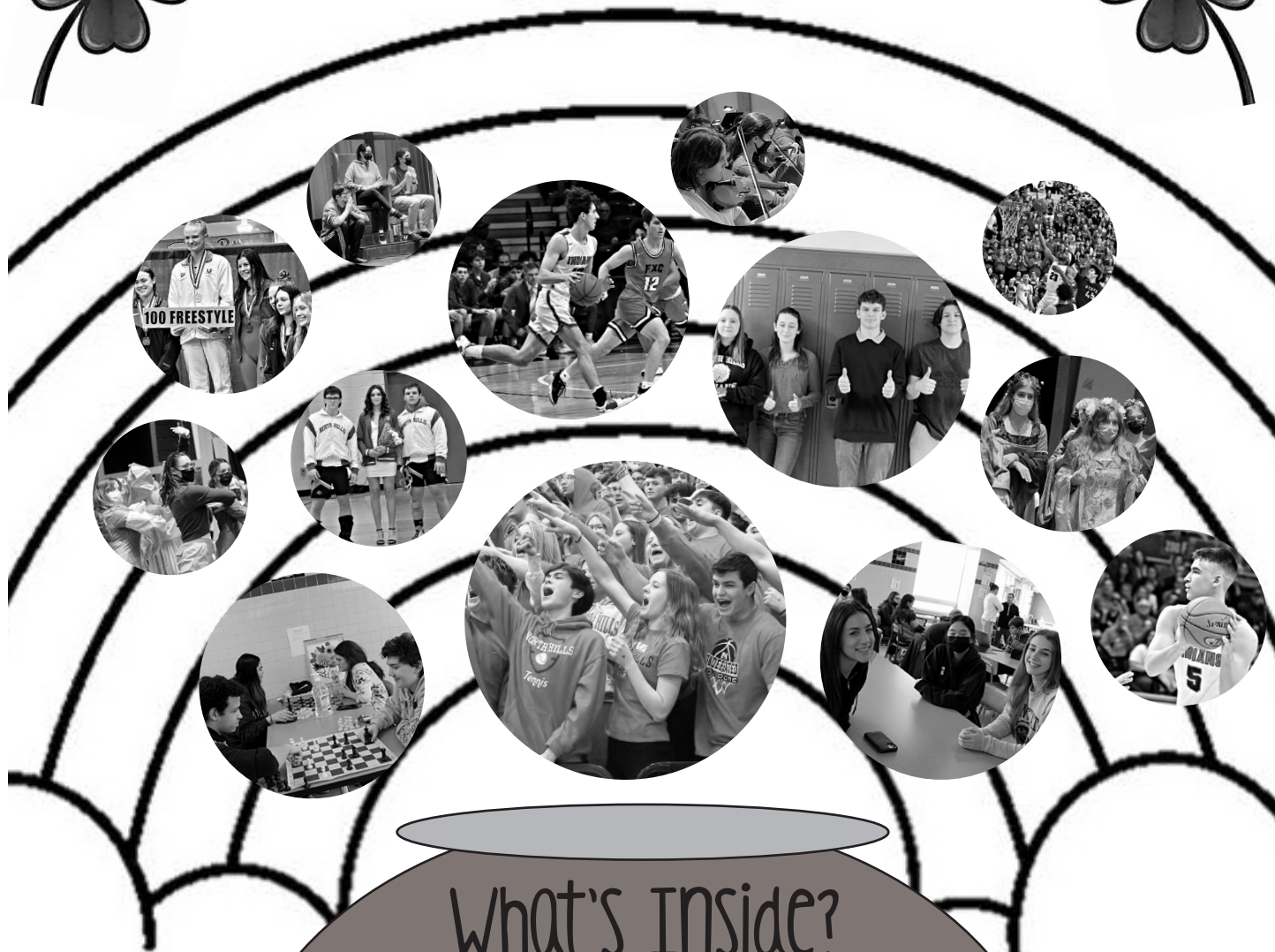


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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: EVERYTHING AND NOTHING

By Jacob Rodney



Hello, my fellow classmates. Here I am, your trusty Editor-in-Chief, back at it again to give my thoughts on life and its fleeting moments. Right now, you're here, reading this, and you're going to have to bear with me for the next 685 words. We're going to have fun. I might give you an existential crisis, but I promise we're going to have fun.

I offer you one simple phrase: "I am everything, and I am nothing." I've kind of coined this term among a few of my friends, and it's become very comforting to me. I thought I'd share it with you guys, as well. So, let me explain. You are everything, right? Your world is important, and all of the things that you live through shape who you are. Something devastating happens, and you

convince yourself that you can't live through it, and then you do. The world feels peaceful, and you think that this moment will never end, and then it does. Your family and friends and acquaintances and everyone you've ever recognized are everything. You won't forget the confetti at your first concert. You relive that one embarrassing moment every night before you fall asleep. These memories and people are everything to you. You are the art you make and the words you speak and the love you give. It's all you, my friend. You are everything.

But the second half of the phrase sits heavy and true: "I am nothing." Your mom's coworker's brother-in-law's friend more than likely doesn't know you exist. A person down the street will never see you in their life. Let's be honest, I haven't said a word to probably 75% of our school's population. We're nothing to some of these people. I didn't meet my girlfriend until late last year. This amazes me! I was nothing to her, and she was nothing to me. We don't mean much to many people, which hurts, but it's true. The book that changed your view on life might have been the one your best friend used to fall asleep reading. On the other hand, we have a lot of things that are everything to us, but they are nothing to someone else. It can sting when someone just simply hates something you're passionate about. They think it's nothing. So, all the parts of you: what do they mean? You are nothing.

Guys! Wait! I can't have you missing the most important word in the phrase: "and." You may be asking why a little guy like "and" is so important. I'll tell you. It gives us the duality of being everything AND nothing. Yes, to your mom's coworker's brother-in-law's friend, you are nothing. But to the people at your lunch table, you are everything. That test you studied for, for hours on end, and failed? It was everything to you. But it'll be nothing in twelve years when you nail an interview and finally get that dream job. You were rejected from the college that you think means everything? The rejection letter will be the furthest thing from your mind when the "not-as-good" college brings you a group of friends that you can get Icees with at 2 a.m. Crying in French class might have felt like everything to you, but the kid across the room will think nothing of it in a week. You are everything to the people who love you, and you are nothing to the people who will never get the pleasure of experiencing you.

So what I'm going to ask you to do now is: go home, wait until sunset, open your window, turn on your favorite slow song, and lay on the floor. The floor has always been everything to me. It shows you a new perspective of the life you live. You get to see the world in a new light. The floor is also nothing to a lot of people. It's something that is there, it gets walked on, and that's it. I want you to make something that might be nothing to you now into everything. Just for a little while. Think of how the floor holds you. It won't let you fall. How this moment is everything. It is all you're experiencing right now. And think of all the people who don't know about you lying on your floor, and how it's nothing to them.

The antithesis (thank you, Mr. Kane) of all antithesis-es: you are everything, and you are nothing.

Head full of clouds and our eternal existence,  
Jacob Rodney



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# OPINIONS

## Co-Star: Did the Stars Actually Align?

By Samantha Smith

Co-Star: a hyper-personalized, social experience attempting to bring accurate astrology to the teenagers of the 21st century. This app, created in 2017, claims to create a clear picture of the sky when you were born in order to generate daily “hyper-personalized horoscopes” for you. What could go wrong?

Like most apps, Co-Star prompts you to create an account when you first download it. Phone number, email, birth-day, etc., you know the deal. However, this app asks for your specific birth time and location. We’re still not sure what they do with that information, if anything, but it’s still suspicious. So now, you’re scrambling around your house, screaming for your mom, “where is my birth certificate?” Because what normal, rational, not-crazy person knows their exact birth time (7:31 p.m.) off the top of their head? Certainly not me. When I first downloaded this app

in 2018, it didn’t even cross my mind how abnormal this was. I just wish I would have realized how sketchy this seemed sooner and ran for the hills when I was signing up. But, as Co-Star says, “Just say yes.”

