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PETE FOR AMERICA 2020

BY KYLA ANDREWS '20

South Bend Mayor Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, a 37-year-old Democrat, has decided to try and make history. Sunday, April 14, 2019, Buttigieg formally announced he was running for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States in 2020. If elected, Buttigieg would be the youngest, the first Maltese-American, and the first openly gay American president. Buttigieg has served as the mayor of the city of South Bend, Indiana since 2012.

Buttigieg is a graduate of Harvard University and Oxford University, having attended Pembroke College, Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. In addition to being mayor, from 2012 to the present, Buttigieg served as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve, attaining the rank of lieutenant and then deploying for the war in Afghanistan in 2014.

Buttigieg was reelected in 2015, even after he had come out as homosexual. Buttigieg also campaigned for Indiana State Treasurer in 2010 and for chair of the Democratic National Committee in 2017, losing both.

While serving as mayor of South Bend, Indiana, citizens were able to decide how they felt about Buttigieg before anyone else did. For junior Nathan Flesh, "[Buttigieg] has, generally speaking, done a great job with the city and has without a doubt revitalized downtown South Bend."

Junior Mya Bustamante believes "He has been a great influence to all of us in South Bend. He's a great role model and [he's] sweet and down to earth."

Buttigieg's campaign supports universal healthcare, reducing income inequality, pro-environmental policies, dialogue and cooperation between the Democratic Party and organized labor, universal background checks for firearms purchases, federal leg-



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islation that would ban job discrimination against LGBT people, and preserving the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program for children of immigrants.

Although South Bend has gotten to know Buttigieg, not everyone has decided to vote for him. English teacher Ms. Abbe Golden says, "We will have to see how things progress as we move into the primaries. I agree with a lot of what he has to say but don't know his stances on every issue."

Buttigieg has made many changes in South Bend but some feel not enough. Flesh states, "In his pursuit of revitalizing downtown, as a peer convinced me, he has neglected the west side of South Bend and I would have liked to see more economic investment in that side of town. I feel like this shortcoming will be a challenging point Republicans will use against him."

For some, this will be the first time that some vote for a President, as Bustamante says, "I think we need someone as loving and open as him in office. I'm excited that he will be the first person I ever vote for."

Despite other's outlook on him, most

consider it very exciting to have a Presidential candidate right in their hometown.



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Editor's Note



Photo by Sion Shepley

Welcome back from Spring Break Colonials! We hope you are so excited to round out the year in a positive way! As always, feel free to let myself or Mrs. Groves know what we can do to improve the paper or if you have anything you would like us to cover. Your feedback means a lot to us and if you can help us a lot by not only communicating with us, but by spreading the paper around. This is free and on the Clay website. Thank you for taking the time to read and appreciate all the hard work we put in. Go Colonials!

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END OF THE YEAR PREPARATIONS



BY MS. KATHRYN BUDA

Hello Clay High School! The school year is going to wrap up before you know it, and while our 12th graders will be out the door ready to start the next step of their lives, the rest of you have a big opportunity to handle some business in the summertime if you want to be more prepared for your own next steps after high school.

So many young people don't know all that they could be doing to get ready for their futures, but here's some ideas for you to get moving on come June, ESPECIAL-LY if you're an 11th grader:

-Get a job

Colleges are impressed when students have jobs, whether they are working for family income or just for fun. Your work history demonstrates your initiative and responsibility. Take note: you may need a work permit, depending on your age.

-Start your SAT or ACT test prep

Summer is a great time to explore the ACT vs SAT, practice for the PSAT, or ramp up your study schedule. Pick up a prep book, or take an online prep course.

-Make college visits

Now that you have some free time, plan your college visits! You could take a college road trip with your friends or family or even virtually visit some campuses on Youtube.

-Volunteer in your community

Colleges would rather see continuity and commitment to a community service activity instead of a bunch of one-offs. Start now, and volunteer two hours a week through your senior year. For example, you could visit residents at nursing homes a few days a week. Or, spend your Saturday mornings feeding animals at the animal shelter.

