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JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

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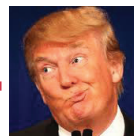
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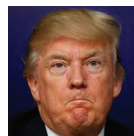
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# SPRING BREAK CANCELLED

## DANTE STIKNIKY - SUPREME LEADER

Scrap the family plans people - spring break is cancelled. Due to the incessant amount of snow, the pumeling of frigid temperatures and the collective desire to be finished with the school year before July - the school corporation will be utilizing spring break to make up school days. Florida? California? Jamaica? Florida don't bother Cali-forget it because Jamaican can't go anywhere. No one escapes Jack Frost - he's a filthy rotten scumbag. It's a cold, grim year when we can't properly celebrate the season of renewal - but we must soldier on through the muck. Winter came and the Night King turned up on all of us. Some people believe these extreme temperatures are brought on by destructive shifts in the Earth's climate system that may last for millions of years. Other people believe the extremity of the polar vortex was the result of an influx of snowflakes with an inflated sense of uniqueness and an unwarranted sense of entitlement that get easily offended due to the inability to deal with opposing opinions. Truthfully it is probably a bit of both and neither discussion really matters. The important concept to remember is that students, faculty, staff & administrators alike will be stuck in a dewy sweaty concrete box while the beauty of spring's metamorphosis into summer passes by us. We will



be released just in time for the pleasant-ries of June to turn into the sweltering fever of July before giving way to the muggy inferno of August. I loathe winter - it is a brutal spiteful season and has no place in a civil society. Why do we need 4 seasons? There were only 3 wisemen, 3 stooges, 3 amigos, the big 3. Try to name a famous group of four - you can't. That's the reason 3 is the magic number - yes it is. Spring is the rebirth. Summer is the growth & development. Fall is the end. What purpose does winter serve? Fall is done but everyone needs to be bitter & miserable for 3 more months. Old Man Winter is the family member who shows up late & ruins the fiesta because he's a stubborn old doofus. Good luck to the roguish knaves & better luck knavish rogues - may the universe have mercy on your souls because winter never will.

The article that was supposed to fill this space was deemed too dangerous for publication... so we decided to give an advertisement to our favorite novel.



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PEACE OUT DORKS - HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY

# ALL THREE SOUTH BEND HIGH SCHOOLS COMBINING

## LAVENDAR DYNAMITE - REPORTER

Updates from the last school board meeting on March 18: a tri-school merger between three of the central high schools: Washington, Clay and Riley.

After a new round of budget cuts, a variety of proposals have been tossed around in reference to supporting all of the magnet schools on limited resources.

The story behind the name:

There was a lot of talk about allowing one school to keep its name, but voting on the board proved difficult after the members remained loyal to their corresponding school names. So, the education board, symbolically, sought compromise.

## CLOASHINGLEY

A perfect mix in spirit and in realization of the merger between the schools. The O, for those skeptically curious on its origin, was added out of honor to St. Joseph High School, the campus of which the new school will be taking over in the Fall of 2022, while St. Joseph will be relocated to the Riley High School campus.

"There were really numerous reasons to go through with this," one board member commented, "It's been in everyone's heads these past few years, it was only a matter of time."

Some of the benefits included a more balanced program for a variety of subjects, along with a more even pooling of the resources.

"Not to mention finally being to keep up with Penn," commented athletic director Alex Schmitt, "More teams available to scrimmage one another within the school will boost morale and create a more supportive extra-curricular atmosphere."

As for the school mascot, board members are reminding the students not to get ahead of themselves, though rumor is that "the Colonial Cougar-Cats" is the current front-runner.

# QUANTIM PHYSISICKS

## KENNY RAY WESTON - DOCTER

Quatam Physics is a very tricky topic but very easy to understand. It's when someone shrinks. That is just the half of it though you can go EVEN FARTHER and shrink between the atoms and say screw oxygen. But when you shrink between the atoms you enter this place called the Quantum Relam. When you are in there you will see a parallel dimension to ours. The Quantum Realn is basically only accessible through magic or Pym Particles. According to Dr. Steven Strange, magic is too hard for most of you losers. According to Dr. Hank Pym, [The Quantim Rielm is] A reality where all concepts of time and space become irrelevant as you shrink for all eternity. The Quontum Rialm is a deeply unexplored region, about which scientists currently know absolutely nada. Pym also said, "whoever tries to explore it may become trapped for eternity." At least that's the last thing he told us before disappearing from the face of the Earth.



