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Meningitis shots needed for incoming students

Starting in the spring semester, incoming students -- under the age of 30 -- must get meningitis shots before they can register.

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Q&A: Frances Bagley

Questions and answers from noted sculptor, Frances Bagley.

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Buzzkill nets malaria prevention in Africa

Students take to Preston Ridge Campus to raise money for mosquito nets.

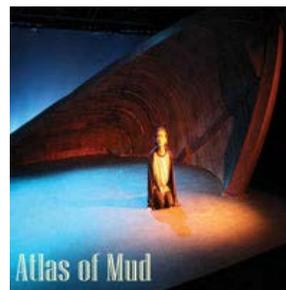
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CTC hosts regional premiere of 'Atlas of Mud'

It's the end of the world as we know it and I feel Mud.

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In this month's issue, "brain food" and helpful tips from academic advising, financial aid, International Students Office, Student Life and transfer programs.

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Holiday day. Also time to starting thinking about 2012.

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Basketball teams dive into December games in preparation for conference play in spring.

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Kudos and events at Collin College.

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Boy, Cougar Links is especially awesome this issue. Planes, automobiles, ships. I mean, we've really outdone ourselves this time.

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Priority online registration for Collin College's spring 2012 semester has begun while online registration for all students begins on Friday, Dec 2.

However, a new state law mandates that effective spring 2012, all new students under the age of 30 are required to provide proof of having received the bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster 10 days prior to the start of the spring semester.

Students can fax documentation of having received the vaccine or booster to 1.972.548.6702 or 972.377.1792. For additional information about meningitis, exceptions or exemptions, email admissions@collin.edu or visit the college's [meningitis webpage](#).

Registration at Collin College is done through CougarWeb and payment must be made at the time of registration.

Students can find a log-in button to CougarWeb at the college's website or go directly to <http://cougarweb.collin.edu>. Then go to the "Registration Tools" channel on the home tab. For help logging into the portal, call the Student Help Desk at 972.377.1777. A username and password are required in order to register online.

Through CougarWeb, online registration is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week unless otherwise noted. Students can also view the latest version of the e-schedule outside of the portal at www.collin.edu/academics/class_schedule.html. However, they will not be able to register until they log into CougarWeb.

The college accepts VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards online. Personal checks are accepted in person or over the web using the college's secure Webcheck program.

For more information about registration and admissions, visit www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/.

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Q&A: Frances Bagley

Frances Bagley, the noted sculptor from Dallas, visited THE ARTS gallery Nov. 17, where some of her work is being shown, and spoke to students and faculty about art and inspiration. She sat down with Cougar News to talk about public works of art, college and more.

You probably get asked a lot about inspiration. What was one of the most unusual moments of inspiration?

There's unwritten criteria that an artist will develop idea or concept and/or technique and stay with it for a period of time long enough at least for curators collectors and critics to understand it and get a grasp of it or even to develop a relationship with it or decide what they think of artist's work.



With this body of work (the items at THE ARTS gallery) you might say that's not the way I'm approaching it. I realized I felt too boxed in to impose an idea on myself, and I was more interested in the process and exploration and what I might need to say. In that, I realized I'm more committed to that process than I am to the product. Consequently, a lot of what I do is experimenting, trying new things and finding new things in the process. I start with an idea, but I don't wind up with the same idea.

How does all this relate? You walk in and ask, "Is it a one person show a group show?" I do know from many years of working there are things I'm consistently interested in. I just follow those interests. I'm obviously interested in formal elements of arts – form, space and form in space. I'm interested in content and surface and elements traditional to sculpture. Contentwise, I'm interested in the human being as it relates to everything else, as we relate to our world and the plant that we cohabitate with other people and beings. That's part of what I'm asking here. Who are we in that big picture?

How do you come about finding inspiration for your public works of art?

There's a big debate among artists that do public art. I think my motive is different if it's in a public realm. I'm more interested in who will experience it and where it is. When I'm in studio I'm worried about myself and my issues. If you talk about White Rock Lake, you can connect it to animals and how man interacts with animals. With the idea that in the Bath House there's a theater for people and (my piece) is a theater for animals.

When talking to college or university students, what do

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you try to get across?

There's a point I feel that should be said although I'm not sure all faculty would want me to say it. I don't think being an artist is a career choice. You either have to do it or not. Somewhere along the long you say I have to do this or I won't be happy if I don't, find something else. And it's not really a career. It becomes a career. Being an artist is a life.