-Participate in a specialized high school program

Specialized summer programs are held on college campuses all over the country. At MIT Launch, students start real companies. Students at UCLA's Mock Trial Summer Institute train in public speaking and learn how attorneys prepare a case for trial. And the National Student Leadership Conference offers programs on campuses like Harvard Medical School and Georgia Tech, where students explore a future career, develop leadership skills, and get a taste of college life.



CRITICAL ANALYSIS:

Captain Marvel(s)

BY SION SHEPLEY '19

Believe it or not, there have actually been two different Captain Marvel movies released in the past two months. Now, I say that because the character of Shazam from DC Comics used to be called Captain Marvel, but now Marvel owns the rights to the name, which they use for their version of Captain Marvel. Despite the same name, the characters are in reality very different. Marvel's is a space-based hero who fights enemies across the galaxy. DC's is a kid turned superhero who can use magic to defeat his enemies. Both companies chose to release their Captain Marvel movies in 2019, in Marvel's *Captain Marvel* and DC's *Shazam!*



Captain Marvel

Captain Marvel takes place in 1995 and is centered around Vers (Brie Larson), a Kree soldier who is caught up in a war between the Kree and the Skrulls, a group of shape-shifting aliens. She has a power that a lot of the Kree do not have, but she is not aware of where that power came from. Her life changes though when she crashes down on Earth and is forced to work together with Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) in an attempt to save the universe and figure out who she really is.

Now I know it's impossible to talk

about this movie without addressing the "controversy" behind it. Basically, the internet saw something Brie Larson said at an event and took what she said completely the wrong way, leading to the internet going insane. There. I addressed it. I don't care about it at all. I just wanted to see this movie, which as it turns out, is another great Marvel movie.

A lot of people might say that *Captain Marvel* is like a Phase One Marvel movie. Now Phase One of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) included films like *Iron Man*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Iron Man 2*, *Thor*, *Captain America: The First Avenger*, and *The Avengers*. Most of those films did not have a lot of action and instead took a great deal of time to introduce the characters that would lay the groundwork for the rest of the MCU. *Captain Marvel* is done very similarly which some may not like, but as someone who loves this universe, this is kind of fitting.

The Phase One movies revolved a lot around the main characters to make them successful and Brie Larson does a great job. I know I'm kind of an outsider on this, but I thought her performance was excellent. She perfectly captured the nature of someone who is all-knowing, but yet knows nothing at all. She is made all the better by her supporting cast, who are for the most part wonderful. Samuel L. Jackson shares great chemistry with Larson and probably gives his best performance as Fury since *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. That's all without mentioning the de-aging effects placed on Jackson, making him look right out of *Pulp Fiction*. Ben Mendelsohn and Lashana Lynch are also very very good and deliver some powerhouse scenes.

Goose the Cat steals the show. I cannot explain why in this article, but he is awesome.

The only one who wasn't really great was Jude Law, who is a very good actor, don't get me wrong, but he just wasn't giving a lot to work with.

My only real issues with the movie were with Law's character and the action, which in all honesty was not all that great. Were there good action scenes? Sure, but there were not a ton of memorable moments action-wise. But honestly, if I care

about the story and characters, then the action doesn't need to win me over all the way.

Call me an MCU fanboy, but I loved this film. Is it a little clunky? Sure, but I liked the journey that Captain Marvel went on and I cannot wait to see where she goes in future films, starting with *Avengers: Endgame*. I. CAN'T. WAIT.

Score: 90/100



Shazam!

Shazam! is about Billy Batson (Asher Angel), a foster kid who has run away from several homes looking for his mother. He's taken into a home which he doesn't feel comfortable in and he just wants to continue looking for his mother. After saving his foster brother Freddie (Jack Dylan Grazer) from some bullies, Billy runs away and is magically transported from a Philadelphia subway to the magical lair of the wizard, Shazam (Djimon Hounsou). The wizard gives Billy his powers and Billy becomes the superhero, Shazam (Zachary Levi). Now a superhero and an adult, Billy seeks Freddie's help to figure out his powers and ultimately stop a devious villain known as Sivana (Mark Strong).

