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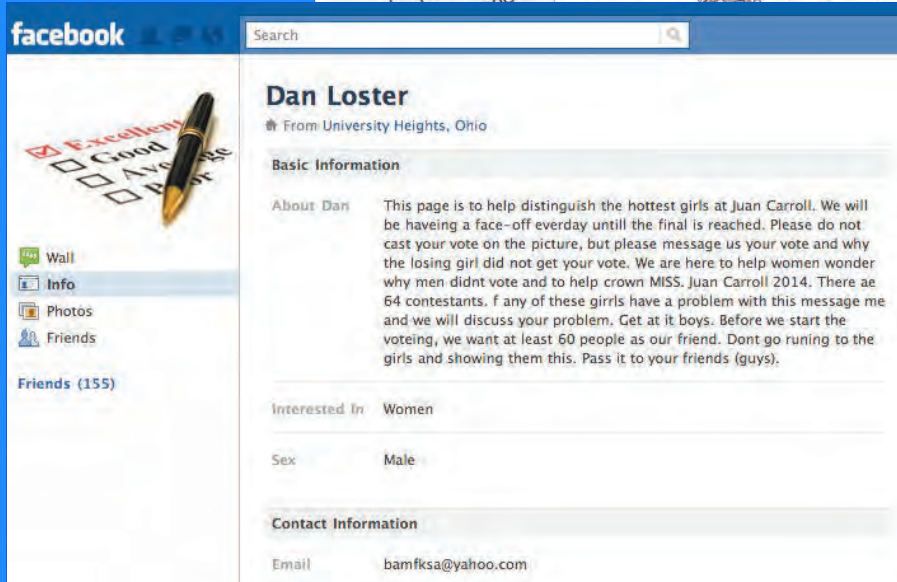
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'Facemashed'

New Facebook profile pages let JCU students choose 'hot or not'



Dan Cooney
Brian Bayer
The Carroll News

At the beginning of the movie "The Social Network," Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg, then a student at Harvard University, created a website called Facemash.com. The site compared female Harvard students to one another. According to the movie, Zuckerberg's intention for creating Facemash.com was to get back at his ex-girlfriend.

A Facebook profile page mirroring the Facemash.com concept was created on Feb. 3 here at John Carroll University. The page is under the alias "Dan Loster."

The creator calls himself "Dan Loster" and only agreed to an interview with The Carroll News if he did not have to give his real name. The interview was conducted on Facebook.

According to the profile's creator, he drew inspiration to make the profile page after watching "The Social Network."

The information page describes the profile as helping to distinguish "the hottest girls at Juan Carroll." The creator set up a bracket that compares female students side-by-side and asks the friends of the page to cast their vote when new "match-ups" are posted. The bracket is modeled after the

bracket used in the NCAA men's and women's basketball championship tournaments.

To determine whom to feature on the profile page, the creator and his friends went through Facebook profiles of JCU students and selected 64 women who they thought were at similar levels of attractiveness. The pictures of the students featured were taken from their Facebook profiles without their knowledge. One female student requested that she not be featured, and so the creator of the profile decided to honor her request. However, no other girls have asked that their picture be taken off the site, according to the profile's creator.

When the voting is complete, the collaborators of the profile plan to reveal their identity and announce the students with the most votes, according to the profile's main creator.

A majority of the 64 women selected are freshmen at JCU, but nine are considered "all-star upperclassmen," according to one comment on the page by the creator.

Freshman Gabriella Kreuz believes the profile objectifies women.

"I feel like it's degrading," she said. "Whoever made it obviously is a lowlife."

The creator said his goal was not to offend anyone, and he tries to screen disrespectful comments that have been made on the comment threads or voting. To avoid degrading comments, the creator consistently reminds the voters to "be nice" or "be kind" when casting their votes.

Freshman Chuck Mule, who is a friend of "Dan Loster" on Facebook, understands how it could have a negative

the hottest boys at John Carroll. We will still the final is reached. Please cast your in Mr. John Carroll 2014. There are 64 tlemen have a problem with this message blem. Get at it ladies. Before we start the ple as our friend. Dont go runing to the ss it to your friends (girls).

Screenshots by Dan Cooney

Left: "Dan Loster" profile was created Feb. 3. Above: "Danielle Loster" profile was created Feb. 11.

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Lounge in works for non-resident students

Student Union and administration hear concerns of commuter students

Molly Wilson
Assistant Campus Editor

John Carroll University has many areas where students can gather to hang out, relax or even do homework. Many of these areas are filled with comfortable seating, television sets and computers. This, of course, is very similar to many other universities but one of the things that differentiates

JCU from other schools is that there is not a specific commuter student lounge.

On Feb. 8, junior Sharonica Smedley brought up this issue at the Student Union Senate meeting after some students had approached her with an interest in forming a new student lounge created mainly for commuter

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Recent alumna passes away

Emily Gaffney
Managing Editor

John Carroll University lost a member of its community on Saturday, Feb. 12 when alumna Andrea Teodosio died after sustaining injuries from a skiing accident in West Virginia.

The 2010 JCU graduate received a degree from the Boler School of Business and was working as a research and strategy/development assistant at Hitchcock Fleming & Associates. While at JCU, Teodosio was actively involved in Generation Green and the Marketing Association.

Friends described her as a great friend, who was good-hearted and hard working.

"She was always the person you saw that lit up your day. She'd always be running to

another activity, but stop to give you a hug and say, 'hi,'" said Katie Manjerovic, a fellow member of the class of 2010.

Teodosio and Manjerovic were dorm room neighbors during their freshmen year.

"She was one of my first friends at John Carroll and introduced me to a lot of people. She was that girl who knew everyone," Manjerovic said.



From <http://www.ohio.com/news/116094544.html>

Andrea Teodosio '10

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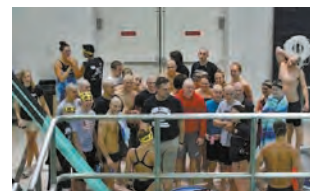
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Campus Briefs

Boler School presents discussion forum

The Boler School will be presenting a discussion forum called "Lessons from the Financial Crisis for Corporate Governance" on Feb. 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the LSC Conference Room in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center.

This free event is sponsored by JCU's Accounting Association, Finance Association and the KPMG Professorship in Accounting. The main topic will be the causes and effects of the global financial crisis.

The forum will feature businessmen and woman from the Cleveland area from Key Bank, McDonald Hopkins, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and John Carroll.

For more information contact the department of accountancy in the Boler School of Business at 216-397-4393.

Special screening of 'Carbon Nation'

JCU's Boler School is showing a special screening of the film "Carbon Nation" in the Donahue Auditorium on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. The movie's tagline is, "A climate change solutions movie, even if you don't believe in climate change."

The film presents ways on how to live "green" and other issues surrounding climate change including how the general public feels about the issue.

"Carbon Nation" will be coming to select theaters this month. The JCU presentation will be the only showing in Northeast Ohio.

For more information contact Kerrie Carfagno at kcarfagno@jcu.edu

Art exhibit 'Adsum' adds some flair to Dolan

Various pieces of art adorn the exhibit room in Dolan Science Center

Megan Lutz
The Carroll News

The Dolan Center for Science and Technology is usually known for just that: science and technology. But for the month of February, it's becoming a little more "artsy."

The Art Exhibit "Adsum" has taken over Dolan room E135. "Adsum" is a unique exhibit of contemporary paintings on Ignatian Spirituality, one of the pillars on which John Carroll was founded.

Sponsored by the John Carroll Office of Mission and Identity, the exhibit coincides with the campus' Ignatian Heritage Week. The exhibit was created by Holly Schapker, a graduate of Xavier, JCU's neighbor Jesuit university.

The mini gallery features eleven 'oil on canvas' and 'oil and maps on canvas' paintings, some as tall as 60 inches and as wide as 72 inches. These paintings allow an onlooker to walk through the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The exhibit begins with a self-portrait drawn by Schapker. This is followed by paintings of two women with whom Ignatius had close relationships: "Our Lady of Our Way" and the "Unnamed Manresa Woman." Across the room in the mini gallery hangs another painting of a female who played a role in Ignatius' life, the "Black Madonna of Montserrat." It is believed that Ignatius laid down his sword at the foot of this statue when he encountered it. Schapker creatively includes this fact in her exhibit, placing her own painting of Ignatius' sword at the foot of this painting.

Following these is a large picture of Ignatius himself, with maps



Model of St. Ignatius' suit of armor

Photos by Austyn Jablonski

making up his garment. According to the painting's description, these "contemporary maps embedded in Ignatius' garment represent his close relationship with 'Our Lady of Our Way'" as well as "the worldwide mission work of the Jesuits and the contemporary relevance of his story."

Several other paintings represent significant stages in Ignatius' life such as the relinquishment of his self-will.

Amidst these paintings sits a five foot statue of Ignatius in armor, meant to be a visual representation of Ignatius' physical height.

This also creates an element of irony for the viewer who knows of the large impact Ignatius had on the world. On the chest of this statue, a heart glows to symbolize Ignatius' "ability to break through the constraints of tradition which no longer served him." At its feet is coiled the serpent-like creature which assisted Ignatius.

Since Ignatius was very in touch with nature, it was fitting that four of the last six paintings portrayed this. First (and fittingly so) came the "Tree of Life" complete with the inscription "The choice is yours..."

Second: "Ignatius' Epiphany Outside Manresa." The painting's description tabs this moment as one in which Ignatius "experienced a clarity that totally changed his understanding of everything."

Next, a massive painting of the "Montserrat Landscape" catches the eye. Montserrat was said to be the place where Ignatius spent time pondering his life and contemplating his confessions and desires in hopes of a future with God. The illustration of this place was therefore said to represent "the vastness of the possibilities opening to [Ignatius] and the ongoing expansion of his vision."

Finally, the work entitled "Eye Slits Landscape" is the last of the exhibit and meant to symbolize

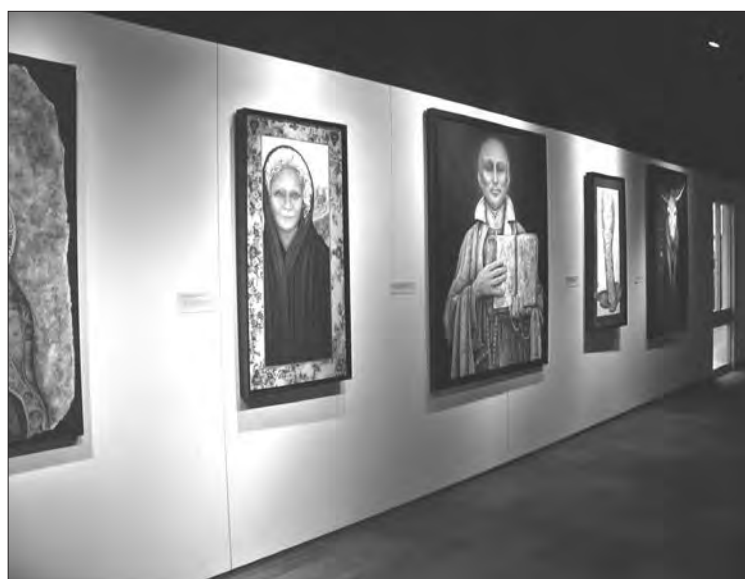
the fact that "Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises look to a transformation of consciousness and the freedom that comes with it, to move beyond the constraints of vision imposed by the limited atmosphere of society."

Senior Dan Klufas said, "It's cool that an exhibit like this is at John Carroll, but unfortunate that no one knows about it."

This "collection of paintings is of particular interest in that it reflects the experience of a woman who has both visited the places where St. Ignatius lived and who has done the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It is a very contemporary expression of that spirituality" said Paul Murphy, the director of the University's Institute of Catholic Studies.