Are you able to turn off the flow of ideas or creativity in your head?

Sure, as artists your life can be as mundane as anybody's or normal as anybody's. I'm not sure you turn it off. Anything you see or relate to, you relate to with a certain lens, a certain perspective. Any TV or any food or texture in front of you, you are processing it. It's not a skill, because it is something you develop but it's something you've always had and you allow it to get strong as you work. It never turns off.

During your career in teaching, where you able to use that experience and apply to your art?

I found students to be extremely inspiring. Previous to teaching college, I taught everything from kindergarten all the way up. The young kids are by far the most inspiring. The freedom in which they approach art is most inspiring. At the college level I was inspired by students who broke the rules. It's inspiring to see them approach art a whole different way.

In your time in the university setting, what did you learn or take away that still sticks with you?

I actually appreciated the professors that made it hard, that gave you criticism. I remember one my early painting teachers making me cry. I appreciated that in hindsight because this is the kind of endeavor that you have to believe in yourself, and if you don't, you will be devastated because there are a lot of challenges. Experiences like that made me stronger. It tests you whether you can stand up for yourself and believe in yourself. The professors that challenged me to believe in myself are the ones I really appreciated.

Bagley's exhibition at THE ARTS gallery runs through Dec. 10.

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Buzzkill nets malaria prevention in Africa



Dr. Salena Brody (middle) and her social psychology students, biology students and members of the Social Justice Club raised money for mosquito nets.

By Alex Abraham
Campus Correspondent

German writer Erich Remarque wrote, "One death is a tragedy, a million a statistic."

Malaria is a treatable and preventable disease, but an estimated 800,000 people die each year from this disease. A mother is forced to choose whether to buy food for the family or to buy medicine to treat her child's malaria. It keeps her child out of school, which leads to perpetual absentees.

The Social Justice Club held its latest initiative, "Buzzkill," on the Preston Ridge campus quad, Oct. 28, raising money to combat the spread of malaria in Africa.

Members of the Social Justice Club, Dr. Salena Brody's social psychology class, and Dr. Sukanya Subramanian's biology II class came together to bring an extraordinary presence on campus dedicated to raising awareness to students and faculty about malaria.

As a unit, Collin College raised \$2,090 to provide 209 bed nets for families in Africa. In addition to raising money for bed nets, the Social Justice Club was also able to get more than 200 petitions signed by students, faculty and administrators in asking the government to keep its promises of increasing annual funding for life saving interventions to at least \$1 billion a year as promised in 2008 until 2015.

The purpose of the event was to educate the public on malaria prevention and to raise money for bed nets that

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protect people in Africa. The club's goal was to raise 200 bed nets to send to people in need where malaria is a problem. Bed nets stop the transmission of malaria by 90 percent and remain the most effective tool to prevent malaria.

At the cost of \$10 for a bed net, a whole family can be protected with an insecticide treated bed net that repels and kills mosquitoes provided by Nothing But Nets, a program run by the United Nations Foundation.

Dr. Subramanian's students presented posters that educated students about malaria, its effects, prevention, treatment, and history. Members of the club talked to different students around campus and raised awareness for Malaria prevention and petitioned for government funding for prevention programs.

A basketball goal was donated to the club by student Adrienne Rosenthal for the "Buzzkill" event. Students were encouraged to partake in shooting contests and playing basketball for their contributions to bed nets, while music played in the background. Cookies and beverages were served to people passing by in the quad while social psychology student Morgan Chester buzzed in the quad in her very own mosquito costume.

Children on average can be infected with malaria two to five times each year in Africa. Malaria by itself has crippled the continent of Africa and is stopping it from prospering.

This disease costs the continent of Africa more than \$12 billion in lost economic activity each year. It drains Africa's health infrastructure, accounting for 40 percent of public health expenditures and accounts for 50 percent of all hospital visits. Even worse, the disease can become significantly more deadly when combined with HIV/AIDS which is currently a tremendous problem in Africa.

