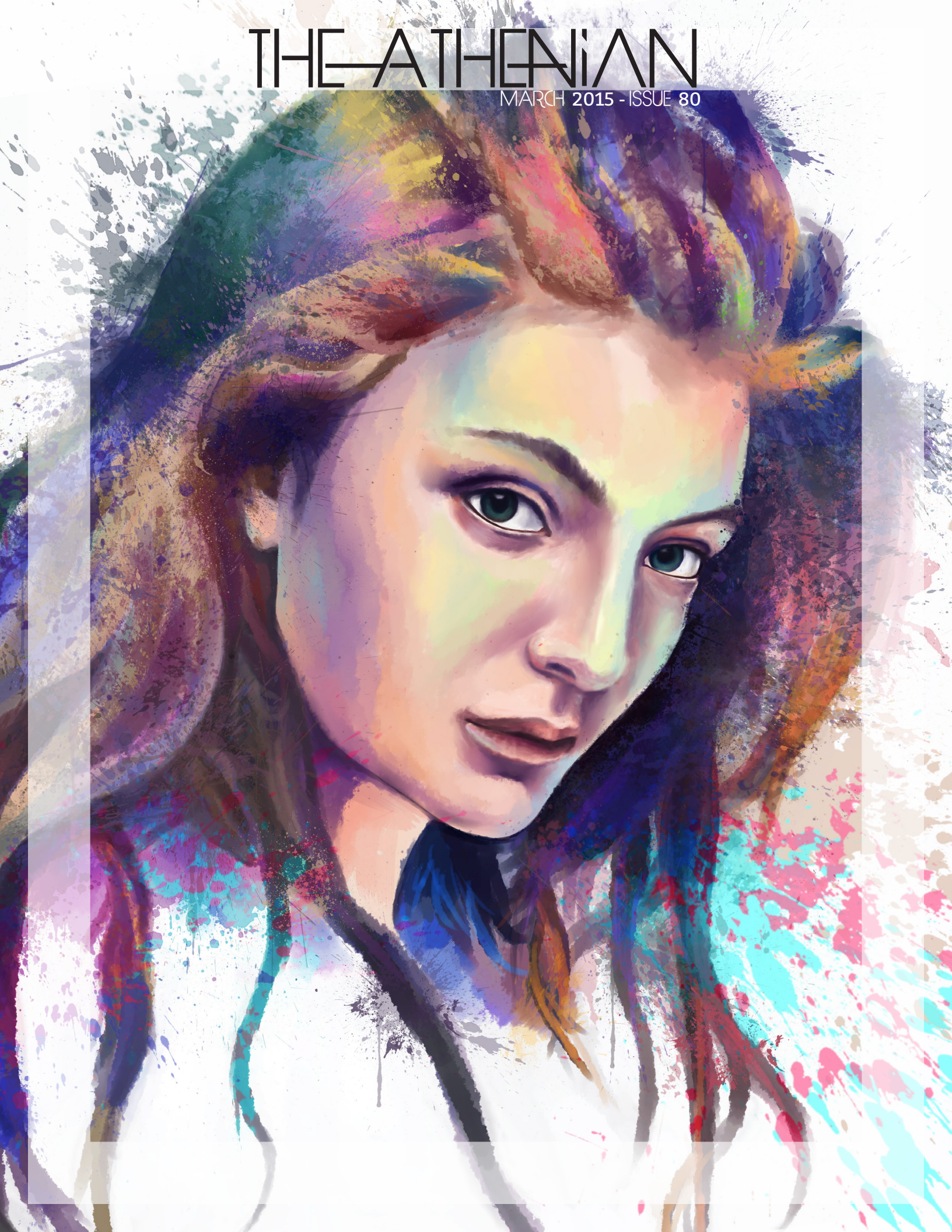


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# Letter From the Editor

By Anne Nickoloff, Editor-in-Chief

Ever since my freshman year, Case Western has hovered somewhere in the higher numbers of the Princeton Review's "least beautiful campus" list. The photo accompanying said list is of Juniper Road, mid-winter, with a slush coat and scraggly trees breaking up an otherwise gorgeous sunset.

But, like One Direction would say: "[CWRU] don't know you're beautiful" and "that's what makes [CWRU] beautiful." And they would later say "everyone else in the room can see it, everyone else but [Princeton Review]."

(Don't worry, I won't quote any other boy bands here.)

I'm, naturally, a little salty about Princeton Review's ranking. And I've been holding on to this grudge for a while now. I mean, yes, we're in the city of Cleveland, where orange traffic cones are more abundant than trees. Yes, we've got grey skies and sort-of-weird buildings. Yes, we've got potholes, and litter, and Rascal House pizza, and deformed squirrels.

But "least beautiful" = ugly, and CWRU is not ugly. We students prefer "quirky."

Because, to match the spots that don't really appear "beautiful" to Princeton Review, we've also got plenty of things you can only find at CWRU.

As the flowers pop up in post-Cleveland-winter warmth, the campus smells fresh again. Bright orange goldfish lurk underwater in Wade

Lagoon, and the sun appears as students make it outside their dorms to do more than make it to class five minutes late.

Where else can you find buildings that were inspired by a wad of crumpled-up tape? Where else can you find a class being taught on the dry side of a marble fountain? Where else can you find a reflective Denny's, nestled between a gathering of residence halls and a fancy restaurant?

Even our "ugly statue" isn't that ugly. It's just... well, okay, it's kind of ugly.

CWRU's layout might not make sense, and its building design might seem hashed together last-minute. But it's genuine, it's different and it's totally reflective of the variety of students who live here.

But that's just my two cents. The colorful campus of CWRU is much more multifaceted than just a ranking (seriously, who even cares about Princeton review? It's not like they're that special). And my opinion is pretty biased.

But this is the color issue of The Athenian, devoted to seeing all of CWRU, Cleveland and the world with 20/20 vision. We even spent more of our funds to make the entire issue in color, instead of just the covers.

So, soak it all in, readers. The world around us is not as "ugly" as you might think.

An otherwise-drab building like Wade can become cool-looking with one of Cleveland's rarely pretty sunsets.



A sunset on Juniper Road is actually pretty nice, if you factor out the brown slush.



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# Muppet Elected to House of Representatives

By Sabanrab Nannerb

In last year's midterm elections, the state of California elected the first Muppet representative to the House. While many politicians over the years have been puppets and served in Congress, none have ever identified with the Muppet-American community.

Robert F. Eagle took the majority of votes in California's 28th half-district elections. Bobby Eagle is the cousin of Sam Eagle, of the renowned Eagle family, the very embodiment of patriotism. While Muppets are one of the most diverse groups in America—including individuals of various colors, ethnicities, and species—they have had very little representation in government. As a result, they have often been manipulated and strong armed by those in authority. This is something Bobby Eagle hopes to change.

This successful bid for office follows a recent wave of activism against Muppet experimentation. While there is a consensus that using Muppets as test subjects is cruel and poor scientific practice, many are unsure of whether to classify this as an animal rights or a human rights issue. This ambiguity has led some to resort to the term "whatever."

Backing has come from celebrity support in the Muppet-American community—like Miss Piggy, Kim Kardashian and Si Robertson—as well as the general public. In 2014, the Muppet rights campaign garnered \$51,178,893 in the United States, although the budget was \$50,000,000.

