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# CONTEST WINNERS

By Trey Turner

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## FUNNIEST Mady

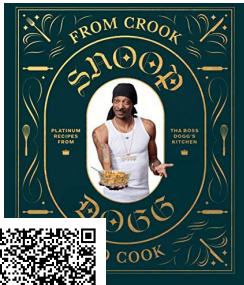


# 2022 GOOFY GIFT GUIDE

By Zawna Woodard

Whether you're participating in a white elephant gift exchange or simply looking for light-hearted presents in lieu of sentimental ones, we've gathered some options *for you*. So, no more hours of searching for that perfect quirky gift. *The Clarion's* ultimate Goofy Gift Guide for the 2022 holiday season is here.

Snoop Dog Cook Book  
On Amazon



Burrito Blanket  
On Amazon



Banana Phone  
On Uncommon Goods



I'm Not Dead, Yet  
On Etsy



Hotdog and Bun Toaster  
On Amazon



Dad Jokes Book  
On Amazon



Icebreaker Cards  
On Madewell



Decision Maker Paper Weight  
On Amazon



Pizza Socks  
On Amazon



World's Okayest Employee  
On Amazon



# CUTURAL THANKSGIVING

By LeAnne McPherson

One of the most beautiful things about America is our cultural melting pot; the concept of blending traditions and customs from around the world. Food is often a cultural staple and Thanksgiving is a hallmark of traditional homestyle American cooking. However not everyone is planning for a traditional Rockefeller table! As more families embrace a multicultural look on the holiday and creativity in the kitchen our tables can look remarkably different region to region and family to family.

The vegan and vegetarian diet culture/lifestyle has been gaining more popularity throughout the last decade. For moral or health reasons, many Americans avoid eating meat or animal byproducts (dairy). Vegan families favor meat alternatives like tofu turkey. With the rise in market demand, beyond meat versions of turkey are more common than ever. Some opt to skip the turkey altogether, focusing on creating other sides for their diet. Even if a family is not fully vegan or vegetarian, many will make dishes specifically for members who are.

Southern families will often have soul food - dishes primarily inspired by the historical cooking style of enslaved people, alongside Native American cooking traditions. The name Soul Food gained popularity during the Civil Rights movement, when the many contributions of African Americans were finally getting greater recognition. Southern families may have Hoppin John, hushpuppies, macaroni, and grits on the menu.

Families near the southern border will often have Tex-Mex dishes. Tex-Mex is a fusion cuisine of Southern American and Mexican cooking primarily inspired by the Tejano people of Texas.

Tex-Mex often is used to refer to Americanized Mexican dishes and American created dishes in the same style. Many families may have enchiladas, tamales, and chili con carne. Texas is the most popular place in America to deep fry the Thanksgiving turkey. Many Hispanic and Latino families may favor serving similar dishes authentic to their heritage as well.

Italian Americans, especially in New York and New Jersey may give guests a charcuterie board or a soup course of tortellini en brodo prior to dinner. Staple Italian dishes pair surprisingly well with traditional Thanksgiving food. Baked ziti, lasagna, and manicotti are some common additions. Over 2 million Italians immigrated to America in the early 1900s. In 1930, over 1 million Italians called New York City home - a remarkable 17% of the entire city's population at the time. For many Italian Americans their food is a major way they celebrate their history.

So this year, while we give and receive thanks, it's also important to remember that our differences are our strengths. Cooking is so much more than just a way to survive. Recipes carry love and tradition within them. Whatever is on the table this year, remember to appreciate those around it



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# CHRISTMAS THEME MOVIES

By Mame Thiome

As Christmas approaches, here is a list of movies that will put you in the holiday spirit.

*“Home Alone”* is the story of an 8-year-old kid (Kevin McCallister) who was forgotten at home by his family who left for vacation. The movie narrates the hilarious adventures of a young boy with two bandits who were planning to rob Kevin’s house. A Christmas classic, this movie will make you share a good laugh with your loved ones this holiday season.

*“Miracle on 34th street”* has everything that will make your holiday sappy and emotional. Whether you go with the original movie released in 1947 or the multiple remakes of it, this Christmas classic will help you revive the holiday spirit.