Docter Weston hard at work.



# FASHION ICON: JONATHAN ZAPF

CHATTY CATHY MONTANA - GOSSIP

Fashion is all about pushing the envelope. For some, this may mean pairing unexpected patterns or wearing an item of clothing backwards. For others, “pushing the envelope” means investigating how many days-in-a-row they can wear the same exact outfit without anyone noticing, or if they can get away with wearing a pair of three-year-old Nike running shoes, that are literally being held together by a thread, with a suit. These style icons bring creativity and individuality to Adams, making every day a source of inspiration for those around them.

Jonathon Zapf is a junior at John Adams High School that truly embodies the “I transferred here from Trinity this year” look in each and every one of his ensembles. His style is primarily made up of two components: simplicity and mystery. Simple in the sense that he only has approximately four items of clothing, and mysterious in the sense that he leaves his peers wondering, “Is he trying to show off his quirky socks, or are his pants just too short?” To find out the answers to questions like this, I somehow snagged an interview with the Jonathon Zapf and gave the people what they wanted: his fashion expertise.

**How would you describe your style in three words?**

The word “plop” comes to mind. I’m really not sure how that describes my “style” but it certainly can’t be a good thing. Another word would be “mmm,” because I wear clothes almost exclusively for their comfort, hence my extensive arsenal of hoodies. The third and final word I would use to describe my fashion is, “blazaye.” Is that a word I just made



up this second? Yes, but let me explain. “Blazaye” is a mixture between the words “blah,” which I’m sure describes my style, and then because “blah” is too sad, I made it sound sophisticated by adding the suffix -zaye which is soon to be released to dictionaries coming the summer of 2020.

**Who/where do you get your fashion inspiration from?**

Imagine if the entire inventory of Gap Kids had a baby with the all the bean bags, ever. That is who/where I get my fashion inspiration from.

**What is most important to you when choosing your look?**

Not naked? Check. Don’t smell...that bad? Check...sometimes. Could I comfortably do a cartwheel in this outfit? No, but that’s only because I physically can’t do a cartwheel.

**What do others often say about your style?**

“Nice socks! I see they’re matching today.” or “plaid on plaid...well you look, wow” and finally, probably the most popular thing I hear is, “Khakis...again...niice.”

**Do you ever wear an outfit more than once?**

Yes. Which happens to be one of the many things Tiffany Haddish and I have in common. The real problem is, I have my plethora of hoodies, and then 4 pairs of pants, meaning my options are rather limited, especially due to

the fact that out of all my hoodies I only really wear about five of them. So really there are only twenty possible outfit combinations I can choose from. However, one of the pairs of pants I almost never wear, and three of the hoodies I only wear when I really feel like it. This leaves me with about six possible outfits total, and with only five days in a school week...yeah, I’ve worn an outfit more than once.

**Finally, what do you think it means to be fashionable?**

Instead of being on the show, “Naked and Afraid,” you’re not. You are clothed and mildly stressed.

## PITT'S BBQ CLOSING DOORS IN APRIL

CHERRY GLOSSOM - RIB ENTHUSIAST

Pitt's Barbecue is a staple for many Adams students. Being on Mishawaka Avenue, right across the street from the bus loop, it is a prime place to grab a quick snack before practice, before going to a sporting event, or even just a good hang out place after a long day at school. If you attend Adams and one of your classrooms face Mishawaka Avenue, sometimes it can be hard to concentrate around lunch time, when the ribs can be smelled cooking across the street. Kids throughout the halls may ask you for a dollar as the school day ends- trying to scrape together enough change to head across the street and grab a quick bite. Many Adams students order the fries with sauce from the Pitts menu- golden fries topped with a tangy barbecue sauce that has many kids licking their fingers and left wanting more.