President Barack Obama made the battle for Muppet-Americans a priority in his State of the Union Address. The fact that the Eagle family, characteristically conservative, and a liberal president have both come to terms on this issue yields hope for bipartisan initiative in the future.

The country has never been so stirred up over a national issue since Occupy Sesame Street in 2011, although campaign efforts were more financially successful then. Occupy helped raise awareness of social injustice for Muppets in Hollywood and abroad.

In 2011 the Muppet rights campaign budget that year was only \$45,000,000, but brought in \$88,625,922. Although activists have struggled to raise the same amount of funds, there are signs that people will further rally to the current efforts.

Although one should not vote for a candidate purely based on their Muppet heritage, societal barriers have changed to allow us to draw out individuals based on their merit rather than on their ethnicity. We welcome the day when we may have a full Muppet president.

(Just as long as he's not born in Hawaii, though.)



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# Mood Ring Deception

By Kushagra Gupta



I am so confused.

My girlfriend and I were at the gift shop at the Cleveland Museum of Art and she got me one of those high-tech mood rings.

It's supposed to change colors based on your feelings. But, here's the weird thing: it's always black, no matter what. So, like, yesterday, I finished putting up a poster in my dorm room and I'm throwing the Command Strip wrapper away, right? I check it and it's black. That's the color of feeling stressed and tense. Maybe I just have a thing against wrappers? Like, what if I have a deep fear of man-made throw-away plastic containers? I'm not sure if there's some kind of therapist or someone that can help me with this.

I told my girlfriend this at Grab-It and she bought me my favorite drink to cheer me up, Fruit Punch Gatorade. But guess what? I look at the ring after chugging the bottle and it was still black. Do I look like someone who thinks a black ring goes with my outfit? No, that's ridiculous, but now she probably thinks I do.

Anyway, I've decided it's time for drastic action; I'm going to scientifically figure my emotions out now. Ok, so what if the ring somehow detects my feelings about circular items, like the cap of the bottle or maybe the little fiber-things on Command Strips. Rings are circular, too... you know what, I need to use a little logic. Rings... you know what rings?

A doorbell! I played a doorbell noise on my laptop for an hour, and it didn't change color. Plus, everyone on my floor is going insane.

Anyway, my girlfriend confiscated it. She said it changed my feelings and started making me go crazy.

So, it turned on me?

Ha! That explains why it stressed me out.

# Ice cream machine dispenses horrifyingly unexpected contents

By Tejas Joshi

Last Tuesday, local Case Western Reserve University student, Thomas Danforth, traveled to the ice cream machine in the cafeteria in search of a sweet dessert. However, in the jarring series of events that followed, Danforth pulled the lever for vanilla ice cream, but instead the machine dispensed an unexpected surprise.

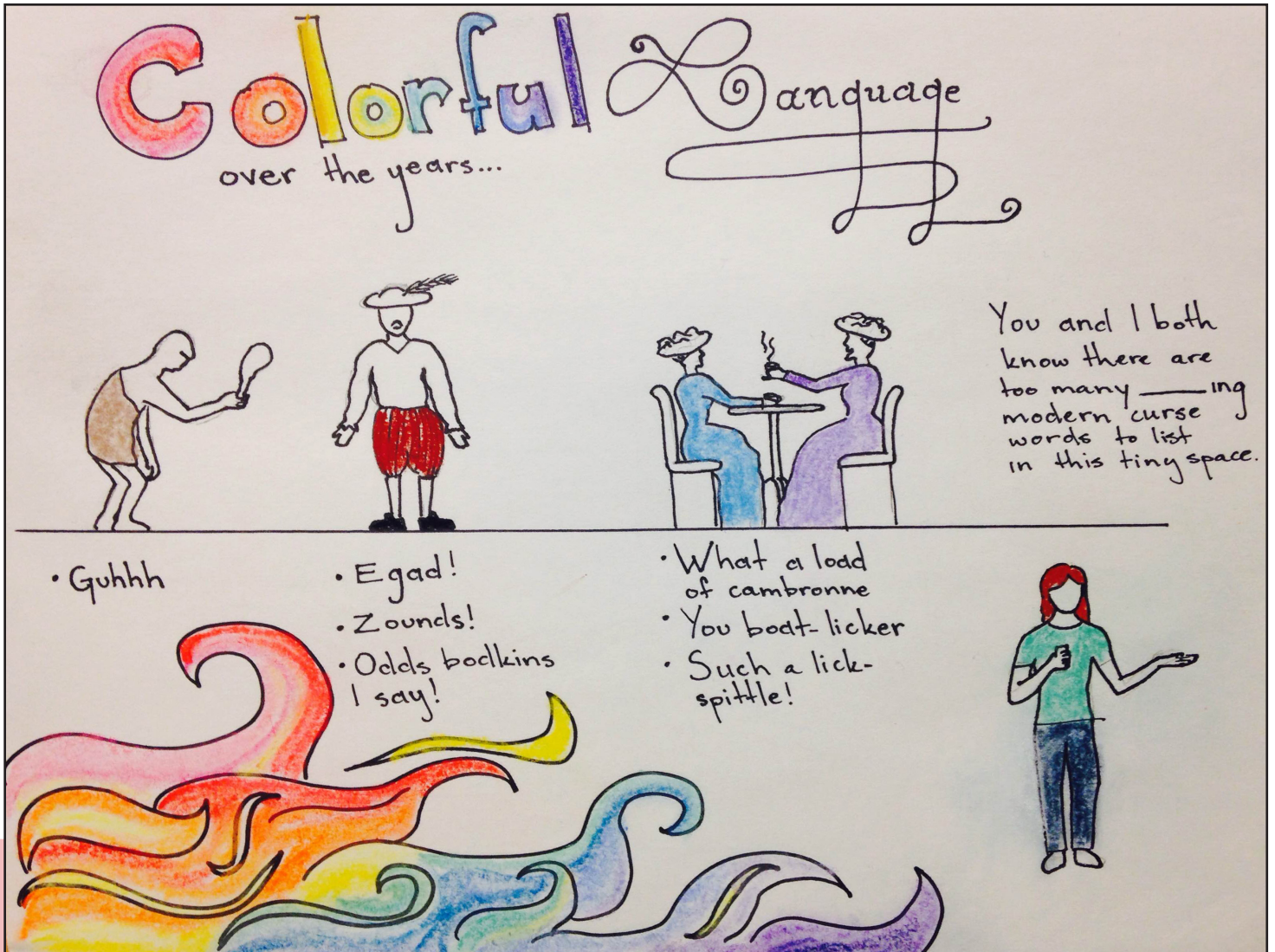
Danforth described his fury, shock, and frustration vividly to our reporters. "I just kinda reached over to the handle," he explained, referring to the red, bulbous lever on the silver Jetta 2050 Dual Dispenser.

He had planned to carefully squeeze a suitable mound of the vanilla dessert into his blue glass cup, stir the resulting concoction of soda and frozen confection vigorously, and consume the completed cocktail. However, after Danforth firmly grasped the red globe and forcefully depressed the lever, the machine oozed a brownish goop that he, with the greatest surprise and horror, could identify as chocolate.

He reportedly then stated "Shit!" which we took to describe his frustration stemming from his shattered belief that the only possible outcome from pulling the lever was the output of vanilla ice cream or the absence of any product at all.

Eyewitness accounts report that he then spent several seconds alternating his gaze in disbelief between his ruined beverage and the label above his chosen lever on which Vanilla was clearly printed. Danforth commented, "This is not OK," after noting that the behavior of the machine starkly diverged from that of dozens of similar mechanisms that he had used in the past.

