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Will the new Mrs. Mayer please stand up?

Katy Perry was caught rocking a heart-shaped ruby ring on her left ring finger while out with boyfriend, John Mayer on Valentine's Day. Of course the newly divorced Katy has no comments on the ring but former beau has stated in a previous interview that he would “probably” get married again. Mayer recently told CBS Sunday Morning that he is leaning towards tying the knot soon, “I mean, I’m still the kid from Connecticut. That’s what you do.”

Walmart staff just horsin’ around

On February 14, Walmart’s British Supermarket found horse DNA in a jar of Bolognese sauce. Walmart has pulled the product from three similar products, according to Asda spokeswoman, Jo Newbould. The similar products are beef broth soup, meat feast pasta sauce and chili con carne soup, although those products have not been tested positive for horse DNA they are staying on the safe side by getting rid of any products from that distributor.

Valentine’s Day tragedy, talk about a broken heart.

The double-amputee sprinter from the 2012 Olympics, Oscar Pistorius, was charged on Valentine’s Day for slaying his girlfriend at his home in South Africa. Reeva Steenkamp, a 30-year-old model was found with four gun shot wounds and there is no other suspect besides Pistorius. The day of the incident companies quickly removed billboards and advertising featuring Pistorius. In one day he went from a national South African hero to a murderer. human being, Maher is now refusing to cough up the cash.
This Week in History: Malcolm X is assassinated

February 21, 1965 - Malcolm X was assassinated by rival Black Muslims in Washington Heights with addressing his Organization of Afro-American Unity.

Born Malcolm Little in 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska, to a Baptist preacher who advocated black nationalists Marcus Garvey ideas. His father's controversial subject matter earned the Little family some unwanted attention from the Ku Klux Klan forcing them to move to Lansing, Michigan. In Lansing his father continued to preach touchy subject matter until he was brutally murdered by the Black Legion. Courts refused to prosecute the murdered.

In 1937 the man Malcolm's mother, Louise, had been dating disappeared, leaving her pregnant with his child. Louise suffered a mental breakdown and was placed into psychiatric care. Left parentless, Malcolm and his siblings were taken into foster care.

Malcolm excelled in junior high until a white teacher told him that pursuing law was no place for a black person. Malcolm dropped out of school and became involved in street crime until he was arrested and convicted with robbery. While in prison Malcolm encountered the teachings Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Nation of Islam, and converted. It was around this time that Malcolm Little became Malcolm X, adopting the 'X' to symbolize his lost African heritage.

Malcolm was released from prison six years later and became a minister of the Nation of Islam. Unlike other civil rights advocates at the time Malcolm X preached self-defense and black liberation "by any means necessary." Malcolm X was a fiery speaker and earned the interest and support of the African American population across the nation.

In the early 60s Malcolm's ideas on black liberation became too extreme for Elijah Muhammad after he announced that the assassination of John F. Kennedy was the "chickens coming home to roost." This statement allotted Elijah Muhammad the opportunity to suspend Malcolm from the Nation of Islam.

After a pilgrimage to Mecca Malcolm returned as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz and founded the Organization of Afro-American Unity. Malcolm X's home was fired bombed and one week later, while speaking in New York, he was shot down by the Nation of Islam.

-Coastal's African American Music Through the Years

Four years ago, Thomas Squire and Alyssa Frison put together a show that would not only be entertaining to their peers, but would also pay respect to African American music legends.

This show is entitled "African American Music Through The Years," in this show different students from Coastal's campus put on acts that represent artists from different decades.

Three years ago, the show began in the 1920s & ended with artists in the year of 2010. This year, the show will begin with acts from the 1930s and lead up to the present.

In addition to the acts performing in the decades, there will be a gospel tribute, as well as a tribute to the great legend, Whitney Houston.

The show will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 7 pm in Wheelwright Auditorium. There is always a full house for this show, so be sure to stop by the Wheelwright box office with your CCU I.D. to pick up your ticket soon.

-Briana C. Starks
CCU showcases African-American inventions

Last Wednesday the students multicultural services preformed 1,001 Inventions, showcasing the importance of things created by Africans and African Americans.

