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## Simon's Delightful Delectables

### "Tasty Homemade Orange Julius Recipe"

#### ingredients

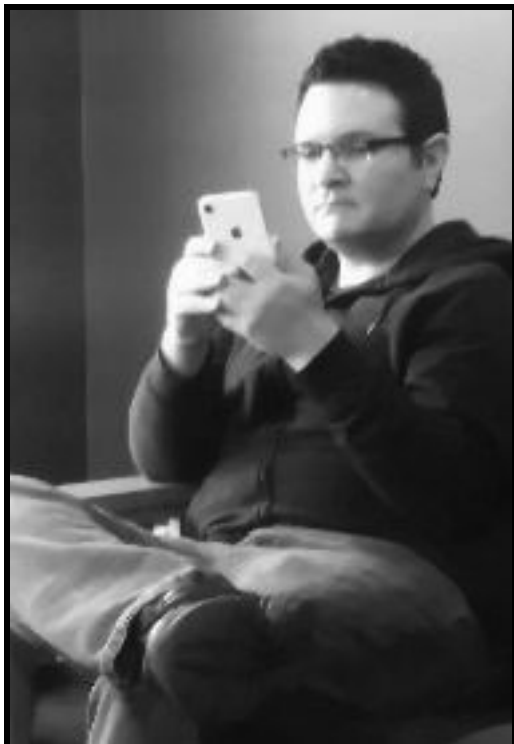
- ¾ cup of cold water
- ¾ cup of milk
- ⅓ cup of sugar
- 6 oz orange juice concentrate
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 ½ to 3 cups of ice

#### directions

1. Blend everything together
2. Serve cold

## Corey Feldman Called...

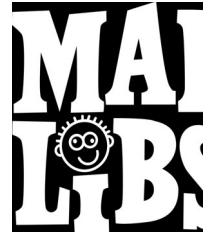
He wants his iPhone back.



some dude at the coffee shop

## MAD LIB, word selection

Over on page four, we've written a "Mad Lib" story (torn from the pages of our real lives). But you shouldn't look at it until you've FIRST chosen words for the following categories (you know the drill):



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| • vehicle              | • adjective             |
| • exclamation          | • something wet, plural |
| • verb, past tense     | • U.S. state            |
| • foreign food, plural | • type of container     |
| • body part, plural    | • potent potable        |

## Government Shutdown

In the last four decades, there have only been FOUR times when congress passed a complete federal "appropriations" budget ON TIME! That was in: 1977, 1989, 1995, and 1997. All other years, they pass what's called a "**continuing resolution**" ...in essence, settling for the same-old song and dance by kicking the can down the road for another day. Sometimes though, they can't even agree to pass THAT! In which case, we face a "government shutdown" – where all federal employees (with a few exceptions) are legally forbidden to do their jobs. And no paychecks go out until the shutdown is fixed. Usually, this only lasts for a day or two. But, in 1995, it lasted for 27 days! Another one in 2013 lasted for 16 days. There's a budget deadline coming up this week, on Friday the 21st. And Trump is threatening to "USE" a shutdown, as leverage, to get more funding for his precious border wall. So, we'll see if Joe still has a job to go to, come Monday. Merry Christmas, America!

## Simon and Rome's Christmas Concert



Simon's VERY FIRST concert as a musician! What a success. Our master percussionist (glockenspiel, snare, cymbals) joined 150(!) other beginning band students from Mount Ogden Junior High to ring in the Christmas season. The first thing Simon noticed? ...right before he was to go on? ...was that he forgot his drumsticks and mallets! Aye yi yi. And, his buddy Rome, on the sax (who has a few years of theater experience under his belt) forgot his sheet music!

It happens to the best of us.  
But, they figured it out. And  
the show went on.

But not without a couple  
other small "hiccups."

**REMINDER** ✂

**Simon's Christmas CHOIR**  
This Tuesday, the 18th @ 6:30pm

**First he played the bells.**  
**Now, he'll SING so swell!**

One of the flag twirling color guard girls flubbed her big flag-flip, and almost sent the butt end of the flagpole into the tuba player's gourd. The flutists pied-pipered themselves, and all played their part equally IN-correctly... but together. A young heckler from the audience was starting to bad-mouth one of the performances, when Rome shut him down hard: "Show some respect, and put a sock in it!"