Spoiler alert: I said yes.

You may be asking yourself, “Why is Sam being so negative about an app she swears she lived by?” Lived, past tense. I LIVED by this app. This app consumed my entire life. I even had documents on my phone that I would type in before bed. This app became a daily routine for me. The issue was, of course, that it wasn’t a good routine. I would wake up and check Co-Star to see how my day and even how my friend’s days were going to go.



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The sad part is: I believed every word of it. If Co-Star told me my best friend and I had more “challenges” than “harmonies,” I would genuinely get upset. But in reali-

ty, how does an app know how my day is going to go? How does an app know if a friend and I will have open conversations that day? Co-Star goes into such detail with your daily horoscopes, it’s easy to get sucked in for hours. But what I now realize is the fact that it’s all assumptions. The app provides descriptions so broad that you think, “Huh. Maybe this IS real. Maybe this app DOES know it all.” But it doesn’t.

I am not going to tell you what you should and should not do. I think Co-Star is a fun tool to use to learn more about star signs and astrology. It’s interesting to compare signs with your friends and make real life connections. However, take everything it says with a grain of salt. Nothing can truly predict how your day will go. An app cannot tell you if you and your friends are going to fight or if your crush will make a move. Not everything in life will, or even should, be spelled out for you in advance. Take life as it comes, and don’t let the small stuff (or even the stars) affect you.



## VOICES IN THE HALL

By Q Peters and Jacob Rodney



Sydney Tyner

“I think it’s an interesting representation. It’s more like a telenovela- everything’s a little more exaggerated, but there [are] parts that are true. I don’t really think it has an influence on students. People are just going to [be] themselves, no matter what happens.”



Sydney Burger

“I feel like it’s a good representation because it just shows all the things that could happen and what doesn’t happen, and shows it [all]. I think it helps because it shows [our generations that] this isn’t okay, and if this is actually happening to you, you need to speak up.”



Regan Borsch

“I think it is [a good representation] because it is a good way for people to open up about themselves and know that they are not alone. They can get help if they need it. I think it can [have a bad influence] because it can make people scared about [these issues], or it can make people feel more open about talking about it but scared because this does happen.”

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# Opinions

## Throwback to the 90s

By Dan Doherty

A good amount of the parents of students attending North Hills had at least part of their childhood take place during the 1990s, and these parents must have exposed their children to some of the popular culture from that era. The generation that grew up in the nineties has undoubtedly made it a permanent aspect of our culture, as it's been viewed with a lens of nostalgia ever since that iconic decade ended.

Much like the previous decade, the 1990s revolutionized television. Most shows that were exceptionally popular then have remained relevant today with cult followings. Shows such as *Twin Peaks* and *The X-Files* proved to be massively successful, largely thanks to their experimental nature. In TV comedy, *Seinfeld* completely rearranged the genre's foundations, providing a basis for the characters, writing, and subject matter of every work in the genre since then. Cartoons became essentially what they are today under networks like Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network, and adult animation grew in popularity, becoming a staple of sorts in television. Political discourse and news was forever changed with the 1996 launch of Fox News, which, as we know, became television's biggest news network within the following decades.

Furthermore, the nineties was an incredible decade for music, where most

styles flourished. Grunge, which blended forms of hard rock like metal and hardcore punk, became one of the era's defining sounds with commercially successful albums like Nirvana's *Nevermind* and Pearl Jam's *Ten*. Other alternative rock albums like The Smashing Pumpkins' *Siamese Dream*, R.E.M.'s *Automatic for the People*, Nirvana's *In Utero*, Sonic Youth's *Goo*, and My

Dre's *The Chronic*, Snoop Dogg's *Doggystyle*, Warren G's *Regulate...*, *G Funk Era* and Tupac's *2pacalypse, Me Against The World*, *All Eyez On Me* and posthumous *The 7 Day Theory* solidified the West Coast. East Coast rap was also very prevalent with help from albums like Nas's *Illmatic*, Biggie's *Ready to Die*, The Wu-Tang Clan's *Enter the Wu-Tang*, Mobb Deep's *Infamous*, GZA's *Liquid Swords*, A Tribe Called Quest's *The Low End Theory*, The Fugees' *The Score*, Ghostface Killah's *Ironman* and Jay-Z's *Reasonable Doubt*.

Many films from the 1990s are considered classics, and are some of the most beloved movies to this day. Quentin Tarantino became one of the most prominent contemporary directors with *Reservoir Dogs* and *Pulp Fiction* (the latter of which is one of the most critically acclaimed films ever made). Computer animation, now the primary style for animated films, made great strides with 1995's *Toy Story*. One of Disney's greatest eras (sadly, the last to primarily use 2D animation) thrived in the nineties with films

like *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *Pocahontas*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Mulan*, and *Tarzan*.

The culture of the 1990s is one of the most essential pillars of modern pop culture, and I don't see that changing anytime soon. It truly influences the art and entertainment of the modern day and will continue to do so for future generations.



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Bloody Valentine's *Loveless* provided some of the best and most critically acclaimed music of the decade. The genre of hip hop, which had already existed in one form or another for almost fifteen years by the beginning of the decade, underwent a grand stylistic evolution that made it much bigger than it had ever been before. Records like Ice Cube's *AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted*, Dr.

## TRIP TO THE STRIP



By Olivia Gorrell

Oh, the Strip District. Where else would the gang and I go? I took a trip dahntahn after school one day with my Journalism besties, and we went to some of the best clothing places in search of some St. Patty's Day swag. First, we went to the Yinzer outlet. The prices were MUCH too high for our liking. They had leggings that would've ripped around my thunder thighs, and Brynna wanted a new hat, but Sam said it was ugly. So, we instead headed on dahn to the corner of 17th Street and hit the shirt stands, instead. As we walked along, we noticed people were selling flowers on the street corners for Valentine's Day. They were kind of tacky,

but definitely cute if you forgot to get your schnookums a present. The selection of shirts at the stands was great! They had every combination of Pittsburgh and Irish shirts for every one of your Pittsburgh-Irish needs. They were hilarious and a little raunchy. They also had a ton of pop-its, if you're into that. I personally think they're stupid and a waste of money, but that's another article for another time. The woman working the table was so sweet, and the shirts were amazing! The only problem was that they were cash-only, but luckily I only carry cash. Everyone else was mad but also, please don't rob me. I'm only 5 feet, it'd be way too easy. Anyway, the atmo-

sphere at the Strip was very upbeat as always! We went on a day with perfect weather to get a nice walk in and enjoy the views. Nothing can change our minds that the Strip is just the best all around! And that was our little adventure to help all yinz find the best St. Patty's shirts in the Pittsburgh area!





## REVIEWS

# When Billie Says "GET LOW," You Better GET LOW

By Brynna Barbour and Jacob Rodney

Let's talk about the best night of our lives. The peak, if you will. This peak was the Happier Than Ever World Tour at PPG Paints Arena. We don't care about how you feel about Billie Eilish, all we care about is the way she stole our hearts with the art we experienced.

We're going to start with the fact that Eilish is a performer, but not in the way that you'd expect. There were no backup dancers, perfected choreography, or crazy stunts. Rather, Eilish commanded the stage at her will, without the need of anyone else onstage with her. Yes, the band was on the stage, but she had the audience captivated all by herself. The glares into the cameras and the waves and smiles to the audience all felt very authentic. She's got her little moves she does: a quick forward cross step to the notes of "Billie Bossa Nova," her iconic backwards bend for "bury a friend," and her stage entrance of jumping up from the rising platform. Eilish had the crowd hostage (see what we did there), and there were no parts that were overdone.