The show was advertised as a step into the Twilight Zone where a family lives in a world where nothing was invented by African Americans, but it was much more than that. 1,001 Inventions preformed scenes from history giving a better understanding on the hardships and negative feedback black inventors received as they pursued a better life; doctors discouraged under the fear of malpractice, a shoemaker going poor though funding his own projects, and doubt being thrown at a man who saved the industries of the South.

The show concluded with a skit showing what it may be like living in a world without items invented by African Americans. Watches and traffic lights went missing and bicycles were no such thing. The world was thrown into turmoil, proving just how important African American and African inventors are to the advancement of our civilization.

The line that rang most clear from the show, bringing everything into perspective, was said by Jan Ernst Matzeliger, the African who invented a machine to mass produce shoes, as he explored our uses of technology.

“You know the price of everything,” he said. “But the value of nothing.”

-Bobby Baldwin

Ending a reign in Vatican City

After Pope Benedict XVI stepped down last Monday people began to question who will take his place.

On February 11th, Pope Benedict XVI announced that due to the decline of his health he would be stepping down, leaving the papacy open, and making him the first pope to do so in 598 years. The last pope to step down was Gregory XII, who did so in 1415 to settle strife amongst the church.

Benedict XVI was elected on April 15th, 2005 and created controversy after lifting excommunications on four bishops, one of whom was a Holocaust denier, in 2009, and attacking abortion and gay marriage during a visit to Spain in 2010.

Now that the spot is open it is up to the 120 electing cardinals to choose a new pope.

Some sources say they are looking to break the tradition of having a European pope, choosing candidates from Africa, Latin America, and Canada.

Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, an Argentinian, and Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana are all likely candidates.

This could be a positive move said Tim Lijewski, the campus chaplain at Coastal Carolina.

“It could give us a better understanding if the hardships other communities face,” Lijewski said.

It is the ability to understand the world’s hardships that have drawn the church to turn its attention to Sandri and Turkson, both of whom have experience dealing with the hardships of the world.

But can the church handle such a sudden change?

“What a lot do not see is a strong sense of unity within the church,” Lijewski said.

“There is a large amount of support for the Godly Father.”

-Bobby Baldwin
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TLC has been notorious for many versatile shows such as: Sister Wives, Say Yes to the Dress, Little People Big World and of course, Honey Boo Boo. Starting on March 3 TLC will add a new show to their lineup, a show that comes a little closer to home for us Coastal students. “Welcome to Myrtle Manor” will showcase some of Myrtle Beach’s finest showing the world what TLC describes as, “a slice of Southern beach life.”

The show will revolve around a trailer park run by trailer park landlord, Becky, who’s ambition is turn Myrtle Manor into a five-star trailer park. Some of the residents at the manor are familiar faces in the Coastal Carolina community. Club Promoter, Taylor J. Burt is one of the main characters in the trailer park. Of course he is accompanied by his well known dog, Gus, who he refers to as his wingman.

There has been a lot of feedback in the twitter world about Myrtle Beach’s first reality television show. Positive and negative feedback is a natural part of the reality scene, and considering the Jersey Shore has ended, there is a new guilty please for the reality television junkies to obsess over. TLC has added a whole new realm of “learning” to their “Learning Channel” name.

If you’re interested in watching the trailer park drama tune in to TLC on March 3 at 10 p.m. Don’t forget to tweet your thoughts to The Chanticlear using #Myrtle-Manor but be careful what you tweet because according to the residents of Myrtle Manor when “you mess with one, you mess with the whole damn trailer park.”

-Leah Barcellona
Course evaluations set to go online; students hesitant

Coastal Carolina plans to update its course evaluation process by ditching the pencils and paper and having students fill the forms out online.

Right now the school is looking at the possibility of having professors put a link to the online forms on Blackboard about three quarters of the way through the semester and directing their students to fill them out.

"The technology to do this has arrived, it is certainly possible," said Louis Keiner, Chair of the School of Science course evaluation committee.

Earlier this year the School of Science went through a complete overhaul of their course evaluation process, taking the course evaluations online, and the university wants to expand it to all classes.

"It will save paper, be more convenient for students, and save time for everyone," said Keiner.