*“How the Grinch stole Christmas”* is a must see this holiday season. If one of your loved ones isn’t in the holiday spirit yet, or perhaps you’re the grouchy one, this is the movie to watch. A great performance by actor Jim Carrey, “How the Grinch stole Christmas” is an adaptation of the beloved children’s tale by Dr. Seuss, the reclusive green Grinch.



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We could not talk about Christmas movies without mentioning *Charlie Brown*. A lot of families grew up with Charlie Brown’s tales. Watching *“A Charlie Brown Christmas”* is part of a lot of families’ Christmas traditions. It is a holiday must!

If you are a fan of Ballet, you have probably seen the 1892 two-act ballet: *“The Nutcracker”*. It is a classic and one of the most well renowned shows in the ballet world. If ballet is not your thing, have no fear. *“The Nutcracker and the four realms”* is a great way for you to experience this worldly performance.

If you are a fan of romance, then you know that there is no holiday season without *“The Holiday”*. This relatively young movie (2006) is becoming a Christmas classic, and you should add it on your watchlist this season.



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the Holiday

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# FINISH OFF THIS YEAR WITH A FUN FINALE

By Heaven Diastello

## Music & Performances at Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2: Wind Symphony and Concert Band

**Sunday, Nov. 13: 2 to 4 p.m.**

FREE and open to the public!

Michael Berning will be conducting songs by notable composers like John Williams from franchises like Harry Potter, Star Wars, Jurassic Park, Jaws, and E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial.

## Stories in Jazz with Sinclair Jazz Ensemble

Featuring: the new Sinclair Youth Jazz Ensemble and special guest vocalist, Elaina McCormick

**Friday, Nov. 18: 7 to 9 p.m.**

**FREE** and open to the public!

Bill Burns will be directing big band, swing, funk and more music for your enjoyment.

## A Charlie Brown Christmas

- Thursday to Sunday, Dec. 15-18
- Dec. 15 & 16: 12 p.m.
- Dec. 17: 2, 4, and 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18: 2 and 4 p.m.
- Tickets are \$8 a person.

Returning live on stage by popular demand!

Based on the TV special, A Charlie Brown Christmas, by Charles Schultz.

**All** performances are an hour long and will be **ASL** shadow interpreted so that all can enjoy.

## Sinclair Talks: Conversation with a Counselor in the Library NW Loggia:

Enjoy group conversations and helpful information from members of the Sinclair College Counseling Services.

### Healthy Relationships

**Thursday, Nov. 17: 11 a.m. to noon**

### Test Taking and Finals Prep

**Thursday, Dec. 1: 11 a.m. to noon**

## Student Fun in Building 8, Stage Area, and Game Room

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness:

Open Mic Coffee Hour

**Thursday, Nov. 17: noon to 1 p.m.**

Stop by for free coffee and listen to a variety of stories, spoken word/poetry, music, and presentations from Sinclair staff, faculty, and students like you!

Brought to you by Student Engagement, The Social Work Club, and Sinclair College Food Pantry.

## Winter Wonderland & GamEscape

**Thursday, Dec. 1: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Take a break for hot cocoa, cookie decorating, and ornament making. Take selfies at the holiday photo booth or try your luck at the holiday scavenger hunt at the stage area for Winter Wonderland!

Next door, in the game room, play video games, board games, card games, foosball, and tabletop tennis for GamEscape!



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# LESSONS FROM BOSNIA

By Ismael Mujahid

I'll likely never forget the first Bosnians I ever met. Their door, yawning open and welcoming despite the cold Washington night; their pale faces, ruddy and framed by hollow cheeks; and their smiles, warm despite the brutal night outside. Like many Americans at the time, I was old enough to know the name of the land they came from and the conflict that drove them to our neighborhood, a world away from the place they'd called home for generations.

We'd seen the bombing of their cities, heard of the massacres perpetuated against their civilians. That night the war in Bosnia made its way to our apartment complex in SeaTac just as it would in Dayton, Ohio, where in Nov. 1995 an agreement would be made to put an end to the violence. For those with links to the Balkans, Nov. 21 is a date worth remembering for what the Dayton Agreement achieved and for what it did not. Nearly twenty-seven years from the day an accord was made at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to bring peace to a region ravaged by conflict, there remains plenty for us to learn today.