"Ignatius emphasized the use of the imagination in prayer and as a result the arts have played a prominent role in Jesuit education since the sixteenth century. It is good to be able to include an exhibit such as this in our efforts to enhance John Carroll University's mission and identity as Jesuit and Catholic," Murphy said.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and will be available for viewing for the remainder of the month. The exhibit's hours are as follows: Sundays from 1 - 6 p.m. and Monday through Friday 4 - 7 p.m.



Depictions of people and places that played a role in Ignatius' life.

Campus Safety Log

February 6, 2011

Student Affairs reported an incident of criminal mischief at 12:09 a.m. after a window was broken in Murphy Hall.

February 14, 2011

Student filed a theft report with Campus Police at 7:05 p.m.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.

February 11, 2011

Student Affairs reported suspicious situation after graffiti written on a door in Sutowski Hall at 2:35 p.m.



THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY IN CLEVELAND



In celebration of John Carroll University's 125 years of existence, The Carroll News will highlight John Carroll firsts. The achievements outline the history of the University. They are our roots and are now pillars in our culture.

The first issue of The Carroll News was printed Oct. 8, 1925. Eighty-six years later the paper still comes out on Thursdays, and although the masthead and language of the stories may be a bit different, The Carroll News being the voice of the student body is the same.

The front page contains a variety of stories including a first person narrative interview with the University president at the time, the Rev. Murtha Joseph Boylan, S.J. The second story is the football team tying 0-0 against the Marines. It was viewed as a victory in a sense as the article reads, "when eleven men of average size can stop in their tracks an army of giants such as the Marines put on the field, there is something more than mere physical strength in their method, and that is exactly what Carroll displayed."

Scanning the front page, the news seems very similar to something that might be in the paper today. Stories are about the sport teams, the administration and a social night. It is a tangible representation that although time goes on, college life, for the most part, stays the same.



The first issue of The Carroll News ever printed.

Photo courtesy of ajcdigital.org

JCU alumna passes away

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Teodosio was also the first friend of another 2010 JCU alumna, Haley Petrucelli.

"She was my best friend," said Petrucelli. "She had a million friends, but she was the first person I met at JCU. She introduced me to my boyfriend."

A.J. Spalding, Petrucelli's boyfriend and another 2010 JCU alumnus, said he and Teodosio were close friends.

"Andrea was a person everyone knew. I was laughing the other day because I don't think there was a person who ever said a bad thing about her. Everyone says that after someone dies, but with Andrea it's true. She was just a genuine person,"

Spalding said.

According to friends, loving her family and helping others were top priorities for Teodosio.

"She lived her life with everyone else in mind. She put everyone before herself," said Petrucelli.

According to Spalding, Teodosio used to visit an elderly neighbor daily to help her around the house, get her groceries or simply visit with her.

"Andrea was willing to help everyone," said Spalding.

Calling hours for Teodosio took place on Wednesday, Feb. 16 and the funeral took place today Thursday, Feb. 17 at Holy Family Parish in Stow, Ohio.

Peer reviews take on a new spin with Facebook

From, **FACEBOOK**, p. 1

impact on the women featured.

"I think it is a funny idea, but it's mean. Some of the girls in it may not be happy with it," said Mule.

Junior Anna Barnes, one of the upperclassmen featured on the page, feels that it is an immature way for the creators to express themselves. She first heard about the page from her sorority sisters and freshmen friends, but she never gave consent to have her picture placed on the profile.

"I think this unfortunately condones people to place too much emphasis on the physical appearance of others," said Barnes. "Personally, I hope no one puts too much weight in this; I think it could lead to a lot of hurt feelings."

The creator said he meant no harm in creating the profile page.

He said, "I did not create Dan to offend any women at this fine institution. We are here to help crown Ms. Juan Carroll and see what our fellow men think of our fellow female students."

He acknowledged that several other sites exist online that do similar comparisons, and even Facebook has picture comparison applications.

John Ropar, director of the University Counseling Center, said the profile is unbecoming of what JCU stands for.

"That type of thing diminishes women," he said. "It would be detrimental to the cam-

pus community in general. I love John Carroll. I graduated in '72. I've been here for 18 years. It's disappointing to think that somebody would start an initiative of this sort."

In response to "Dan Loster," a "Danielle Loster" profile page was created on Feb. 11. "Danielle Loster" is an open profile and can be viewed by anyone who has a Facebook account, however you must be a friend of the profile in order to vote on photos of male students. As of 9:40 p.m. Tuesday evening, "Danielle Loster" had not posted any photos of male students.

Both profiles wanted 60 friends before they began the voting. The creator of "Dan Loster" told The Carroll News he reached 60 friends the night he created the profile. "Dan Loster" now has 155 friends as of midnight Wednesday morning. "Danielle Loster" had 66 friends as of 12:50 a.m. on Feb. 14, and 103 friends as of 12:01 a.m. Wednesday morning.

An attempt to reach the creator of the "Danielle Loster" profile page by The Carroll News was unsuccessful.

Both profile pages run the risk of getting shut down as long as they continue using aliases. According to the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities on the Terms page, a user "will not provide any false personal information on Facebook." By creating a profile and using Facebook, both the creators of "Dan Loster" and "Danielle Loster" agree to the statement. If a user violates "the letter of spirit of" the statement, "we [Facebook] can stop providing all or part of Facebook to you."

"Personally, I hope no one puts too much weight in this; I think it could lead to a lot of hurt feelings."

— Anna Barnes
Junior

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students.

At the meeting, the Senate did not have any debate on the issue as all felt it was a good idea. Junior Senator Brian Means liked the idea and volunteered to work with Smedley to bring the issue to the appropriate people.

Means said via e-mail, "I'm all for having a commuter lounge because during my past visits to other institutions, I saw that they had them and [they] were functioning well. It would be great to have an area dedicated for commuters to relax in between classes, work on assignments or just hang out."

He continued to say that it was an issue he was not previously aware of since he is not a commuter student. By attending commuter student events, he was able to get a better idea of problems that commuters face that students living on campus would not.

The lounge is still in the beginning stages and Means and Smedley are working to set up meetings to start getting a better idea of where it will go.

According to Means, the most logical

place to put the lounge would be in the D.J. Lombardo Student Center. He hopes that the lounge would hold computers and printers, comfortable furniture, and maybe even a television set.

Bridget Koenig, a freshman commuter student, was very excited and interested in the possibility of a commuter lounge.

She said, "I think that would be great, especially when I have a fairly long break between classes. It could be a place where I could get work done and just relax before my next class."

Kyle O'Dell, JCU's director of orientation and leadership programs, works with commuter students. He said he is planning to meet with officials from the facilities department to determine where space is available for a lounge.

O'Dell said a survey was conducted among freshmen and sophomore commuter students to determine where they spend their time between classes. He said many of the answers included the Administration Building, a friend's dorm room or the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.

CAMPUS CALENDAR: FEB. 17 - FEB. 23

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| Speaker on "Muslims in America" from 7-9 p.m. in Donahue Auditorium in Dolan Science Center. | Wrestling Match vs. Heidelberg University at 7:30 p.m. in the DeCarlo Varsity Center. | Moulin Rouge Dance Party in Dolan Science Center Atrium from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. | Mass in St. Francis Chapel at 6 and 10 p.m. | Presidents' Day. | Part three of the six-part Tuohy Lecture Series in the Donahue Auditorium from 7:30-8:30 p.m. | "Carbon Nation" film screening in Donahue Auditorium from 7-9:30 p.m. | | | | | | | |

Neeson's 'Unknown' no match for 'Taken'

FILM REVIEW

"Unknown"



Joe Marino
Film Critic

"Unknown" isn't so much a bad movie as it is a misguided one.

No matter how hard he tries, director Jaume Collet-Serra ("Orphan") just can't recreate the simplistic gravitas of the 2008 Liam Neeson action vehicle "Taken."

The movie's failing flaw? Not answering its own questions.

Dr. Martin Harris (Liam Neeson) awakens from a coma he has been in for four days in Berlin after a violent car crash to shockingly discover that no one – not even his wife (January Jones) – recognizes him and that a mysterious man (Aidan Quinn) has completely assumed his identity.

This man knows everything about Martin's life, down to the smallest detail. He has a passport, other identification, and even family photos.

Finding himself being endlessly chased by unstoppable assassins, Martin gets the help of an illegal taxi driver (Diane Kruger) and a shrewd detective (Bruno Ganz) as he tries to discover the truth of who he truly is.

Now some movies are made

merely to entertain. For example, movies like "The A-Team" aren't made to be great cinematic triumphs.

They're made to give us a fun way of spending a couple hours.

But "Unknown" doesn't pull that off. It gets bogged down by its own ambition, providing too many questions that remain unanswered.

Yet the movie does have a few engrossing moments.

The action is always solid, albeit offering nothing new, and the acting – especially from Neeson and Ganz – despite being given bland roles, is superior.

The most explosive scene of the film is surprisingly one that doesn't contain explosions.

It is a seemingly simple scene with two men talking who realize that they are enemies, yet their tone remains forever polite, their conversation ever cordial.

Their samurai-like respect for each other comes to a head at the last moment.

The scene flows with the dignity of the famous Pacino/DeNiro diner scene from "Heat;" either man ever says a menacing word or makes a threatening move, but we can't help but watch with captivation as if we were watching a much better film.

That's the power of the scene's subtlety – and it makes the one great scene the film offers.

Neeson has always had a ridiculously-mesmerizing screen presence, and that is obvious in "Un-

known" as well.

He's got a panache that is a joy to watch. Without a doubt, Neeson is the bright and shining center of why "Unknown" may still be worth seeing. I just can't get sick of him. Ever.

Jones of "Mad Men" fame and Kruger of the "National Treasure" series are nowhere near as fascinating here as they deserve to be.

They seem more like eye candy than anything else. While that isn't necessarily a bad thing, it's not what

one would expect from actresses of their caliber.

But the great casting aside from Neeson is the indelible Ganz, who nails every scene he gets and brings about some of the best moments in the film.

Now the film is gripping to a point. Then it shoots itself in the foot. It doesn't take long into the third act to realize how few answers we're actually going to get. Why did someone do that? Why is anyone fighting to the death in the first place?

Soon, none of the characters'



Neeson's character tries to uncover the truth in "Unknown."

Photo from aceshowbiz

motivation makes any sense.

Aside from that, the answers we do get are much too tidy. I don't like my exposition being fed to me in a baby bottle.

Screenwriters Oliver Butcher and Stephen Cornwell assuredly gave it their best shot by trying to follow the writing of "Taken," but instead all we are given is a tacked-on ending which fails to answer many of the major issues.

It's like the writers just got bored with it all and decided to just finish the script the night before it was due. This has to be the weakest ending I've seen since "Knowing."

Suspension of disbelief is an important element to a story like this. A great movie can quickly turn into a notorious one if the ending just doesn't take (e.g. "Knowing"). Now "Unknown" can be included as failing to deliver on such an intriguing premise.

Ultimately, "Unknown" is a movie that was a couple screenplay drafts short of ironing out all the kinks and becoming great.

And while I'm all for just sitting back and watching Liam Neeson being awesome, the setup promised much more and we deserved much more.

Radiohead's return to nature for 'The King of Limbs'

ALBUM REVIEW

Radiohead

"The King of Limbs"



Noah Lamprecht
Music Critic

What if it's terrible?

That was the joke my friends and I passed around last week after Radiohead ended their four year silence on Monday with the announcement that their eighth album "The King of Limbs" was to be released via digital download on Feb. 19.

After all, this is a Radiohead release. It's never an issue of whether or not it's amazing, but instead a question of in what way(s) the record will be outstanding.

On Friday Feb. 18, guitarist Ed O'Brien threw everybody for a loop by posting, "It's Friday...It's almost the weekend...It's a full moon... You can download 'The King of Limbs' now if you so wish!" on the band's website.

After dealing with the mad scramble the early release caused, the record presented a new and welcome challenge.