Though administrators have not figured out exactly how the process would work, they say it is time to end the logistical nightmares involved with handing out forms in class, taking up class time to fill them out, and having to transcribe all the results electronically anyway. They want to cut out the clutter and have students post them online themselves.

"I don't think people will do them if they are online and not during class, everyone will probably forget to do them," he said.

Administrators are aware of this problem and are looking to find ways to get students to understand the importance of giving good feedback about the education they pay for.

"If students want high quality instruction we have to have a way to gauge the quality of our classes," Sheehan said. "I want to know where we have teaching excellence and where we have teachers that students don't care for."

The current return rate for in-class course evaluations is about 60 percent and the return rate for distance learning course evaluations, which are done online, is just 20 percent. Sheehan said in order for the course evaluations to be effective they would need a return rate of around 75 percent.

"It's a shared responsibility," he said. "The university offers degrees and you, the student, offer feedback."

The school is hoping to run a trial of the new online course evaluations during Maymester and if the evaluations are successful the school will start using them next Fall.

Josh Fatzick

CINO Card Gets a Facelift
You could be the new face of Coastal Carolina.

Think you have a lot of school spirit? Or maybe you could really use some free CINO card cash. Whatever the reason, there is an opportunity waiting for you.

Currently, there is a contest going on to be the new face of the CINO card.

"It's a chance for and student to show their school spirit and be rewarded for it," said Scott Gallimore, contest coordinator.

Winning the contest will get your picture on the new CINO card that is soon to come, the picture will also be displayed on the Facebook page, and in new CCU brochures.

The CINO card holds all of your CINO cash and is your student id used, for example, to print pages at the library.

To apply is quite simple: go to www.facebook.com/cinocardccu and like the page. Message your photo to the page showing your CCU spirit by February 19th, and it will be put on the page on February 20th.

Then, get your friends to like your picture, because which ever one has the most likes by February 28th will win the prize!

"The student in the picture must be in their best spirit attire," said Gallimore.

If you win, not only will you get your picture on the new card, but also $50 in CINO cash!

The second place winner will get $25 CINO cash. So, your task now is to dig through those old photo albums on Facebook from past football games, basketball games, or wherever else you show your spirit, and submit your picture. This is your chance to be a campus celebrity.

-Kelley McDonnell
Shawn Robert Ponton Car Show

A Relay For Life Fundraiser

Last semester the Coastal Carolina community lost a student to an unfortunate car accident. Shawn Ponton was an active member of Relay For Life at Coastal. He was the logistics sub-committee chair and relayed for his mother who is currently battling cancer.

"To me, he was more than a friend," said Jimmy Marino. "After living together for the past three years, Shawn became a brother to me. We supported each other, bickered and were always there for each other, just like brothers."

According to Marino and other close friends of Shawn, his passion for Relay for Life was an important part of his life at Coastal. His friends have put together a fundraiser in memory of him. All proceeds will go to their Relay for Life team in Shawn's name each year the event is hosted.

Marino hopes everyone will help make Shawn’s dream of having a car show in honor of Relay come true by registering their car. This will be the 1st annual Shawn Robert Ponton Memorial Car Show and they hope for many more.

"We will have it donated in his name that way Shawn will always be able to be a donor to the Relay for Life of Coastal Carolina University and will always be able to help Coastal, everyone affected by cancer, and his mother," said Marino.

The car show will take place on March 3 from 10:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. in the Baxley overflow parking lot on campus. There is a suggest $10 donation fee to enter your vehicle in the show. If you do not wish to enter your car, there is a suggested $5 donation to participate as a spectator. If you have any questions you can contact Jamie O’Connell at jaoconn@coastal.edu or Colleges Against Cancer at cac-club@coastal.edu.

"Shawn was kind by nature and truly one of those people who made everyone around him better, in fact, he would put himself at risk to help others even if he didn’t know them," said Marino. "This was made evident by his participation in Relay for Life."

-Leah Barcellona

Merging of Departments

Communication and World Languages have recently joined together to create a new hybrid department known as the Department of Communication, Language and Cultures.

The chairperson Dr. Jim Everett explains that the combination was a result of budget cuts, but more importantly there are numerous benefits for language majors in this department.