## A Monument To Peace

Dr. Mary Ramey is the Project Coordinator for Dayton Peace Museum's exhibit on the accords and her passion for Bosnia and Herzegovina has helped educate the general public about the event's importance. Through her research, Ramey has become an expert on the conflict and its aftermath.

"Like many, my experience of the war was mostly on television, and I was aware of how horrific it was. When we say 'war' we think of two armies facing off, but that is not what this was. This war was waged against civilians," said Ramey.

Through a series of textual and interactive screens replete with audio, Ramey's exhibit offers a state-of-the-art and in-depth look at the war from its inception. The walls are lined with mementos from the conflict as well, including a Serbian conscript's uniform and the Croatian president's plaque from the Hope Hotel. Dayton's role in the peace accords is also highlighted, beginning with the reason it was chosen to host the talks in the first place.

Ramey said, "They wanted a military installation so that the leaders involved would be isolated. Remember, this was 1995 so there were no smartphones and the internet was mostly email. They wanted them to focus on each other and find ways to get something done."

As a result, the Gem City would host the Presidents of Serbia and Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina. "Wright-Patt had a total of six weeks' notice before 800 civilians descended on the base including negotiators, secretaries, researchers, translators, and communications teams. The presidents were put up in the visiting officers' quarters, which were standardized. No one received more space than the other," said Ramey.

Despite weeks of negotiations, they entered the morning of Nov. 21 1995 with a deal still uncertain. Those twists and turns are portrayed on the exhibit's interactive displays, a few taps of a screen revealing the real life drama unfolding behind closed doors.

Ramey said, "The actual accord is only three pages, but then there are 11 appendices. The agreement was initialed in Dayton because the Europeans insisted it be formally signed in Paris. Each president was told if they initialed it was binding."

Weeks later it would become official. Hostilities ended, a new country rose from the ashes of war, and reconciliation efforts began. But long-lasting peace would elude

the region. Just a few years later, Kosovo would be the next flashpoint.

## A People Under Siege

Memories of the war remain strong in Mostar. It would suffer heavily during a years-long siege that left much of the historic city in ruins. Opinions about the accord are as strong as those memories, I would learn from a local.

Selmir Hidovic, a translator from the region of Hercegovina, was a child when the conflict began.

"We had a very good life before it happened. In our city we had near 100 percent employment. We had cars and traveled. In that environment war struck us. Most people thought that it would not impact them, that it would not be a big deal because of how good life was for us at the time. They were wrong," Hidovic said.

Mostar would soon be encircled and bombarded. At just 12-years old, his family home was destroyed and would not be rebuilt until 2003, eight years after the signing of the Dayton Agreement. Even now, some families in Mostar still struggle.

"As human beings, we need to live with each other and tolerate each other in every sense to preserve peace because war brings nothing good to any side," he said.

## The Way Forward

Around the world, many people from Bosnia and of Bosnian heritage continue to process the aftereffects of the war. They see the rise of nationalism and recognize the same patterns that led to the tragedy in the Balkans. A quick look at newsreels in the US and other countries where the rhetoric of hate has become so normalized fills them with a sense of déjà vu. Nedim Ridjanovic, a Bosnian American linguist, is one such person. He knows firsthand just what such rhetoric can lead to. It's something he sees spreading like poison





around the world.

“I was in the US during the war but my father and sister were in Sarajevo. I was able to call twice before the lines were cut. My father told me not to worry. We then had no idea what was going on until I received a letter through the Red Cross. I felt helpless,” Ridjanovic said.

While his father and sister would manage to escape to safety, others would endure a brutal siege that shocked the world.

Those like him struggling for a more peaceful world know a lot more work lies ahead. Political marches in places as varied as Charleston and Budapest bring to the mind of many Bosnians the hate

filled rallies that fueled conflict in Eastern Europe, while the politicians who inspire them use the same playbook as Milosevic and other politicians.

Ridjanovic said, “To prevent another Bosnia, education is absolutely vital. The more educated people we have, the more people we have that can exercise critical thinking so they will not be swayed by nationalistic arguments and propaganda. That is one reason we should strive to make education more affordable and accessible to all.”

“We need people to value facts over opinions. And we need a free press to hold politicians accountable. That is a threat to any would-be dictator and nationalist.”