The production and screen accompaniment were impeccable. During her performance of "NDA," the screen behind Eilish displayed a street almost identical to the one in the song's music video. But even more impressive was the ground. It was made up entirely of screens, and during the song, the ground portrayed this road which made it look like she was truly walking down the street. Right when the chorus began, Eilish was dodging cars left and right



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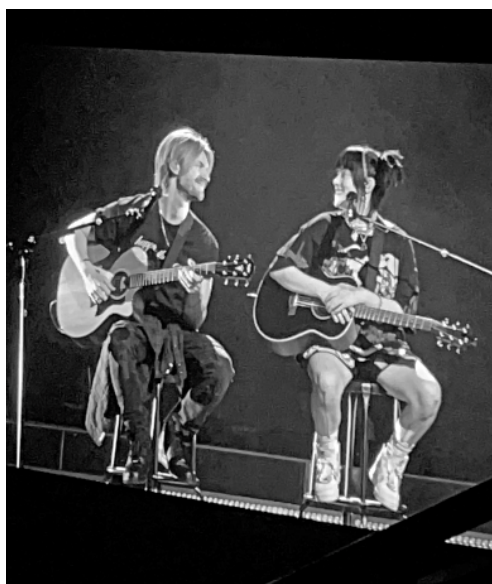
her childhood. The home videos were so sweet to see on the stage while Eilish sang the sentimental lyrics.

Eilish's voice was excellent that night. She's known for making her live performances sound identical to the recorded version, and she did not disappoint. When talking with the fans, her voice sounded a bit nasally, but you couldn't tell once she started singing. However, there were some times when she was singing and you couldn't really hear her because it blended in too much with the backing harmonies. However, that might have been her own artistic choice. Either way, Eilish was really comfortable on the stage, and she was able to entertain with her voice and inspire with her messages. The crowd could simply tell just how ecstatic Eilish was to be back on stage after such a weird time in all of our lives. At the end of the night, she literally left her blood, sweat, and tears on that stage.

while singing and continuing to mesmerize the audience. Another great screen moment was during the interlude of "Getting Older." The crowd was awed by the images of Baby Billie and the raw footage of

The transitions between songs were unpredictable. A week before the concert, we were looking at the set list and gawking at how many songs she played at the first few shows. She didn't come on until 9, and if she played all of those songs, we weren't going home until the next morning. A total of 26 songs were played, but not all of them were performed fully. It was cool to see the beat of "Oxytocin" suddenly change into the writhing baseline of "COPYCAT." We also loved how right when the chorus of "bellyache" was about to begin, Eilish slowed her voice and went into the iconic lyrics of "ocean eyes." Her ability to switch between an up-

beat song like "Lost Cause" to a vulnerable song such as "when the party's over" was really impressive. Anyone in the crowd who wasn't familiar with the set list before would have been quite amazed by the contrast in Eilish's song choices. Billie Eilish's "Happier Than Ever" Tour



wasn't one to miss, but if you weren't there, you probably saw it all on someone's Snapchat story. Let's be real, Eilish herself had to remind us to put our phones down. However, this proves just how entertaining her show was. We all wanted to be able to remember it for the rest of our lives. Eilish's performance was the best anyone could have asked for, and her personality really showed through. **And to everyone who went: when Billie says get low, you better get low.**



# REVIEWS

## I'm Feeling Lucky

By Jacob Rodney

Google: the search engine of our generation. I abuse Google approximately 10 times a day, and it's lowkey sad, but like, what else is a high school student to do? As I type my very serious questions into the search bar, I can't help but notice the small, slightly adjacent "I'm feeling lucky" option. I have never personally used this button because it doesn't seem to offer any usefulness to my personal searching needs, but since this is the "lucky" issue, I thought it would be appropriate to try and figure out exactly what this option is for.

So here I am, in third period. I've been hitting the button for a week straight (nothing in the search bar) and all I've been getting is: **BLOCKED**. This has obviously made my research somewhat more difficult (Thank you, North Hills School District Internet restrictions). But this problem has allowed me to discover that when you hover your mouse over the "I'm feeling lucky" option, a whole new world of opportunities is opened. Apparently, there's more than just an "I'm feeling lucky" option in that gray box. The box scrolls and randomly gives you an "I'm feeling..." prompt with a different adjective. "I'm feeling stellar," "I'm feeling adventurous," "I'm feeling generous," etc. You name it, they have it. So, when "I'm feeling stellar" came up, my star-loving self just had to click. It brought me to some beautiful photos of nebulae and stars (definitely calming, in my opinion). The "I'm feeling adventurous" option gives you several fun tools, including Color Picker, a coin flip, and a calculator (if you need help in Mrs. Lucas' Algebra 3 class). If you hit the drop down menu below, you're given a "games and toys" section that has riveting activities such as Pac-Man, Snake, and Solitaire. All of our elementary school sneakily playing games fantasies can now be fulfilled in high school.

Now, back to the main event: "I'm feeling lucky." If you type in what you're looking for and hit the "I'm feeling lucky" button, you're instantly taken to the first search option if you were to search normally. It's actually quite useful if you want to skip the middleman and get straight to the Little Caesar's website. How useful is the actual button, though? Disregarding all of the other "I'm feeling..."s... it's not that useful. I'll still search normally and then click my first tab Every. Single. Time. But the other options? Super fun! They sent me to some really cool places, and it just makes me happy knowing that Google took the time to create these fun things for us common folk to enjoy.



## Sieb's Pub vs. Poor Richard's

By Brynna Barbour and Olivia Gorrell

Pittsburgh is full of Irish heritage, and many students here at North Hills are of Irish descent. Liv and I decided to try out two local pubs and find out which one has the best Irish food. This competition was based on many classifications: Which has more "Irish" meal options? Which has the better scenery and decorations? Which has better service? And most importantly, which has the tastier food? The competition took place between Poor Richard's of Wexford with a whopping 4.4 star review on Google and North Hills' own Sieb's Pub with an even higher rating of 4.6 stars.



The first stop was our very own Sieb's. Their menu was full of Irish options, with a full section labeled "Irish Menu." Some of these items include fish and chips and an Irish stew. Our table ordered pretzel sticks and the fish and chips. This food was delicious, to say the least. The ambience was extremely Irish, including "Kiss Me, I'm Irish" signs displayed everywhere. The restaurant is definitely a pub scene, thanks to a complete bar area when you first walk in. The service was impeccable. The man who waited on us was the sweetest server I have ever had at any restaurant. He was so kind and really made the whole experience enjoyable for us! Sieb's Pub is definitely very high on our list of recommendations for some great Irish food this St. Patrick's Day.

Next up: Poor Richard's.

Now, this pub isn't as close as our home pub; however, the drive is only a few minutes down Perry Highway (for those who want to give it a try). Let's talk about the overall vibe. This was a house turned into a restaurant, and the parking was terrible. It didn't help that it was pouring down rain and we had to run to the door to go eat. The food was pretty good, but it had nothing on the cheaper menu items at Sieb's. Liv had soup that was too salty, and I had chicken that was a little too sketchy-looking for my liking. The service was just okay, and it was really dark inside. Although it had a lot of Irish decorations, it was definitely more a pub than a restaurant. It was missing that home cooked meal vibe that Sieb's gives off. It was also pretty pricey compared to the latter of the two.

Overall, we had a good time going around and tasting at these two restaurants, but only one can reign supreme. North Hills' own Sieb's Pub is the best Irish food around. And if you're not in the mood for Irish, they've still got it all! You can have any kind of meal made with the same love no matter what you order. You can bring your family and friends and really take in all that Irish aesthetic. We would definitely recommend this place for a good meal! Poor Richard's, better luck next time. Sieb's Pub all the way.





# FEATURES

## Fear For The Future

By Jacob Rodney

It's March of senior year. You're starting to freak out. "I haven't gotten all of my acceptance letters yet." "I haven't committed anywhere!" "I don't know what I'm doing next year." "Is college for me?" "What if I hate what I end up doing?" "I swear if I just had some more time..." Okay, deep breaths, homie. You're gonna make it. And you know why? 'Cause your bestie Jacob is here to turn down the lights, tuck you in, play some calming music, and tell you why you're in the clear.