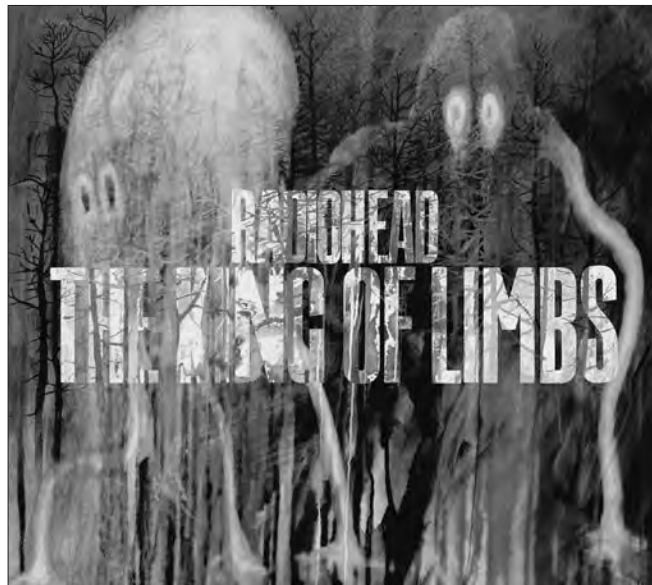
First, this is definitely a Radiohead record. That might seem obvious, but it's important to note. "The King of Limbs" doesn't mark a huge shift in their sound the way 2001's "Kid A" did.

To expect the band to dramatically alter their approach every album is shortsighted.

Instead of focusing on what Thom Yorke and company didn't do, the most important aspect of this record is what subtle movements they have made.

There is an overlying thread throughout the album's 37 minutes: a sense of a withdrawal into a primitive, primal state that forces "Limbs" to be more than just a solid album.

At different points throughout the eight tracks it's possible to hear elements from the band's whole



"The King of Limbs" was released online Feb. 19.

Photo from homees.net

repertoire, but they're rooted in a sense of nature that has never been present in their work before.

This infusion of nature is obvious at points like "Morning Mr. Magpie," which brings the band's trademark sense of paranoia to John Keats' "Ode to a Nightingale" in the form of a fearful discussion with a thieving bird.

frequently repetitive gut-punches that have an almost tribal feel to them.

When the rest of the quietly layered sounds of the record are put over top of them, Selway's drums provide a backbone that's as solid as the 1,000-year-old oak the record is supposedly named after.

If this were any other band's

A frantic, echoing terror of a track titled "Feral" jumps out here too, as does the poisonously beautiful "Lotus Flower."

In a broader sense, the nature in "The King of Limbs" is at its heart in the way that Phil Selway's drumming is used.

In a band known for its complexity, Selway beats on this record are

album I would hesitate to claim the natural focus.

But Radiohead has never done anything without a purpose.

"The King of Limbs" has an underlying center of natural elements that is in no way a coincidence.

The album's production sounds as if it is being filtered through the forest, with sounds, instruments and vocals floating in and out as if they're hiding behind trees until called upon.

This dense presentation results in, by far, the least accessible record Radiohead has ever put out.

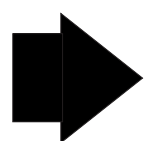
The tracks run together with such cohesion that its difficult to tell them apart at first. This record requires notable effort.

Even though there are only eight songs they are not easily approached.

Seemingly credible claims have been flying that there may be one, if not two, more parts to this album that have yet to be released.

Regardless, the incarnation of "The King of Limbs" as it stands now is a beautiful and complicated record that deservedly earns its place in Radiohead's catalog.

Pick-Up Line of the Week



"Baby, I'm like Taco Bell... I'll spice up your night."

-Submit your pick-up lines to Jholton12@jcu.edu.

Fashion Forecast

How to dress warm yet stylish during the cold winter months

Lindsay Derda
Staff Writer

With winter in full force, it can seem as if there is no end in sight. Convincing ourselves to get out of bed and go out into the cold can be a challenge.

Finding something to wear in ten-degree weather can be just as hard. Luckily, there are a few easy ways to liven up a dull winter day and wardrobe.

The first and most essential part is the winter coat. Fleece zip-ups are an always-popular alternative, but Cleveland weather calls for something a little heftier.

Big, puffy coats are very popular with both girls and guys this year. These coats are stylish and very practical against cold winds and snowy days.

Or, if you're looking for something a little smaller, puffy vests work well over sweaters or any long-sleeved shirt.

Many have toggles that add a touch of detail to the otherwise basic outerwear.

Alternatively, pea coats are not as warm, but are always fashionable. They're a little dressier, so they work especially well for meetings or interviews.

If a new coat isn't on your shopping list, winter accessories are a simple way to liven up any outfit.

Scarves come in every color and style imaginable, but especially popular this year are infinity scarves.

This new trend of scarf is easy to layer and keep on, because of its looped design.

For guys, solid colored scarves are a quick and simple addition to any coat.

Gloves are often left at home because they are inconvenient for texting, but fingerless gloves solve that problem.

Many pairs even convert to mittens. They also come in enough colors to match any outfit.

Also popular around the John Carroll campus are trapper hats, which have fur on the inside and eye-catching designs, such as plaid, on the outside.

Despite all the warm options available, though, many guys go for simplicity over all else.

"I usually just wear comfy jeans and a fleece pullover," said freshman Jon Standish.

One look around campus confirms that many guys aren't interested in layering up for the cold. Katie Fraser, a junior, has noticed several people taking this notion to the extreme.

"I've seen so many boys wearing shorts," Fraser said. "It's not that warm."

With snow piles twice the size of cars still looming on campus, shorts do seem a bit premature.

As long as there is snow on the ground or in the forecast, winter boots are very necessary.

Guys may hate them, but Uggs remain in many girls' closets.

These days, however, there are lots of fashionable alternatives to the popular sheepskin boot.

Some girls wear rain boots with big socks, while others dress up jeans with leather boots.

With so many ways to stay fashionable and warm this winter, you really don't have an excuse to stay in bed.



1. Selena Gomez wears an infinity scarf. 2. Belstaff long down jacket. 3. Fairisle Faux Fur Trapper Hat. 4. Ralph Lauren Men's scarf. 5. Hunter boot with Welly Socks. 6. The North Face Men's puffer vest 7. Ugg men's Butte boot.

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Caf Creations

This all-new section is devoted to providing creative Schott Dining Hall recipes created by JCU students for those who need to spice up their dining hall experience with a new idea. If you would like to share your own recipes, e-mail the list of ingredients, recipe and a photo of the finished product to jholton12@jcu.edu!

Chicken Caesar Wrap

by Jennifer Holton

Ingredients:

- Two slices of chicken from the American Grill
- One large wrap from the Deli station
- 1-2 cups of lettuce and/or spinach leaves from the salad bar
- Tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, pepper, from the salad bar
- 1T of olive oil & 3-4T of Caesar dressing from the salad bar.



Recipe:

On a separate plate, cut chicken and tomatoes into small pieces. Add 1-2 cups of lettuce and/or spinach on wrap, along with ground pepper, cheese, olive oil and Caesar dressing. Mix chicken and tomatoes into open wrap.

Fold wrap and enjoy!

Entertainment Calendar

Check out what's happening on campus and in Cleveland this week!

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| 2.24 Allstar Weekend Grog Shop 5:30 p.m. \$13.50-\$15 | 2.24 Yann Tiersen Beachland Ballroom 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$18 | 2.25 Plain White T's Beachland Ballroom 7 p.m. \$18-\$20 | 2.26 Bruce in the USA House of Blues 8 p.m. \$12-\$15 | 9.19 Diamond Dogs (David Bowie tribute) House of Blues 9 p.m. \$10-\$12 |
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-Compiled by Jennifer Holton

Tim's Turn



Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

I'm psyched ... and in the minority.

When you live in a town where the most recent NFL season ended shortly after it started, and the NBA team gives you next to nothing to celebrate – except for finally ending the longest losing streak in the history of the league – you have to look around for positives.

For me, that means the start of baseball season as pitchers and catchers reported to spring training this week.

Tim Kurkjian and the crew are back on “Baseball Tonight” and publications with fantasy baseball rankings are all over the newsstands.

I'm giddy at the thought, but I'm afraid that not too many people share in my excitement.

We can call baseball America's pastime, but let's face it: it's not anymore. Football is far and away the most popular sport in this country.

According to FoxSports.com, last month's NFL Pro Bowl exhibition reeled in 13.4 million viewers. The World Series, which was also on Fox, attracted an average of just 14.3 million viewers over five games.

Just last week, officials at the University of California-Berkeley upheld a decision to cut baseball, making it the only Division I school in the state not to field a team.

I'll concede that there's a lot wrong with baseball.

My beloved Cleveland Indians have next to no shot (a 100:1 shot, according to BoDog Online Sportsbook) to win the World Series. Other teams in small markets can't realistically compete either because of the salary structure.

It should be noted that the two teams that met in the 2010 World Series, the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers, opened last season as huge underdogs to win it all. A \$100 wager on either team would have profited you \$3,000.

There are questions about the integrity of the game and performance-enhancing drugs, but many of those questions seem to have gone away since Major League Baseball introduced stricter penalties back in 2006.

Some find baseball to be boring, dating back to their playing days as a kid when they had to watch pitchers that couldn't throw strikes walk people around the bases.

I don't often sit down to watch a random baseball game, but I would watch grade school football if it was on television. Football translates better to TV. I get it.

There's something special about baseball – something that's hard to put into words. Maybe I've watched “Field of Dreams” too many times, but I can't wait. Play ball!

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Men's hoops controls destiny for two-seed

Marietta College wraps up regular season title to end JCU three-peat hopes

Zach Mentz
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Ohio Athletic Conference coaches preseason poll was released back in the first week of November, the John Carroll University men's basketball team was tabbed as the favorite to win the conference for the third consecutive season.

Wilmington University, who came into the Tony DeCarlo Varsity Center last March and won the 2010 conference tournament, was predicted to finish second.

However, the preseason predictions proved to be worth as much as the paper they were written on.

The Blue Streaks loss on Saturday to the Wilmington Quakers, eighth in the conference standings, locked up the regular season title for the Marietta College Pioneers, a team that was pegged to be tied for fourth in the preseason poll.

The loss at Wilmington came after a win at home against Baldwin-Wallace College on Feb. 9. The split this week gives JCU an overall record of 16-7, and has them at 11-5 in the conference and in control of the two-seed.

Showing how worthless the preseason rankings are, Baldwin-Wallace was predicted to tie with Marietta in the November poll.

After their loss to John Carroll and win over Capital University on Saturday, B-W is in ninth place and on the verge of missing the eight-team conference tournament when it gets underway on Tuesday.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Just like the first time John Carroll and Baldwin-Wallace met, the Blue Streaks and junior Mark Hester (above) ran away with it.

It's been a tough year for the Yellow Jackets, and the Feb. 9 game was no different as JCU scored 30 of the first 39 points in the game, giving the Blue Streaks an early 30-9 lead in the first half.

The Yellow Jackets battled back slightly, but still trailed by 21 at halftime by a score of 45-24.

The Blue Streaks slowed down a little bit in the second half but still held on for the win, defeating their crosstown rival by a score of 78-62.

“Our win against B-W was huge,” said junior Joey Meyer, who scored 13 of his 15 points in the first half against the Yellow Jackets. “We

know how big of a rivalry that is and we always expect a physical game from them.”

Despite the fact that this is a down year for B-W, the game still carried a lot of weight with the players.

“B-W is always going to be a great game. No matter what the records are we know the game is going to be tough,” said junior Mark Hester, who contributed with six points, six rebounds and two steals against the Yellow Jackets. “It was a good win for us.”

That win over B-W was the third straight for JCU and gave them six wins in seven tries, but the streak

ended Saturday in Wilmington.

The Quakers bested the Blue Streaks by a score of 93-85.

JCU held a narrow 41-40 lead at halftime, but Wilmington came from behind to defeat the Blue Streaks.

Senior Maurice Haynes led the Blue Streaks with 23 points in the loss. Junior Conor Tilow chipped in 14 points off the bench, while Meyer and Hester combined for 23 points.