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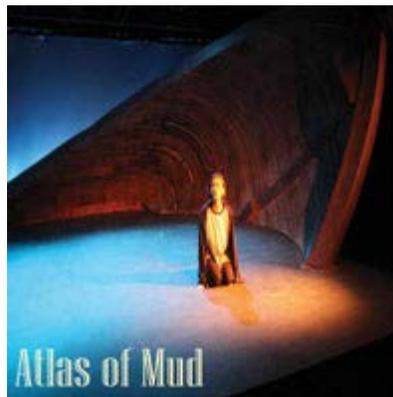
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CTC hosts regional premiere of 'Atlas of Mud'



The Collin Theatre Center is thrilled to present the regional premiere of *Atlas of Mud* by Jennifer Fawcett.

Showtimes are at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 1-3 and 7-10 at 8 pm and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4 and Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 10-11. All shows will be at the Black Box Theatre at Collin College's Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Tickets are \$10 and seating is general admission. Tickets can be purchased at www.collintheatrecenter.com.

Atlas of Mud was commissioned by Union Eight Theatre in Canada and received the 2008 National Science Playwriting award by the Kennedy Center ACTF. *Atlas of Mud* is a mythical allegory about finding hope in a world turned unrecognizable. Set 10 years after the world flooded and people fled to the boats, it is the story of desperation to find land. Guarded by the military, one boat holds special cargo: seeds to plant when land is found, birds to find the land and a child called Mud.

Director Gail Cronauer, most recently seen on stage in the Dallas Theatre Center's production of *Dividing the Estate*, has assembled a cast of 15 actors from Collin College's theatre program. The cast includes Ashton McClearin as "Elaine," Magdiel Carmona as "Marcus," Lindi-Joy as "Mirium" and Elizabeth Atwater as "Mud."

According to Fawcett, "The stage is a hard place to put an end-of-the-world story. Those stories do best in film and books. But *Atlas of Mud* isn't an end-of-the-world story. It's about looking for solid ground, literally and metaphorically. *Atlas of Mud* will allow audience members to enter the life of another, breathe the same air as them

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and somehow see something they haven't seen before.”

Atlas of Mud contains some adult language and situations and may not be appropriate for children.

For ticket information, call 972.881.5809.

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Between The Lines

Academic Advising

Spring 2012 registration has begun. If you haven't stopped in to speak with an academic advisor yet, don't delay. Get it done before you leave for the holiday break.

Financial Aid

It is almost time to begin filing your FAFSA for the 2012-13. On Jan. 1, 2012, the Department of Education begins accepting applications. Did you know that Collin College's priority date for the 2012-13 year is May 1, 2012? The earlier you file, the more likely it is that we will have your aid ready for you by the college's payment deadline in August.

On Nov. 28, the college held its first early registration for our veterans. Thank you to all of Student Development for helping make this a successful registration. It is extremely important that veterans attend only classes on their degree plan. Otherwise, the Department of Veterans Affairs will not cover the cost of the class.

International Student Corner

Graduating this semester?

If you are graduating this semester and would like to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), visit the International Student Office (ISO) as soon as possible. OPT applications should be submitted by December 16, 2011.

Is your I-20 expiring in December?

Students who would like to extend their study at Collin College, must apply for an extension of their I-20 prior to Dec. 20, 2011. Contact the ISO 972.516.5012. You must fill out an extension request form and provide updated financial documents from your sponsor.

Going home or leaving the United States during winter break?

Be sure to bring your I-20 to the ISO at least a week before your departure for required signatures. Before making travel plans, check the following items:

- On page three of the I-20 a signature is needed
- Check your passport for visa expiration date
- Request an enrollment form from ISO

To maintain your F1 status for Spring 2012 semester:

Make sure you register for a minimum of 12 credit hours. You are allowed to enroll in one online course only. You must report a change of address to the ISO within 10 days.

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Some facts:

Total number of enrolled International students is 710 during fall 2011
Top seven countries represented are: Nepal, South Korea, Vietnam, Kenya, Ivory Coast, India and China.

Student Life

Student Life will provide snacks (while supplies last) for Finals Week, Dec. 5-9, during the following times:

Spring Creek Campus

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Central Park Campus

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8-5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Preston Ridge Campus

Monday and Tuesday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Transfer Programs

Collin College students transfer successfully to colleges and universities across America.

And, one of the most popular transfer programs that Collin College offers to transfer students is the Pre-admission Partnership Program. There are 10 special partner colleges and universities that students can select from. Students apply to the pre-admission program of any of the partner college/universities and are guaranteed admissions to the university when admission requirements are met.