Most applications come back between February and May for regular decisions. We know you're anxiously awaiting that email, and don't worry, Rory Gilmore, we're praying for that big envelope, too. Now, for those who have not applied yet or don't know where to apply: IT IS NOT TOO LATE. Most schools are still taking applications, especially if you're not looking at the fall 2022 semester. Remember that college is not the same as high school; you can start in the spring 2023 semester if you're unsure. But if you're looking for that sweet spot in the fall 2022 semester, we encourage you to make haste and turn in those few applications before April.

Now, you might be planning those next few years and see that most people in your profession need a master's degree. That's another one and a half to three years of schooling. This may seem daunting and make you feel discouraged, but try not to let it scare you from doing what you like. If you get a job after graduation, they might send you back to school to get your master's and pay for it, too! That's not guaranteed, but it is something you can ask about when you get a job. And once you do get your master's, you'll be making more money than ever before.

And guys, gap years are NOT uncommon and are a completely valid option for the future. Take some time to figure out what you like to do if you're not sure. Instead of going



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into debt because you feel like you have to, go experience life for a bit. Find some job shadowing opportunities and talk to people in careers that you may be interested in. Don't get the college version of a profession; get the whole picture from someone who has been doing it for some time. But if you really have no clue what you want, go find a job and live at home for a little. Go experience a life outside of high school.

Don't forget that trade schools, associate degrees, and full time jobs lined up after graduation are great options, as well. Not everyone is heading for a four year college, and we encourage you to do what fits you most. Don't let anyone else get in the way of what you want to do. And if you don't know what you want? Go experience something and get a better understanding of yourself. In the end, once you find out what you want to do, make a plan to get there. Don't aimlessly go to college or stay at home and do nothing. That just wastes your time and your money.

You don't have to love every second of your future job. That's not the point. You should just enjoy a decent amount of what you do and who you're interacting with. If you no longer like what you're doing or going to school for, don't force yourself to stay in that situation. Find something that is better for you. You deserve it.

**Q: What were you like in high school?**

A: During high school, I loved playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. As I got older, I realized I was into a lot of artistic things like painting and writing. I joined the Art History Club and found my passion for traveling and experiencing new things, which led to my choice of going to school in Pittsburgh so I could explore the city.

**Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?**

A: When I was really little, I loved playing teacher and making all of my toys sit and listen to me and do school work, but around 5th and 6th grade I realized I had a strong voice and even stronger opinions.

**Q: What made you want to become a teacher?**

A: In high school, I was always in the art room talking to one of my favorite teachers, Mr. Jones. I also had great English teachers through every grade who made me realize my passion for reading, discussing, and writing about books. I loved getting to come into class and share my ideas about what we were reading, and it made me want to try and

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spark that same passion in my own students someday.

**Q: How has this experience so far helped you towards your end goal of becoming a teacher?**

A: So far, I've learned that regardless of the plans you have set out for a class, you might have to just take things day by day. Because every student is so different, you never really know how a lesson might play out, so you

need to be super flexible and not be afraid to change your plans. I also learned that it's really important to make a connection with your students. Class is so much more enjoyable for everyone when you can laugh together and not make things extremely serious.

**Q: Any student teaching horror stories so far?**

A: I don't have any crazy stories yet, but I guess one worth sharing (which is also a little embarrassing) is one day I was teaching a lesson, and afterwards I felt really good about it, but my cooperating teacher told me that there was a student who had airpods in the whole time I was teaching and didn't hear anything I said, and I had no idea that that he was even listening to music.

**Q: What's your go-to song?**

A: This is a really hard question for me because I feel like I have a new theme song for my life every week. So, if I had to pick one for this week I would say either "I Bet You Think About Me" or "All Too Well (10 Minute Version)" (both Taylor's version) because I've been a Taylor Swift fan since I was seven, and they're both great songs to belt out while driving!



## FEATURES

## The Danimals Cruise Dilemma

By Q Peters

For the past few weeks, I've been trying to uncover the mystery of what happened to the Danimals Sweepstakes Cruise with Zack and Cody from the beloved Disney Channel show, *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*. Unfortunately, Danimals has covered their tracks extremely well. There is almost no coverage of the iconic commercial, which advertises the chance to be in the company of Dylan and Cole Sprouse on a Caribbean cruise. Who won the sweepstakes? Did they ever get the chance to hang out with the Sprouse twins on a tropical vacation? Is Danimals offering any more chances of a lifetime? Let's find out together, shall we?

Now, as I scoured the internet for information, I found out that the Sprouse twins did a whole series of commercials with Danimals. From advertising the "Danimals Crush Cup" (a yogurt cup designed specifically for kids to simply squeeze the yogurt into their mouths instead of using a spoon; basically, a worse version of the world-renowned invention, the Gogurt tube) to inviting viewers to enter a video-making contest (the prize being \$10,000 and spending the day with Dylan and Cole in Hollywood), it's clear that the Sprouse twins' wealthiness came straight from Danimals' wallet. But, what about the meme-ified commercial showcasing the Caribbean cruise? After clearing my school email's YouTube history so I don't get reported for looking up countless variations of "Dylan and Cole Sprouse Danimals Sweepstakes Caribbean Cruise," I found some uploads of it. And boy oh boy, we really ate this up as kids. Wow. We were truly amazed by everything.

The commercial starts with two kids drinking Danimals drinkable yogurt (a much more efficient way to drink yogurt; what did they need the stupid "crush cups" for?) and then immediately getting smashed by a massive animated wave. Dylan and Cole appear with the enthusiastic claim that "Danimals is giving away FIVE fantastic Caribbean vacations!" They promise that the trip includes "everything fun under the sun," such as snorkeling, riding (this word is accompanied with a shot of the twins riding



on a giant Danimals drinkable yogurt in the sea like it's one of those giant inflatable animals that pops after an hour of waterboarding you in the pool), or just chilling out! All you had to do was buy some Danimals and look under the tab to see if Dylan and Cole were on it. If they were, congratulations, you won! If not, you didn't, boohoo. You could also go online (with your

parents' permission!) and enter the contest for free there. However, where's the thrill in that? The excitement of ripping the Danimals container open after an excruciating 5 minutes of putting away the groceries with your mom? The flurry of emotions you feel as you realize your dreams were crushed, that you weren't going on a Caribbean cruise with THE Zack and Cody of *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*?

Obviously, none of you North Hills lowlives won the sweepstakes. Otherwise, you wouldn't be sitting in Mrs. Washington's class right now, reading this grade-A material instead of writing your MLA-formatted essay on *The Old Man and the Sea*. So, the question is, who did?

After countless hours of searching, I came up with...nothing. An article on rainked.com states a man found an old Danimals yogurt pack and won the trip, but ends with a disclaimer that "the information above may be disputed." Needless to say, this disclaimer left me brokenhearted. I truly felt a connection with the man as he revealed his first thought after discovering he won during an "emotional rainked.com interview" with "yogurt dripping down his face:" "Yogurta be kidding me." Now, I did discover someone who won a sweepstakes to meet Dylan and Cole, but unfortunately, it wasn't from the Danimals contest. It was just a regular ole' Disney Channel sweepstakes. His name is Max Abrams, and he answered a tweet by Celia Hartnett that asked if anyone actually ended up winning the Danimals sweepstakes with Zack and Cody. He also

made an Instagram post and a YouTube video explaining his experience with photos and videos for proof!

So, like I said, Danimals clearly covered all their tracks. I guess we'll never truly know who got to have fun in the sun with Zack and Cody on a Caribbean vacation. But I think the true takeaway from this investigation is that Danimals put Dylan and Cole on the map. *Rivendale* WISHES they could create as much hype with Cole as Danimals did. Stan Bongo, the terrifying monkey mascot of Danimals (AKA my childhood crush), and support him by going to your local grocery store and buying some sweet Danimals strawberry yogurt.

## The Case of the Chuck E. Cheese Pizza

By Jess Colicchie

Okay, so don't judge me for bringing this theory back, but: in 2019, one of our favorite childhood spots, Chuck E. Cheese, got some heat for allegedly recycling their "made fresh, in-house" pizza. Although it's been proven wrong by many YouTubers and actual employees of Chuck E. Cheese, I still have unanswered questions.