And, a special guest student conductor (perhaps forgetting that his posterior would be prominently facing the audience the whole time) decided that this would be a good night to "go commando." His dress slacks disappeared so far up his butt crack, they were dubbed: "see no chinos."

All in all though, the concert was a huge hit. And both kids are looking forward to continuing with their instruments next year as well – a credit to their very patient band teacher (and Jack Black look-alike), Mr. Greene.



## Actual Account of Coffee-shop Chat

Local man goes to pay for his order and a small dude interjects, offering this stranger the Christmas kindness of a free americano. It's a heartwarming scene as old as Starbucks. The first man thanks him, and soon realizes he is indebted to this dude in conversation for as long as this free coffee takes to drink. In a cozy corner of the shop their conversation goes a little something like this:

"There are troubles to come, Dawg." Dude warns that the wise men of biblical times were all wizards. "Their sin was major. But they kept it hidden. They were wise enough to know, Dawg. Think about it. Think about the wise men's gifts. Myrrh is what they pour into dead bodies. It shows Jesus would die." Then he compares the Baby Jesus to a young Anakin Skywalker. "And the *gold*, that wise guy had servants with hammers and coal and they were all *tap tapping* the coal to get all that gold, and he said, 'I need to give this to a baby, Dawg.'"

"Whoa Dude. That is some paradox." The man tries to offer as an end to the exchange.

"Naw Dawg, A paradox is something that doesn't make sense to you but makes sense to someone else." (Perhaps referring to this entire conversation?)

At the conclusion, Dude says, "Thank you for this blessed time, Bro."

To which the man replies, "My name is Dawg."

## LOVE & MARRIAGE

The secret to any lasting relationship is [*fill in the blank*]. Who the hell knows? But we think PART of that recipe has to include **honesty**. Brutal honesty. So, with that in mind, here's what Joe and Creamy think about each other's exes (sounds healthy!).

### Creamy's exes / Joe says...

**Georgie Boy** - When I'm drunk, I wanna punch this guy in his ugly face. He doesn't even know that Creamy hates spicy food! Jerk.

**Wooden Haired Fiddler** - Look at me; I'm popular! Look at me; I'm pretty, and talented, and rich! Look at me; I can drive "stick"! (Drive *THIS* stick, buddy.)

**Mongolian Stallion** - World traveler? Or yak milk addict? You scare me, bro. Your hair scares my kid. Your teeth scares the yaks. Do us all a favor and go jump in a billabong.

**NoCommit Romney** - Okay, this guy I actually like. No grudge, no gripes. I mean, I "get it." Rings are for circuses. Am I right? Thanks for warming her up.

**Jerry Landis** - I suspect "Jerry" might really just be Paul Simon in disguise. Which might make me nervous, except I hear he's a bit of a one trick pony.

### Joe's exes / Creamy says...

**Amethyst** - She is really sweet and shared her famous recipe for "maple nut goodies" with me, and showed me the best place to buy hair dye. I wish Joe had more exes!!

## Happy Birthday, ANATHEA!

*We thought we'd share some lovely words  
from the fabulous birthday girl, herself...*



And so was born a daughter  
raw and fleshy  
all made out of love,

the seeds of the scientist  
and the creator.

Shortly she was  
a woman grown round  
& fair  
filled to the brim  
with the wild red hair  
and the mind of a schoolgirl,

sweet sugar cheeks  
pink and pinched.



## "Fish and Chips"

*(mad lib, continued from page 1)*

This week, Joe's favorite food [ vehicle ] rolled into town. " [ Exclamation ] !" -he shouted, as he [ verb, past tense ] up to place an order. "I love fish and [ foreign food, plural ] !" Simon, however, could only complain, grumbling: "I want [ body part, plural ] instead." His dad swiftly reproached him: " [ Adjective ] boy, don't you know?? *ALL* fish is [ previously used body part word ] !" So they each ordered a heaping helping of the finest [ something wet, plural ] that [ U.S. state ] has to offer – with an icy [ type of container ] of [ potent potable ] to wash it down. Afterwards, Simon threw up all over his dad's brand new overalls. THE END



## Lastly... happy FESTIVUS!

"I got a lot of problems with you people  
and now you're gonna hear about it." 😊