At the time of this release, Danforth is standing in front of the ice cream machine with a new cup of soda, wondering whether or not to risk testing ice cream from the other nozzle.



By Katherine Koning

# Retired Crayola Colors

By Percy “Bitch” Shelley

**Mellow Yellow**—Finally some sense in 2015, mellow yellow is retired. Here in the 21st century, colors shouldn't be categorized by stereotypes. Any color can be as mellow as the next color, and we're standing up for purple to have the same right to be mellow, if it wants to be.

**Fuzzy Wuzzy**—Ok, first, what color even is this? Crayola actually thought this would fly. At least for colors like Banana Mania, Manatee and Beaver, you can tell what it is by context.

**Dirt**—Context: Dirt was released as part of Crayola's “Magic Scent Crayons.” Crayons like Cedar Chest, Leather Jacket and more traditional scents like Strawberry and Cherry were included. And then there's Dirt. Initially, there was trouble with kids thinking the crayons were good enough to eat, but that wasn't really an issue with a scented crayon like Dirt.

**Other Crayons that Actually Exist**—Alien Armpit, Dingy Dungeon, Ogre Odor, and Sunburnt Cyclops (???)

**Outrageous Orange**—What's outrageous is this awful alliteration and extreme exaggeration.

**Selective Yellow**—First we defended Yellow's right to be however much mellow it wants to be. But now we're wondering if this hipster yellow deserves our support. If this yellow is so choosy, maybe it deserves to be retired.

**Liver**—You can look it up in the advanced colors options. Just ew.

**Soylent Green**—We're not sure why Crayola thought this was a good idea in the first place. Better it be retired now than after parents figure out what it's made of later, am I right?

# New Case Crayola Colors

By Paul Palumbo

After eliminating many out-of-date colors in its crayon collection, Crayola executives became very inspired by the city of Cleveland and the beloved Case Western Reserve University. Here are a few of Crayola's newest picks for its college-series coloring collection.

Red Pen Red: Be honest, you've seen this color much more than you'd like.

Cleveland Sky Gray: It's a very unique shade of gray. One that almost drains the enjoyment out of life with its mere presence. It's powerful enough to block any other color.

Disappointment Orange: The color that looks really good the first few times you use it, but looks like garbage by the time it's done. Despite this, it is strangely popular and will totally be orange next year.

Mythical Sky Blue: I've heard rumors that behind the thick layer of gray in the sky is blue. Color Scientists concluded if this hypothetical blue does exist, it would look something like this.

Snow White: Completely useless and yet always everywhere. Changes color within 2 hours (see Cleveland Sky Gray)

Veale Steel: The color of the barbells and weights at Veale Center. Not that you'd know what that looks like.

Textbook Green: A delightful green color that gives many joy. Unfortunately it is often wasted drawing doodles on textbooks and isn't being used by students on anything important. Thus it has been given the name "textbook green."

Greenie Yellow: I know, the Greenie's aren't yellow. They also aren't green, so we're not the only ones who messed up the colors somewhere along the line.

# Area student has yet to attend a class this semester

By Canderson Ooper

Saying it's been his goal since sophomore year, senior CWRU biology major Kevin Porker told reporters yesterday that he still hasn't attended any of his four classes yet this semester. The press conference took place during the same time his Biology 215 class is scheduled, a class mandatory for his major he had to finally complete after "putting it off" since freshman year.

"You see, I did it right," Porker elaborated. "All my classes are on MediaVision, I don't need to attend for shit. I'm so ready to get out of here, get money and then get bitches."

He later noted that the only exception to not doing "shit" was Biology 225, Evolution. While the once a week course has an attendance policy that allows just two skips, no questions asked, over the semester, Porker says that he has that covered.

"I just have my boy Jeff sign me in," Porker said. "It's that's easy."

"He ain't a well-known guy, so he helps me out and I throw a couple party invites his way."

Porker says that he's not only good to Jeff, but works around helping out his evolution small group as well.

"But you know what?" Porker added. "I can't leave my small group stranded. I still help them. I just text in my thoughts on if I feel like evolution is a true science. Same critical question I have every week."

Despite saying that he would watch the videos for the classes he missed, reports compiled from a Freedom of Information Act request have shown that Porker has started watching three videos for his easiest class, but has not touched any material for his remaining three classes.

Vegas oddsmakers have Porker failing at 2-1 odds.

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# Legendary Rainbow Sparks Legendary Search

By Paul Palumbo

Reports are coming in that an intense rainbow has appeared in the skies above Case Western Reserve's campus. Unlike most rainbows, this unimaginably beautiful example is completely opaque. People all over campus have ceased activity and are spending hours simply staring into the sky at the majesty above them. It is the brightest, most solid rainbow in recorded history, and this rarity has not gone unnoticed.

"I'm baffled," said a local color scientist after gazing at the magnificence. "Nothing would create a rainbow that life-changingly gorgeous. I simply have no idea how something that stunning could even exist!"

While many would consider the sight of the elegant sky ribbon as prize enough, many CWRU students are not among them. Convinced the sheer splendor is a sign of much greater things, at least one hundred students have begun a search to find the pot of gold lying at the rainbow's end.

The students have formed teams and spread out to find the northern and southern ends of the rainbow, unsure which holds the gold. Campus rules state in Section 144 Article 50 of the official rulebook that "Any legendary treasures found by a student on Case campus will be split evenly between the administration and treasure hunters."

"I need this treasure," says local student Seymour Bottom. "Do you KNOW how much tuition is here? And TEXTBOOKS? This treasure could be my one ticket out of a lifetime of soul-crushing student debts! And maybe also my one ticket to a new Playstation 4."

Bottom and his team have chosen to explore the northern end of the rainbow, one of few teams to humor the possibility that the legendary treasure may be submerged in Lake Erie.

Whether or not any teams will find the treasure at the end of this remarkable rainbow remains to be seen. With the brilliance causing mass leisure across the city, one can only hope claiming the treasure will vanquish the rainbow and break its hold on the population.



Julia Bianco



# MCAT 2015 to Include Law, Aerospace Engineering

By Farah Rahman

Every year, thousands of college students spend months studying for one of the most important exams of their careers: the Medical Colleges Admission Test (MCAT). Last year, The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) announced the arrival of a new MCAT exam in 2015. The Athenian sat down with AAMC spokesperson Richard Bacillus to discuss the newly added sections: law and aerospace engineering.

The purpose of these additions is two-fold, said Bacillus. "Studies in law and aerospace engineering will help students realize how medicine interacts with other disciplines," he said. "Studying health care law will help students with legal struggles that they will inevitably have as young, inexperienced doctors. But the MCAT will also test environmental and corporate law. There really are no bounds to what we can test. And I don't need to tell you the benefits of aerospace engineering in everyday medicine; they're obvious. I can't believe that it took us so long to decide to put it on the exam."

The second benefit of the new MCAT section is that students will have strong backgrounds in other fields. With the number of talented applicants ever-rising and medical schools becoming increasingly selective, the reality is that it is getting more and more difficult to get into medical school every year.

"In the likely case that students don't get accepted into medical school, the MCAT will prepare them for other careers. Careers like law and aerospace engineering are almost as respectable as those in medicine," said Bacillus. "We really care deeply about every student's future."