The best thing about *Shazam!* is the fact that the kids feel like real kids. The film takes the perspective of an 80s kids

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movie (i.e. *Goonies*, and especially *Big*). *Shazam!* is intended for the whole family, yet it can still be dark and even kind of scary for children. I love this, because it makes Billy's journey even more relatable. If a 15-year-old kid suddenly became an adult, he would probably buy beer and go to a strip club. This dark nature is warranted, and it makes the performances even better.

The child acting in this film is some of the best I've seen in a long time. I loved each and every one of the kids in this film. Asher Angel is entirely believable and he perfectly captures a troubled kid who you can get behind. His counterpart, Zachary Levi, is also perfectly casted. Levi adds a lot of levity to the darkness and his child-like nature is entirely believable. I have

no problem believing that he's Billy. The one who steals the show in the film is Jack Dylan Grazer, who had already proven he could act in *It*, but he also is wonderful in this. He plays a crippled kid who is extremely nerdy but just wants to be noticed. His speech to Shazam about his jealousy and the fact that Billy is wasting his power is amazing. I can't wait to see where this kid goes in the future, because he has already proven how good he can be.

In reality, *Shazam!* can be a little clunky and there seems to be some emotions that were not developed enough. Mark Strong does a really nice job as Sivana, but the parallels between him and Billy are just passed over. He also has these monsters who are supposed to represent the seven deadly sins. They're physically imposing and even kind of scary-looking,

but the mental power they could have is non-existent. They claim to have control over Sivana, yet he tells them what to do.

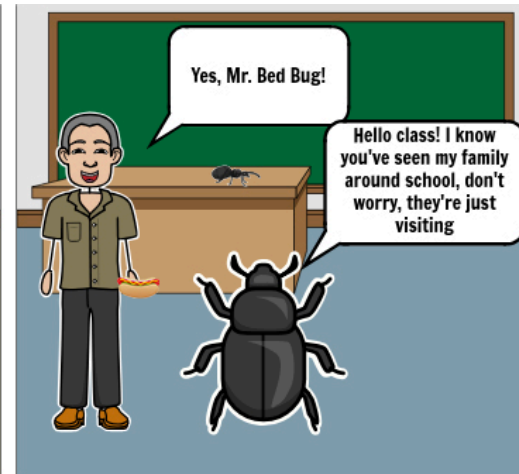
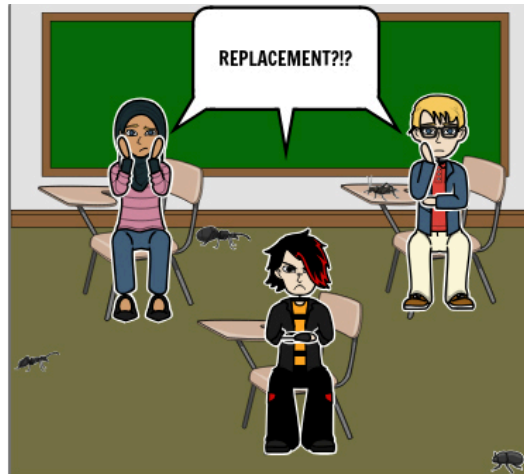
The film does make up for these issues with the foster family, who are just so kind and so loving. They work phenomenally together, and I already talked about how good the child acting was. They truly are the heart of the film.

Overall, *Shazam!* is a ton of fun. It can be a little clunky at times, but I loved how well everyone worked off of each other. DC has been doing pretty well lately. *Wonder Woman* was phenomenal, and I liked *Aquaman*. After what felt like a long period of trash from DC, I'm glad to see that they are finally making good movies again. It feels nice when you can really look forward to both Marvel and DC films in the same year. "Shazam!"

