

## Infant North West has been replaced with an alien spy

by Ari Sweedler

People Editor

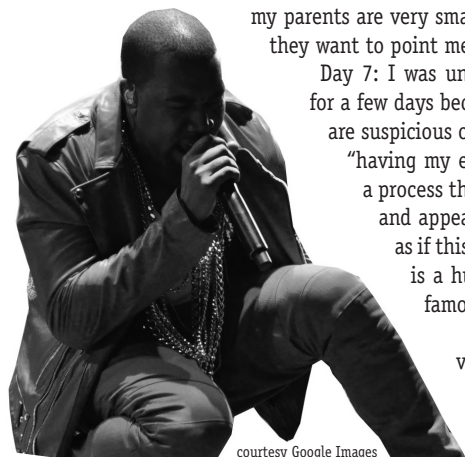
Hello. I am on a mission from my home planet, AAC-115. My species wants to learn more about mankind, and so they decided that the best course of action would be to replace the most powerful human being, North West, with me, Percii Ganglestrom. I am to pose as this seven-month old child, with the intent of being taught by the greatest man on Earth, Kanye West.

Day 1: I am very happy with the decision that the Elders of AAC-115 have made. Just today, I overheard Kanye West, whom I shall now refer to as father, state that he was too busy writing history to read it. The Elders have once again proven their wisdom by selecting the most important man on Earth to raise me. All of humankind's secrets will soon be ours.

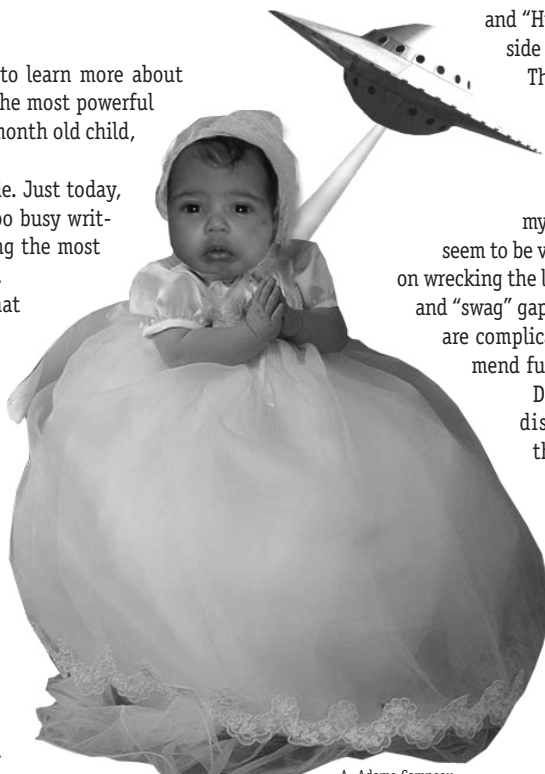
Day 2: Even from day two, it is very easy to see that my parents are very smart. They know what direction they want to point me in.

Day 7: I was unable to write in my diary for a few days because I think my "parents" are suspicious of me. I even heard talk of, "having my eyebrows waxed," which is a process that removes my facial hairs, and appears very painful. It seemed as if this was only a "rumor," which is a human word for a lie about famous people.

Day 9: Mother's family visited today. They started teaching me about "fashion." Names such as "Gucci," "Prada," "Louis Vuitton,"



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and "Hugo Boss" were thrown around. It is awfully hard to keep up with Mother's side of the family. I must report back to my home planet about these names.

They seem to be good targets for operations similar to mine.

Day 10: I am beginning to understand this world. Human class systems seem to be based upon an unwritten class structure, with my family on top. Next is "fashion designers," whom I assume have designed and created this world. Everyone under the "designer" class seems to worship my parents. The common man is the next step below designers, and they don't seem to be very smart. Finally, there are the despicable "paparazzi," which seem intent on wrecking the lives of my parents, ostensibly because of the immense knowledge, wealth, and "swag" gap between them and my parents. Human beings are complicated creatures, and I definitely recommend further studying.

Day 12: My foolish parents have discovered my ploy, yet when they told the "paparazzi," they were ignored. The paparazzi believed that it was a "publicity stunt," and that my parents are just want the "limelight." I have reported to my commanders, and they shall soon send more babies to infiltrate the weak defenses of Earth.