JCU leads the OAC with nine three-pointers made per game, but hit just five of 15 against Wilmington. The Blue Streaks also boast the best team assist to turnover ratio in the conference, but dished out 11 helpers while turning it over 14 times. Wilmington finished the game with 21 assists.

“After losing to Wilmington, we lost our chance to win the OAC, but now we're just going to try to gain some momentum going into the conference tournament,” said Meyer. “We're fighting for the number two seed now.”

Before they worry about the conference tournament though, the Blue Streaks must first worry about their regular season finale on Saturday with league-leading Marietta.

It will be Senior Day for the Blue Streaks lone senior, Maurice Haynes.

“All we have to do is play our game. If we play our game, I feel like we are the best team in the conference,” said Hester. “We have to stay focused and continue to play hard.”

Jennings becomes school's all-time scoring leader

Jim Burry
Staff Reporter

To avoid playing behind the eight-ball for the remainder of the season and fighting their way out of a hole to make the playoffs, the John Carroll University women's basketball team needed at least one victory this past week.

Making things more interesting was the lingering probability that senior Lee Jennings would pass Shayla Bell, who played at JCU from 2002-2005, to become the all-time leading scorer in program history. Jennings was only 20 points away from that feat when the Blue Streaks traveled to Berea, Ohio on Feb. 9 to face first place Baldwin-Wallace College. While few doubted she would surpass Bell on this night, many questioned the possibility of a Blue Streak victory.

Heading into the game, JCU had lost three of their previous four games. Their only victory during that stretch came against a lowly Heidelberg University team that is still in search of a conference win.

Nevertheless, JCU hung with their opponent, allowing them no more than an eight-point lead in the first 15 minutes of the game.

Junior Emilee Ritchie gave the Blue Streaks their first lead of the night when she connected on a shot from beyond the arc with 4:23 remaining in the first half.

After JCU extended their lead to three off a jumper from freshman Allie Lustig, B-W went on a miniature run to end the half up by one, 37-36.

Ritchie nailed her second of three shots from three-point land to put JCU ahead on the scoreboard on the first possession of the second half. After leading by as many as nine points on two separate occasions, the home team turned on a switch. With 4:34 remaining, B-W upped the ante and harassed the last place scoring defense in the conference.

In the span of one minute, the Blue Streaks saw their lead turn into a one point deficit. After a timeout by coach Kristie Maravalli, freshman Missy Spahar connected on two free-throw attempts to put JCU up for good. The final score read 75-73, an important victory for a team looking to stay afloat in the conference playoff picture.

With 28 points, Jennings accrued the 1,619 points to best Bell.

“It's an honor to be the all-time leading scorer at John Carroll. It's a mark I've been able to leave on the program and I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity to do so,” said Jennings.

The team had little time to celebrate as they had a weekend game on the road against one of the top teams in the conference in Wilmington College on Feb. 12.



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Senior Lee Jennings (above) became JCU's all-time scoring leader.

The Quakers were riding high after winning eight times in their last nine games heading into the contest with JCU.

Inability to rebound was the central theme for the Blue Streaks all afternoon, and while they undoubtedly bested their opponents in the turnover battle, it was a poor effort on the boards that proved catastrophic.

The Blue Streaks turned the ball over only five times, but managed to grab a meager 22 rebounds compared to the 57 Wilmington hauled in.

The first half was largely all Blue Streaks until the final four minutes. Spahar drained a shot to put JCU up by three points with 4:40 to go in the half. Wilmington promptly called a timeout which triggered a 14-2 Quaker run to end the first half.

The second half offered no magic

for the Blue Streaks. Propelled by a 22-point effort from Olivia Waters, the Quakers sent JCU on the long bus ride home pondering the mistakes of a 91-79 defeat.

Four Blue Streaks scored in double digits: Lustig, Jennings, Spahar and Ritchie, yet it wasn't enough.

“This last game is important for us to get ready for the playoffs. It's a time for us to fine-tune our faults, and get ready to make a run in the playoffs,” said Jennings, who finished the Wilmington game with 19 points.

The Blue Streaks (12-11, 7-9 OAC) have clinched a playoff berth. They will close out the regular season with a home game on Saturday against Marietta College before heading to the road on Tuesday in the quarterfinal round of the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament.

OAC swimming and diving preview

Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

John Carroll swimming head coach Matt Lenhart knows how Ohio Northern University's coaching staff feels – he's been there before. The Polar Bears have dominated the Ohio Athletic Conference Championships in recent years, winning the last five team titles on the men's side and back-to-back women's titles.

Lenhart admits both will be tough to beat again this week when the conference championships get underway today at the University of Akron.

"Ohio Northern is the program with the bullseye on their back," said Lenhart, who has won 29 OAC championships since the Blue Streaks joined the conference in 1990.

John Carroll is one of the teams in close pursuit, as the men took second last year while the women finished in third. Making those finishes more exciting was the fact that many of the Blue Streaks top performers were underclassmen, some at their first conference meet.

Last year, rookies Rachael Mizner and Julia Adams finished first and second, respectively, in overall team points. Mizner was named the conference's Swimmer of the Year for her fantastic showing at her first conference meet. Lenhart again expects big things from that duo.

"They'll both be right there again. Obviously they were terrific last year but they both came back and worked hard," said Lenhart. "To their credit, they've each worked harder this season and gotten better. Now the field will be better overall and the times should be up, but having been there once the fears should be calmed and they will know what to expect. We have high expecta-



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Junior Alex Vereshchagin (above) and the Blue Streaks will compete in the OAC Championships beginning today in Akron.

tions for those two, though."

On the men's side, Lenhart was excited about the potential of juniors Eric Davis and Alex Vereshchagin.

"Eric has been interning with Deloitte Touche so he hasn't been doing too much competing this semester," Lenhart said. "But he's been doing a lot of work on his own. He's the kind of kid that's always in good shape, even after the season ends. I'm not worried about him."

Davis' classmate Vereshchagin has made a name for himself in his first two years with the program.

Last year, he earned All-OAC status by finishing in the top three in three different events: the 50 and 100 Freestyle events, as well as the 100 Breaststroke.

"Alex has a chance to make the NCAA tournament, and when you look at people like Julia [Adams] and Rachael [Mizner] we have some swimmers who are right there," said

Lenhart.

If nothing else, Lenhart feels that a lot of school records could fall.

"Oh yeah, not a lot are safe," he said when asked if he thought any program records had a chance of falling.

"I think that quite a few records could fall this week," said Lenhart. "I think when you look at our guys Freestyles and Freestyle Relays, those could certainly fall. I really like where we're at with our girls relay teams, and there's a shot of the 50 Freestyle record being broken."

The scary thing for teams around the OAC is that this is still a young program, as only two men and three women are seniors. With so much young talent, there's the possibility that someday soon, Lenhart will enter these championships with the feeling the Ohio Northern coaches have this week: the bullseye on their back.

JCU ATHLETICS SCOREBOARD

FEB. 9 - FEB. 15

Men's Basketball

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| JCU | 78 |
| Baldwin-Wallace | 62 |

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| JCU | 85 |
| Wilmington | 93 |

JCU Leaders -

Points:
Maurice Haynes 46

Rebounds:
Corey Shontz 15

Assists:
Conor Tilow 6

Women's Basketball

| | |
|------------|----|
| JCU | 95 |
| Heidelberg | 75 |

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| JCU | 74 |
| Otterbein | 83 |

JCU Leaders -

Points:
Lee Jennings 47

Rebounds:
Missy Spahar 14

Assists:
Lee Jennings 16

* If you are a member of a John Carroll University club sport and would like your results published in The Carroll News, please send scores by 5 p.m. on Sunday to:

jcunews@gmail.com

Wrestling

| | |
|-----------|----|
| JCU | 27 |
| Muskingum | 19 |

Track and Field

All-Ohio Championships
Men - 14th/19 teams
Women - 16th/18 teams

JCU Leaders

Men
Mike Minjock
Fourth - long jump
Eighth - triple jump
Denny Love
Eighth - 55-meter hurdles

Women

Nicki Bohrer
Sixth - 800 meter run
Maureen Creighton
Ninth - 200 meter run

Hockey

| | |
|---------------|---|
| JCU | 1 |
| Robert Morris | 8 |

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| JCU | 6 |
| Robert Morris | 13 |

JCU Leaders -

Goals:
Lattal 4

Assists:
L. Morici 2

Saves:
Brick 50

STREAKS OF THE WEEK



Basketball



Maurice Haynes
senior

Haynes put together back-to-back 20-point games as the Blue Streaks went 1-1 this week. He scored 20 against B-W and 23 more against Wilmington on efficient 17 of 28 shooting from the floor.



Track and Field



Mike Minjock
sophomore

Minjock set a school record when he cleared 6.69 meters in the long jump at the All-Ohio Championships, taking fourth place. He also took eighth in the triple jump, totaling 12.75 meters.



Wrestling



Kevin Nycz
senior

In the match against Wilmington College that had just five contested matches, Nycz was one of four Blue Streak winners. He needed just over four minutes for a 17-1 technical fall win at 133 pounds.



Track and Field



Nicki Bohrer
freshman

Bohrer was responsible for the Blue Streaks three team points at the All-Ohio Championships. She took sixth place in the 800 meter run, while also running on the distance medley relay team that took 10th.



Basketball



Lee Jennings
senior

Jennings scored 47 points this week as JCU went 1-1. Her 28 points in the upset win over the second best team in the OAC, the B-W Yellow Jackets, made her the all-time scoring leader in program history.

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WORLD WIDE WEB



Sean Webster
World News Editor

Has social media revolutionized revolutions?

Both the Tunisian and Egyptian Revolutions may not have been possible without Mark Zuckerberg.

Anti-government protestors used Facebook to organize huge demonstrations in the streets of Tunis and Cairo. Then when Ben Ali and Mubarak began cracking down on media outlets, protestors used hashtags on Twitter to let the world know what was going on. And when the security forces started shooting at civilians, they took videos of the violence and put them on YouTube.

These social media platforms allowed the entire world to watch – and even take part in – two revolutions in a matter of weeks. And as the revolutionary fervor continues to spread throughout the Middle East, protestors from Algeria to Iran are using the same strategies to overthrow their own corrupt authoritarian dictators.

It almost seems as though if you want to start a revolution, all you need is a Facebook, a Twitter and a YouTube account. But how, exactly, does social media facilitate revolutionary movements?

Firstly, they promote social awareness. Anyone with a pair of eyes and access to the Internet (and, preferably, a camera) can be a journalist, which is particularly helpful when your professional news outlets are being controlled or suppressed by the government. And of course, social awareness is also a prerequisite for social action. People first need to know what's going on in order to act.

Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, social media allow you to tap into your social networks, which are the building blocks of revolutions. After all, revolutions aren't carried out by random strangers – they're carried out by families and friends.

It takes a lot of guts to step out into the streets and face government soldiers with guns, batons and tear gas. You're only going to do that with people you trust – people that are in your social network. That's why Facebook is such a powerful organizing tool.

Social media and its focus on the mobilization of individual social networks also explains the leaderless grassroots nature of the protest movements that carried out the revolutions in Tunisia and Egypt. This lack of a formal leadership structure has been perhaps the key strength of the revolutionary movements. No matter who the government arrests, the spirit of the protestors cannot be broken.

By putting all the power in the hands of the people, the rise of social media seems to have revolutionized the revolution.