These special partnerships provide Collin College students benefits that may include guaranteed tuition, access to college and university events, faculty advising, university/college e-mail accounts and bookstore discounts.

For complete information about Pre-admission Partnership Programs and detailed eligibility requirements for each of Collin College's pre-admission partners, contact the Transfer Programs Office at 972.985.3734 or visit <http://transferu.collin.edu/ub.html>.

Events and Important Dates

Dec. 5-10

Final Exam Week

Dec. 22-Jan. 1

Winter Break. All campuses are closed.

For the Collin College's calendar of events for December, check out this link:

<http://calendar.collin.edu/CalendarNow.aspx?>

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Student Leadership Academy II – LEAD 2301

8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Fridays during spring semester
Preston Ridge Campus

Applications are now available for Student Leadership Academy II, a unique course that incorporates experiential learning, service-learning and research. The course is a three-credit course and transfers as an elective. Application packets and forms must be submitted to the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement at F102, Spring Creek Campus. Applications are available online at www.collin.edu/academics/sla/.

Contact: csce@collin.edu, 972.881.5927

“Parallels”

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;
and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Through-Saturday, Dec. 10

THE ARTS gallery – Spring Creek Campus

See sculpture from one of the foremost female artists in the nation, Frances Bagley. Admission is free. The exhibition is open to the public.

Contact: www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery, 972.881.5873

Spring Registration

Ongoing

Register for spring classes online.

Contact: Returning students go to <http://cougarweb.collin.edu>. New students go to collin.edu

Forces – Call For Entries

Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 1

Forces, Collin College's literary journal, is seeking poetry, stories, photography, art, letters or any other piece of work that involves veterans and the veteran experience from students, staff, faculty or any member of the public. Submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 1. Must provide contact information, send only copies of works, no email or handwritten submissions.

Contact: Send submissions to: %Forces: R. Scott Yarbrough, Forces Editor, Room BB109, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX, 75074

Student Artist Pottery Sale

9 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1

Spring Creek Campus atrium, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano

The sale will feature hand-thrown or hand-built pottery,

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ranging from bowls, plates, bottles, vases, pitchers, teapots, mugs and sculptures. The Student Artist Pottery Sale is open to the public with free admission. Pieces, which are utilitarian, functional, decorative and unique, are made of stoneware, porcelain and earthenware. A portion of the Student Artist Pottery Sale's proceeds benefit Collin College's ceramics department.

Atlas Of Mud

Thursday, Dec. 1-Sunday, Dec. 11

Black Box Theatre - Spring Creek Campus

Presented by the Collin Theatre Center, this is the regional premiere of Jennifer Fawcett's play, *Atlas of Mud*. Ten years after the world flooded and people fled to the boats, the desperation to find land has become lethal but the satellites still see nothing but water. Guarded by the military, one boat holds special cargo: Seeds to plant when land is found, birds to find the land and a child called Mud. \$10 general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

Contact: www.collintheatrecenter.com, 972.881.5809

Humanities Exhibition

10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Friday, Dec. 2

Spring Creek Campus Atrium

The exhibit will feature the creative projects from fall 2011 Humanities 1301 students - and will include music, photography, poetry, performance, and various forms of visual art. Humanities 1301 students explore what it means to be human by examining humankind's creativity throughout the ages. Visual and performing arts, literature, architecture, philosophy, technology, religion, and mythology, are all part of the Humanities compendium. Refreshments will be served between 2-3:30 p.m.

Lady Cougars vs. Tomball

noon -- Saturday, Dec. 3 -- Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, staff and faculty. Go Lady Cougars!

Surgical Technology Information Session

7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Dec. 6

Spring Creek Campus Conference Center

Learn about admissions, career options, salary, course sequence, prerequisites and more.

Contact: 214.491.6215

Lady Cougars vs. Mountain View College

5:30 p.m. -- Wednesday, Dec. 7 -- Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, staff and faculty.

Cougars vs. Mountain View College

7 p.m. -- Wednesday, Dec. 7 -- Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, staff and faculty.

Cougars vs. North Lake College

2 p.m. -- Saturday, Dec. 10 -- Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, staff and faculty.

Winter Break

Thursday, Dec. 22-Monday, Jan. 1

All campuses are closed.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 16

Remember the man and his dream. All campuses are closed.

Spring Semester

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Spring classes start.