The AAMC decided to change the MCAT after analyzing feedback from several past students. "Many top medical students would come back to us and say that the old MCAT was just too easy. 'We thought it was supposed to be

hard,' they would say. 'Anyone can do that. I learned this stuff in kindergarten.' We didn't realize that the test was too easy, and we definitely don't want students to feel upset or insulted," said Bacillus. "We are confident that these new subjects on the MCAT will be indicative of future potential in medicine."

Despite well wishes from the AAMC, current pre-medical students are worried about the new exam. "I was going to do a public health internship at NIH, but now I'll be too busy studying for my aerospace engineering class. I mean, biochemistry is hard, but it's not rocket science." Another student also lamented her struggles: "I've been studying so many Supreme Court cases for the law section that I forgot some minor concepts in biology. The brain pumps blood to the rest of the body, right?"

Because of the new changes, the CWRU Departments of Aerospace Engineering and Law are thrilled to have more pre-med students enrolled in their classes. "On the first day, one student asked if 'aerospace' was a new genus of bacteria," one chuckling engineering professor commented. "But I'm sure they'll become master aerospace engineers in no time. No sorry, I mean doctors. But we're developing a new aerospace engineering course with no difficult calculus or physics, which should be more pre-med friendly."

Law professors concurred. "Our pre-med class will involve watching movies like 'Legally Blonde' while wearing stethoscopes, you know, as a GPA boost," one law professor mentioned. "It's nice to know these kids will be in charge of somebody's life someday."

Best of luck to all students taking the MCAT 2015. May the odds be ever in your favor; but if not in medicine, there's always aerospace engineering. Or law, but only if you're desperate.

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# DMHO KILLS: Substance Causes Millions of Deaths

By Dr. Leo Spaceman

This is Danny. Danny is a beloved father, teacher and professional athlete. Danny is addicted to dihydrogen monoxide (DHMO). Without a fix in the next two to three days, Danny will die.

An estimated number of millions of people are addicted to DMHO, maybe even those closest to you. You may have even seen people using: at concerts, sporting events and sometimes even in the classroom.

What is DMHO? It is important to understand the science behind this so you can avoid the risks. DMHO is a colorless, odorless substance. It is used in industrial cooling, and is capable of dissolving a wide variety of substances, including your own DNA. DMHO is capable of reacting with multiple substances, and when inhaled, will kill you.

Reports show that DMHO is found in large concentrations in our rivers and oceans. But, it is so abundant that it is hard to truly measure. This makes DMHO more dangerous than ever.

Unfortunately, this doesn't stop anyone. People use DMHO to increase endurance, lose weight and to wake up in the morning. Some addicts even use it in cooking, and spike their drinks with it.

Signs of DMHO overdose include vomiting, diarrhea, a weird feeling in your mouth and often, death.

As we look to other planets for life, you should take comfort in knowing that there have been very few traces of DMHO found, providing hope for the human race.

It may be too late for Danny, but you can protect your friends and family. Stop the addiction today.

# Play Hard, Party Harder: Hotshot Quarterback Johnny Manziel Crashes CWRU Party Scene

By Aaron Shang



This past football season, nearly every single mention of the Cleveland Browns inevitably came attached with the words “Johnny Football,” in reference to the hotshot rookie, Johnny Manziel, who had a way with partying both on and off of the football field.

After making headlines for his weekend Vegas trips and hungover practice performances, Manziel—widely believed to be the Browns’ only option under center for next year—promised to drastically tone down the distractions and focus on football. However, reports have it that Johnny Football not only broke that promise, but he did it on the craziest party scene on this side of the Atlantic—the campus of Case Western Reserve University.

On a particularly mild Friday night featuring temperatures as high as 20 degrees Fahrenheit, Johnny Football arrived at Village House 4 amid a storm of silence and a noticeable lack of paparazzi. For the most part, students that walked by did not seem to notice or

recognize him. After introducing himself to one fortunate passerby, Manziel inquired as to the location of the best rager on campus, and was promptly directed to “THE best party to be at.”

The party turned to be quite an event, featuring an assortment of computers and generators, a dozen people glued to glowing monitors, and a myriad of unidentified sounds and smells. That’s right, it was a weekly Case Western Reserve University LAN gaming party. While there was a noticeable disparity in the gender ratio, none of the partygoers—Manziel included—seemed to mind.

When reached for comment, Johnny Football remarked that, “I never knew that so many guys could hang out and not....play sports? Tonight was definitely a new experience for me.”

The lucky CWRU students that partied with him also didn’t seem to mind the newcomer; as a group, they were so starstruck by Manziel’s aura that they systematically denied ever having heard of Johnny Football, the Cleveland Browns, or the sport of football.

Cleveland Browns head coach Mike Pettine could not be reached for comment on Manziel’s new nightlife, but one assistant remarked on the condition of anonymity that “If Manziel wants to party online, that’s fine by the organization. If he could somehow take Josh Gordon with him next time, he would probably get a statue.”

The difference between the two Browns players is drastic: while Gordon is suspended for the entire 2015-16 season due to a third failed drug test, Manziel is already being projected to win the NFL MVP award by multiple Browns fans.

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# 5 Colorful Themes That Will Make Your Prom a Hit

By Anastazia Vanisko

## Under the Sea

There's no way this classic can go wrong. All you really need to do is spread green streamers all over the floor and call it seaweed, then hang some paper fish from the ceiling. If you want to get fancy, you can hire professional actors to dress up as Nemo and Dory, then charge people to take pictures with them so you can recover the costs. To jazz up the crowd and give a shout out to your theme, have the DJ play "Under the Sea" from "The Little Mermaid" on repeat. That one never gets old.

## Industrial Revolution

For this one, try to book an abandoned factory for your location. A spacious boiler room will do for the dance floor. Be sure to fill it with enough smoke to have everyone coughing up a storm. Anything less means you didn't get the ambience quite right. For your guests, the best part will be that no one needs to dress up. People can arrive covered in grime and soot from head to toe with no risk of judgment. However, if they choose to artistically arrange the grime and soot on their faces, be sure to compliment them.

## Victorian

Throw it back to the 19th century with a Victorian era prom. The men will look refined and the women glamorous. After guests have arrived and found a parking spot, horse-drawn coaches will take them to the actual entrance. Since the Victorian age was one of propriety, everyone will be expected to bring their own chaperone, naturally. Hopefully all those chaperones will help speed along the breathalyzer checks at the doors. They can also ensure that none of that inappropriate dancing rampant at other proms occurs at yours. Parents will love it.

## Spelunking

Make sure everything is pitch black and hand everyone headlamps as they arrive. Since guests will absolutely need the headlamps, there shouldn't be any problem convincing them to wear it even though it might mess up their hair. Next, ensure that everyone properly puts their caving harnesses on so that they can find their way through the man-made cave you'll have created to lead them to the dance floor. Try to not put too many surprises in the cave. After all, you don't always know which bats have rabies, and inexperienced spelunkers might get lost if you make the path too complicated.

## Crime Scene

Really play up the fake blood. Just dump that stuff everywhere. It doesn't matter if people get queasy—you didn't want people with weak stomachs to come anyway, right? Place a realistic mannequin in the middle of the dance floor and surround it with caution tape. Hire actual police officers to be chaperones and tell them to stand around the 'body.' Don't announce this theme; the key is that people think a crime was actually committed over the weekend. If any individuals look more disturbed than average, though, you should probably tell him or her the body is fake. You don't want to be sued for traumatizing someone, after all.