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1. Protests in Yemen

On Feb. 15, security forces in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, used tear gas and batons to disperse thousands of anti-government protesters calling for President Ali Abdullah Saleh to stand down. They stepped in after pro-government activists clashed with the protesters. It was the fifth consecutive day of protests inspired by pro-democracy uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. President Saleh, who has been in power for almost 32 years, has said he does not intend to continue beyond 2013. His critics have demanded immediate political change. Several people were injured in Tuesday's clashes, including an opposition member of parliament, Ahmed Seif Hashid. The Middle East has seen a wave of anti-government protests this year fuelled by discontent over unemployment, rising living costs, corruption and autocratic leaderships. (BBC)



2. Protests in Iran

Iranian lawmakers urged the judiciary on Tuesday to hand out death penalties to opposition leaders for fomenting unrest in the Islamic state after a rally in which one person was killed and dozens were wounded, state media said. Clashes broke out between security forces and protesters when thousands of opposition supporters rallied on Monday in sympathy for popular uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, reviving mass protests that shook Iran after a presidential vote in 2009. "[Opposition leaders] Mehdi Karroubi and Mirhossein Mousavi are corrupts on earth and should be tried," the official IRNA news agency quoted lawmakers as saying in a statement. Iran police Tuesday confirmed the death of one person in shooting that erupted during anti-government protests in Tehran and said a number of people were wounded, including nine security force members. (Al Arabiya)



3. Protests in Bahrain

At least one person has been killed and several others injured after riot police in Bahrain opened fire at protesters holding a funeral service for a man killed during protests in the kingdom a day earlier. At least 25 people were reported to have been treated for injuries in the hospital. The crowds chanted "The people demand the fall of the regime!" as they poured into Manama's Pearl Roundabout after marching from the funeral on the city's outskirts. Later on Tuesday, the king of Bahrain, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, made a rare television appearance in which he offered condolences on the protesters' deaths. He expressed his condolences for "the deaths of two of our dear sons" in a televised speech and said a committee would investigate the killings. "We will ask legislators to look into this issue and suggest needed laws to resolve it," he said, adding that peaceful protests were legal. (Al Jazeera)



4. Protests in Algeria

A 20-year state of emergency in Algeria will be lifted in the "coming days," government authorities said on Feb. 14, days after protesters took to the streets to demand government reform. "Soon, we will discuss the past, but I say that lifting the state of emergency will occur in the coming days," Foreign Minister Mourad Medelci said on French radio Europe 1. It will mean a "return to Algeria, a rightful state which totally allows, the expression of opinions, but always with reference to the law," he said. The announcement comes after anti-government protesters chanting "change the power!" clashed with security forces in the capital over the weekend, witnesses said. The minister downplayed the protests, referring to them as "minority" movements. About 100 protesters were arrested during the protests in Algiers on Saturday, according to the opposition Algerian League for Human Rights. (CNN)



5. U.S. reaffirms support for King Abdullah

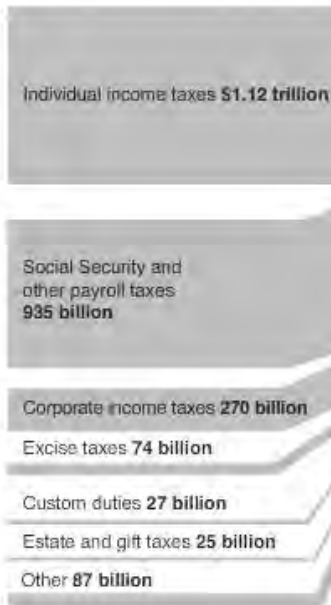
The United States Embassy in Jordan issued a statement on Feb. 13 reiterating American backing of Jordan, particularly in light of recent regional unrest that has led to the ousting of Egyptian and Tunisian presidents as well as domestic Jordanian unrest. This endorsement comes mere days after Jordanian King Abdullah II, pictured at left, swore in a new government led by Marouf Bakhit, who has promised to widen public freedoms in response to the anti-government protests that have swept the region. Bakhit, a former general, assumed the premiership after Abdullah fired former Prime Minister Samir Rifai in light of the nationwide demonstrations, charging him to implement political and economic reforms to placate the masses. (Haaretz)

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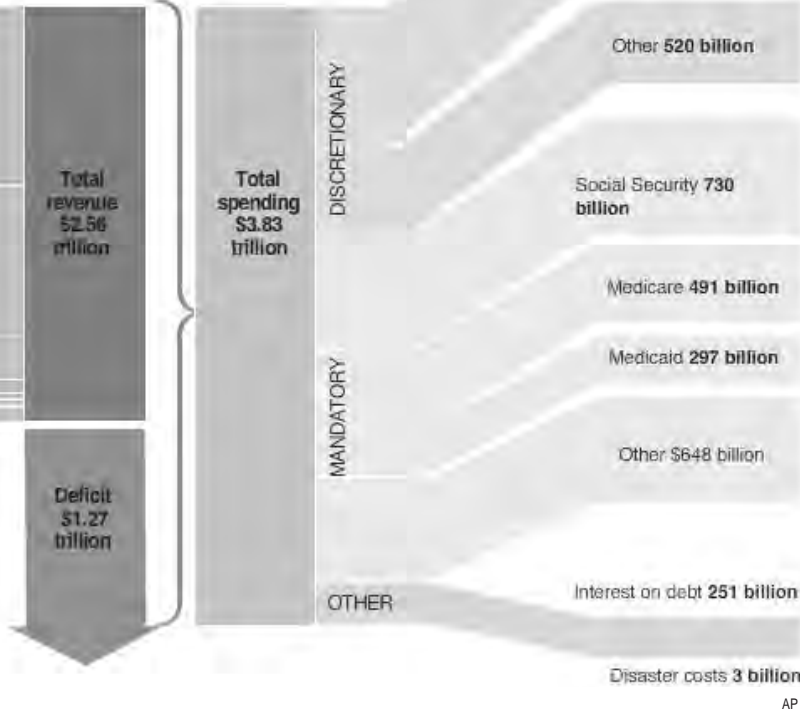
Obama releases 2012 budget

President Barack Obama's fiscal 2012 budget proposal forecasts that individual income taxes may account for more than 43 percent of the revenue received by the federal government. More than 40 percent of the revenue would be spent in two areas, defense and Social Security.

Where the money comes from



Where the money goes



Michael Reiser
Asst. World News Editor

President Barack Obama released his much awaited budget plan for 2012 earlier this week, and called for Republicans to join him in a bipartisan effort to reduce the gargantuan national deficit.

In an effort to reduce what is expected to be a \$1.6 trillion deficit this year, Obama's \$3.7 trillion budget called for a reduction or elimination of over 200 federal programs, including community and environmental services. Obama also proposed reducing the Pentagon's recently proposed budget by over \$23 billion, excluding spending on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Obama proposed new taxes on businesses and the wealthy that will supposedly deflate the deficit by \$1.6 trillion over the next 10 years. Households with incomes higher than \$250,000 will lose lower tax rates and other breaks put in place during the Bush Administration.

As promised in his State of the Union address last month, Obama highlighted education spending, clean-energy technology and medical research. He believes these priorities will help sustain the economy in the long term.

"Even as we cut out things that we can afford to do without, we have a responsibility to invest in those areas that will have the biggest impact in our future," Obama told the press during his

announcement of the plan at Parkville Middle School and Center of Technology in Baltimore on Feb. 14.

Obama reportedly went against his own deficit advisers by ignoring advice on the creation of a long-term plan that would reduce the inflating debt, including proposals to fix the Social Security debacle which will soon start handing out more than it receives via pay-roll taxes.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) called out the president's leadership for not addressing the rising deficit enough, especially on the issue of Social Security.

"Presidents are elected to take the

country's challenges on and fix them before they get out of control," Ryan said.

"Everybody knows the debt is out of control. The president set up a commission to that effect, and he doesn't even take on any of the commission's big recommendations," he said.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates also said that the Pentagon cannot do its job with cuts more than \$9 billion, let alone Obama's proposed slashing of \$23 billion.

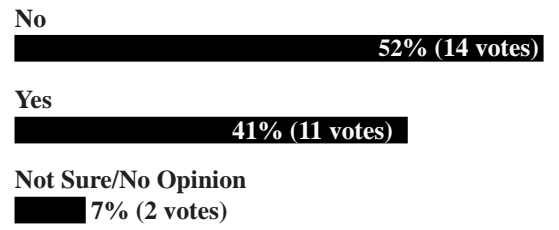
"Suggestions to cut defense by this or that large number have largely become exercises in simple math, divorced from serious considerations of capabilities, risk, and the level of resources needed to protect this country's security and vital interests around the world," Gates said during a Pentagon press conference.

Defending his budget, Obama said, "While it's absolutely essential to live within our means, while we are absolutely committed to working with Democrats and Republicans to find further savings and to look at the whole range of budget issues, we can't sacrifice our future in the process."

Republicans plan on finding those "further savings" with a counter-proposal this week that is expected to cut around \$61 billion from Obama's original plan. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) said the original proposal "will destroy jobs by spending too much."

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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“Our hearts are with all those people who were never tried, held for years and in some cases tortured. As municipality, this is one thing we can do to right some wrongs of our federal government.”

– Wendy Kenin, chairwoman of the Peace and Justice Commission in Berkeley, CA. Berkeley is considering a resolution that would invite “one or two” Guantanamo Bay detainees to live there once they are cleared of wrongdoing and released from the U.S. detention facility in Cuba. (Fox News)

“We were not attacked by crazy people in Tahrir Square. We were detained by the Egyptian army. Arrested, detained and interrogated. Blindfolded, handcuffed, taken at gunpoint, our driver beaten. It's the regime that arrested us. They arrested [our producer] just outside of his hotel, and they took him off the road at gunpoint, threw him against the wall, handcuffed him, blindfolded him. Took him into custody like that.”

– Lara Logan, a CBS correspondent who was assaulted in Egypt. (Esquire)

“They had to know. But the attitude was sort of, ‘If you're doing something wrong, we don't want to know.’”

– Bernie Madoff, who is serving a 150-year prison sentence for a 20-year Ponzi scheme that was the largest fraud in Wall Street history, on the complicity of other banks and hedge funds in his scheme. (The New York Times)

– Compiled by Sean Webster

Booming Chinese economy passes Japan's as world's second largest

Wycliffe Odhiambo
Staff Reporter

Five years can change a lot as the Japanese economy has recently found out. Just half a decade ago, China's gross domestic product was around \$2.3 trillion, about half of Japan's.

This week China's economy officially overtook Japan's to be the second largest in the world behind the United States. This interchange is attributed to the stagnation of Japanese trade, especially in exports, and the emergence of China as a manufacturing powerhouse.

According to Phil Hewitt, a senior economics major at John Carroll University, the rise of the

Chinese economy could also be due to the economic law of diminishing returns and the catch-up effect.

"Countries that start off poor tend to grow more rapidly than those that start off rich because an improvement of say, technology, would have a much bigger impact on a weaker economy than it would on a fully developed one," he said.

Some analysts believe the Chinese economy will be about the same size that of the U.S. in only a decade. But to attain such a stature, the Chinese economy must maintain or better its current 10 percent annual growth rate, the feasibility of which has some analysts skeptical.

These doubts arise from their perception that the Chinese econ-

omy is built on an unsustainable foundation. The rapidity of Chinese growth has them believing that the country will be riddled in debt in the not-so-distant future. The debt might arise from the disconnect between the economic approaches assumed by the central government and the local ones.

While the central government may have sustainable plans, the local governments have seemingly greater power in planning their regional economies.

The higher the local growth rate, the more likely local officials will rise in the ranks of China's ruling Communist Party. However, their desire for promotion sometimes results in poor economic planning.

Hewitt draws from history when assessing the Chinese economy's ability to reach and overtake that of the U.S.

"Japan's economy grew in the past with equal, if not greater, rapidity as China's," he said. "People thought it would overtake the U.S. economy but it didn't because it matured and then leveled out. Likewise, China's overtaking the U.S. will depend on when and if the economy reaches full maturity."

Japan, for its part, has welcomed the growth of the Chinese economy as it has benefitted a great deal from it. The rise of China as an economic giant has led to a more balanced trade between the two nations.

After all, China is Japan's most

vital trading partner. It has invested more in local Japanese industries and imports a lot of goods from Japan, and Japan expects its economy to improve as demand rises for its exports from China and other countries within the region.