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Lady Cougars hover around .500

The Lady Cougars have won three of four after starting the 2011-12 campaign 2-4, all in non-conference play.

Kilgore College 66, Lady Cougars 56

Janell Beacham and Sam Offord lead the Lady Cougars with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Lilia Inoubli had nine points, six rebounds, three blocks and two steals to round out a solid line. Down 12 at half, the Lady Cougars went to the charity stripe 15 times in the second half to attempt a comeback and offset an off shooting game.

Lady Cougars 74, Jacksonville College 32

The Lady Cougars followed their defeat against Kilgore by routing Jacksonville scoring 37 points in each half and shooting 52 percent in the first. Zbeyda Aremi lead the way with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Raveen Burton had 13 points and Inoubli had 12 points and eight rebounds. Jacksonville shot 21 percent from the field.

Tyler Junior College 60, Lady Cougars 43

Tied 24 all at half, the Lady Cougars were beat by 17 in the second. Offord had 15 for the game and Burton had 11 in addition to 14 free throws.

Lon Morris 99, Lady Cougars 71

Lon Morris scored 55 in the second half to break away from the Lady Cougars hitting five of six three-point attempts. Marissa Olvera had a break-outgame scoring 21 hitting five of her nine three pointers. Aremi had 15 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks.

Upcoming games:

- Saturday, Dec. 3 - noon - vs. Tomball College - Spring Creek Campus*
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 - 5:30 p.m. - vs. Mountain View College - Spring Creek Campus*
- Saturday, Dec. 10 - 2 p.m. - at Lon Morris College - Lon Morris*

Men's basketball gets on track early

The men's basketball team has started the season 7-3 winning four straight to start the year and beating the nationally-ranked Odessa College.

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Paul Simeon, student and president of the Student Veterans Association, will receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation. This commendation, in conjunction with the Veterans History Project sponsored by the Library of Congress, is a nominations-based program designed to formally recognize wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans. Congressman Sam Johnson will recognize Simeon's contributions at a ceremony Dec. 3 at the Spring Creek Campus.

Collin College has been awarded a **\$3,000 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service** grant from the Missouri Campus Compact. The grant is contingent on the number of volunteers who participate in the January event and will help with the cost of postage, printing, and t-shirts for the Unity Walk.

The Committee on the Collin Community of the **Faculty Council** collected 344 T-shirts and 64 pairs of used athletic shoes during its Preston Ridge Campus Shoe and T-Shirt Drive benefitting the Shoe Bank, an organization that provides shoes to people in need through homeless shelters, service organizations and hospitals, and Open Arms, an organization that assists women refugees in America by employing them at a living wage and uses the repurposed T-shirts to create one-of-a-kind products.

An estimated 700 letters were written to soldiers, 145 sets of sheets donated for returning soldiers, 30 boxes prepared for Blue Star Mothers and hundreds of students, faculty and staff participated in movies, panels, poetry readings, texts for wounded soldiers, the Marine Corps birthday celebration, and a celebration barbeque during **Veterans Week** events at Collin College.

Matthew Ware Coulter, professor of history, presented "Experiencing Life as an Historian" at the annual conference of the National Society for Experiential Education in October in Dallas. His presentation featured experiential learning activities used in his classes that have students learn by doing what professionals in the field do.

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The Texas Counseling Association has named counselor **Pam Love-White** as the recipient of its 2011 Texas Counseling Association Presidential Award. Ms. Love-White was chosen from among her 6,700 member counselors for this prestigious award based on her "passion and commitment to counseling" and her significant impact on the promotion of the counseling profession in Texas.

The University of Texas at Dallas named professor of humanities **Dr. Peggy Brown** as the recipient of the 2011 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the School of Arts and Humanities. Each year UT-Dallas honors one or two alumni for extraordinary achievement.

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'It Happens'

Ever wonder who gets a Lexus for Christmas with that ridiculously large bow on top? It does indeed happen.

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For us non-scientists, this is slightly mind blowing.

Susan Kare

You may not know her, but you know her work. You may be looking at it right now. This is her sketchbook.

Where The Money At?

Money. Lots of it. Who has it. What it can do.

Planes Overhead

Tracks planes, in real time, passing over your location. The Internet is often surreal.

Lost At Sea

Disappearance on a cruise ship. It gets creepy.

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