# Spring Fashion Advice

By Jessica Chalas

1. It's Friday and you've run out of clean underwear? No sweat! Grab the bottom of your favorite bathing suit instead. Since "spring" in Cleveland means melting slush and frigid rain, the water-proof material is perfect for any nasty falls.
2. Bad hair day? Rock the cool-and-collected look with just a twist of your hair and a knit hat. The trick is to scrunch all your hair at the top of your head, then place the knit over what's now become a ball of flattened knots. No, you don't look bald; you just look very in-control.
3. Pale skin after a long winter? Trust me, fake tanning lotion is not the answer; the risks of an orange tint are just too great. Instead, embrace the Gothic vibe and wear dark tones like black, gray, and navy blue. The contrast between your skin and your clothes will really pop, making your whiteness an accessory rather than a setback.
4. Really can't find something appropriate to wear below the waist? We all know what that means: leggings! Every day is a leggings day, and in this day and age, it doesn't even matter how good of a butt you have. Big, round, flat, or bony—no matter the butt, you're stylish if you're wearing leggings.
5. Missing that happy medium between your winter coat and that light jacket? Well, who said sweater weather was only in the fall? Pink or teal, big or form-fitting, striped or dotted—you need them all! (It's important you continuously repeat this sentiment while extracting your credit card from your wallet.) Contrary to popular belief, Christmas sweaters in February have proven to be a real lady-killer. No sweater is a bad sweater.



# Buzzquiz- What's your color?

By Percy "Bitch" Shelley

## 1. How would your friends describe you to others?

- a. Actually the worst
- b. Kind of weird
- c. Who?
- d. A huge nerd
- e. Trustworthy

## 2. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

- a. Pokemon Master
- b. Elf, from Lord of the Rings
- c. Crazy Cat Person
- d. Can travel between worlds, but only our world, Neopets and Club Penguin
- e. Ability to College good

## 3. Pick your favorite:

- a. Drinking
- b. Eating
- c. Sleeping
- d. Gaming
- e. Anything else

## 4. Where would you be in the zombie apocalypse?

- a. Probably dead?
- b. Scouring the earth for the last Twinkies
- c. Being hardcore
- d. In my prepper bunker, waiting it out
- e. Dead

## 5. Favorite 90's Group?

- a. 'N Sync (because JT)
- b. Backstreet Boys (everybody, yaaa-aahh)
- c. Spice Girls (if you wannabe my lover)
- d. TLC (don't go chasin' waterfalls)

e. Destiny's Child (can you say, Beyonce?)

## 6. Which tattoo would you most likely get?

- a. Hipster flying birds on my shoulder
- b. Bald Eagle across my back
- c. Illuminati, All-Seeing Eye on my forehead
- d. Black-and-white portrait of Kevin Bacon from "Footloose" on my right butt cheek
- e. A pin up-styled Nick Cage on my left forearm

## 7. Who is your favorite wise old-dude character?

- a. Gandalf
- b. Dumbledore
- c. Merlin
- d. Yoda
- e. Mr. Miyagi

## 8. Favorite Korean Drama?

- a. "Vampire Prosecutor 2"
- b. "Coffee Prince"
- c. "Shut Up Flower Boy Band"
- d. "King of Baking, Kim Tak Goo"
- e. "Beethoven Virus"

## 9. What is your favorite color?

- a. Green
- b. Red
- c. Pink
- d. Purple
- e. Orange
- f. Blue. No, yellow.

## Answers:

To figure out what your color is, compile your answers as described:

Count the number of each of letters you chose. Multiply your number of (a) by 2; Add 7 to your number of (b); divide your number of (c) by 1; take the squared root of the number of (d); keep your number of (e); See 'In Case of Answer (f)' for your color. After you compile your numbers, add them all together, and write down the letter you chose for the final question.

If you wrote down:

a. Your color is Green

b. Your color is Red

c. Your color is Pink

d. Your color is Purple

e. Your color is Orange

In Case of Answer (f):

You are thrown from the bridge of death. To view your demise in full 720p:



# Campus Closure Mad Libs

By Chrismaly Vidal

2:30 p.m. Campus Closure

CWRU Alert <crwu@getrave.com>

To \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun)

CWRU Alert: Case Western Reserve University is closing at 2:30 p.m. today

because of a \_\_\_\_\_ main break at Euclid Avenue and East 120th Street  
(noun, sing.)

affecting most \_\_\_\_\_ on campus. At this time, the CWRU \_\_\_\_\_  
(noun) (noun, plural)

does not have an estimate of when services may be restored; the university will

\_\_\_\_\_ everybody as additional information becomes available.  
(verb)

\_\_\_\_\_ who are returning to campus housing, or who already have arrived,  
(noun, plural)

will receive further information on accommodations from the Office of \_\_\_\_\_ Affairs.  
(noun)

The School of \_\_\_\_\_ clinic also is closed.  
(noun)

This closure applies to all employees except those deemed essential to the \_\_\_\_\_ operations of the  
(adjective)

campus. “\_\_\_\_\_ employees” are those who provide critical support services in areas such as the  
(noun, sing.)

Center, police, security, \_\_\_\_\_ services, and plant services.  
(verb (-ing))

Please watch your texts, emails, and case.edu for updates.

# The Athenian's Honorable Mentions: Ideas that didn't quite make the cut

By Anne Nickoloff, Editor-in-Chief

Putting together an issue of The Athenian is a process that takes a few weeks. First, we have a brainstorming meeting where anybody is able to sit in with a great group of people, eat food and talk about the next issue. We scribble down every idea we can, experience hand cramps and then the executive board brews these thoughts in our minds for a couple of days like a bowl of humor soup.

Then, exec gets together, reviews the ideas from the Brainstorming Meeting and hashes out a list that will best suit the next issue of The Athenian. Different things like "time of year" and "theme of issue" and "is this offensive" and, most importantly, "funny?" are our main criteria. If an idea gets all the check marks, it is good to go.

Then there are a bunch of other boring steps, and then, suddenly, a glorious, shiny, brand new Athenian is on the distribution racks, ready to be picked up by our beautiful readers. (Like you!)

But every month, when the executive board gets together to discuss the ideas written on paper, we have a hard time deciding the ideas that get into The Athenian, and those which don't. Sometimes we face an idea that we just don't have enough context for. Sometimes, it's just the wrong time for a pun to blossom into a full-blown story. Sometimes we just don't really get the jist of it.

This issue, we decided to share some of those ideas that didn't quite make it into the main pages.

Here are The Athenian's honorable mentions:

- Petition to change CWRU colors to something less depressing
- Workers paint mural on ceiling of Strosacker for sleeping students to have something to look at

- Synopses for Straight-to-TV Disney movies
- Where do flowers go in the winter?
- Follow up to "50 Shades of Grey"... didn't have any grey
- The Adventures of Stick
- Something about satire
- Something about unicorns
- Something about robins
- Something about birds in general
- Student tries to use Sharpie to dye their skin and ends up turning the bathtub a color
- Fountain being rainbow
- Colored flower debate for Valentine's Date
- The Athenian's guide to flower buying... love, trust, you hate her guts, etc.

Thank you to all the various contributors who came to the Color Issue's brainstorming meeting. Without you, we would not have been able to create this list. And without your help, the mag wouldn't be what it is today.

And just remember that, here at The Athenian, no idea is a bad idea. (Some of them just need work.)