Regardless of its superiority in the overall economic size, China's population – which is about 10 times that of Japan's – guarantees that the average Chinese person is much poorer than the average Japanese one.

The International Monetary Fund estimates that GDP per capita of the Japanese population is almost \$34,000, while in the People's Republic of China it is barely over \$7,500.

THE REISER'S EDGE



Michael Reiser
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Obama faces a different beast in Iran

In the next episode of "Reform in the Middle East," Iran exploded with its own protests earlier this week. The oppressed citizens saw the actions of their Egyptian counterparts and decided to try and make a difference in their own country. But unfortunately for the Iranian protesters, their government didn't take too kindly to their actions.

The government beat, tear-gassed, and even killed some protesters. It's ironic that the Iranian government was supportive of the protests in Egypt, but as soon as it happens to the fascist regime of the Ayatollah and Ahmandinejad, they crush it with an iron fist.

Obama got lucky with Egypt. What would have happened if Mubarak had not resigned under his own accord? Obama was eager to join in on the celebration and congratulate the Egyptians, but was hesitant on what to do when Mubarak wouldn't back down (he simply asked for a "smooth transition of power").

I'm not saying he's taking credit for the revolution by any means, but rather he got lucky that Mubarak stepped down and took care of a massive problem for Obama.

This will not happen with Iran.

So far, the president is taking the same passive stance with Iran. I give him credit for calling out the hypocrisy behind the violent shutting down of the protests, and for providing what he calls "moral support to those seeking better lives."

It should also be understood he doesn't want to act because if he tries to prod a revolution in Iran, the regime could portray the recent protests in the region as U.S.-created puppet protests.

Obama cannot back down on this opportunity. If he wants to be the leader that people label him as, this is his chance. He cannot be as tentative as he was with Egypt. Obama has to call out the Ayatollah and Ahmandinejad for the injustices that they have committed over the years.

"Each country is different, each country has its own traditions, and America can't dictate what happens in these societies," the president said, and is something with which I completely agree. But when the people clearly do not believe in a government establishment, as the most powerful country in the world, the U.S. not only has the right to dictate what happens in those societies, they have the responsibility.

The president said earlier this week that the situation in Egypt is watching "history unfold," perhaps the first of a flurry of revolutions in the region. Iran is the crown jewel. Obama needs to expose the fascist regime there and help the oppressed people achieve "the better lives" they are seeking (disclaimer: this has nothing to do with Islam, simply the oppressive way Iran governs their people).

I realize Obama has a lot on his plate lately with the budget and working with the Republican House, but this could be the defining moment of his presidency, and he needs to act on it.

Step up to the plate and hit a home run, Mr. Obama.

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Egypt prepares for democracy

Patrick Perkins
The Carroll News

After several days of unrest, Hosni Mubarak finally stepped down from his 30-year reign last Friday and a transition of power to the armed forces took place.

More than two weeks of nonstop protest have passed and the Egyptian people are on their way towards a new government. Despite this situation, the transition isn't going as fast as the people may like.

The coalition that formed the large protest, which lasted for 18 days before "Farewell Friday," compiled a list of demands that were then handed over to the military on Monday.

President Obama praised the revolutionary movement, and offered U.S. assistance to ensure that "genuine democracy" can work in Egypt.

"Today belongs to the people of Egypt," the president told the press, careful not to take any credit for Mubarak's fall.

Obama went on to say, "What is absolutely clear is that we are witnessing history unfold."

The most significant of the demands include that Mubarak's party be dissolved and a Cabinet of Technocrats, or bureaucrats intensively trained in engineering, economics, etc., be created within the next 30 days as a temporary government.

In the meantime, a new democracy is being formed and the constitution has been put on hold by the military. Within the next 10 days, it will be rewritten to ensure that no one can obtain autocratic rule in Egypt ever again, thereby paving the way for democratic elections. The election is planned for later in the year and political parties are beginning to take form.

Rumors circulating that the Muslim Brotherhood, a group that calls for the creation of



Hosni Mubarak stepped down from his 30-year reign last Friday, causing jubilation among protesters like these who had been calling for his resignation for weeks.

an Islamic state in Egypt, is pulling together a campaign to run in the anticipated election has U.S. officials biting their nails.

Their reemergence has sparked a suspicion among the Egyptian people who fear the secretive group will try to exploit the nation's turmoil to obtain power.

However, the Brotherhood, which was banned under the reign of Mubarak, has recently promised not to field a candidate for president, but would like to partake in the forming of the new government.

Because Egypt plays a vital role in bandaging the relations with the U.S. and the Muslim world, the U.S. fears that the revival of the Brotherhood will cause the progress between the two sides to come to an abrupt halt.

The fear spouts from the large number of followers the Muslim Brotherhood has, which

could potentially change the pro-Western views in Egypt.

This is not only a fear of the U.S., but one that exists internationally as well.

China has gone to great lengths to shield its people from the enormous protests that flooded the streets of Cairo for the two week span.

According to The Wall Street Journal, Chinese authorities have blocked the word "Egypt" from searches on social media sites like Twitter.

Seen as an indication of concern, the leaders of the communist country fear that the unrest in Egypt could encourage similar calls for political reform in China. The country fears that its people will follow along the path of the Egyptian people and overthrow its government.

Berlusconi faces indictment for prostitution scandal

Italian premier will stand trial for child prostitution and abuse of power

Associated Press

His penchant for beautiful young women has cost him his wife, and now may cost Silvio Berlusconi what he cherishes most: power.

The 74-year-old Italian premier was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on charges he paid a 17-year-old Moroccan girl for sex, and then used his influence to cover it up — an offense that, if proven, could see him barred permanently from public office.

Berlusconi has called the allegations "groundless" and dismissed the case as a "farce," accusing prosecutors of seeking to oust him from power. He did not comment Tuesday, skipping a news conference in Sicily and meeting with his lawyer in Rome.

Unlike Berlusconi's many past legal problems involving business-related charges concerning his Mediaset empire, this time he faces allegations of personal misconduct while serving as the head of government. The trial is set to begin April 6 before a panel of three female judges.

Prosecutors have already relayed more than 700-pages of wiretap conversations describing raucous behavior that would draw censure at most fraternity houses: sex-fueled parties attended by scantily clad women, sometimes dressed as nurses or police officers.

The indictment alleges Berlusconi paid for sex with the Moroccan girl, nicknamed Ruby, then used his influence to get her out of police custody when she was detained in connection with an unrelated theft of \$4,103 (3,000 euros). Prosecutors say Berlusconi called police the night of May 27-28, 2010, because he feared his relationship with the teen would be revealed.

So far Italians have been forgiving, with Berlusconi's popularity damaged by the scandal but not demolished. However, having such details aired in a courtroom and not just on

newspaper pages could change the tide against Berlusconi, experts warn.

"If you start to hear something [that] is really embarrassing and difficult to handle, I think that could hurt the image of Berlusconi and his position as prime minister," said Franco Pavoncello, a political analyst at John Cabot University in Rome.

Judge Cristina Di Censo handed down the indictment Tuesday with a terse statement that showed she believes there is sufficient evidence to subject Berlusconi to an immediate trial, as prosecutors requested. The speeded-up procedure, which is ordered in cases of overwhelming evidence, skips a preliminary hearing that alone can take nearly a year.

The child prostitution charge carries a possible prison term of six months to three years. However, the abuse of influence charge is even more severe: It carries a sentence of four to 12 years, and if Berlusconi is sentenced to more than five, he would be barred from ever again holding public office.

Both Berlusconi and the now 18-year-old Moroccan nightclub dancer deny having had sex together. Ruby, in a TV interview on a Mediaset channel, said Berlusconi gave her \$9,000 (7,000 euros) the evening they met, and later jewelry.

The trial will follow the resumption of three other criminal cases involving Berlusconi's business dealings, creating both a legal morass for the premier, and a judicial juggling act as panels seek to schedule hearings amid Berlusconi's commitments as head of government.

At the same time, a weakened Berlusconi will face the challenge of keeping unruly coalition partners happy, while attempting to repair the image of his country — badly damaged by his own scandal — on the international stage.

The trial itself will take months, if not



Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi was charged with paying a 17-year-old Moroccan girl for sex, potentially spelling an end for his infamous political career.

years, given the difficulty of scheduling court appearances. While defendants are not required to attend trials in Italy, Berlusconi's defense has often invoked his willingness to do so. Still, he has rarely showed up in court.

Berlusconi's supporters had pushed for jurisdiction to be transferred to the Tribunal of Ministers, which deals with offenses committed by public officials in the execution of their duties. They argued that Berlusconi intervened with the Milan police because he believed Ruby was the niece of now ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and was trying to prevent a diplomatic incident.

Pierluigi Bersani, the leader of the opposition Democratic Party, called for Berlusconi's resignation, demanding early elections. "We don't want Italy to be drifting," Bersani said.

A decision to dissolve parliament and hold new elections rests with President Giorgio Napolitano. He expressed concerns over the bitter conflict between the premier and the judiciary when the two met over the weekend.



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The first five people to submit a correct sudoku solution will be mentioned in next week's CN!

Name That Toon!

The following picture relates to a popular song. The first person to submit the correct answer will get his/her name and picture in the next CN! Just fill in your guess along with your name and e-mail then drop off your submission at the CN office to win!

LAST ISSUE'S WINNER



Megan Carrig and Rachael Mizner
Last issue's Toon:
 "Animal"
 by Neon Trees

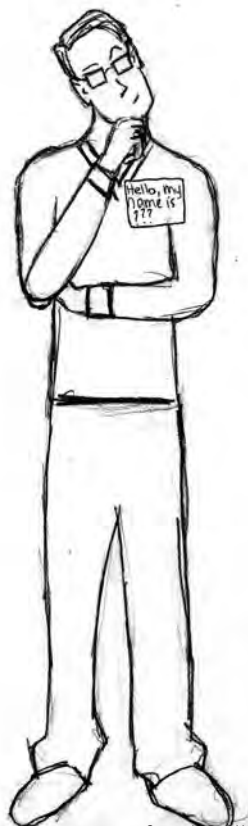
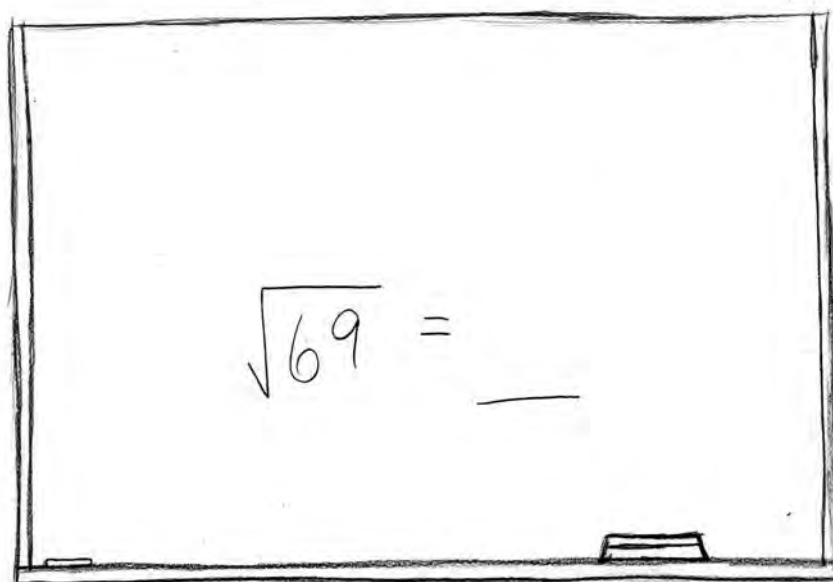
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WHAT THE TOON DOESN'T SAY ABOUT THE TUNE:

"Soon as you go the text that I write is gonna say..."



Cartoon by David Hickey

Word Jumble

Unscramble the jumbles to form words. Now unjumble the circled letters to form a word described by the clue.

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CLUE: They will soon be to blame for unleashing the "Animal" on JCU.