Score: 90/100

Comics

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"Rambling thru April 2019 AD Skies: The View from Clay"

Highlighting April's Lyrid Meteor Shower

"April Showers bring May Flowers"



April opened with a Waning Crescent Moon which became a New Moon on the 5th followed by a Waxing Crescent, a 1st Quarter Moon on the 12th followed by a Waxing Gibbous, a Full Moon on the 19th followed by a Waning Gibbous and a 3rd Quarter Moon on the 26th followed by a Waning Crescent. April's Full Moon was called the Pink Moon because it heralded the appearance of moss pink, or wild ground phlox, one of the first spring flowers. The Moon was at Apogee (farthest from Earth) on April 1st (no joke) and at Perigee (closest to Earth) on April 16th.

No Super Moon this month since the Moon isn't Full when its closest. Thanks to the occurrence of the Vernal Equinox in March there is more daylight than darkness each April day. Daylight length continues to increase each day while darkness length continues to decrease each night.

On April 1st the Earth's eastward rotation on its tilted axis caused the Sun to appear to rise north of east about 7:27am EDT and appear to set north of west about 8:10pm EDT. Since we have changed to daylight "saving" time it seems like it stays dark longer in the morning and stays

light longer in the evening.

On the 30th, as the Earth continues to rotate eastward, the Sun will appear to rise about 6:41am and appear to set about 8:43pm. Earlier sunrises and later sunsets extend the length of day from 11 hours and 14 minutes on the 1st to 12 hours and 40 minutes on the 30th. This causes the length of night to decrease accordingly. The noon Sun continues to get higher and noon shadows continue to get shorter.

As in March, your April "morning stars" prior to sunrise will be, from east to west, Venus, Saturn and

Jupiter and your lonely April evening star following sunset will be Mars. A Waxing Crescent Moon was just east of Mars on the 9th a Waning Gibbous Moon will be just east of Jupiter on the 24th

and the Last Quarter Moon was just east of Saturn on the 26th. A Waning Crescent Moon will be just west of Venus on the 30th.

Your March nighttime significant constellations and their accompanying stars will be Taurus the Bull with his red eye Aldebaran, Orion the Hunter with Betelgeuse and Rigel, Gemini the Twins with Castor and Pollux and Leo the Lion with Regulus, in that order, from west to east. Don't forget the North Star Polaris

and the Big and Little Dippers in your northern sky.

The Lyrid meteor shower peaks during the evening of the 22nd and the pre-dawn morning hours of the 23rd.

A waning gibbous Moon, three days past full, will interfere with viewing. The Lyrids seem to radiate from a point near the bright star Vega in the constellation of Lyra the Harp, a star pattern which resides in an area of the heavens which is quite far north of the celestial equator. The Lyrid meteor shower is among the oldest of known meteor showers. The Lyrid meteors originate in comet Thatcher which orbits the Sun every 415 years. Records of this shower go back for some 2,700 years. Just before dawn on the 23rd, Vega and the radiant point shined high overhead.



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Ask a Colonial... What did you do over Spring Break?



Noah Horban, 12
"Bought some pigeons."



Morgan Birk, 9
"I went to Denver."



Tarvaris Johnson, 10
"I played basketball, 2k19, and had work."



Morgan Frasier, 12
"I played softball."



Mr. Romans, Art
"My wife and I went to Florida and I also raked a lot of leaves and stuff in the yard."



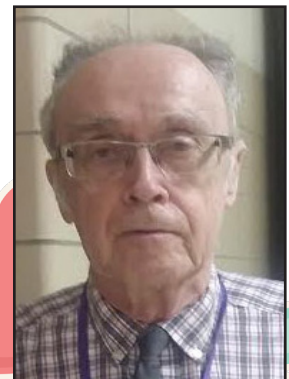
Evelyn Navarro, 11
"Hang out with friends."



Riley Lanway, 10
"Just baseball practice."



Mrs. Hartman, Social Studies
"I went to Italy. I went on a gondola ride with my honey, I went to the mausoleum, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We did it all."



Mr. Sweeney, Earth and Space Science
"I spent some time with family and grading and lesson plans."