Come join us at our next brainstorming meeting, and email [amn40@case.edu](mailto:amn40@case.edu) for more details about The Athenian's magazine-creation process, if you're interested in helping out.

# Lake Erie turned green after Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade gone wrong

By Canderson Ooper

Chicago's tradition finally made its way into Lake Erie this past weekend, after dyed green water leaked into the Great Lakes system.

Chicago dyes its river green in honor of St. Patrick's Day every year. This year, in an effort to save money, the city switched to a cheaper formula. It proved to be a huge mistake, as the dye did not decompose as planned, and spread through Lake Michigan and then into the other Great Lakes.

Scientists believe that it could be weeks until the green dissipates. Meanwhile, they encourage individuals to keep open flames away from Lake Erie as the dye is fairly flammable.

Luckily, the frequent water main breaks on Case Western Reserve University prevents this from affecting student life on campus. CWRU will still have classes as scheduled.





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RIDE RTA TO TOWER CITY



By Charles Li



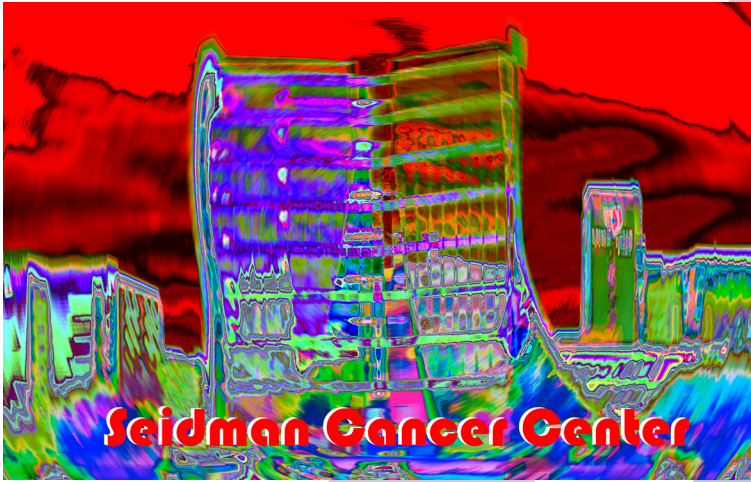
## CWRU's Art Curator Hard at Work



# Photographer Caught Taking Performance Enhancing Drugs



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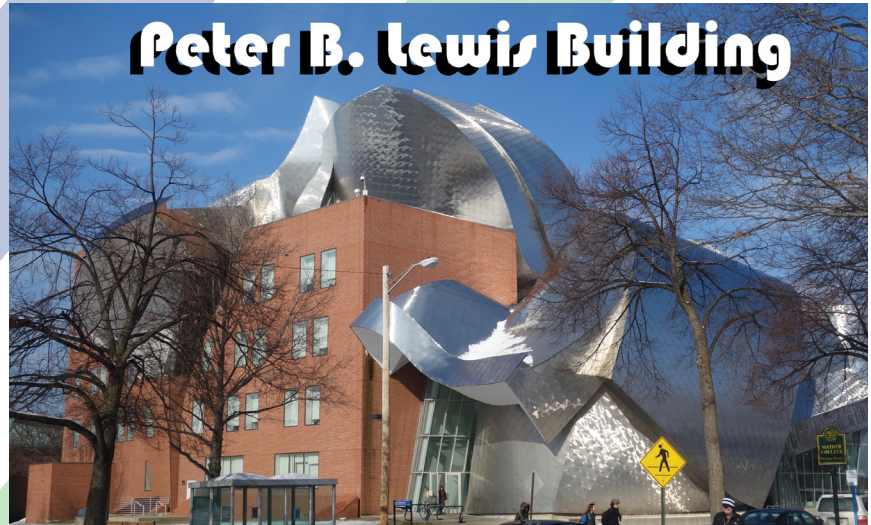
**Seidman Cancer Center**



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# Anti-Jokes

By Julia Bianco

**1. Why did the chicken cross the road?** Because the ghost of his chicken mother appeared on the other side and told him that he would never achieve anything in his life if he didn't. What happened after he crossed the road? He found out that it wasn't the ghost of his mother after all, but actually just a figment of his tiny chicken imagination. This sent him into a deep, spiraling depression from which he was never able to escape, no matter which side of the road he was on.

**2. Knock knock. Who's there? Pluto. Pluto who?** Pluto who isn't considered a planet anymore because it was deemed too small by the International Astronomical Union, who decided that it is just one of several large icy bodies that are now classified as dwarf planets.

**3. What does a nosy pepper do?** Nothing, peppers are not animals, and therefore do not possess thought and cannot engage in action. They are, however, members of the species *Capsicum annuum*, native to Central America and the surrounding areas. They are also quite delicious on salad. However, sadly, they do not possess the consciousness required to get jalapeno business. I apologize for the confusion initiated by my original question. I thought it could be a funny joke, but then I realized that it could lead to some misconceptions about the abilities of peppers that I did not want to perpetuate. I apologize again.

**4. Yo mama so fat** that she should seriously consider engaging in a daily exercise regime, otherwise obesity could become a serious problem for her. Also, studies have shown that people with parents who are obese are more likely to become obese themselves, so you might want to consider consulting with a doctor or other exercise professional who can help you in developing a more permanent plan of action than just those five sit-ups that you say you do every night.

**5.** If you want to try **tripping on acid** but you don't want to engage in negative drug-related practices, try placing an orange on the ground and then falling down over it. It's a great way to engage in typical teenage life experiences without having to resort to illegal and dangerous activities.

# Horri... ahem... Awesome Puns

By Fía

The following are puns that you can use to pun-ish your friends when they don't appreciate your puns – even though they are so punny!

1. Puns about German sausages are the wurst.
2. Obesity is a big problem.
3. Camping trips are in-tent-se.
4. Would you like some soup-er chicken noodle soup?
5. How did Moses make tea? Hebrewed it.
6. Zachary wanted the time to fly, so he threw his clock out the window.
7. It's not that the man didn't know how to juggle; he just didn't have the balls.
8. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
9. Why did the scarecrow get a promotion? He was outstanding in his field .
10. None of these puns made me laugh, no pun in ten did.

# Why'd I Ever Choose Case?

By Jessica Chalas

*Spoof of "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong*

I see Sherman and Taft, Taplin too,  
I see first-years, like me and you  
And I think to myself  
Why'd I ever choose Case?

I see Fribley food, top of the hill,  
Big elephant stairs, out my windowsill  
And I think to myself  
Why'd I ever choose Case?

The colors gray and blue, two years have gone by,  
What happened to my youth? All I do is sigh.  
I see friends losing touch, sayin', "What's wrong with you?"  
But what they're really sayin', is, "Screw you."

I feel senior joy, I'm almost done  
Guess in the dark, there is a sun  
And I think to myself  
I'll have a job soon

Yes, I think to myself  
Case, I thank you.

