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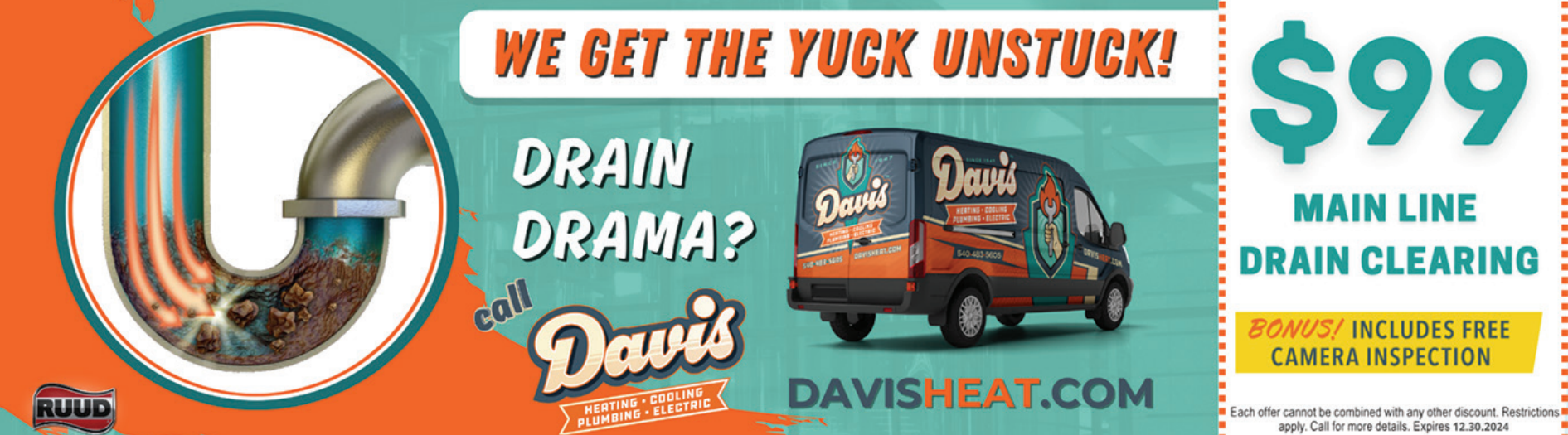
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### Holidays

- 21st - Winter Begins
- 25th - Christmas
- Hanukkah Begins at sundown

### Community Events

**The Bible Reading Club** will Continue to Meet on Wednesdays at 6pm in the CTK Fellowship Center, 1172 Franklin Turnpike. Bring your Personal Bible, All Welcome! Join Us!

**Dance Every Friday.** Ballou Center (lower level), 760 West Main St. Danville, 7:00pm - 9:30pm. Facebook: BALLOU PARK FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE for Band Schedule. \$8.00.

**Bible Study** every Tues. 10:30am Will End on December 17th. Everyone Welcome! Trinity United Methodist Church 409 Arnett Blvd. Danville For info call 434-793-4196

**Christ the King Lutheran Church** Invites you to Join our Sunday Morning Service Sunday's at 11am. 1172 Franklin Turnpike. Free Books Available on Post Next to Driveway

**Recreation Schedule for Cherrystone Missionary Association** of 5551 Tom Fork Road, Ringgold Va. Recreation Schedule: 1. The Danville Church & Community Based Tutorial Program 4:30 - 6:30 Every Monday 2. Sit and get Fit Classes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Tuesdays of each Month, all ages. 3. Bingo, every 4th Tuesday, all ages 4:30- 5:30 4. Every 1st and 3rd. Thursday Circuit Walk, Indoor walk/ Out door Track, 5:30 - 6:30. 5. Every 1st Sat. Open Gym Outside Activities, 2:00 - 4:00 Recreation Ministry Program Basketball; Oct., Dec., Jan., and April /Board Games Volley Ball, Nov. & Feb, Flag Football, Dec., Tee Ball, March. 6. Family Night every 4th Friday - 5:00- 7:00. 7. Recreation Meetings The third Thursday during the months of Sept., Oct., at 6:00. The remainder months will be on the second Thursday at 6:00. 8. Fun Day Nov. 23, (all ages) 2:00- 4:00. 9. Unity Tea, Dec. 7, 4:00 - 6:00. All age groups are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy B. Ramsey at 434-251-0379 for additional information.