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by: Ryan Scott Oliver and Hunter Foster

Bill Nye in South Bend: *What you Missed*

BY OWEN CONYERS '20

Picture this: you're sitting in your fourth grade science class, expecting to yet again take notes in the same way you now expect to see students skipping class or fighting in the hallways. However, against all conceivable odds, the teacher brings out that old, iconic CRT TV that likely defined your mid-2000's childhood. The class leans in as your teacher takes a VHS tape out of brightly colored case and you can almost feel the mild, but ever present excitement, of your fellow classmates. Finally, as the tape begins to play, you and your fellow classmates chant in unison:

"BILL! BILL! BILL! BILL!"



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"BILL NYE THE SCIENCE GUY!"

Sure, Bill Nye was a godsend during your mundane grade school years; but if you still have an interest in everyone's favorite engineer turned kid's show host, Bill Nye's appearance at South Bend's 2019 IDEA Week would have been the event for you.

For those who haven't heard, IDEA Week is an annual innovation festival in South Bend that took place between April 8 and April 14. The event included a variety of speakers. Among them was Bill Nye a.k.a. The Science Guy. To contribute to the festival, Bill Nye hosted a Q&A at Notre Dame where he answered the audience's burning questions about

science, engineering, and of course, Bill's tie collection. And yes, he definitely has a really big tie collection.

During the Q&A, questions were asked through an app called Sli.do, an app that allowed anyone in the audience to submit a question for the staff to show on a huge screen on the stage. While not all questions were chosen, those that were chosen fought for a spot in the top three highest voted answers, which dictated the order in which Bill would answer questions. And while answers were hand-picked by staff, a couple joke questions still made it through, such as "What do you think about globeheads who believe the Earth is round?" To which Bill

responded with a lengthy diatribe about a man who chose to go to Antarctica to prove the Earth is flat and how he is definitely going to die.

And on a brighter note, when asked about his tie collection, Bill commented that he had a tie collection with around fifty ties; which increased to about fifty one when Bill was given a Notre Dame tie at the end of the Q&A.

When asked about the Q&A, two classes of Clay freshmen responded with their own questions they could ask him.

Alexa Hunt wrote: "I would ask Bill Nye about the size of the universe. I am

absolutely blown away by space and stuff like that. That is one hundred percent my favorite topic in all of science. I think we can always learn something new about space.

While most questions were serious, some students wanted to ask Bill about his opinion on science memes. For example, Brayden Lynam wrote: "You guys are gonna hate me when I ask this question, but I'm gonna say it anyway. Is water considered wet? Or is it only wet when it hits a surface or object?"

Unfortunately, since IDEA Week has long since ended and Bill Nye may or may not make an appearance at the next one, many questions might not be answered. However, if you have an appreciation for STEM, entrepreneurship, innovation, or just science in general, there's nothing stopping you from attending the next IDEA Week! Aside from Bill Nye, some of the events at IDEA Week include competitions, awards, presentations from celebrities, and even some robotics competitions like robot football! If you're interested, be sure to keep an eye out for next April's IDEA Week!

