

This week in the news was interesting. I find myself saying that a lot lately. What I love about the news is how diverse it is. You get the good with the bad, the heart-breaking with the uplifting. The kooky with the “what the heck?”  
Here’s a few I like and think sum up the nature of news.

There’s a new viral video. I’ll catch you up if you’ve missed it.

Director Jason Russell’s expose “KONY 2012” showcases the human rights abuses of a Ugandan warlord and his guerrilla army.  
People are outraged at the violence and how children are forced into sex slavery, put in Joseph Kony’s army and even used to kill their own families.  
CHILDREN.

What I think is important about this is that it has been going on for a long time and even though people who could have done something about it didn’t, one man was courageous enough to bring it to the world.

We need more people to seek out injustice and make us see it. Things are often “out of sight, out of mind.” It’s easy to do. We need more people like Russell to shove it in our face so we have to do something about it.

It made the news and now you and I and everyone else knows. Something has to be done. It’s just not an option to ignore it any longer.  
Then there was the lottery-winning single mom who didn’t understand why she couldn’t keep collecting food stamps. After all, she was still unemployed, had bills to pay and had two houses to run. Never mind the half-million in her bank account.  
Come on girl. You are better than that. I refuse to believe this can be an acceptable mindset in our society. Sadly, some share her rationale.

They say you should dress for the job you want, not the one you have. A Brazilian city hired a guy who likes to dress up like Batman. His job: to dress up like Batman. I don’t know if you’re familiar with the crime rate in Brazil but he better be very careful. A lot of people won’t be happy

with his new vocation. They even gave his name, which is a clear violation of super hero protocol. No one ever gives up their alter ego.

Pat Robertson thinks it's a great idea to legalize marijuana. Here is one of his quotes: "I really believe we should treat marijuana the way we treat beverage alcohol. I've never used marijuana and I don't intend to, but it's just one of those things that I think: this war on drugs just hasn't succeeded."

He makes a valid point. The war on drugs does seem to be a losing battle and many law enforcement say chasing marijuana growers and dealers and the like takes a big chunk of money that could be used to shut down heroin dealers, meth labs and places that sell designer drugs that are killing people, etc. The pie's only so big so you need to pick the slices carefully.

Our jails and prisons are full of those who break laws pertaining to marijuana and violent, hardened criminals are being let out early because of over-crowding.

I'm not throwing a yeah or a ney out here. I'm just sayin',

Then there was the pair who stole \$500 worth of nuts from the store. I don't think I need to say anything else. This one's kind of self-explanatory.

Sometimes you feel like a nut.