Let's start from the beginning. This theory has been debated for over a decade, but YouTuber Shane Dawson (just to clarify: we do NOT support him anymore for reasons I will not be getting into, if you know, you know) was the one who made the assumption go viral. Dawson theorized that Chuck E. Cheese employees took leftover pizza from tables and reused them to make new pizzas. First of all, that's nasty. And illegal. But it MAKES SENSE. If you look up "Chuck E. Cheese pizza scandal" on Google Images, the evidence is all there. The pictures show that the crusts of each piece of pizza don't line up with each other, and some pieces are smaller than others. Also, the cuts of the pieces aren't straight lines across, and the pepperoni doesn't match. Explain that, Chucky. Dawson also speculated that in order to cover up this dirty secret, employees in the kitchen put cheese on top of the recycled pizza and rebaked it, so it's like it never happened. And I mean, to be honest, they're smart for that if this argument is true. We all fell for it when we devoured that pizza at our 6th birthday pizza party.

So, I did some research. Another Youtuber,

# FEATURES



## Chuck E. Cheese Reviews

By Morgan McClurg

The Food Theorists, debunked this theory. They interviewed real ex-employees of Chuck E. Cheese. Both employees denied the theory and said that the company and employees would never do something like this. But, I still think this whole situation is extremely suspicious. Companies hide things from their consumers all the time, whether it's clothing companies and their ethical standards, restaurants and their sanitary procedures, etc. There's no way a company that is overall pretty creepy in the first place wouldn't try to hide something like this. Children are literally gambling next to a giant mouse dude that talks. If that's not fishy, I don't know what is.

One of the employees that was interviewed added that the pizza has this "Frankenstein look" from the blade used to cut it. Apparently, it's a rocker blade that is not very sharp for "safety reasons," and the pepperoni that doesn't line up just gets stuck to it. He also stated that the process of moving the pizza from the oven rack, to a cutting board, to a serving tray, messes with the shape of it. One of the contributors to the YouTube video said that the pizza is pretty light as well, so it makes sense that the pizza gets messed up from moving it from tray to tray. To be honest, that reason sounds like a bit of a stretch to me. Why don't other pizza establishments like Domino's, Papa John's, or Pizza Hut have messed-up pizzas? They most likely have the same process when cooking and cutting the pizzas. It doesn't add up.

Now, literally as I was writing this, Shane Dawson's new video titled "The Lawsuit of Shane Dawson" was restricted on YouTube within days of its release. He talked about coming back from his break, and then he and his friends went to Chuck E. Cheese to see if their pizza was still messed up. He made many jokes about how the pizza is still questionable, even though he made disclaimers throughout the video saying that all his jokes were just satire. First of all, Shane, why would you upload a video basically saying that you got sued by Chuck E. Cheese? And then why would you proceed to go back to Chuck E. Cheese, and make more jokes about it? There's just no logic there. Overall, this theory is pretty convincing, and quite frankly, hilarious.



And now, some very out-of-context Chuck E. Cheese reviews I found online (within the past few years) and my thoughts:

**"As we sat down to eat, my daughter went to get another piece and seen plastic sticking out of pizza crust... We all felt sick... Makes you wonder how many times you ate plastic."** – Barb

My only concern with this is: why did you eat the pizza if there was plastic in it? Of course you felt sick after eating it. Barb, seriously? Too many questions, not enough answers.

**"My underage daughter booked a party (at C.E.C.) with my credit card."** – Tiffany

All I'm going to say is, I'm 18 years old and I could not tell you how to book a party. How could this child tell what numbers to type in certain places? I still have to ask my parents, but that's a different story for another day. If I'm being totally honest, I have to give some credit to this girl for pulling that off. I don't condone underage party bookings, just to put that out there, but that was truly a girlboss move.

**"As my daughter was doing the Chuck E. dance..."** — Stephanie

I only took this little bit out of this review. Am I missing something here? I could not even begin to tell you what the Chuck E. dance is. I looked this up on Youtube, and I found numerous choreography videos. The views on the videos range from 2.5 million to 33 million, so they must be doing something right. The videos have potential, so you should totally take the time out of your day to watch and learn the dances. Maybe even DM them to the Arrowhead Instagram! We'll post you and your friends showing off your best Chuck E. moves!



## Getting to the Root of the Rowdie Rooters

By Samantha Smith



As a North Hills resident, one of my favorite things to do is go to Friday night football games and cheer on the Indians at Martorelli Stadium. Sure, the football team, cheerleaders, and marching band are entertaining to watch, but what captures my attention the most is the siren and bright sign from the hill overlooking the stadium. These super fans called themselves the Rowdie Rooters, and boy, are they rowdy. Unfortunately, the group that started nearly 40 years ago went dark for the 2021 season. But why?

Curious, I decided to search for some answers. I reached out to 1996 North Hills graduate, Jared DiGirolamo. DiGirolamo joined the group in 1995 when he was still in high school; he got involved because he knew people that were in the original Rowdie Rooters. He says that it was the "best seat in the house to watch some high school football." DiGirolamo adds that they would "heckle" the other team and shout things at them, but it was "all in good fun" as they were just looking to "have a good time." He goes on to mention how members of the football team and marching band enjoyed hearing their notorious siren after a great performance. However, the coaches of the opposing team didn't like it. They would come up to the Rooters and talk to them about how out of control they got, but DiGirolamo assures, "It was all in good fun." He also mentions how the Rooters would be featured in newspapers and how the "plug" would "motivate" them to keep going. He says he really appreciated it, and that they do it all for fun. But unfortunately, like most good things, the Rooters came to an end for the 2021 season. DiGirolamo says that it became "too out of hand" and the owners didn't want to do it anymore and sold the property. He says it "wasn't doing anyone any harm," and while he is sad the tradition has come to an end, he respects the choice the owners made to sell the property. DiGirolamo finishes by stating that unless a miracle happens, he doesn't see the tradition coming back.

I know the answer I got wasn't what we wanted to hear; I'm disappointed, too. However, it's important to remember the Rowdie Rooters for what they were: just a group of kids who loved North Hills football who will go down in North Hills history. And who knows? Maybe there's a new generation of Rowdie Rooters just around the block.



# sports

## KINGS OF THE COURT

By Michael Blass, Maddie Hummel, & fiden Cumpa

Interview with Alex Smith, Devin Burgess, Matt Seidl, and Will Blass

**Did you ever imagine a perfect 22-0 regular season?**

Alex: "I dreamed about it, but it didn't seem very real."

Devin: "No, but I thought we had a chance to beat the school record (19-7), and we did."

Matt: "No. I knew we'd be good, but undefeated seemed nearly impossible."

Will: "No. I didn't think it was attainable, to be honest."

**How long have you been playing basketball together?**

Alex: "Only 4 years, because Matt went to a different school."

Devin: "Besides Seidl, I've been playing with them since middle school."

Matt: "Only 4 years."

Will: "Alex and I have been playing together since elementary school, but it's only been 4 years for the rest."

**What was the most exciting moment for you during the regular season?**

Alex: "Scoring 1000 points."

Devin: "Playing in front of a sold out gym at



Pine Richland."

Matt: "Winning the section."

Will: "Beating Pine Richland away."

**Describe the atmosphere in the locker room before a big game.**

Alex: "Not a word is spoken."

Devin: "Focused."

Matt: "Determined to win."

Will: "Very tense, and all you can hear is the music."

**It seems like you've had a close-knit team this year. What are you going to miss most about your teammates?**

Alex: "Making fun of Devin."

Devin: "Making fun of Alexander Smith."

Matt: "Locker room antics."

Will: "Just hanging out in the locker room before practice."

**What valuable lessons have you learned from being a part of the basketball team over the years?**

Alex: "Losing makes you stronger."

Devin: "Hard work and perseverance."

Matt: "Good things don't come easy."

Will: "Trust the process."

**What are your future plans?**

Alex: "Play basketball in college and major in exercise science."