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This Day in History

A bad experience can have a major impact on the perceptions of an individual. For example, a bad high school experience with a history class may cause one to wince at even the most casual thought relating to the subject. Such an attitude is unfortunate for history is something that can really be found in any subject or field of study. Without an adequate knowledge of the past, how can we even possibly hope to understand the present? A high school history teacher may not be able to do the discipline much justice. However, no matter how difficult one's experience with history might have been, it is far from prosaic. History is living and is being made every day. Just look at Egypt or even the history of events that occurred on this date, February 17. Specifically, it was on this day that:

- 1) In 1933, the Blaine Act was passed, ending the 13-year-long Prohibition of alcohol in the United States.
- 2) In 1979, the People's Liberation Army of China invaded Vietnam, sparking the brief but deadly Sino-Vietnamese War.
- 3) In 1996, in Philadelphia world chess champion Garry Kasparov defeated the Deep Blue supercomputer in a historic man-vs.-machine match.
- 4) In 2008, Kosovo declared independence.

-Compiled by Pietro Shakarian

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Name the Phobia

This phobia is a fear of flowers.

- A. Gelotophobia
- B. Anthophobia
- C. Heliophobia
- D. Nosophobia

Last week: "You can't handle the truth!"
-Jack Nicholson

Guess this week's word search theme and YOU can pick next week's!

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Word Search

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Editorial

JCU students 'Facemashed' on Facebook

On Feb. 3, a Facebook profile page was created under the alias "Dan Loster." This page's purpose is to compare female students at John Carroll based on attractiveness.

With the immense popularity of Facebook among college students, the page has received many views and currently has 155 friends. The creator has drawn 64 women from the student body to be the compared subjects of the page, many of whom do not know they appear on the website.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's original creation, Facemash.com, was the inspiration for this page. The film "The Social Network" showcases the original website, which is where "Dan Loster's" anonymous creator first got the idea.

Photos taken from Facebook profiles without the consent of the girls are placed side-by-side and voted on by the friends of "Loster." The comparisons are said to be organized on a bracket modeled on the one used for the NCAA basketball tournaments.

Of the women chosen, 55 are freshmen at John Carroll, while there are nine "all-star upperclassmen."

Many people are angry about the page across campus. The page should be removed immediately.

The creator claims that the page was created to be a harmless, humorous way to find "the hottest girls at Juan Carroll." The creator also intends to screen out disrespectful comments and reminds the voters to "be nice" or "be kind" when commenting and voting on the pictures. The wishes of one woman to have her photo not placed on the page for comparison was respected by the creator.

Nevertheless, the page still promotes the objectification of women and the importance of superficiality.

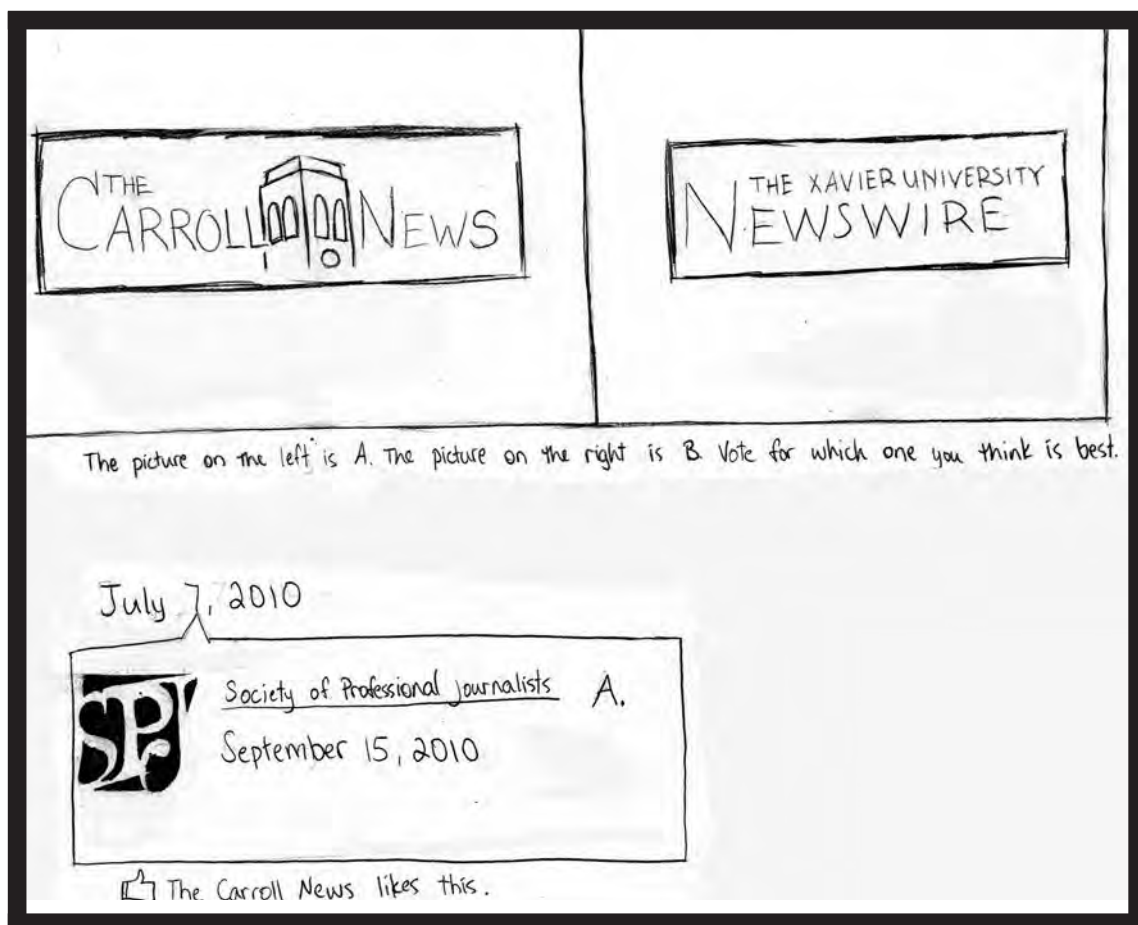
An alternate version of the page has also been created under the name "Danielle Loster." This page compares the men of John Carroll in the same manner, though no pictures have been posted yet.

Creating a reverse version of the profile only condones the actions of the first profile. The values that both pages advocate are not those that the University encourages to any degree, nor how it wants to be represented, no matter what the intentions of the creators are.

Both profiles are in violation of the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities of Facebook as their aliases are considered to be false personal information. This already places the pages at risk of being deleted by Facebook administrators.

Both profiles should be deleted from Facebook. They are not only in poor taste, but also encourage disrespectful judgment of both sexes based solely upon physical appearances. The longer that the profiles remain online, the more time there will be for the voting to continue. The University will risk receiving even more damaging publicity. This can not be allowed.

If students feel that they have been victimized or objectified by this site they should file a complaint with the Dean of Students or inform the Counseling Center. From there, the University should take the appropriate steps to ensure the profiles be removed and future offenses be prevented.



Cartoon by David Hickey

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"Maybe now, I can get some rest."

-Jadeveon Clowney, top high school football player, after choosing the South Carolina Gamecocks to be his future college team.

HIT & miss

- Hit:** President Mubarak resigns and riots subside in Egypt
- miss:** Actor Kenneth Mars dies at 75
- Hit/miss:** Esperanza Spalding beats Justin Bieber for Grammy's best new artist
- Hit:** Ceremonial groundbreaking of the Greater Cleveland Aquarium
- Hit:** Obama proposes \$350 million for Great Lakes cleanup
- Hit/miss:** South Carolina wants separate currency from the U.S.
- Hit:** WJCU Radiothon
- miss:** China develops a weapon that could threaten U.S. Navy aircraft carriers
- Hit:** Warmer weather
- miss:** Cold weather most likely to follow
- Hit:** JCU celebrates 125 year anniversary
- Hit/miss:** Anti-government rallies spread to Iran
- miss:** Stark County police officer, Daniel Stiles dies after being struck by an SUV
- Hit:** Black history month
- miss:** Soccer icon Ronaldo retires from the game at 34
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OURVIEW

The ups and downs of living together



Colin J. Beisel
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Last week, my partner and I got into the dumbest fight over the proper place to hang a towel in the bathroom. I always throw mine on the ground (where they belong). He maintained this ridiculous idea that because we have hooks on our bathroom door that they should be “hung up to dry.”

This is not only ridiculous but also contradicts everything I know.

And then there’s always the never-ending struggle over the proper volume level on the TV while I’m trying to watch the football game and he’s trying to sleep. Keeping the remote close, he discretely turns down the volume every five minutes. At the end of the game, I’m always five inches away from the TV with one ear firmly pressed against a speaker.

I think I’ve lost that battle.

Or take this: a few nights ago

we were lying in bed and he turns to me and said, “Hmm. I’m really thirsty.” Without thinking, I got out of bed, went down stairs and began making some tea. As I began back up the stairs, I stopped and thought, “Wait. What the heck just happened here?”

I never envisioned living with another person, let alone someone I love. Yet, life can sometimes change when you trade distant apartments for much closer living arrangements.

So after giving it much thought, I’ve compiled the following guidelines for successfully living with your future partner:

1. When going out, if your partner asks you which outfit looks better on him or her, don’t be honest. Go with the outfit that makes them least likely to get hit on at the bar.

2. You know those white T-shirts you’ve had since high school that went missing? Don’t bother looking for them. They’ve already been thrown away.

3. You have no opinion anymore. Don’t try to give it. Don’t expect them to solicit it. For those of you experiencing some confusion given the first rule, well, you’re just go-

ing to have to figure that out on your own.

4. When in doubt, always compliment. Because when you’re down in the fourth quarter guys, they always respond well to a “... have I told you how great you look today?”

5. “Nothing is wrong” generally means something is wrong. Often times, people don’t come out and tell you exactly what they’re feeling. “Nothing is wrong” roughly translates to “Yes, something is wrong and you caused it.”

For the more pragmatic male, you can avoid the above instructions by being open and honest with your partner (believe me, it works—I tried it once). While it can be frustrating sometimes, living with your partner can often improve your relationship by leaps and bounds if done correctly. Living with the person you love shouldn’t be a struggle if you communicate—right now I’m working on how to explain this column to my partner (he’s an avid reader of the award-winning Carroll News).

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LICENSE TO GILL:
Northeast Ohio
misery

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John Carroll University was the first college I visited when I began my search in high school. After visiting around 10 more schools, I decided to enroll at JCU.

I have no doubt that it was the best choice for me academically. I am a definite homebody, so I needed to be close to my family who lives in Concord, Ohio, about 25 minutes east of JCU. My best friend had decided to enroll here as well, and I knew I didn’t want to be far from him.

Even with all of this assurance, sometimes I wonder why I decided to go to school in Northeast Ohio. I had every opportunity to move somewhere warm, but I just couldn’t take it.

Sometimes I wish I was the type of person to be able to venture away from their loved ones and experience life away from home. If I were this type of person, I wouldn’t be so cold.

Living in the snow belt, where we get an obscene amount of snow each winter, you’d think I would have packed and moved south by now. But alas, I am still here, voluntarily.

Northeast Ohio is one of the most miserable places to live. The weather starts getting cold in October and doesn’t warm up again until March, sometimes April. This six month time period is far too long to be so cold.

I have an immense disdain for cold weather. I love autumn, when the weather is cool and breezy and a cute light jacket suffices. When the weather approaches the freezing point, I get grumpy.

I have never been one to embrace winter sports. As a freeze baby, I just have no desire to play in the snow. My hands and fingers get too cold, and my toes get numb almost to the point of frostbite. I absolutely hate being cold.

Being the stubborn person that I

am, I went until mid-January without a winter coat. Until this point, I wore a heavy sweatshirt and a Northface.

I think that subconsciously I was protesting winter. I refused to believe that winter would last another few months. However, when I did give in and decide to invest in a winter coat, it put a significant dent in my checking account. I bought a very nice Colombia coat for a price that was well into the triple-digit range. But I guess that’s what I deserve for not leaving Northeast Ohio when I had the chance.