Signing off,  
Percii Ganglestrom



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## Building lovers on V-Day

by Anna Esslinger

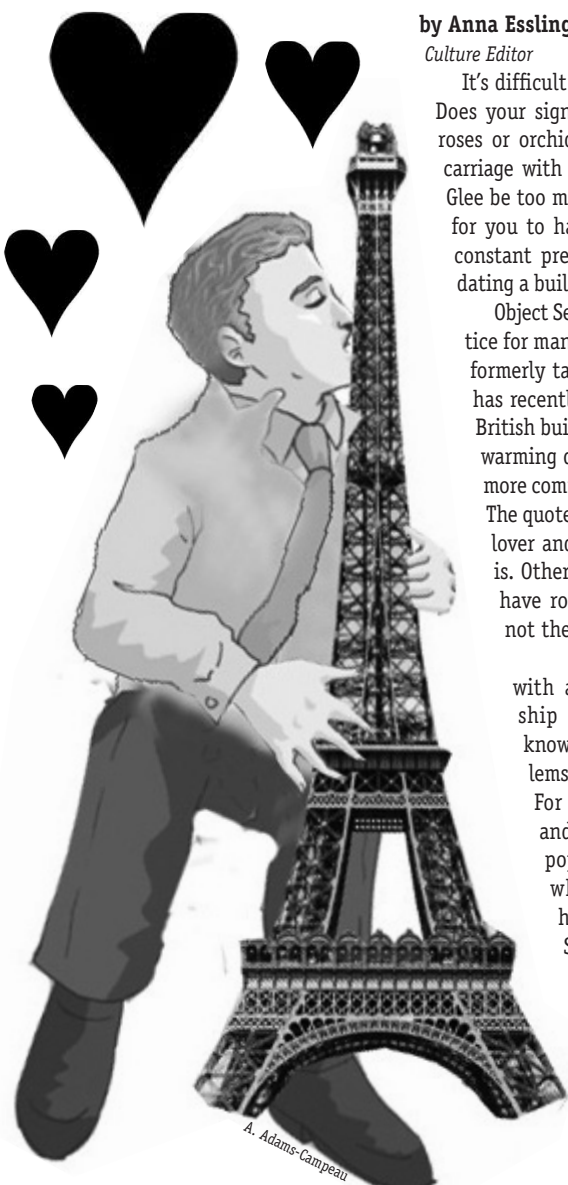
Culture Editor

It's difficult to plan the perfect Valentine's Day date. Does your significant other want Italian or Thai? Red roses or orchids? See's Candy or Ghiradelli's? Would a carriage with a horse that trots to the soundtrack of Glee be too much? If these questions are just too hard for you to handle, and you are overwhelmed by the constant pressures of dating a human, then maybe dating a building would be the perfect option for you.

Object Sexuality, or OS, has become a popular practice for many loveless individuals over the years. The formerly taboo love between humans and buildings has recently gained much traction. In March 2012, British building-lover Amanda Liberty gave a heartwarming quote about her wife, the 225 ton beauty more commonly known as the Statue of the Liberty. The quote goes as follows: "She is my long-distance lover and I am blown away by how stunning she is. Other people might be shocked to think I can have romantic feelings for an object, but I am not the same as them." Riveting stuff, right?

There are downsides to falling in love with a building. For example, the relationship is a bit one-sided, and buildings are known to be stiff. Despite these minor problems, there is actually a plethora of benefits. For example, buildings are great listeners and never interrupt, as evidenced by the popular sitcom "How I Met Your Mother" when the main character, Ted, has a heartfelt conversation with the Empire State Building.

A person should never feel bad about loving a building. OS is a perfectly natural love. So the next time you are totally over your human boyfriend or girlfriend and think that the Transamerica Building looks especially beautiful, you might want to consider OS.



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## Puxsutawney Phil speaks

by Rheagan Rizio

Sports Editor

The day is upon us at last. My moment to shine, my moment of recognition. For most of the year, no one even knows what I am. "You're not a pig" or "You're not made of dirt." These are just a couple of the many indignities that I, the noble groundhog, am forced to endure day-in and day-out. Every day, that is, except on Groundhog Day.

And you know what? I could honestly care less this year. It has been so cold over here in—where even am I anymore? Oh that's right, Pennsylvania. Anyway, I've been afflicted with a cold, and I really am not feeling up to my usual responsibilities. Under normal circumstances, I love my power to predict the weather. In fact, I daresay the fate of the human race depends on me. But not this year; I'm not feeling it.

There goes my alarm. Again. Riiiiing riiiiing riiiiing, shut up you annoying thiiiiing. There must be someone else who can do my job for me, right? I realize that precious few could ever be qualified enough to even be considered competent enough to perform my job. There is a lot of expectation and pressure since so much is riding on me, but I mean come on, there must be at least one other creature who could do this instead. Maybe a cockroach could? No, forget it. They'll outlive anything on this planet anyway, so why should they care what happens to us? I guess it's up to me then. I'm the only one who can do it. When the going gets tough, do you know what the tough do? That's right. The tough get going.