Although Pitts received a good amount of business from the local students, this

was not enough to keep the small barbecue joint going. The business recently announced it will be closing its doors in early April, much to our dismay. Until then, the business is still asking for as much support as possible during this extremely difficult time.

The community will surely be affected by this as well. South Bend thrives on local businesses, and losing one will affect more than downtown this time. Pitts is a part of the local neighborhood tradition, especially being located near a large school. Many students have lost a large part of their high school experience, and many more students coming in the doors of Adams for the first time will never have the privilege of knowing how important Pitts was to many kids. The convenience of the proximity of the business, cheapness of the menu, and quality of the food kept many kids coming back. Needless to say, no one expected this to happen from a place so loved by many locals, and our hope is that Pitts will be able to stay open and continue influencing another generation of students at John Adams High School.

## TIPS FROM FASHIONISTA HEATH WEAVER

ANNA BANANABOBANA - FASHION GURU

Heath Weaver- IB teacher, scholar, dedicated father, and most importantly, fashion icon. Mr. Weaver has shared with us some of his best fashion tips for pulling together amazing outfits for everyday wear.

### Tip 1- Branding

Wearing brand name clothing is very important. Polo Ralph Lauren is a great option. Vans are an amazing shoe choice. Shirts with logos on them are a crucial part of everybody's wardrobe. Never buy knock-off brands.

"I would say that my style is causal, yet a statement." Mr. Weaver

### Tip 2- Patterns

When you wear patterns on patterns, they compliment each other. If you look at two articles of clothing and think that they don't go together, then wear them. It's just your brain playing tricks on you. You have to be smarter than your own logic.

"Plaid on plaid isn't just a fashion choice, but a lifestyle." Heath Weaver

### Tip 3- Wearing Clothes with Confidence

If you are nervous to wear your new fit to school or work, then you need to get out of that mindset. Your best accessory is your own confidence. Don't let the haters get to you, and wear whatever you want to.

"It's really inspiring to have a father that is such an amazing fashion icon." Sierra Weaver





# MONTHLY HOROSCOPES

SUNSHINE ROSE PETAL - HIPPIE WITCH

**ARIES** - Unfortunately, if your anger issues get out of control your therapist will cancel you. Also this month you will take a risk that will result in either life or death, bust most likely death.

**TAURUS** - You will do something you don't often do or you've never done before. saying no to fears and yes to peers will bear new opportunities

**GEMINI** - Growth in: communications difficulties in: school, creativity, spirituality, social life, health, work, self, relationships, motivation, responsibility, optimism, adventure, control, breathing

**CANCER** - The laziness and procrastination will be removed from your body, mind, and soul and this month with instead be filled with motivation, but only for birthdays june 27-29. All other cancers are not able to be read.

**LEO** - This month you will have the best pizza of your life, but it will happen unexpectedly, and could possibly shake things up

**VIRGO** - If you recently let those little things bother you or if you've been short tempered and rant about your anger to peers then you'll get what's coming to you.

**LIBRA** - You will be forced to make a tough decision. if you are unable to commit, spooky things may happen so watch your back dude

**SCORPIO** - Congratulations! April is your month! inspiration with strike and creative juices will flow. enjoy it while you can. next month isn't great for you.

**SAGITARIUS** - On April 11, 2019, if you are lucky enough to wake up, you will feel deserv-

ing of your pain as you reflect on recent bad decisions

**PISCES** - Your social self will isolate you from friends or family, but possibly you'll find a new passion for following bob ross painting tutorials and collecting things you find in the school highways

**CAPRICORN** - Have you been feeling happier lately? well enjoy it while it lasts because this month your mental, social, and physical lives will be completely damaged after your only friend decides to steal your pet and runaway to join a cult

**AQUARIUS** - People are basically house plants with more complicated emotions so remember to drink some water and get some sunlight.