"There are enormous opportunities for both students and faculty in a merged department rather than single department" said Everett.

While the language department had low enrollment with less than 30 Spanish majors, Everett believes the combining of the departments would be beneficial for students by allowing them to intensively study a language, and then link it to other areas, such as communications.

Spanish major, Kevin Torres seemed rather excited about the merging of the two departments.

"I am taking a communication class now and it is teaching me to speak in a more confident manor. The combination of a language and communications would really help students form a career in whichever one they decide" said Torres.

In addition, the university has suspended the option of being a Spanish major for two years. However students that are currently enrolled will still is able to graduate with that major.

Everett assures no faculty member has been laid off due to this merger and none have been proposed to be either.

-Samantha Riley

Have a great story you wish to write about?

Email us chanticleernews@gmail.com
Have you ever wondered why the shuttle was late or why it takes so long for them get you to where you going?

Well, you’re in luck. Coastal Carolina will take over operations of the shuttle system and the university has a lot of new things in mind for the transition.

“The University has decided to operate their own shuttle system to allow for flexibility to add or modify routes due to orientations, special occasions, sporting events, summer shuttle routes on campus, and provide service to additional parking lots as they open up for use,” said Stacey Bowie, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

With the school’s takeover of the shuttle system administrators hope to speed up travel from destinations on and off campus, and also possibly instill some school spirit in the process.

“University owned shuttles will also give the University the ability of customization for the shuttles to promote school pride. Shuttle employees will now be University employees who will still uphold the same high standards of service as required of any other student support,” Bowie said.

Bowie said the new shuttle system would benefit students in many ways, including providing a safer mode of transportation for students on and off campus.

“This ultimately would allow the University to provide a safer student environment, higher student satisfaction, and more transportation alternatives,” she said.

The school plans to have their shuttle system up and running for the coming Fall semester, so keep your eyes peeled for the new shuttles.

-Darien Mack
No more waiting around...

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Patriot's Hollow
APARTMENTS
The Women's Lacrosse Team took the field at Brooks Stadium in front of a crowd of 344 fans for the first game in their inaugural season this past Friday. The lady Chanticleers hosted the Cincinnati Bearcats. As hard as they fought, Cincinnati proved to be just too much for the young team and handed Coastal their first loss of the season.

Cincinnati wasted no time scoring as they netted the first goal of the match less than two minutes into the game. Coastal would counter with a goal from freshman Paige Timberg and eventually sophomore midfielder, Lily Yednok, would score to give the Chants a 2-1 lead early in the game. The Bearcats would respond with a scoring spree of their own as they were able to record four goals in just 12 minutes. The Bearcats would lead 8-4 at the half and would not trail for the rest of the game.

Cincinnati owned the second half and outscored the Chants 5-4 to give them a 13-8 victory. The Bearcats would have six players record goals. Taylor Young of Cincinnati finished as the game's leading scorer with 5.

Despite the loss, the Chants made history Friday night. Paige Timberg's first half goal was the first goal in Coastal Women's Lacrosse history. Coastal Freshman Keri White ended the game as the Chants leading scorer with three goals and recorded the team's first hat trick. Freshman Charlotte O'Leary finished with two goals.

The Chants will be back in action at home this Saturday February 23 at 12 p.m. as they host Virginia Tech from the ACC at Brooks Stadium. Admission to the game is free.

-Darien Mack
Chanticleer softball travelled down to Tampa Bay, Florida this weekend to compete in the USF Tournament at South Florida University. The Chants would struggle the entire tournament, racking up an 0-4 record in tournament play.

The Chants started the tournament against the 4th ranked Tennessee Volunteers Friday. Tennessee freshman Erin Gabriele refused to let Coastal accomplish anything offensively and pitched a six inning shutout in her second career start as the Volunteers handed the Chants an 8-0 defeat.

The tournament would not get any easier for Coastal. The Chants would play once more on later on Friday, this time the Chants would face 12th ranked South Florida on the Bulls home turf. Coastal would score the first run of the game, but USF would bring in two runs in the bottom of the 3rd to take a 2-1 lead.