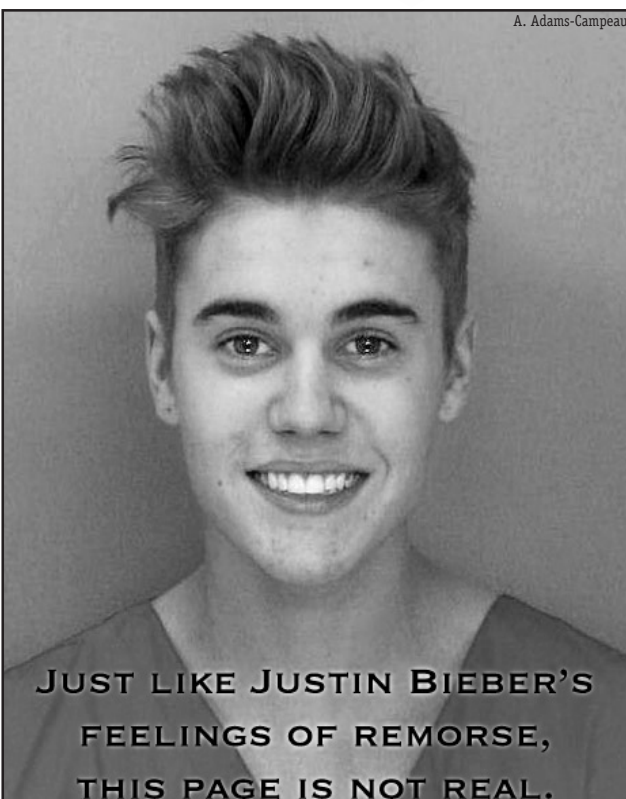
Okay, here I go. I'm walking up the stairs to the outside world, ready to deliver the news to the human race. Ugh. I haven't brushed my teeth or my hair, and I haven't shaved in about a week. Hopefully my scruffy appearance won't diminish my authority. Excuse me, folks, hello. Hold all pictures please. I'm just here to predict the future, it's not a big deal at all. And... there we go, I'm done. Thank you very much, see you all next year!

Phew, I'm glad that I got that over with. And thank goodness I saw... wait... did I see my shadow? I did, right? I'm confident I did. But maybe it was just a trick of the light... maybe I really didn't see my shadow, maybe I'm just hallucinating I did. Oh. My. Ground God. What should I do, should I go back up and look again? No of course not, that would be so embarrassing. It's okay, it's fine, I can figure this out. I'll just... remember. I saw a shadow, I saw a shadow not. I saw a shadow, I saw a shadow not. I saw a shadow—oh forget it, I don't care. I've decided I didn't see my shadow, I'm ready for it to be spring. Time to go settle back into my burrow and watch Law & Order: SVU until next year, there's more than enough episodes to last me until the return of Halley's comet and maybe even beyond. I'm coming for you Elliot, I'm ready for your deadpan humor Ice-T. Goodbye everyone, and if I predicted wrong and you all die, then good riddance.

Yours truly,  
Phil the Groundhog



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## A few exciting alternatives to college

by Sarah Bainbridge

Culture Editor

As the second semester begins and seniors finish their college applications, some questions come to mind. Is college really necessary? Are there alternatives for us? Will we ever escape the endless educational system? If you have ever pondered these questions, the following list may provide you with the options you desire.

### Into the Wild Gap Year Program

This program allows students to follow in the path of the famous Chris McCandless. He abandoned his friends and family for the road trip of a lifetime which led to his death. The opportunity to set off on foot with limited knowledge of how to survive in the wild and no tools or clothes suited for whatever climate you will be in is a once in a lifetime experience. Your choices of destination will be the Alaskan wilderness or the Canadian tundra.

### The Basement Dweller Commune

Often the hardest part of going to college is finally leaving your parents basement for good and being forced to move into a well lit dorm with another human being. For those who are repelled by this idea, college may not be for you. Luckily there is an alternative, the Basement Dweller Commune, a safe place for those whose skin is not accustomed to natural light and live on a diet of ramen and soda. This commune is self-sustaining, one person a month is elected to get food from the conveniently placed 7/11, and one person is chosen to take out the trash. Credentials required are skills in computer hacking, credit card scams and tech support. No social skills required.

### Jump on the Bandwagon Value Pack

This program provides you with a groupie jump start pack for only \$9.99. All the essentials are provided: glitter, poster board, crafts materials, and a push up bra. Your life will now consist of following your most beloved bands and showing your love and appreciation with handmade merchandise that you can sell to support your lifestyle. The jump start packet will also teach you how to hotwire cars to live out of and which bands have the best tours. This alternative to college is both fulfilling and guaranteed to make your parents proud. The best part is the only work you will ever do is make glittery pins that say "I love 1direction" and body surf your way to heaven.

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