## THE BEE MOVIE: A CINEMATIC MASTERPIECE

SHAKES MCCOOL - MOVIE NERD

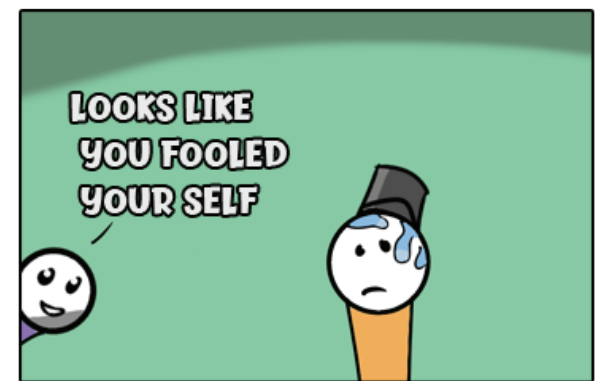
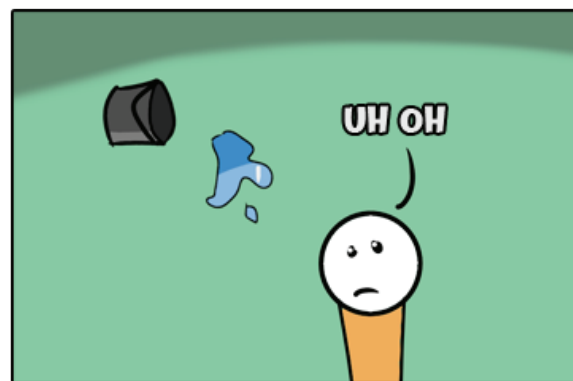
There are few movies that are regarded as "perfect", especially in the professional film industry. However, there are a few exceptions to this, the movies that transcend any possible opinion made by a professional. Every scene in this film is crafted to perfection, the voices, the animation, it's all beautiful. This film is a one of a kind, the pure perfection of it could never be replicated. Just to be clear, "Bee Movie" easily earns a 10/10, but please read on for an in-depth analyzation of the purest cinematic experience a homo sapien can witness.

"Bee Movie" stars Jerry Seinfeld as Barry B. Benson, a casual worker bee, as he strives to break away from the monotony of the hive life. This idea provides a storyline that nearly anyone can find relatable, highlighting the emotional value of this film. Barry later meets

Vanessa Bloome, played by Renée Zellweger, as they later fall in love. This beautiful relationship exemplifies true love, the idea that a true bond can occur, no matter how weird or illegal it may seem. We could all learn the true meaning of love through "Bee Movie", something I implore people of all ages to discover. "Bee Movie" encapsulates every movie genre possible, perfectly balanced, as all things should be (what up, Thanos). You feel hints of comedy, which is nailed bee-rilliantly, action, romance, horror, indie, thriller, western, historical period drama, superhero, biographical, documentary, and in some points, the silent film category.

Overall, "Bee Movie" is the most eccentric and inviting movie for any situation. Need a movie for a date? "Bee Movie" is perfect, the tension and romance is simply undeniable, especially with Jerry Seinfeld's sweet, nectar-like voice. Looking for an oscar-worthy drama? It's simple, "Bee Movie" is the answer. Do you want a brainless, all out action-packed movie? Again, "Bee Movie" is the key. Are you searching for the meaning of life? Many have searched for it, but few have drawn a clear conclusion to its meaning; but, there is hope. Look no further than the "Bee Movie". Some claim that the experience cleanses their souls, a force so powerful and commanding that guides them, the lord-like Barry B. Benson.

Some could say that "Bee Movie" is a cult film, but it's more than that. It's more than a 10/10 knockout of a movie, a saintly viewing experience for true cinema lovers. "Bee Movie" is a lifestyle, no question about it. Whenever you feel sad or down, just look no further than 2007's "Bee Movie". I'm sorry if you've made it this far into this article, you should really put it down and rethink the life decision that you've just made, BEE-cause you might regret it.



# THE TRUTH BEHIND THE PRODUCTION OF BABIES

BONEHEAD JONES - FAKE NEWS

“Storks, caves, and a whole lot of confused kids”.

