Our Past

The Brief Story of Anne Frank and the Secret Annex

By Analiese Franco



Anne Frank was a Jewish girl born on June 12, 1929, in Frankfurt, Germany. In 1933, Anne's family moved to Amsterdam, Netherlands, to escape the Nazis. In 1940, the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, and Anne's life became very difficult. In 1942, Anne's sister Margot received a follow up notice to report to a Nazi "work camp."

Fearing the worst, Anne's father, Otto, prepared a secret annex in his office building. On July 6, 1942, Anne, her family, and four others moved into the secret annex. Anne kept a diary while in hiding, writing about her daily life, hopes, and fears. The group lived in the annex for two years, until they were discovered by the Nazis on August 4, 1944. Anne and her sister Margot were sent to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they both died of typhus in February 1945. Only Otto Frank survived the concentration camps. After the war, Otto returned to Amsterdam and found Anne's diary, which he published in 1947. Anne's diary has since become one of the most famous and important books of the 20th century.



Press Start: The Latest in Gaming and Movie Culture

Xbox's Plans for the Future

By Mr. Smith

As of April 2025, Xbox has announced big changes to improve its position in the gaming world. These changes include new gaming technology, making Xbox games available on other platforms, and improving how people play games across different devices.

Xbox Games on Other Platforms

One of the biggest changes is that Xbox is now letting people play some of its games on other consoles, like PlayStation and Nintendo. Games like *Sea of Thieves*, *Grounded*, *Hi-Fi Rush*, and *Pentiment* are already available on these systems. Soon, *Indiana Jones and the Great Circle* and *Forza Horizon 5* will also be released on PlayStation 5. Xbox is also working on making it easier for people to play games across different devices. They are exploring a partnership with Steam, a popular gaming platform for PC players. This means that in the future, players might be able to see and access their Steam games through the Xbox app. There was even a leaked image showing an Xbox menu with a Steam option, which suggests that this feature could be coming soon. Xbox's leader, Phil Spencer, has said that he wants Xbox to be more open to different gaming platforms, including stores like the Epic Games Store.



New Gaming Technology

Xbox is also using artificial intelligence (AI) to help make games look better and run more smoothly. They have created a tool called "Muse," which is designed to help developers create better game graphics and update old games for modern systems. Some game developers are unsure about this new technology, but Xbox believes AI will be an important part of gaming in the future.

What This Means for Xbox

Overall, Xbox is making smart moves to improve its reputation and compete better in the gaming industry. By allowing its games on PlayStation and Nintendo, working with Steam, and using AI to improve games, Xbox is reaching more players and making gaming more connected across different systems. These changes could help Xbox stay successful and earn more respect from gamers worldwide.

Generation Now: Teen Updates, Fashion Trends, and News

Introducing the World's Smallest Country

By August Dewdney

Imagine a tiny country, like a super-small island, but instead of being in the ocean, it's right in the middle of a big city! That's Vatican City! It's inside Rome, Italy, and it's the smallest country in the whole world. They speak two languages there: Latin (which is a really old language) and Italian. Vatican City is like its own little world. It has its own rules and its own government. It's like a really, really important headquarters for the Catholic Church. The Pope, who's like the leader of all Catholics, lives there. It became its own country in 1929, so it's about 99 years old. This happened because they wanted the Pope to be totally independent, so no other country could tell him what to do. Even though it's tiny, you could walk all the way around it in about 30 to 45 minutes, it has all the things a country has:



- It has its own mail system.
- It uses Euros, just like many countries in Europe.
- It has its own train station.
- It sends ambassadors to other countries.



About 764 people live there, but that number can change. Most of them are people who work for the church, like priests or the Swiss Guard, who are like the Pope's special bodyguards. Vatican City is famous for its amazing buildings and art, especially St. Peter's Basilica. It's a huge, beautiful church that's been around for a really long time. They don't have their own jail. If someone breaks the law in Vatican City, they usually go to jail in Italy. Here's a cool history fact: St. Peter, who was one of Jesus's main followers, was killed by being nailed to a cross upside-down. He did this because he didn't feel worthy to die the same way as Jesus. You can see a picture of this in a church in Rome. So, even though it's called a 'city,' Vatican City is a real, independent country, and it's a super important place for millions of people around the world."

Sports Corner: Anything Sports Related Outside or Within Nativity

March Madness Updates: Women's Tournament 2025

By Kaiden Brinson and Walter Neloms

March Madness 2025 for women's basketball is here, and the competition is more intense than ever! The tournament is packed with powerhouse teams, and fans are in for some thrilling matchups. Let's break down the action!

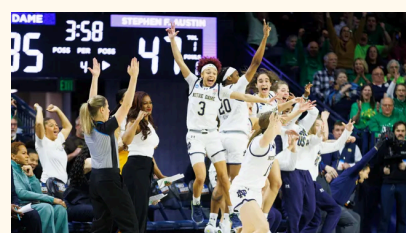
Spokane Region



The Spokane region is stacked with talented teams, including USC, Kansas State, Oklahoma (OU), UConn, UCLA, Ole Miss, LSU, and NC State. Each team is bringing their best players and strategies to fight for a spot in the Final Four. One of the biggest storylines in this region is USC. The Trojans were looking strong, led by their star player, JuJu Watkins, who was dominating the court. However, in a shocking turn of events, JuJu suffered an ACL tear, putting USC in a tough spot. This injury could have a huge impact on their upcoming game against Kansas State. Can USC still find a way to pull off a win? March Madness is full of surprises, so anything can happen!

Birmingham Region

On the Birmingham side of the tournament, the Sweet 16 matchups feature South Carolina, Maryland, North Carolina, Duke, Notre Dame, TCU, Texas Longhorns, and Tennessee. With so many top-tier teams, this region is sure to deliver some intense and unforgettable games. South Carolina is a favorite to go all the way, but with fierce competition from teams like Duke and Notre Dame, nothing is guaranteed. Every possession counts, and every team is hungry for a chance at the championship.



What's Next?

With the tournament heating up, anything can happen. Will USC overcome the odds without their star player? Will South Carolina continue their dominant run? The road to the championship is unpredictable, and that's what makes March Madness so exciting! Stay tuned to see which teams rise to the challenge and make history in this year's tournament!