Coastal came back to tie the game at 2-2 in the top of the 5th inning. However, South Florida would crush any hopes Coastal had of a comeback win in the bottom of the 5th inning when freshman Lee Ann Spivey hit a go-ahead single to bring in two runs.

USF scored once more in the bottom of the 5th and eventually walked off of their home field with a 5-2 win over the Chants. South Florida, Aos Senior pitcher Lindsey Richardson grabbed the win.

Coastal Carolina would resume tournament play on Saturday against North Carolina State. The Lady Chants took a 2-1 lead in the third inning when senior catcher Cacia Pierre homered to right field. NC State would come back to tie the game at two in the fifth.

The Game remained tied until the seventh inning when NC State freshman Hannah Sommer sealed the Chants fate with a two run homer over the left field wall to give the Wolf Pack a 4-2 lead. Neither team would score again and NC State walked away with the win.

Coastal ended Saturday the same way they began Friday, with a loss against 4th ranked Tennessee. The Chants were able to earn 3 runs this time around, though, but Tennessee Aos 10 would be more than enough to put Coastal away. The Vols would improve to 9-0 on the season and Coastal would drop to 2-7.

It has been a rough start for the Big South Southern Division favorites. The good news for Coastal, however, is the season is still young.

The Chants will return to the Conway-Myrtle Beach area this Thursday, February 21, to play in the Kickin Aos Chicken Classic at Carolina Forest High School. Coastal will open the tournament against Rhode Island University at 7:30pm.

-Chants End Road Skid and Home Winning Streak
Men win at Presbyterian; lose at home to Gardner-Webb

On Wednesday night the Men's Basketball team took home a win against Presbyterian, 60-53. This was only the second time this season the Chants have won an away game. In the first half Coastal only trailed twice, and the Chants led 28-26 at the half.

The second half was tight, but CCU never trailed.

The Chants outrebounded Presbyterian 45-27. Badou Diagne led the team with 11 rebounds. Anthony Raffa had 13 points, and Kieree Greenwood put up 10 points.

Greenwood had a pair of assists to move into second on the Coastal Carolina career assists list, he now has 461 career assists.

The Chants would return Saturday to the HTC center looking for a win against Gardner-Webb.

The game was a close one from the very beginning, with neither team taking full control, but in the end Gardner-Webb would prove to be too much for the Chants to handle.

It was a back and forth battle all game long, but the Bulldogs final nine points would be the deciding factor and ultimately put Coastal away 70-63.

This ended the Chants 8 consecutive home game winning streak and was the first conference loss of the season for the Chants.

Anthony Raffa lead the team in scoring with 22 points. Kieree Greenwood had 13 points, and Warren Gillis added 12.

The Chants are now 12-12 overall, and 7-6 in the Big South. This gives the third place spot in the Big South Conference to Gardner-Webb, and places Coastal in fourth.

The Chants return to action Tuesday at the HTC center against UNC Asheville at 7pm.

-Women's Basketball comes off tough loss to win close game in OT

Lady Chants drop Thursdays contest to Presbyterian and win in stunning fashion against Gardner Webb

On Thursday night the women's basketball team played against Presbyterian College.

Presbyterian started off the game 7-0, but the Chants answered back taking a 14-9 advantage. Both Coastal and Presbyterian shared the lead throughout the game, but through a series of shots, Presbyterian took an 18-point lead.

Angelica Henry was the leading scorer with 16 points, and Shatia Cole had 13 points plus five steals. The Chanticleers fell short 65-54. The loss ended the Chant's
...Women's Basketball cont.

The Lady Chants were looking for a win to finish out their 2012-2013 season home schedule when they played against Gardner-Webb Saturday evening at the HTC center.

Shatia Cole stole the ball at mid-court to take it home with a layup and helped Coastal tie the game, as well as forcing the contest into overtime.

Cole came back again with 10 seconds left in overtime and hit a 3-pointer to take the lead for Coastal, and eventually the game, with 70-67 victory over the Bulldogs of Gardner-Webb.

This is the second time this season the Chants have come back from a 17 point deficit and the first time in program history where the Chanticleers overcame a 10 point deficit at halftime.