“Pop goes the weasel!” -and then you were born. Officially, you had just become a human being on planet earth. You were crying, you were screaming, you looked really weird with all this goop all over you, but your mother still loved you, and that was just last week. Of course any child self aware enough to realize that they did not just appear out of thin air, but that they came from somewhere, have asked the question, “where did I come from?” These days, toddlers are just a few simple taps on a screen away from their youtube video to learning enough about where they came from to make a nun blush.

With the internet, and especially our youngest generations seemingly constant connection to it, parents find them-

selves giving “the talk” by sending a few simple, and horribly scaring links from webMD.

Maybe just 5 years ago, if a child uttered the words, “Mom? Dad? Where do babies come from?” Parents would come up with some abstract, and confusing story about “The Baby Planet,” where babies were sent via rocket ships to earth to their new Mommies and Daddies” or maybe that was just me. Not that I found out the real answer five years ago, my goodness that would make me 12 years old. However, whether its a story about entire planets with just babies, which just logistically would not work, because I mean our planet is only made up of roughly 5 percent infants and it still barely works, and a planet with 100% infant population? I just can’t imagine, maybe it would actually work more efficiently? We unfortunately will never know. So whether your parents told you some illogical “baby planet” story, or not, our parents tell us these stories to satisfy our curiosity and make us feel good. However this has not always been the case.

Storks. Yes, according to legend, babies used to come by way of those large

white and black crane looking birds, who I’m sure were not at all qualified to be handling a newborn.

For some reason, maybe it was the lack of clean water or the terrible WiFi connection, but 400 years ago that is how parents reacted when their children questioned their origin story. Specifically, legend has it that children were found wandering around swamps and caves by the storks, who would then take the children and throw them down the chimney that left a scrap of bread outside, which may have happened to just to be a small, misinterpreted compost pile. It baffles the mind as to why this became the universal answer to the age old question, “Dearest Mother, where doth did I come hither?” -And they would say it like that because that’s how people talked in the year 500. Trust me, I know a guy. So if you ever have a kid, and they ask you the infamous question concerning from hence they came, just tell them, “You know I have no idea, but when you find out, you come get me because I would love to know.”





## SEITZ IN THE ILLUMINATI?

TODD MOXIE - FAKER NEWS

As you probably already know, the Illuminati is a secret society of super intelligent people that are slowly taking over the world. Many well-known celebrities are members of the Illuminati, including people such as Beyoncé and Jay-Z, the Kardashians and Kanye West, Justin Bieber, Bill Gates, and even the current president, Donald Trump. But, what many people at Adams do not know is that our principal, Mr. James Seitz, is also a member and he is one of the most influential members.

Since the Illuminati is so secretive, Mr. Seitz' membership has been a long kept secret. However, once it was brought to the attention of those at The Tower, signs began to pop up everywhere. Based on an online list of ways to identify a potential Illuminati member, Mr. Seitz meets nearly every criteria. First, a member never alludes to the fact that the Illuminati exists. Try confronting Mr. Seitz and asking if the Illuminati is real. He'll probably change the subject or try to avoid directly answering the question. Obviously, if no one knows it exists, no one will know that he's in it. Second, is that members have apparent psychic ability. Mr. Seitz constantly seems to be able to predict events happening in and around the school. But he isn't actually psychic. He is just in a position of power that allows him to manipulate every event occurring at Adams so that he can be successful within the Illuminati. One of the most apparent clues as to his

membership is the position of power he holds as principal of our school. A principal may not seem like a significantly powerful position considering that many Illuminati members are celebrities and CEOs. But the Illuminati has to have access to control the public at all levels. Mr. Seitz has a sphere of influence over



thousands of young students as well the faculty and staff at Adams and others throughout the district.