Visit IDEA Week at <https://ideaweek.com/>

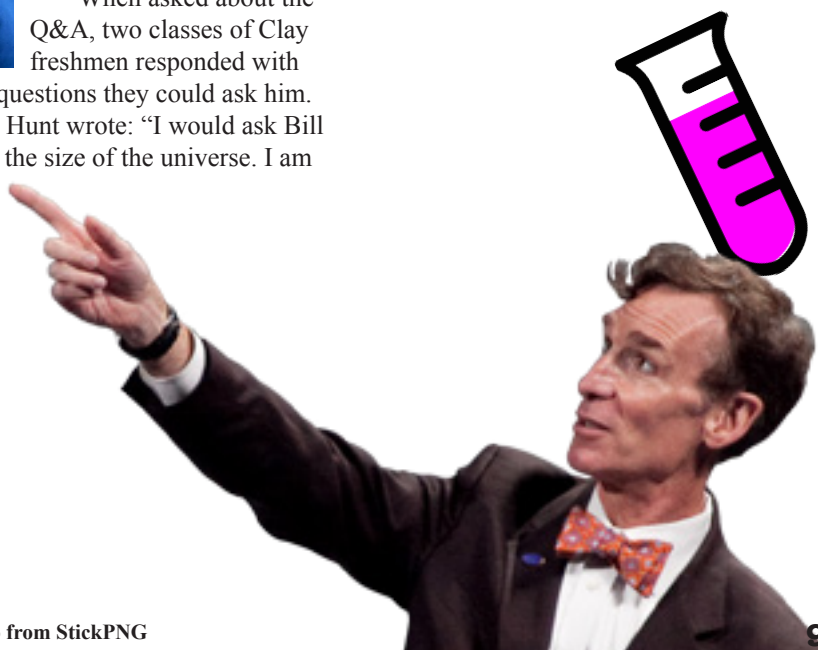


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BY SOPHIE RIDENOUR '20

The Chicago Cubs have a strong and dedicated fan base, despite over 108 years of being shut out of the World Series. The Cubs' drought ended when the baseball team captured the 2016 World Series Championship. The "Cubbies" are beloved by fans that transcend the Chicago geographical area---everyone loves the Cubs. The 2016 world championship has many Cub fans thirsting and impatient for more success.

But real Cubs fans (before 2016) have seen it all and know the heartbreak and the joy that rooting for the Chicago Cubs (aka the Lovable Losers) brings. After the World Series victory, fans seemed like they were coming out of nowhere to jump on the winning bandwagon.

"I do believe the Cubs got hype after the World Series win. It was a big win because they have not won in over 108 years. Many didn't think they would win again, so when they won, everyone was so shocked and excited," claimed junior Hayley Demler.

But other people think differently---if the Cubs are hyped or not. Clay social studies teacher Jené Hartman thinks differently. "Actually, I do not think so. I think it may have felt that way because in our region we saw a burst of Cubs enthusiasm, but I think in reality all of those people were always Cubs fans and finally had a reason to celebrate hard! People were celebrating not only for the current generation but also for the diehard fathers and grandfathers who waited for that big win but did not live long enough to see it."

The Cubs won the World Series in 1907, 1908, and 2016. They can boast 51 Hall of Fame players in their 144 seasons. People love everything about the Cubs organization. Fans soak up the ivy-covered walls, the old-fashioned bleachers in the outfield, and the general cozy atmosphere of Wrigley Field. Fans stream in to see the

Cubs fly the "W" and to sing "Go Cubs Go" at the end of the day. Wrigley Field is a ballpark for all ages because the organization wants all ages to love the Cubs--and the organization has succeeded in bringing new fans to the ballpark.

"I love the energy that the Cubs bring to Chicago. Cubs fans are loyal fans and generate a feel-good spirit whether the Cubs are having a great season (one every 100 years) or not," said Hartman.

"I love that the Cubs aren't just playing for the money. They play for the love of the game and for the fans. No matter what, they don't give up," chimed in Demler.

All teams have rivals but the Cubs' biggest rivals are the St. Louis Cardinals, cross-town rivals White Sox, and the "Wrigley to the North" Milwaukee Brewers. These rivalries go back to the beginnings of Major League baseball founding because they ultimately will have to face each other in the postseason every year. Every team wants to beat their rivals and the players have tremendous pride in their organization. Cubs love the organization because they are truly a family and once they are a Cub---they are always a Cub. The players want to make their coaches, organization, and fans proud and have fun.

Why We Love The Cubs

Yes, all the MLB teams have fans but there is something different about the Cubs.

Once you associate with the Cubs, you become family and will always cheer them on even when they are having a losing season---something DieHard fans know all about. Wrigley Field is called the "Friendly Confines" for a reason. When you go to Wrigley, you know you will have a good time.

But most importantly, fans are waiting to Fly the W once more. As sure as God made green apples, Chicago fans will never abandon their Cubbies.

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