I could hear just how much this meant to Ridjanovic as he spoke. “Americans who have not experienced something like that do not know how lucky they are. That is how we can prevent an authoritarian regime from taking hold. It is imperative that we prevent that because we have seen in Bosnia and elsewhere what those kinds of regimes can do,” Ridjanovic added.



By Ismael Mujahid

## SEIZE THE DATA

By Mame Thiome

Data analytics is the decryption and the interpretation of statistical models. With the rapid mutation of technology and its increasing presence in all aspects of society, data has become a prominent element of our everyday life. Data science is what helps institutions observe, describe, and predict performances so they may take strategic actions accordingly. Although the discipline can be applied to any field of work, it is fervently used in the following: marketing, finances, computer sciences, online security, and information systems. Sinclair Community College, in addition to its Data Analytics associate degree, also offers a short-term certificate.

We sat down with Mr. Paul Hansford, Associate Professor in Sinclair’s CS and IT department and the contact person for the Data Analytics program. According to Hansford, data analytics is an amazing field with great career opportunities.

“Data is more and more present everywhere, and there is a shortage of people to handle, manage and translate the information,” said Hansford. “We are working on a new program that will facilitate the formation of new data analysts,” he added.

Sinclair Community College, through the Data Analytics Pipeline Grant, wants to encourage minorities to get adequate training to become data analysts. With the Data Tech Grant, the school is also targeting College Credit Plus students, students at tech prep institutions, and those right out of high school. Starting Spring 2023, these grants will go into effect and new modules will be implemented to facilitate the pathway into data analytics careers.

There are a great number of opportunities in data analytics. As Mr. Hansford said, data science offers skillsets that will allow you to build a career in any field. Even if your interest is in community work, you can put your skills into the service of people through what is known as “data kind.”



By Paul Hansford



# POETRY FOR DAYS

## Untitled Mame Thiome

The First time I saw you, you were dancing the night  
 away as if there was no tomorrow  
 And for a minute I fear there wasn't going to be a  
 tomorrow, you seemed to have stopped time.  
 I never had an opinion about love but there you were,  
 making me want to share mine  
 It took one look from you and I lost sight of all my  
 sorrows.  
 We Locked eyes, you smiled at me and instantly I  
 understood  
 That butterfly feeling they always talked about, the one  
 that sends you to the moon.  
 Just like that You became that moment, that feeling,  
 that beautiful autumn night in October  
 That will wrap us in its warm colors, as we're gazing  
 and admiring one another.  
 You said "hi" and I'm looking you like how fast can one  
 spark a flame?  
 I opened my lips but didn't seem to dare making a  
 sound



I was already picturing us together and I don't even  
 know your name,  
 Hey "love", I finally said. That suits you well, that  
 should become your proper noun.

## Holiday Ismail Soldan

You've called and now await your guests  
 At the old home  
 For once a year phone calls and emails  
 Won't satisfy  
 The urge to be alone, banished for the weekend  
 when you gather  
 And the meal you make takes the place of  
 frozen pizza and takeout  
 There is love and pain passed down by those  
 that came before  
 Prickly as the warmth around your tree  
 Recalled just as fast as the seats empty

## Autumn Leaves, Autumn Left Heaven Diastello

When things are bright and beautiful,  
 We want to hold on.  
 But like the leaves, cold and colorful,  
 There's a time to move on.  
 In just one golden hour,  
 The trees release their leafy showers.  
 In every season, there is beauty.  
 In every season, there's a teacher  
 That prepares us for the future.  
 To learn its lessons is my duty.  
 In a moment, autumn leaves;  
 In the next, autumn left.  
 Life is short not to succeed  
 In making every day the best.

## On the River Bona Ismail Soldan

I heard what the River Bona had to declare  
 Beneath the ruins from where the Herceg fled  
 His treasure left behind, joined by fragments of  
 countless tsars  
 "Is that another invader?  
 There's been plenty  
 Yet here I remain  
 My offspring are mini-Khidrs spreading  
 my trail of green  
 Caught up in the lovers' sleep as  
 They flow right back to my arms"  
 I'm just another friend, I replied  
 another Ismail  
 "I've seen some of those too,  
 Zdravo", she said.

# YOUR VOICE

By Jose Valdez

## Linda Sue

Creative Writing Major

### What holiday traditions does your family do that you enjoy?

“Breaking the wishbone for sure. We would let the oldest and the youngest break it.”