Angelica Henry netted a career high 28 points. Kayla Cook had 13 points and Katelyn Connor added 12 more. This makes the Lady Chants record 12-13 overall , and 7-8 in the Big South.

Coastal returns to the court on the road against Charleston Southern on Thursday Feb. 21. Listen to the game at www.ccusports.com.

-Madison Warren

Put Up Your Dukes - Coastal Baseball team opens 2013 season with win over JMU

The Coastal Carolina baseball team hit the road for their first game of the 2013 baseball season. The Chants traveled up to Florence, South Carolina to play James Madison University at Francis Marion's Sparrow Stadium.

James Madison kept it close, but the Chants were able to hold off the Dukes and earn their first win of the season.

The Chants would deliver the first blows and jump out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning when sophomore catcher Will Remillard delivered a 2 run single that drove in Jake Kane and Alex Buccilli.

James Madison would cut the Chants lead to 1 in the third inning by hitting three consecutive singles that would eventually lead to the Dukes bringing a runner home. The Dukes would take a 3-2 lead in the fourth inning.

The Chants were not about to start 2013 on a losing note and would re-take the lead in the bottom of the fourth when freshman third baseman Zach Remillard hit an RBI single to tie the game at 3. Remillard would then steal second base and eventually get brought home by junior centerfielder Jacob May's RBI single, giving the Chants a 4-3 lead.

Neither team would score again and the Chants left Sparrow Stadium with a 4-3 victory over the Dukes. Coastal's Tyler Herb was the winning pitcher. This was the second year in a row that Coastal defeated James Madison on opening day.

The Chants will be back in action at Pelicans Ball Park in Myrtle Beach February 22 at 4pm when they take on Kansas State in the Caravelle Resort Tournament.

-Kyle Jordan

Badou Diagne

Men's Basketball

The 6'7 freshman forward from Dakar, Senegal had a team high 11 rebounds and six points in the Chants February 13 road victory against Presbyterian. The win ended the Chants five game road skid.

Keri White

Women's Lacrosse

The Freshman Attacker out of Medford, New Jersey netted three goals in last Friday's 13-8 home loss against Cincinnati and recorded the first hat-trick in CCU Women's Lacrosse history. The Chants take on Virginia Tech this Saturday at 12 p.m. at Brooks Stadium.
What you need:
- One package of graham crackers
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 5 tea spoons butter
- Two packages of pudding
- Any fruit you want

What to do:
Preheat your oven to 325. Spray or coat your pan with oil. Open one package of gram cracker.

Open up a zip lock plastic baggie and fill it with your gram crackers. Everyone has pent up anger; it’s time to let it out. You can use a rolling pin, a fist, or anything else to break those graham crackers into tiny little pieces.

Mix the sugar and butter with the gram crackers. Get ag­gressive, use your hands, like you are about to fight a kangaroo. Now take your mixture and push it down into the pan. Try to make it as flat as possible and push it to the edges. Put it in the preheated oven and chill for about ten minutes. Smell the crust? Yum. Take it out and let it cool.

Make the pudding as directed on the box and pour it on the crust. Depending on your pudding, cover with applicable fruits. I used vanilla pudding and top it with blueberries, but you can use any topping.
Top 5

Internet Kids

1. A Pep Talk from Kid President to You
   “If life is a game, are we on the same team?” On January 24th, 2013, SoulPancake graced the world with another inspiring, heartwarming video. This time it is Kid President coming to us in a pep talk, motivating everyone to get out there, be happy, get active, dance, and to stop being boring. “Because being boring is easy.”

2. Imma Kick His Ass
   We’ve all seen this classic. When a little girl is asked what she will do if the monsters come, she gives a toothy grin and response, “Imma kick his ass.” Its quite clear a girl her age shouldn’t be using that kind of language but with her lisp and shoulder shrug a little harmless cursing launched one of the best viral kid videos on the web.

3. Star Wars According to a 3 Year Old
   Star Wars is entertaining enough, and when the whole story is retold in the words of a three year old girl it is pure gold. Forget rewatching the classics, just check out this recap and enjoy.

4. Charlie Bit My Finger
   Without the British accent, this clip may not be all that great but with the little boys adorable British accent its hard not to smile as he screams when Charlie bites his finger.