At this point, this all may seem ridiculous but here's where it gets especially crazy. If you've ever been in the elevator you might have noticed that there are four buttons, which is strange, because this school only has three floors. The elevator has a buttons labeled B (basement), 1 and 2, but it also has a button labeled G. When the button is pressed, nothing happens. After some investigat-

ing, it has been determined this must be a secret Illuminati base that Mr. Seitz runs. And not only that, it houses secret extraterrestrial objects as well as aliens themselves, that the Illuminati has discovered and is trying to use to their advantage, similar to Area 51. This underground base is the perfect disguise for the Illuminati's activities because no one would expect it to be underneath a school. Mr. Seitz' influential membership in the organization is based on his position as leader of the secret underground base. The study of the extraterrestrial beings and their technology is highly valuable to the Illuminati and Mr. Seitz' control of it ranks him high among its members.

## KIM JONG UN VISITS SOUTH BEND

YAK CHEEZY - FAKEST NEWS

Last Thursday, Kim Jong Un, after reading Pete Buttigieg's new book "Shortest Way Home", decided to visit South Bend.

"He turned a city with high unemployment, that had just been listed as one of the worst cities in Capitalist America, into a very good city" said Kim's translator.

"Kim Jong-Un is looking to turn around his newly named country, Better Korea. Imitating South Bend's Supreme Leader is a great strategy for our Supreme Leader."

After briefly visiting the city, Kim Jong Un concluded, while stroking one of his chins, that the solution was roundabouts. He did stay for a while, however, to enjoy the amenities he doesn't often receive in Better Korea, like McDonald's, democracy and joy.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: BRAD & CHAD

CHER THUNDERSTONE & ROBERTA ROSS

Here at John Adams High School we have over 1800 students and out of all of these teenagers, there are two best friends that stand out and shine in righteousness above every-



one else: Brad and Chad.

For those of you who are not worthy of knowing, Brad is a classic, all American bro. He plays hella sports, sometimes multiple a season. During the fall, he enjoys throwing the good ole pig skin with his fellow bros: Chad, Thatcher, Thad, Zane, Connor, Charlie, Tanner and Stryder. During the winter season you can bet your butt he is balling on the courts with his besties, and during the spring, he is the number one pitcher on the Adams baseball team, having never allowed anyone to score a single run once. Besides these pretty darn radi-

cal organized sports, Brad also enjoys grinding on that half pipe, when asked about why he liked skateboarding he commented,

“Skateboarding is not a sport, it’s a lifestyle. What a lot of people don’t understand is that I live to ride, and ride to live. When I am on top of that board, I have never been closer to danger, yet I’ve never felt more safe.” When asked what the proudest moment of his life was, Brad responded explaining, “The proudest moment of my life would have to be the first time I landed the 720 mcgriddle flip twist. Attempting to nail this trick, made me work the hardest I’ve ever had to work in my life, it took me one whole day.”

Chad, on the other hand, is what he likes to call a “tender bro.” He spends a lot of his free time kicking it on the beach, with a Diet Coke in his hand and a board under his arm. “Oh sure, I can party with my bros Brad, Thatcher, Thad, Brad #2, Zane, Brad #3, Connor, Charlie, Tanner and Stryder. But I’m actually a big softy who enjoys some quality time shredding some nar with my Rhodesian Ridgeback Rex.” Chad grew up in Paia, Hawaii with his adoptive father, Cody Maverick. “I’ll never forget Summer of ‘09 when my dad died. We were amped to go dawn patrolling



that Saturday morning. The swells were MASSIVE. There was a big lull where Dad and I just rested on our boards, watching that

sun rise. Out of nowhere, the gnarliest shark I’ve ever set my eyes on just lunged out of the water towards dad. Tragic. With his dying breath he said to me, “Chad, it’s not tragic dying doing something you love.” Some scientists say that the shark that ate my dad was so huge, that it HAD to be the Megalodon. They told me that the only way that it resurrected from extinction, was because of my dad’s sicked, wicked, surfing abilities.

“Anyway, I like Adams and all, Lake Michigan doesn’t have the best surfing, but at least I met my bro Brad. Love you bro,” said Chad. Brad adds, “Exactly, even though South Bend’s horrible winter season puts a damper on my passion for grinding that rail. Being here, with Chad, makes it all worth it.”