### Do you prefer turkey or ham?

“I am a ham person. I just think ham tastes better than turkey.”

### If you could pick one food to have every holiday season, what would it be and why?

“Cheeseball for sure It has to be the way my grandma makes them.”

### What do you like to do around this time of year to get into the holiday spirit?

“My mom is born on Christmas day, and I try to think of what to get her. We have a little inside joke that what I get her is her birthday/Christmas gift. On Thanksgiving Day my family has a dinner then I go to my little sisters’ house, and I hang out which later became tradition.”



Linda Sue



Heather Madelyn

## Heather Madelyn

Marketing Major

### What is something you like to do this time of year?

“Definitely doing something family oriented. Spending time with family gathered around the TV watching football on Sundays. I also like to cook a lot during this time.”

### What is your go to Christmas song?

“I like Justin Biebers Christmas covers; Taylor Swift also has some good songs but also I like the classics.”

### Go to Christmas movie?

“Probably Polar Express. I also remember as a kid I would watch a movie called “Eloise at Christmastime” around Christmas time.”

### Do you prefer Christmas Morning or Christmas Eve?

“I would say Christmas Eve. Usually, Christmas morning is chaotic since I have five siblings and there is mad or jealous just funny family stuff.”

### Pj's or Ugly sweaters?

“Pj's 100%.”

## Alexis Thomas

Early Childhood Development and Education Major

### What is something you like to do around this time of year?

“I like to decorate my house with Christmas lights.”

### Go to Christmas song?

“Maybe Jingle-Bells. “

### What is your go-to Christmas Movie?

“Probably it would be Elf.”

### Pj's or Ugly Sweaters?

“Pj's for sure.”

### Do you set up Christmas decorations on Nov 1 or after Thanksgiving?

“Maybe not Nov 1 because then you have to look at it for the next three months. You'll probably end up taking all the decorations down by January, so I'd say after Thanksgiving.”