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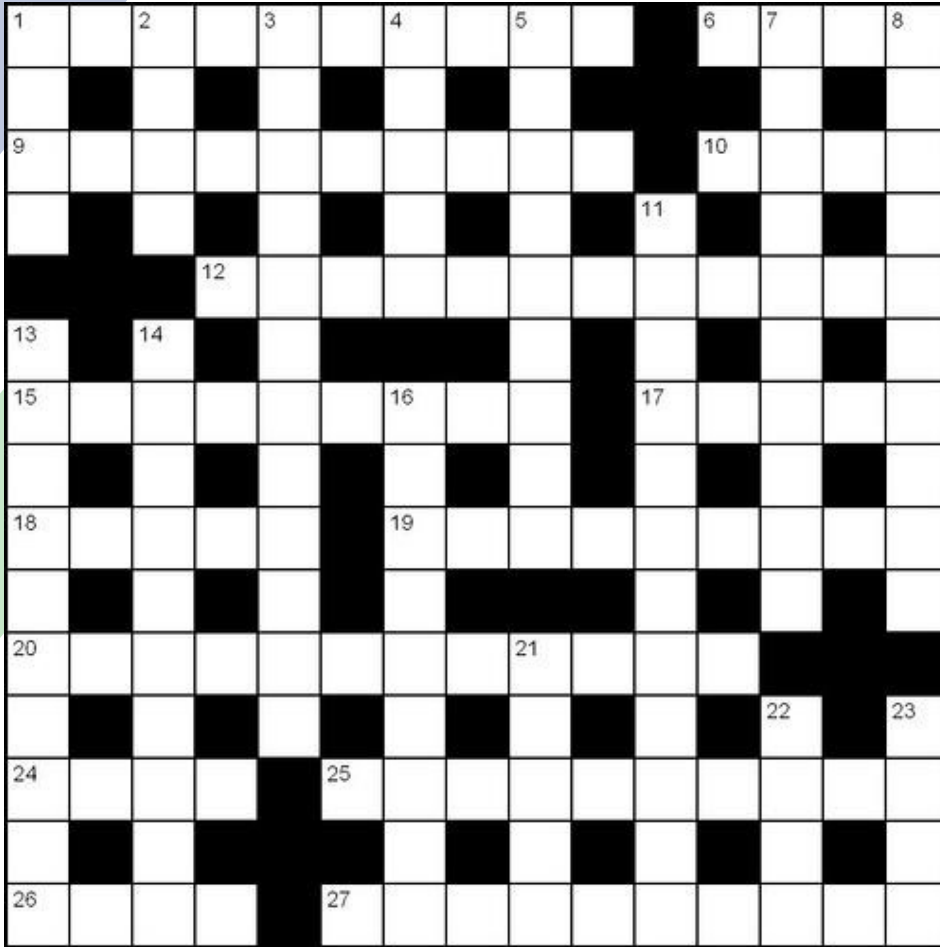
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# A Very Butt-tastic Crossword



## Across

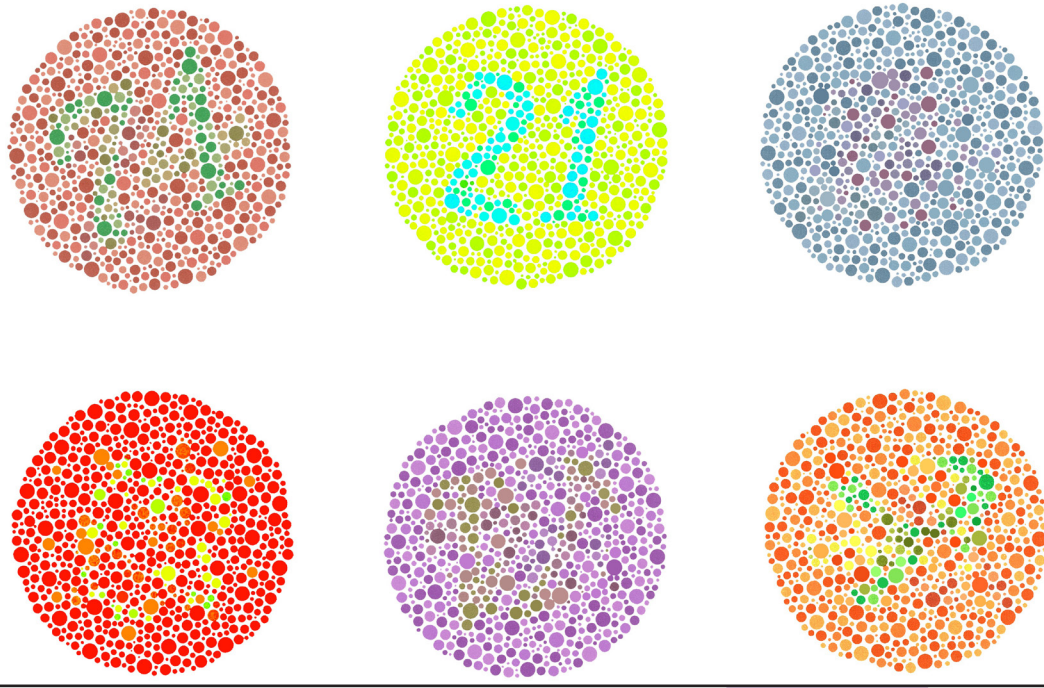
1. A children's toy that you sit on (with your butt)
6. What you might call a butt in Europe
9. As in, shake that (answer)!
10. What you might call someone who looks at your butt a little too intensely
12. Haunches
15. Justin Timberlake is looking to do this to sexy with his great butt (2 words)
17. A prefix meaning outward, as in the direction your butt faces
18. A Spanish-born American biochemist (who probably had a butt)
19. Your astrological sign is telling me that you have a great butt
20. The nonsensical words you might start to spew when in the presence of a really great butt
24. A long, slimy (and sadly, buttless) fish
25. A less than polite way of describing something, like a butt
26. To be cheeky (pun intended) with someone
27. Friends with pepper