This coat has truly come in handy this winter season. I was convinced to try skiing with JCU Skiers and Boarders club a few weeks ago. When I first tried this new winter sport, it was negative 5 degrees out.

I bundled up in so many layers that I found myself having to waddle rather than walk in a normal way. I guess that’s what happens when I wear an Under Armor shirt, two long-sleeved shirts, a sweatshirt, my Colombia coat, Under Armor pants, tights, leggings, yoga pants, three pairs of socks, boots with the fur, multiple pairs of gloves, a scarf, and a hat.

For some crazy reason, I wanted to go back to Brandywine and ski again after that frigid trip. I went again two weeks ago and absolutely loved it! Well, I loved it until my fingers and toes froze. But I think I liked it so much more because it was above zero degrees this time.

I am not pleased with myself for purchasing an overly expensive winter coat, and beginning to embrace winter activities, but it is what it is.

As long as my family lives in Northeast Ohio, I will have a difficult time moving away. Maybe my best option is convincing them to move south, and I will follow suit.

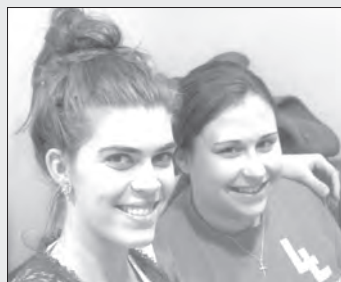
For now, I will just have to continue to make the best of the cold weather, and get the most use out of my winter coat. I’m guessing there are some more ski trips in my near future.

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Wonderword
What does karakul mean?

“When you’re a character”

Chris Lewis,
senior



“A state of being over-joyed”

Jessica Kreuzer and Catie Caporossi, freshmen



“A nickname used by five suitemates for their friend Kara”

AJ Toresi, junior

karakul: any of a breed of hardy fat-tailed sheep from Uzbekistan

That’s what See said: The new and improved social network



Bob Seeholzer
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I spend a lot of time in the newsroom, and it’s not always working on the award-winning Carroll News. Sometimes I’m just filling time between classes by watching karaoke on YouTube or liking as many Facebook posts as I can before class.

The other day I was talking with another staff member while he was on Facebook, and in the sidebar it suggested that he “Like” a certain fan page. He jokingly said, “Is

there an ‘is tolerant of’ button?” So that got me thinking, what kind of buttons could Facebook add so that we could more easily express our opinions on posts with just a click instead of typing up a comment.

You’re welcome.

Facebook is one of the most popular sites around, so I propose it collaborate with two other popular sites – YouTube and Twitter.

One of YouTube’s biggest success stories is Antoine Dodson and the Auto-Tune remix of his “Bed Intruder” rant. Arguably the most memorable line is, “You can run and tell that, home boy.” Let’s put a “Run & Tell That” button under posts. It’s just like the retweet feature on Twitter. Now all of our non-mutual friends can see how funny I am.

You’re welcome.

What if someone posts something that you don’t understand? Try clicking the new “Google” button. It performs a Google search on the content of the post and clears up any confusion. I considered a Wiki button, but Wiki confuses me because sometimes it’s an Internet encyclopedia and other times it’s treason.

You’re welcome.

Right now Facebook just has the “Like” button which has a positive connotation, but what if you’re a glass half-empty kind of person? You need some buttons with negative connotations.

How about the “Disagree” button, which is used to simply let someone know that you disagree with their lengthy political rant.

No, there will be no option to

elaborate on your stance, you will only be able to disagree.

You’re welcome.

The point of adding these buttons is for increased self-expression. That means providing a plethora of options for users to react to other posts. Let’s say someone writes something you find to be vulgar. Perhaps some kind of tournament pitting people in battles over who’s more attractive. If that were to upset you, then click the “Disgusting” button. Or just use the button for anytime someone posts about poop.

You’re welcome.

I thought about adding the unicorn of Facebook features, the “Dislike” button, but that’s stupid.

You’re not welcome.

The last idea I had is just a matter of convenience. You know when

someone posts something dumb and it shows up in your news feed then you realize you don’t even know them? Boom, “Defriend” button.

You’re welcome.

Zuckerberg, I know you’re paranoid and Google yourself every morning so you’re going to find this soon enough. If you’re thinking about stealing my ideas, think again. I’m not a pushover like those Harvard twins, I’m going to need one of those \$50 million checks before I let you take my buttons idea.

You can dislike that, but if you disagree with it I’ll sue you and win the lawsuit just like the movie. (That’s how it went, right? I still haven’t seen it.)

You’re welcome.

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The Op/Ed Top Ten:

Men who have made big mistakes with women

1. Bill Clinton
2. Tiger Woods
3. Chris Brown
4. Charlie Sheen
5. Alec Baldwin
6. O.J. Simpson
7. Mel Gibson
8. Eliot Spitzer
9. Jesse James
10. Henry VIII

-Compiled by Kaitlin Gill and Nick Wojtasik

The Bayer Necessities:



Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

That's what she said

For as long as I can remember, I have been hearing the famed expression, "that's what she said." In fact, it became so popular that another column that sits adjacent to this one carries a title that is a spin off of this phrase. So this week, I would like to fill this spot with something eight inches long and worthwhile.

I have put a lot of thought into it, and I have come to the conclusion that whoever "she" is has a very dirty mind. She transforms everything anyone says into an innuendo, usually of sexual nature. She is also a very avid talker. I can hardly say anything anymore that she hasn't already said. It's so disappointing.

This is very frustrating to me. What if "she" was around when the literary greats were coining the phrases that make up our modern day language? When Shakespeare wrote, "To be or not to be, that is the question," how would Shakespeare feel if he found out that "she" had already said that? Or when Martin Luther King, Jr. declared he had a dream. What if that's "what she said"? And I'm sure that the alleged dream she had was just plain dirty.

Naturally, I am curious as to why "she" is saying all of this. Is she really as dirty as she seems? If so, then I don't approve. Think about what she has done. It is no doubt spreading some kind of disease, not to mention the terrible influence she is having on everybody. She should not be hanging around our nation's youth (or our nation's elders for that matter—their hearts just can't handle it). That kind of thing has no place in my opinion.

On the other hand, if she says

all of these terribly dirty things and doesn't back them up with actions, then she is a tease. And that's just wrong.

But everyone has a shot at salvation. I think that "she" still has the chance to redeem herself if she starts reforming her act. First, I recommend that she attend an etiquette class and learn to speak like a civilized woman, not a sexually rambunctious teenage girl.

Next, I think she should take some time to think before she blurts out whatever happens to be on her dirty little mind. Sometimes it's just inappropriate to let these things come out of your mouth.

And last, I think she should reevaluate what she comments on; not everything that is hard, wet or slippery has a double meaning – maybe someone is just talking about Belvoir at this time of year. As we all know, it always seems to be wet and slippery.

But at the end of the day, I guess we just have to realize that she will always be around to make these ruthless comments; to oversexualize a harmless remark; to observe a double entendre when a professor is just trying to give a normal lecture.

For now, though, I'm glad I am just about done writing this column – it's been getting harder this whole time. When I started writing this, I thought it would be way too short; but actually it's much longer than I thought I could make it. On that note, I have to go meet a friend at The Inn Between – I told her I was coming.

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Graciously Gaffney: The Black Keys: the key to optimism



Emily Gaffney
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To be quite honest, I sometimes rag on Northeast Ohio. Well, if I'm being completely honest, I actually complain about Northeast Ohio a lot.

There is really a lot you can complain about. I mean, Northeast Ohio is generous with options.

The region's notorious for harsh winters (I've already written an entire column complaining about that subject alone) with massive amounts of snow and freezing weather that drags on for what seems like months on end.

There are also our less than stellar sports teams to consider. The Browns, Cavs and Indians all seem to continually have losing records. I also checked and found out we have a hockey team, but I never hear anything about them so I'm assuming they're not champions.

There is also the fact that Cleveland, the area's biggest city was deemed the "most miserable city in the USA" by Forbes a few years ago.

Don't forget the Cuyahoga River was so polluted at one point in time that it literally caught on fire (although, I think there's been a major effort to clean it up since).

And no one can forget, unless you've been living under a rock for the last year, that LeBron James, once the crown jewel of Akron and Northeast Ohio, left after basically dumping us on national television in front of millions. But he's gone and I'm sick of hearing about it so let's move on.

When you think about it there is a laundry list of things to complain about, but when it comes down to it complaining really gets you nowhere (trust me, I know from experience). You can complain about it all you want, but you're still here in Northeast Ohio and nothing has changed.

That's why, unless you're willing to make change (which I fully endorse) you should become an optimist; focus on the positives.

I think I've found one such positive we can focus on, at least for awhile anyway. Here's something everyone from the area, especially my fellow Akron natives, can be proud of.

If you've been keeping up with the Grammy news you may have heard about The Black Keys, a duo comprised of Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney from none other than Akron, Ohio.

I admit that I haven't known about The Black Keys for very long. I'm not a life-long fan, who's loved them since they began their careers. I was only recently clued in about them by my brother (he claims credit for it, and even though I would have eventually found them, I'll give him credit this time).

I haven't heard all of their songs, but those I've heard I love.

It was ironic, but shortly after I started listening to some of their music they won two Grammys this past Sunday. When people started talking about them the next day, I knew who they were.

They were considered underdogs, but they walked away with Grammys for Best Alternative Music Album and Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group.

Not to mention they were additionally nominated for Best Rock Song and Best Rock Instrumental Performance.

Like I said, I really don't know that much about them, other than the fact that I like their music, but I can't help but feel some regional pride.

We can transform Northeast Ohio into someplace both we and outsiders see as positive. Sometimes all you need is a little positivity to get the ball rolling.

This is not to say that because two musicians from here won an award, the region will magically appear on the list of most desirable cities in the USA, but we can reclaim our region.

We aren't the home of "King James," the "most miserable city in the USA," or perennially losing sports teams.

We are the home of Grammy-winning musicians. That, I think, is something to celebrate.

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First Things First

By Ashlee Burrs, assistant director of student activities

So here we are ... a month and a half into 2011. Can you believe how fast the year seems to be going? It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in 2011 and trudging through a few feet of snow! Well ... that last one was just a few weeks ago, but you catch my drift. Just as quickly as the time is going, I bet so are your New Year's resolutions.

Have you ever really thought about why you make the resolutions that you do on January 1? Most of the time it is to help break a bad habit, learn something new, or just become a better person. Statistically, most people vow to lose weight as a New Year's resolution. That is why you see the gyms jam-packed in the first two weeks of the year, many of them offering specials and deals for you to join.

Did you also know that it is very common not to fulfill your

resolution? Again, that is why a month or so into the year, the gym has gone back to the normal flow. If you are anything like me, you have trouble keeping a resolution unless you make it a habit, so I am right there with you on this. If you are one of the strong-willed people reading this article that has kept your resolution – I commend you and am quite jealous of your commitment.

If you are in the majority – those of us that have not been as adamant about keeping your resolution – I challenge you to restart. Choose Feb. 18, 2011 as your "new year" and start again. It is never too late to try to better yourself for the year.

You could just pick up where you left off on your previous New Year's resolution or create a new one. On the other hand, bettering yourself does not necessarily mean that you have to take up a new hobby or quit doing something. It

can be as simple as vowing to do something for yourself each day. This can be as simple as treating yourself to your favorite snack or as complex as coordinating a gathering of your best friends.

Here are some ideas of things you can do each day to help yourself and get on your way to completing a New Year's resolution: take time out of your day to watch something that makes you smile, call your best friend on the phone, meditate or pray, treat yourself to a special snack, learn a new word, go to the gym or take a walk outside, read a book or magazine, volunteer, listen to music, or learn something new.

Only you can decide what makes you happy, so this list is not all-encompassing. Doing small things for yourself will make you a happier and more relaxed person. I think we could all use a little more happy in our lives.

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