Alexis Thomas



# SCAVENGER HUNT!

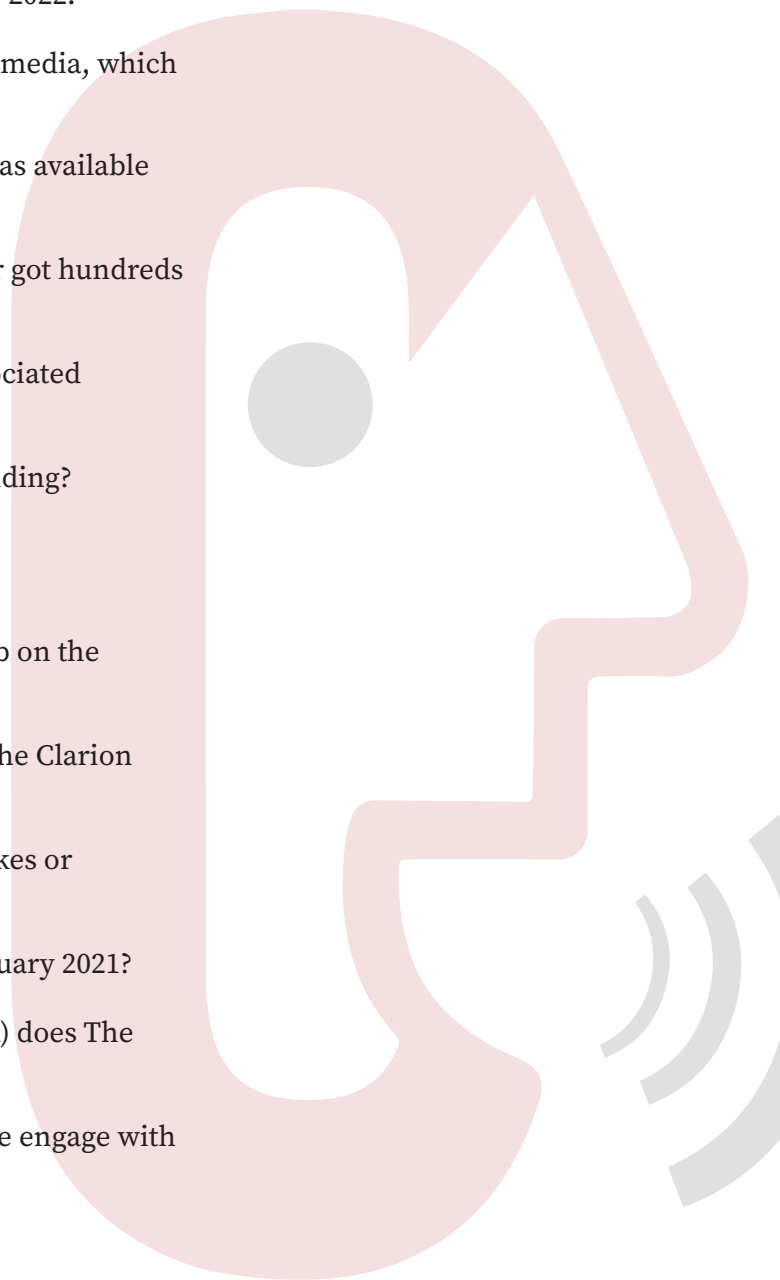
By Carly Webster

If you've been reading The Clarion for a while, you may know that we like to include fun activities in each of our printed issues. Therefore we have decided to create a scavenger hunt based around The Clarion and its social media!

You'll find the answers to the following questions across our social media platforms (Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and Facebook) as well as on our website. All information is current as of November 2022.

Good luck! Let us know how you did by visiting our social media, which can be found on our Linktree: ***SinclairClarion***

1. What is the earliest magazine issue that The Clarion has available for download?
2. One of our Instagram posts from the summer semester got hundreds of likes. What was it about?
3. What are the three page categories The Clarion is associated with on Facebook?
4. What two colors did The Clarion formerly use for branding?
5. What other local student newspaper does The Clarion follow on Twitter?
6. What four types of media does the "Entertainment" tab on the Clarion website feature?
7. How many pages of articles does the "Home" page of the Clarion website show?
8. Which does The Clarion have more of on Facebook: likes or followers?
9. How many ONMA Awards did The Clarion win in February 2021?
10. On which platform (Instagram, Twitter or Facebook) does The Clarion have the most followers?
11. According to The Clarion's website, how many people engage with the newspaper each year?
12. How far back do the Clarion website archives go?
13. What is the pinned video on The Clarion's YouTube channel?



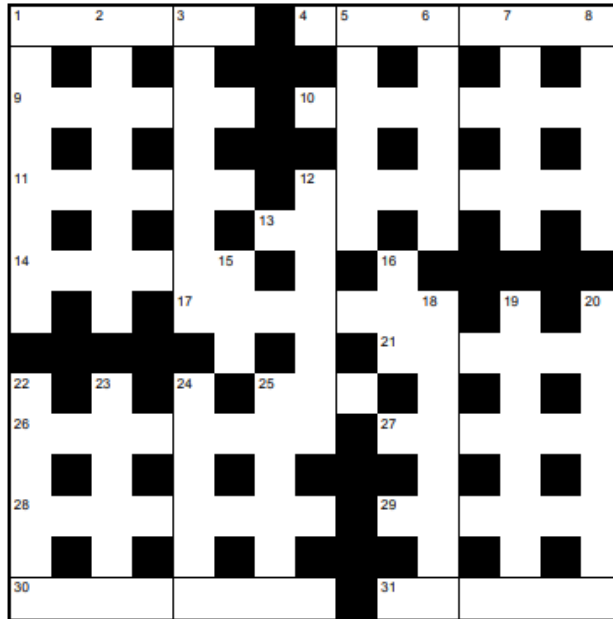
ACROSS

- 1 Backing horse and making a killing (6)
- 4 I'm trapped by racist waving a sword (8)
- 9 Pirate lives out by river (6)
- 10 Violate home by border (8)
- 11 About to ring to cancel (6)
- 12 Fresh local pie is a source of inspiration (8)
- 13 Criminal swindle (3)
- 14 Opt for mixture of steel containing carbon (6)
- 17 It's close enough to catch sound of gunfire, as Cockney says? (7)
- 21 Trouble experienced over plant (6)
- 25 Animal starts to play in garden (3)
- 26 Royal commander twice turned to jelly (4-4)
- 27 Monk craftily conceals one old Japanese garment (6)
- 28 Article on Spain confused actor (8)
- 29 Saudi unusually takes time to make financial checks (6)
- 30 Beat side struggling with illness (8)
- 31 Make tough woman a corporal finally (6)