## Down

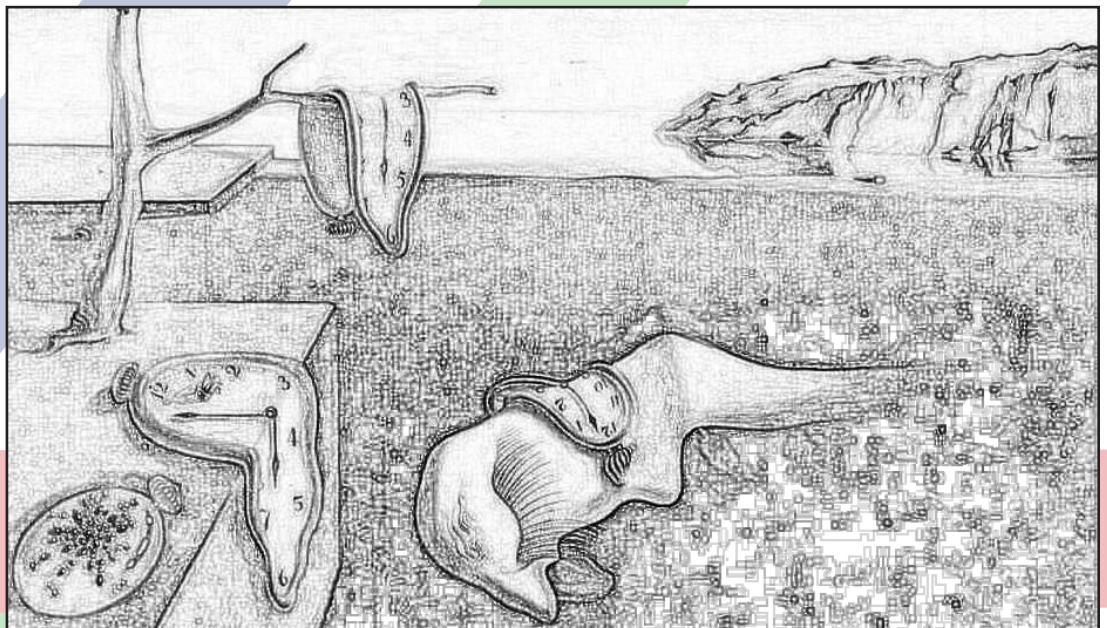
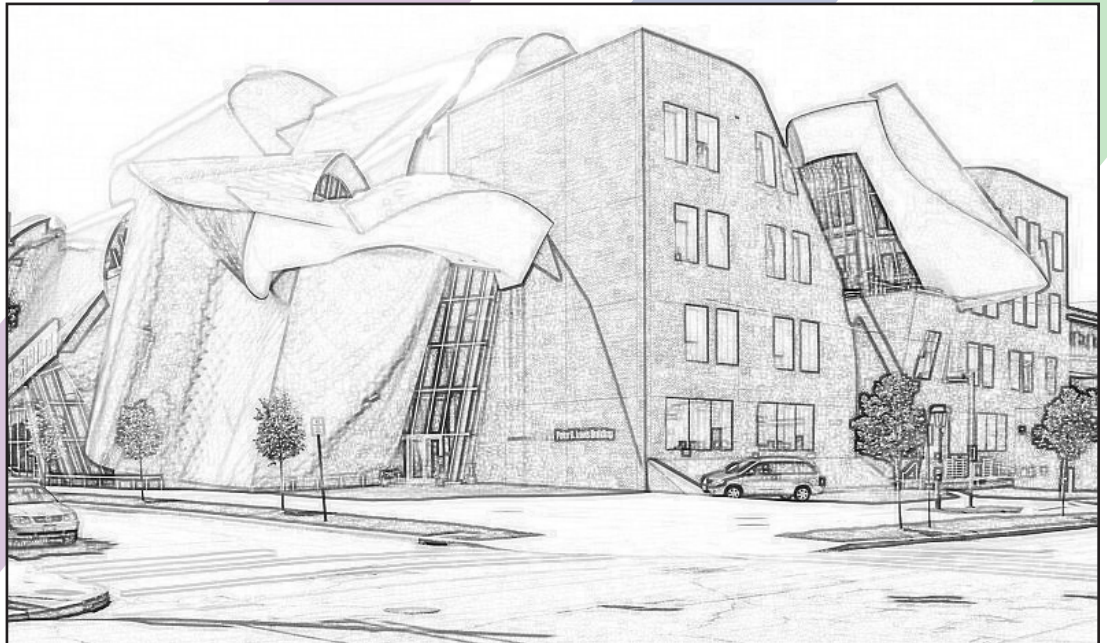
1. Pork
2. Something you need at a barbecue
3. A two-word phrase for when you are horribly attempting to play with a spinning disk toy (don't worry, even though you can't do this, you still have a great butt)
4. I could have this butt (first word) that butt, or I could have this butt (second word) that butt
5. Someone who makes a hobby of exploring caves (sadly, there is not a word for someone who makes a hobby of exploring butts)
7. When you have already voted a butt as "Best Butt of the Year" and then you do it again the next year
8. Pictured someone's butt in my mind's eye
11. A very old fashioned sounding three-word phrase to describe today's butt obsessed culture
13. It would be strange for a butt to have this rectangular quality
14. One of the most common objects that doctors find stuck up their patients' butts
16. If you can't enjoy looking at a nice butt, you might have this disorder
21. An adjective you might use to describe a particularly wonderful butt
22. The opposite of front
23. As in, bring up the (word)

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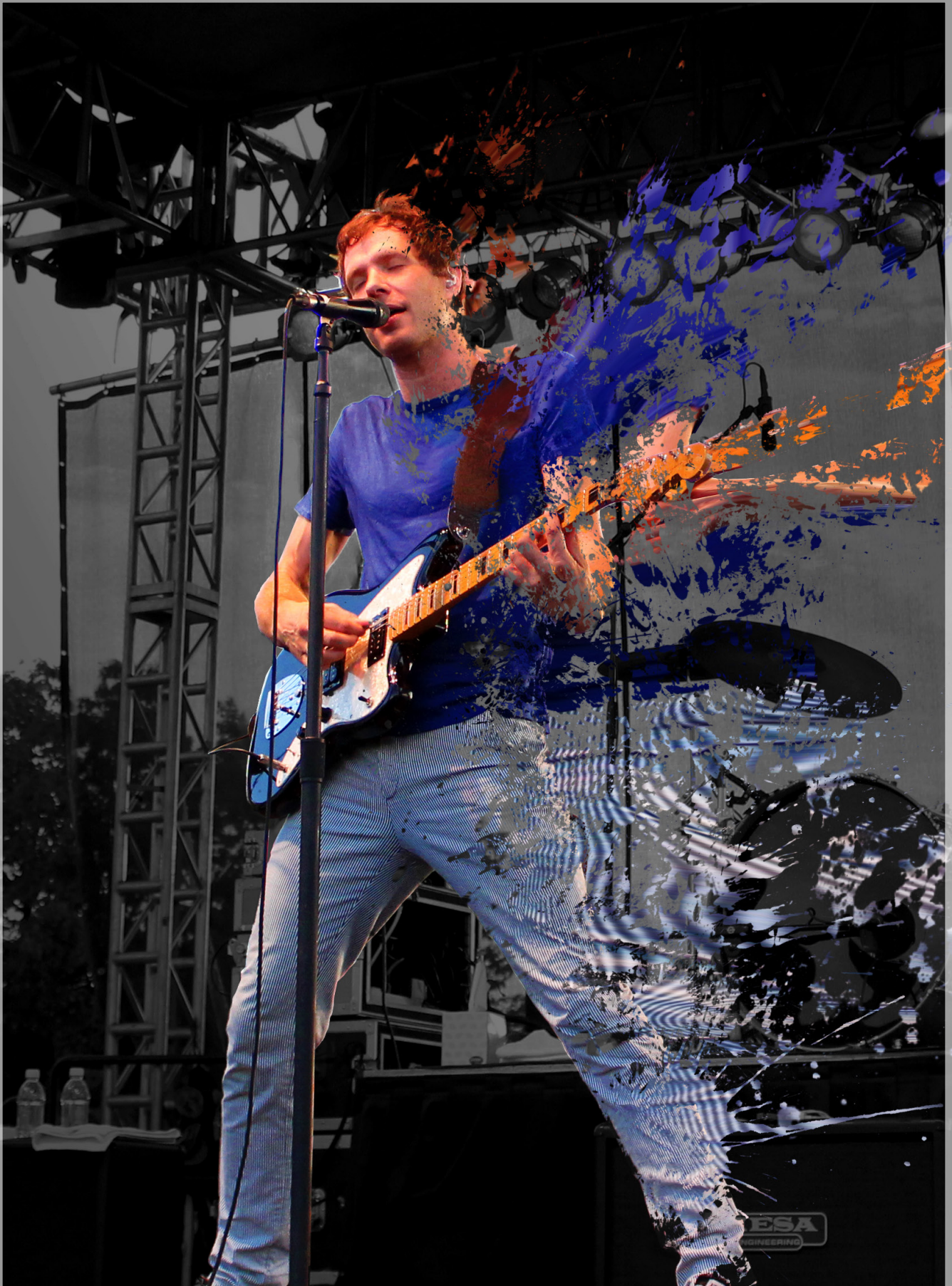
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