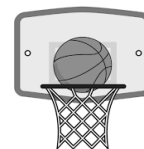
Devin: "Play basketball and study wealth management at John Carroll."

Matt: "Play basketball in college and study to be a physician's assistant."

Will: "Go to college and then hopefully medical school."



## SPORTS TRIVIA



By Maddie Hummel, fiden Cumpa, fflex Smith, Michael Blass, & Brady Trent

Which major league hitter is in the 40/40 club?

- A. Ricky Henderson
- B. Vladimir Guerrero
- C. Ronald Acuna Jr.
- D. Alfonso Soriano

Which basketball player has the most rebounds in an NBA game?

- A. Wilt Chamberlain
- B. SHAQ
- C. Bill Russell
- D. Devin Burgess

Which runner holds the fastest women's 100 meter time at 10.49 seconds?

- A. Evelyn Ashford
- B. Florence Griffith-Joyner
- C. Marion Jones
- D. Sha'Carri Richardson

Which runner holds the fastest men's 100 meter time at 9.58 seconds?

- A. Tyson Gay
- B. Yohan Blake
- C. Usain Bolt
- D. Asafa Powell

Which hockey player is the leading scorer in the NHL?

- A. Sydney Crosby
- B. Phil Kessel
- C. Connor McDavid
- D. Leon Draisaitl

How many NBA championships did Michael Jordan win with the Chicago Bulls?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 4
- D. 2

Which Williams sister has won more Grand Slam titles?

- A. Selena
- B. Venus

What sport was Jesse Owens involved in?

- A. Basketball
- B. Track & Field
- C. Baseball
- D. Soccer

Which boxer was known as "The People's Champion"?

- A. Muhammad Ali
- B. Floyd Mayweather
- C. Joe Louis
- D. Manny Pacquiao



# sports

## SPORTS PROFILES



### MAGGIE ADKINS

**Grade:** 11th

**Nickname:** Mags

**Spring sport:** Lacrosse

**Years playing:** 2

**Favorite sports movie:**  
*The Sandlot*

**Favorite childhood sports memory:** "Gobbling up the Graham Central Station cone after dominating the tennis courts."

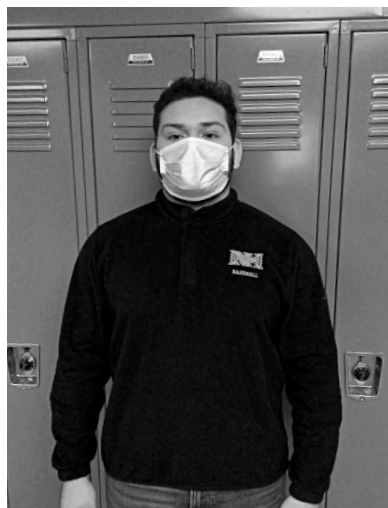
**Favorite sports drink:** Red Powerade

**Go-to song before games:**  
"You Can't Stop Me" by Andy Mineo

**Sports hero:** Michael Phelps

**Greatest athletic accomplishment:** "Surviving a potential water polo drowning incident."

**Pre-game ritual:** "Sprinting up The Hill with my loaded backpack and praying."



### ETHAN MORA

**Grade:** 12th

**Nickname:** Augie

**Spring sport:** Baseball

**Years playing:** 10

**Favorite sports movie:**  
*Field of Dreams*

**Favorite childhood sports moment:** "Hitting my first inside-the-park homerun."

**Favorite sports drink:**  
Cool Blue Gatorade

**Go-to song before games:**  
"Gasolina" by Daddy Yankee

**Sports hero:**  
Ben Roethlisberger

**Greatest athletic accomplishment:**  
"Winning the Little League Championship in 2015."

**Pre-game ritual:** "Just Go With The Flow."



## Q&A with... Coach Pedrosky

By Alex Smith & Brady Trent



The beloved Mr. Pedrosky has taken over as Head Coach of the Varsity Baseball Team here on the hilltop. We got to sit down and ask him a few questions.

**What is your greatest sports coaching accomplishment?** "Winning a section at Deer Lakes after a 25 year drought."

**What is your expectation for this season?** "A championship— that's why you play."

**What made you take this job?** "The kids here are great kids!"

**Who is your biggest rival?** "Personally, Burrell."

**What would you say your team motto is?**  
"Play for each other."

**Where is your favorite stadium to coach in?**  
"PNC Park."

**Where do you expect this team to be in 5 years?**  
"I expect them to be consistently successful."

**Do you have a team mascot?**

"Yes. My son/dog Wilfred loves coming to Saturday practices and running around the boys."

**What has been your coaching experience so far?**  
"16 years total; 5 at Central Catholic and 10 at Deer Lakes."

## Coach's Stats

**High school team:** Plum

**College team:** IUP

**Favorite college team:** Pitt

**Favorite MLB team:** Red Sox

**Favorite baseball movie?** *For Love of the Game*

**Best player of all time:** Barry Bonds

**Sports hero:** Andy Van Slyke

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Top Ten Good Luck Charms

By Morgan McClurg

### 10. Heads-Up Coins

Finding a coin that's facing heads-up is considered to bring good luck and protection. Long ago, if people found metals, it was considered a gift from the gods. People felt that these gifts were the gods sending them protection; so, the overall belief today is that discovering a heads-up coin will bring you fortune and preservation (and if a coin is found tails-up, you should flip it over to heads in order to bring the next person who comes across it good luck!).

### 9. Rainbows

There is said to be a pot of gold at the end of every rainbow. Back in 795 AD, Vikings invaded Ireland and buried their looted gold and other treasures in undisclosed locations. According to legend, leprechauns then found the buried gold and treasure. They

proceeded to bury the loot somewhere where humans would not find it. So, this old folktale tells us that there is a pot of gold hidden where the end of any rainbow touches the earth. Everyone, grab your shovels!

### 8. The Number 8

In China, the number 8 is considered to be very lucky. It's thought of as a balanced number, as balance and harmony are vital for life. In Chinese, eight means wealth and success. House numbers, phone numbers, wedding dates, etc. are considered to bring good fortune if they have the number eight involved. No wonder August is such a popular wedding month.

### 7. The Number 7

The ancient Greeks referred to 7 as the perfect number. Numerous mathematicians and scientists believe that the number seven is simply appealing to people, as in a large public vote to find out the world's favorite number, the number seven received more than 44,000 votes (nearly ten percent of the total vote). Seven ended up being the winner of this survey, so maybe the ancient Greeks were onto something.

### 6. Goldfish

Goldfish are said to attract prosperity and luck to people and wealth, happiness, and affluence to homes. They are also said to bring peace to the mind as they carry all negativity with them. Since the fish is gold, they are also supposed to bring a general glow to your life. Thanks, PetSmart!

### 5. A Rabbit's Foot

The rabbit's foot is mentioned throughout literature as a way to get rid of aches and pains, but the original legend states that a left hind foot of a rabbit that is captured in a cemetery late at night has the ability to ward off evil magic. It's said to be able

to take on the worst kind of evil and make it disappear, so make sure to hold a rabbit's foot the next time you're writing an essay for Mr. Heil.

### 4. Ladybugs

If a ladybug lands on you and you don't brush it off, it is said to grant you patience and fewer burdens. A ladybug might land on you if a new relationship has started or has been mended in order to bring luck and hope towards the relationship. So, despite Francis (the ladybug from *A Bug's Life*) being the most horrifying animated thing, ever, don't brush off his friends as they have the potential to bring you some solid blessings.

### 3. Dice

During WWII, fighter pilots flew their planes with low chances of returning home safely. So, they would bring a pair of lucky dice on their flights with them. Later, a company started making fuzzy dice to hang in cars to bring luck and safety to the person driving. Now, many people in the world have those fuzzy dice hanging in their car. See, Mom, I told you they weren't tacky!

### 2. Horseshoes

Having a horseshoe hung up in a home is considered to attract good fortune for the family living inside. Having the horseshoe ends facing downward means good luck will flow into the house. In contrast, having the horseshoe end pointing upwards allows it to act like a magnet and attract any luck that's floating around. So, either way you have the horseshoe hung, it will bring good luck. No one's making fun of horse girls now, huh?