5. You Forgot the Blue Berries
   Not many people have seen or heard of this video, but it’s a good one. A simple tutorial on how to make fruit salad turns disastrous when the kitchen becomes a play place and cooking items fly through the air. Definitely a must watch.

-Nobby Baldwin

Netflix Pix

House of Cards

Netflix is trying something new with this one. Their first originally produced show, and the most watched show on Netflix, came out a few weeks ago and all the episodes are available for viewing. I suggest you binge watch this one.

House of Cards centers around the life of fictitious congressman Frank Underwood and all the drama surrounding life on the hill.

After he gets passed up by the president for the Secretary of State position, Frank decides to wage a behind the scenes war against the president, a member of his own political party, in a conniving, back-stabbing fashion that would only happen in the U.S. capitol.

Frank, a Democrat from South Carolina, teams up with an ambitious young reporter named Zoey Barnes to get the word out about all the things he wants people to know about the president and his policies. Frank also enlists the help of the hapless Peter Russo, a congressman from Pennsylvania, after Frank catches Russo in a very compromising position.

With the help of Zoey, Russo, and other pawns in Franks modern day game of thrones, he takes on the entire political system in a very entertaining and surprisingly realistic way.

The production quality, acting, and writing are all there. This show is destined to be a classic and a game changer in the way we watch television shows, online or otherwise.

If you like politics and drama, and honestly who doesn’t, go watch House of Cards now.

Music Review

J. Cole -
Truly Yours

It's been a couple years since J. Cole released his last album, so to say this mix tape is widely anticipated would be the understatement of the century.

Last week J. Cole dropped his newest tape, Truly Yours, and we were truly impressed.

J. Cole said he's been working hard on his second album, which is slated to be released sometime in the next few months, and along the way he's recorded enough material for at least four albums. He gave us a small taste of what he's been working on with this latest mix tape.

By small taste, I actually mean a really small taste. There are only five songs on the tape, but they are all fire and definitely worth the download.

The songs are about what we've come to expect from J. Cole: raw beats, great story telling, and some interesting subject matter.

In the leading track, Can I Holla at ya, J talks about an old relationship he had with a girl, how he lost her to another guy, and all he wants is to get her back. It's set to some really smooth jazz guitar and a simple drum kick.

Stay, a track he recorded way back in 2009, keeps the smooth jazz theme going with a subtle trumpet in the background but the main focus is J. Cole's flow, and it is in full force on this one. He sounds like he stole a few things from Wale's playbook with the straight flow, no hook, no chorus, just straight go.

This one is short, but sweet for sure. If you're a fan of J. Cole you won't be disappointed, but you'll definitely be left wanting more.
Horoscope

For Feb. 17 - Feb. 23, 2013

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A certain amount of risk may be required in a matter that you manage for others. If your approach is sane and logical, you can minimize the caprices of fortune.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- When working with someone close to you, both of you will have to watch your tempers. Unfortunately, neither one of you is likely to be sold on the other’s input.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Although you might have plenty of reason to criticize a co-worker, you’d be smart to keep your mouth shut. Seek out reasons to praise this person instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Your possibilities for gain look exceptionally encouraging, yet there is a strong chance you’ll negate these opportunities through unwise action. Be careful, and don’t waste any chances you get.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Being overly anxious to gratify your ambitions could make you a bit too pushy if you’re not careful. Objectives can be reached easily if you’re less aggressive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- In order to protect your interests, you might act in a manner that looks to be too self-serving. If you want to ensure your rights, watch out for everybody else’s as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Spending lots of money will not guarantee that you’ll have a good time. In fact, just the opposite could be true. You’re likely to have a better day if you budget your funds wisely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Although you can do rather well in competitive involvements, you must be extremely selective regarding the tactics you employ to achieve victory. Play tough but fair.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- It’s easy for someone to say something to you that could be misinterpreted. Before flying off the handle, especially toward a friend, be certain that you understand his or her exact meaning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Try not to become too demanding concerning an involvement with a chum. Be more concerned about your contribution than you are about what he or she is offering.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Should a complication arise in an arrangement that requires teamwork, both you and your allies will have to try to accommodate one another through compromise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Go slowly when making an adjustment to something that could affect your work or career. Taking small, safe steps is better than going for one huge, blind leap.