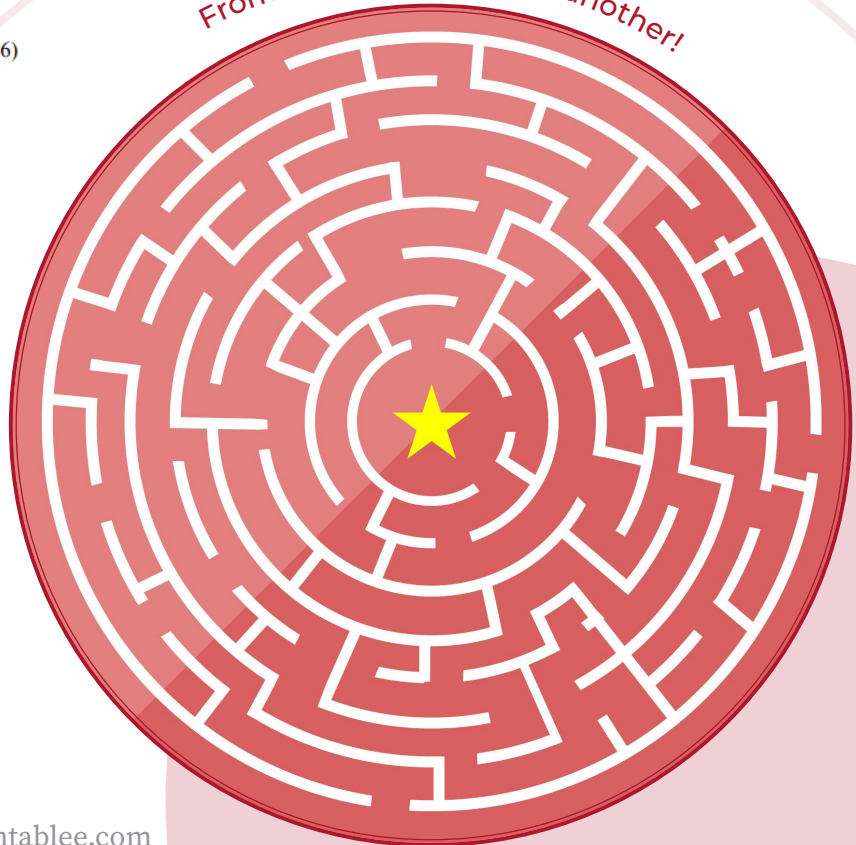
DOWN

- 1 I'm upset by tension with lover (8)
- 2 Fatty pudding (4-4)
- 3 Angel represented in English church shows refinement (8)
- 5 Half of Canada is able to dance (6)
- 6 Yours truly gets to bank – just (6)
- 7 Noted problem with new tissue (6)
- 8 Joint from freezer cooked without zeal initially (6)
- 12 Pirate from Cairo's drunk, right? (7)
- 15 Bill is not entirely suitable (3)
- 16 Upstanding professor has to show agreement (3)
- 18 Quiet diplomacy involving one on vessel (8)
- 19 Element in fuel or explosive (8)
- 20 Have great fun with student in musical (8)
- 22 Was profligate and very drunk (6)
- 23 Woman harassed male in Pennsylvania (6)
- 24 Bird of prey's first to appear in new image (6)
- 25 Mate has excellent, luxurious house (6)

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# SWEETS N' RECIPES By Diane Sikora

## Snickerdoodles

I love snickerdoodle cookies. They are simple to make.

**You'll need:**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 3/4 cups whole wheat flour/all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tbsp sugar
- 3 tsp cinnamon

**Directions:**

- In a large bowl mix the butter and sugar.
- Add eggs and mix it all together.
- Combine flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in another bowl.
- Blend the dry ingredients into the butter mixture.
- Chill the dough and an ungreased cookie sheet in the refrigerator for 10 to 15 minutes.



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- In another small bowl mix together 3 tablespoons of sugar and 3 teaspoons of cinnamon.
- Make the dough into 1-inch balls and roll in sugar/cinnamon mixture. Place them evenly spaced on the chilled cookie sheet.
- Bake at 350-degree F for 10 minutes.
- Remove from the cookie sheet to cool.



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## Pumpkin Muffins

Since I cooked whole pumpkins and made pumpkin puree few days ago I decided to make pumpkin muffins.