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### 1. Four-Leaf Clovers

Four-leaf clovers are an ancient Irish symbol of luck. They were originally Celtic charms, believed to ward off evil and offer magical protection. Now, they are said to bring a variety of fortuitous gifts, such as faith, hope, love, health, fame, and wealth. If you end up finding a four-leaf clover, make sure to look around for more, because they usually grow in patches! Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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## What's Hot & What's Not

By Cassie Catrain &amp; Morgan McClurg

### What's Hot

- School french fries
- The basketball team
- The Arrowhead* (obvi)
- "Party Rock Anthem"
- Puffy coats
- Early release

### What's Not

- Covid
- Walking up the steps in pairs
- Texting with capital letters
- Spoilers on TikTok
- Kanye's Insta
- Christmas decorations that are still up (You good?)

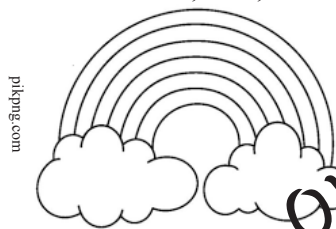
# ENTERTAINMENT

## LUCKY LASS

By Jacob Rodney



**Name:** Maggie Knox  
**Grade:** 12th  
**Nickname(s):** Margaret, Met, Mom  
**Interests:** Art, the environment, fashion  
**Favorite restaurant:** Bruegger's Bagels  
**Celebrity crush:** Bella Hadid  
**Perfect date:** "April 25th. It's not too hot, not too cold. All you need is a light jacket."  
**Likes:** Converse, algebra, Ellie Knox  
**Dislikes:** Toddlers, band, Ellie Knox



## LUCKY LAD

By filex Barrante



**Name:** Marko Manson  
**Grade:** 11th  
**Nickname(s):** Beez, Manson  
**Interests:** Art, goth music, collecting things like rocks, jars, and soda can tabs  
**Favorite restaurant:** "Burgatory, I guess. I don't go places."  
**Celebrity crush:** Andrew Garfield  
**Perfect date:** "Roller skating and we're both bad at it, then go out for fries afterward, like Eat 'n Park Roller Rink."  
**Likes:** Cats, Spider-Man (Garfield's), Ghost the Band  
**Dislikes:** Awkward silence, math class

## The Subjects Have Spoken...

By Gabby Sole, Cassie Catrain,  
 & Morgan McClurg

Arby's Mint Chocolate Shake: 18%  
**McDonald's Shamrock Shake: 82%**

Go out and watch the St. Patrick's Day parade: 36%  
**Stay home like a loser: 64%**

**Dress head to toe in green attire for a day: 80%**  
 Eat only green foods for a day: 20%

**Find a pot of real gold: 80%**  
 Find a pot of chocolate gold coins: 20%

Light green: 42%  
**Dark green: 58%**

Dress up as a leprechaun and get laughed at: 30%

**Catch a leprechaun but he's rude: 70%**

**Speak with a thick Irish accent: 70%**  
 Dye your hair fluorescent red: 30%

**Irish jig for 12 hours: 62%**  
 Play the bagpipes for 12 hours: 38%



**Schenley Park:** Schenley Park is a beautiful 456 acre park with an overview of the city skyline and walking trails. You can bring your favorite snacks and an old blanket to have a delightful picnic with your best friends or significant other!

**Skyline Trail:** Skyline Trail is a charming meadow with 3.4 miles of walking trails, beautiful flowers, and gorgeous scenery. There's a wooden deck you can draw/write on, and you can also watch the sunset over the tree line.

**West End Overlook Park:** Similar to Mt. Washington, West End Overlook Park is an overlook of Pittsburgh (but the view is superior). You can go up before the sun rises while the birds are just waking up to experience peace, quiet, and a serene atmosphere with your person.

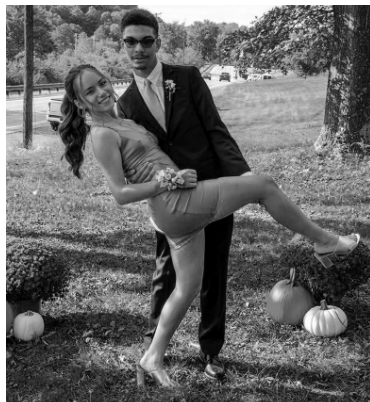
**Andy Warhol Museum:** The Andy Warhol Museum is an intriguing date spot. There's art for everyone awaiting them on the walls. Museums are great places to get to know your S/O on a more intimate level (try turning your phone off when you enter to take it all in!).

**Phipps Conservatory:** Phipps is a very enchanting environment and a wonderful place to enjoy during warm and cold weather. Experience the flowers, lights, and butterflies with your S/O, best friend, or a group of friends (and don't forget your camera)!

**Paradise Island Bowl:** Wanna have some fun? Check out Paradise Island Bowl! You can never go wrong with bowling as a date night idea. They have an amazing restaurant you can eat at, an arcade, and, of course, bowling! This is an especially great place to go to in the summertime as they have a beach-like backyard!



# ENTERTAINMENT



Marisa White & Roderick Allen

**When did the flirting begin?**

M: "He would say November 2020, but for me it was more like February 2021."

R: "The day I met her. I'm a goal-oriented person, as many of my teachers know."

**Do you have a song?**

M: "Mine by T-Swizzle"

R: "Mine by T-Swizzle"

**Describe your first date:**

M: "We had Panera at North Park, then went to Target, then played UNO in the parking lot."

R: "We ate Panera at North Park, went to Target, and bought UNO. We played it in the parking lot in my car."

**Who wears the pants in the relationship?**

M: "Me, and if he says himself, he's lying."

R: "Me, I wear the pants and she wears the shorts."

**How will you make this relationship work?**

M: "Keep buying him donuts and backseat driving."

R: "Buying her coffee and hoping."

**What's the sweetest thing they've ever done for you?**

M: "Switched his class schedule to have lunch with me."

R: "Brought me a donut and chips while I was at work."

**Typical hangout:**

M: "I ask where he wants to eat, and he makes me decide."

R: "Grab some food like Chipotle or something, then head to my house, and watch a movie or just chill."

## HOT COUPLES

By Jess Colicchie



Talía Curry & Aud Kelly

**When did the flirting begin?**

A: "8th-9th grade."

T: "The summer going into freshman year."

**Do you have a song?**

A: "The marching band played 'Hard to Say I'm Sorry,' and during the performance we would always find each other."

T: "'Proud Mary' because we performed that song in marching band the year we started liking each other. When I'd be dancing on the field, I would turn around and smile at Aud."

**Describe your first date:**

A: "Picnic in the park and I accidentally threw a FOAM football at her head."

T: "We went to a park and had a picnic, but ants kept crawling on my blanket. I also took a caterpillar with me because it latched onto my purse."

**Who wears the pants in the relationship?**

A: "Me because I speak my mind and take control more."

T: "Def Aud."

**How will you make this relationship work?**

A: "Communication, being invested in her life, supporting decisions, and being there whenever she needs."

T: "Communication, making him feel supported, minimizing conflict, and just loving one another."

**What's the sweetest thing he/she has ever done for you?**

A: "She's never made me feel alone, has always made me feel appreciated, and has helped me build my confidence."

T: "He is just always so understanding when I'm having an emotional moment, and no matter what always tries to calm me down and make me feel better."

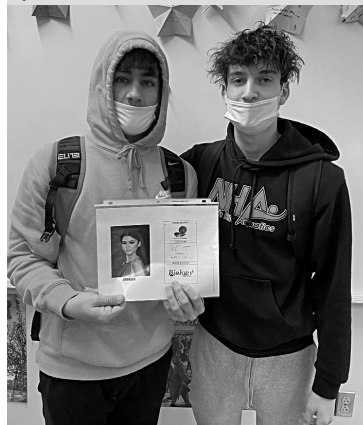
**Typical hangout:**

A: "Comfy clothes, watching movies/shows, playing games, eating food, napping sometimes."