Crossword

Universal Crossword GRADUAL SUCCESS By David Zithersby

ACROSS 1 Installed, as 5 Horror 9 Microfilm sheet 14 In times past 15 "Green Gables" girl 16 Corbeled-out window 17 Superimposed 18 Swimmer's site 19 Started from scratch 20 Part of a pianist's studies 23Suffix with "ethy" or "methyl" 24 Plum pudding ingredient 25 One on the way up 27 Stickball venue, usually 30 Black Hawk part 32 "Caught "vul" 33 Quartet minus one 35 Poke fun 39 Learn through doing different things 43 "Wake Up Little" 44 Bit of medicine 45 Drivel 46 Added cold protection

DOWN 1 Enclosure 2 51 Chess move 54 "no good" (scheming) 55 "What do you think?" 56 AA feature 62 Projections from a hub 63 What a band may have planned 64 What a band may have planned 65 Account 66 Gold-rush purchase 67 Legally qualified 68 Tied 69 Famous spokeswomen 70 Coveted role 71 Far from gory 72 "Down" 73 Potting soil 74 Prefix for "freeze" 75 Clickable desktop image 76 Kick out of office 77 "I" 78 High voice 79 Pass, as a law 80 Role for "Jodie Foster" 81 React to a punch, maybe 82 "Trash," old-style 83 More than displeasure 84 "Hard" apple drink 85 "Book of Songs" author 86 Bynum

13 Person to respect 21 Regret bitterly 22 Better-than-all-the-others suffix 26 Circle statistic 27 "Bends under stress" 28 You, formerly 29 "Peanuts" expletive 31 "Lazzy's opposite" and "ahh" 32 "Dreadful" 33 Colored killers 37 Plane assignment 38 Catch sight of 40 To the (maximally) 41 Hours actually elapsed 42 Seasoned, in a way 47 Bow wood 49 Part of TGF 50 "Obtained" 51 Enchantress who turned men into swine 52 In no time (instantly) 53 Carbonated quaff 54 Soft palate feature 55 "Too many more to mention" abbr. 56 Long section 57 Gutter place 60 Urgent request 61 Mistaken 63 Super Bowl in which Joe Namath was the MVP

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER
Weekend Best Bets

The school week brings its share of intensive assignments and Coastal students are always anticipating fun weekend activities they can partake in to relinquish the inevitable stress of a grueling class schedule. This weekend offers a variety of events that can peak anyone’s interest.

Ripley’s Believe It or Not will celebrate World Sword Swallowers Day on Saturday, February 23rd beginning at 1:30 pm. More than 20 sword swallowers will be dropping swords for the 6th annual event. Sword swallowers Erik Kloecker will perform outside the Ripley’s Odditorium with an official swallow at 2:23:13 p.m. to coincide with the February 23 date. The sword swallowing performances are free to the public. Visitors who want to tour the Odditorium will need to purchase tickets. For more information about the event, contact 843-448-2331.

The C4W Arena in Myrtle Beach is hosting Explosive Wrestling on Saturday, February 23. The event will feature local wrestlers such as Eddie Rooster, No Comparison Joe Harrison, J.R. Erik Malice and many more. Doors open at 7 p.m. and bell time begins at 8pm. General admission is $8 with front row and VIP upgrades. Advance Tickets are available at the C4W Arena on 568 George Bishop Parkway Monday through Friday from 5 p.m.-8p.m.

Multicultural Student Services will be hosting a Gospel Sing Out on Sunday, February 24 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Wheelwright Auditorium. This annual event is a community favorite that features music from the Coastal Carolina Gospel Choir and also showcases university choirs from surrounding areas. For ticket information, contact the Wheelwright box office at 843-349-2787.

-Demarcus McDowell

What’s the most epic song to listen to while you’re driving?

Terrance McCullough
"Go Get It’ by Mary Mary"

Nicole Johnson
"Pirate Flag' by Kenny Chesney"

Ledian Cela
"Thrift Shop’ by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis"

Taylor Dacal
"5-1-5-0’ by Dierks Bentley"