**You'll need:**

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree or 2 cups
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup canola oil
- 2/3 cup water
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger

- In a large bowl mix pumpkin, eggs, oil, water, vanilla, and sugar until well blended.
- In another bowl combine flour, baking soda, salt cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. Whisk together until well combined.
- Stir dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture just until blended. Do not over mix batter.
- Line with paper or spray muffin pans. Fill about 2/3 full.
- Bake at 350 F. for 22-25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Makes 24 muffins.

# DECEMBER HOROSCOPE

By Marissa Collier

After a November consisting of mood swings and a lack of energy, December will introduce a new boost of energy that will help you achieve breakthroughs in your goals. With mercury still in retrograde, more social opportunities will appear. A new sense of curiosity will arrive that will make you want to do everything at once. Now is the perfect time to join that book club or yoga class you have been interested in for months. Towards the end of the month, though, things will calm down just in time for a magical Christmas celebration.

**Aries:** This month might leave you feeling depleted. You may feel like you are running into a new obstacle wherever you go. Do not fret, though. Your intuition will be strengthened and you will feel like your guardian angel is leading you down the right path. Towards the end of the month, luck will be soaring in every aspect of your life. Take this month to go with the flow and enjoy wherever life takes you.

**Taurus:** December will be a bit of a rocky road. There will be frustrations and challenges financially, but there will be social energy radiating all around you. Luck will help you accomplish a goal that you have been dreaming of for a long time. At the end of the month, a sense of stillness and peace will wash over you. This is the Universe guiding you and opening lots of new doors.

**Gemini:** You will face a lot of challenges this month that will leave you feeling burnt out. It will feel as though there are obstacles in every direction which will create a sense of anxiety and frustration. Use this month as a time for rest. Refrain from making any impulsive decisions at this time. There will be rewards and recognition in your professional life due to an immense amount of luck that will not come back for a long time. Embrace it.

**Cancer:** It is crucial for you to relax and go with the flow this month. December is going to be a rough month. Instead of attempting to control everything, surrender to the Universe and trust that it will take you where you need to be. Do not be afraid to take a risk to accomplish a goal, though. The Universe has your back and is protecting you.

**Leo:** Relational tensions will be high this month. It might feel like everything is going wrong, but this is a time to remain calm and grounded. This month will bring financial abundance. The end of the month will bring a schedule full of more responsibilities and possibilities.

**Virgo:** December will be an exhausting month. You will be faced with many delays and challenges career-wise. Remember the importance of relaxing and going with the flow. This month will bring newfound happiness and luck within relationships, but be cautious about starting anything new. A new potential romance may be in the air, but an ex will be on your mind.

**Libra:** This will be a month of going with the flow. There will be a lot of delays in numerous aspects of your life, but it will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. December will introduce a time of improved health, routine and employment. Not to mention, relationships will be fulfilling as you may come in contact with a lifelong soulmate.

**Scorpio:** December is going to be a stressful month. Relational tension will be high and you will find yourself blowing through money. But greatness will come later on in the month. There will be increased luck with romance and creativity. You will see improved health, wealth, routine, and may even see a new romance spark.

**Sagittarius:** This is a month to celebrate. Your birthday season is approaching and it is a time to move toward life goals. There may be some trouble and distance in relationships, but it is important to approach the frustration that comes with it sensitively. Later in the month, there will be a turning

point in relationships. You will either grow closer or separate. The way you approach things earlier in the month will decide this.

**Capricorn:** December will not be a productive month for you Capricorns. You will find yourself burnt out in your jobs and routines. Make sure to get some rest this month and go easy on yourself. Communication will be high, which will increase relationship satisfaction. Take a risk on something you have wanted to do for a while. Now is the best time to do so.

**Aquarius:** December is going to be a very slow and rough month. In the beginning of the month, you will experience turmoil with love and hobbies. The best course of action is to sit with these emotions as fighting them will result in exhaustion. There will be a new abundance in money and towards the end of the month, your spark will be reignited and relationships will be at their best.

**Pisces:** There will be some challenges with home and family this month. Instead of following your usual path, it is time for you to look for a new one. Doing so will bring you luck and help you build the life of your dreams. At the end of the month, familial relationships will shift and there will be prosperity.



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