T: "Aud and I usually chill in my room and watch random movies and shows. We also like to make food together, usually it's grilled cheese (our fave)."

## BFFS: Brady Lawrence and Ryan Nolan

By Maddie Hummel



*How many years have you been BFFs?*

"5 years"

*How did you first meet?*

B: "School, math class."

R: "School, 7th grade."

*Did you click instantly, or did your connection grow over time?*

B: "It was love at first sight."

R: "It was a zing."

*What do you like most about each other?*

B: "Not a lot, but his music taste isn't bad."

R: "His swimming moves."

# ENTERTAINMENT

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF EMMA HOPF

By Q Peters & Jess Colicchie

Our leading lady, our star, North Hills' very own Princess Winifred has graced us with her limited time to spill tea on her tedious schedule:

**What's a summary of your morning routine (do you eat breakfast, if so, what do you eat, do you shower in the morning, etc.)?**

"So, I usually wake up around 5:50 a.m., and I take the bus to school every morning. I don't have enough time for breakfast, and I take NIGHT showers, NOT morning showers."

**What's your favorite class?**

"My fav class is lunch because my friends I sit with are so funny. One time I was trying to stanky leg for Adam and then I laughed so hard I fell over and then peed myself."

**Do you have any classes that you dislike?**

"I lowkey dislike chemistry because I'm not very good at it, and it's double blocked so it's 84 minutes straight of just elements and sig digs."

**Favorite teacher?**

"My fav teacher is MS. SARAZEN, OF COURSE. I also really like my German teacher, Herr Deible, because although I'm pretty quiet in

that class and don't really speak, he still makes me smile and laugh everyday, which I really appreciate."

**What's your favorite school lunch?**

"The best school lunch is the mac and cheese with the breadstick. I could talk about for hours the positive impact that mac and cheese has had on my life."

**What's a summary of your typical routine at rehearsals? What's your favorite part of rehearsals?**

"A typical rehearsal routine is going to the auditorium after school, warming up our voices and muscles, and then going over scenes and numbers. My favorite part of rehearsals is doing dance numbers with my castmates, [for example] my personal favorite, "Spanish Panic."

It is just so fun, especially

when I get to do partner dancing with the prince. I don't know how to explain it, but it makes me feel cool and stuff."

**What's your favorite part about being in the musical as a whole? Do you see yourself continuing to do musicals in your following years at school?**

"My favorite part about being in the musical is the bonds and friends I've made. I truly mean it

when I say I love every single person involved in [the] Drama Club, and I totally want to continue to be in musicals in the following years."

**Do you like playing the role of Princess Winifred? If so, why?**

"I like playing Princess Winifred because she is so strange, weird, and obnoxious, but she is also someone I would want to be friends with if she was real."

**What's a summary of your evening routine?**

"I eat dinner when I get home, which is always a little bit before 6 p.m. I usually spend about an hour and a half or two hours practicing for the musical outside of school, and after that I take a shower and head to bed at around 11."

**Overall, how much do you like your daily schedules and routines?**

"My schedule is basically the same thing everyday, but that's alright because I am really enjoying being a part of my first major musical, and I know I'm going to miss it when it's over."



## UNLUCKY STORIES

By Brynna Barbour & Q Peters

**Story #1:**

Hey guys, it's your girl, Brynna, and I'm about to tell you a very unlucky story about my St. Patty's Day (circa 2019). Picture it with me: I'm downtown with my boyfriend at the time, enjoying a nice grilled cheese sandwich, living that good life. Now, this was an important day to me. Not only was it my boyfriend's birthday dinner and St. Patrick's Day, but it was also my first time meeting his whole family. Prior to this dinner, all I knew was his mom and dad. But at this restaurant, I had to meet his siblings and their significant others, as well. The dinner was going well, we sang happy birthday, and concluded the night. His family took me home and I wished him a happy birthday again. Later the next day, he broke up with me! He claimed he "didn't feel the same anymore." Ouch, lol. Only good thing that came out of that relationship was a bomb grilled cheese.

**Story #2:**

Buckle up lads, because this is a story about heartbreak, betrayal, and gaslighting beyond your wildest dreams. I (Q) had a sleepover the night before St. Patrick's Day with a group

of friends when I was about seven years old. Naturally, as the mischievous children we were, we decided to set up traps to catch a leprechaun. Looking back, I'm not sure what we were planning to actually DO with a leprechaun if we caught one. Probably shake him down for gold, to be honest. Anyway, we made a little cage out of popsicle sticks and scattered pieces of paper with glue on them so any leprechaun that tried to walk among our sleeping bodies would be in for an unpleasant surprise. Filled with anticipation, we all spread out our blankets and drifted off to dreamland. However, while the others were snoring and happily in REM, I was twisting and turning, trying to get comfortable. Then, I saw something out of the corner of my eye. My body tensed and I strained my ears. I didn't move, for fear of scaring what I believed to be a leprechaun, off. Footsteps approached. I couldn't believe I was actually going to see a leprechaun with my own eyes! The footsteps stopped, and something was in my vision. I blinked slowly, and...it was my friend's mom. Disappointment filled my gut, but then something else happened. Something that absolutely CRUSHED my little heart. She began to sprinkle green confetti on the ground. She then pulled out a pack of sham-

rock stickers and placed one on each of our hands (I was a true James Bond as a child; you already know I was pretending to be asleep). Finally, she ripped apart the popsicle cage and left a note in its place. As her footsteps receded, I slowly sat up. Tears filled my eyes when I realized all of our hard work was for naught, as a leprechaun didn't even think us worthy enough to visit. Were leprechauns even real? I cried myself to sleep that night, not knowing who or what to trust anymore.

The next morning, I tried to convince my friends of what I saw. They refused to believe me, truly thinking that a leprechaun had made a mess of our traps and left colorful glitter everywhere. I told them that the mom had done all this stuff, and that leprechauns weren't real, but no. Nothing could convince them. The mom overheard me talking about what a snake she was, and she had the nerve and the gall to tell me "it wasn't her" and that "it must have been a leprechaun." I was heartbroken. I was betrayed. I was GASLIT. But after that whole situation, I got to eat green pancakes with my friends on St. Patrick's Day morning. All's well that ends well, I guess.

# BACK PAGE FUNSTERS

## How to catch a Leprechaun

By The Stressed  
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1. Go to your local grocery store and buy a cylindrical can. Examples include but are not limited to: beans, Pringles, corn, sauce, soup, beans, refried beans, pinto beans, black beans (our fav, tbh ask Chipotle to put theirs in a can for you), Bush's Baked Beans, and green beans. Rumor has it that leprechauns love beans. Make sure the can of beans is open (duh). Preferably eat the beans first.\*

2. Make a cardboard ladder so the Leprechaun can climb in. You can figure out how to build that on your own.

3. Now eat a snack (aka the beans) because it just took you two hours to make the ladder and you're really sad because it didn't work. Beans = cure sadness.

4. Make sure the trap is gold and looks shiny. Leprechauns LOVE gold. And beans.

5. Also, make sure you're doing this ASAP. Leprechauns are only out during the month of March and especially on St. Patty's day. Mr. Leprechaun is not playing around.

6. Leave a trail of beans and glitter leading to the trap.

7. Again, make sure no local toddlers go into the trap on accident. Yes, a can of beans is small, but we have to put this warning for legal reasons.

8. Go to bed EXTRA early and by no means wake up before dawn. Leprechauns are notorious for harassing humans, so even if you're not asleep, pretend you are.

9. After your 9-hour slumber, waddle on over to your bean can leprechaun trap and wait for the magic. If you did it right, the leprechaun should be stuck in the can of beans.

10. Try to make friends with your little leprechaun. Good luck, soldier.



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baked bean can



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\*BY ALL MEANS DO NOT MAKE A WOODEN POPSICLE CAGE (AS SEEN IN Q'S UNLUCKY STORY ON PAGE 15)