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**O' Holy Night Drive Thru** at Mt. Calvary Church, 350 A.L. Philpott Hwy 58, Axton. The Life That Changed the World. Friday December 20th & Saturday December 21st 6:30-8:30pm. 276-650-2376.

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**Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser.** Come Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast and take a picture with Santa! December 14th from 8-10:30 am. \$10 Each, \$5 for 3 and under. Marion Baptist Church, 2669 Marion Road, Chatham. All proceeds go to scholarships for Children's Bible Camp. childrensbiblecamp@gmail.com

**Free Community Hotdog Lunch!** Saturday Dec. 21st 12-3pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1172 Franklin Tpke. Bonus-Large Selection of Free Books Available at Little Free Library Container on driveway. All Welcome!!





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## top ten series podcasts

OF 2024

1. Serial
2. Up and Vanished
3. Three
4. The Bakersfield Three
5. CounterClock
6. Something Was Wrong
7. Dr. Death
8. The Binge Cases
9. Rachel Maddow Presents: Ultra
10. The Binge Crimes

Source: Apple

### Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

### TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

### The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

### Weekly SUDOKU

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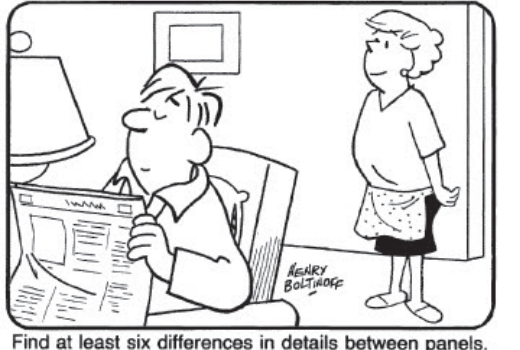
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is larger. 2. Picture on wall is moved. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Necklace is added. 5. Apron is different. 6. Wristwatch is added.

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 "Waterloo" group
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- 8 Sci-fi vehicles
- 12 Starring role
- 13 - Royal Highness
- 14 Worn-down pencils
- 15 Nose and mouth covering
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Curved fasteners
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Tropical tree
- 23 Santa's helper
- 26 Highland hat
- 28 Prettify
- 31 Painter Joan
- 33 Coffee vessel
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- 55 Sailor
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- 11 Bygone fliers
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- 20 Sheepish remark
- 23 German river
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- 34 - Falls
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### King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
4. HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
5. BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
6. MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
8. U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

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December 12, 2024 By Paulette Dean

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This will be for residents of Danville and Pittsylvania County and there will be a limit of four per household. You will need to sign a statement that this is your animal and you are not going to advertise it for sale or giveaway.

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**Q.** I just read that Robert De Niro is going to star in a TV series soon. Has he ever done one before or just movies? — *K.E.*

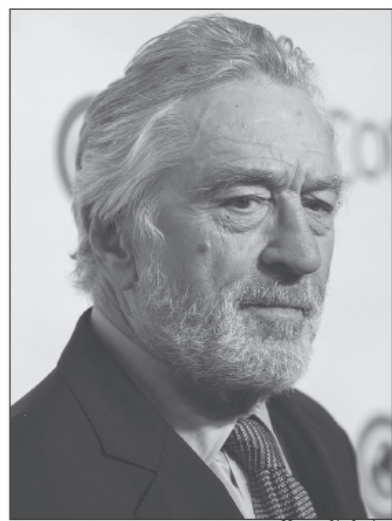
**A.** According to TV Guide, two-time Oscar winner Robert De Niro was "pretty much Hollywood's last A-list holdout" when it came to starring in a regular television role. The series that lured him away from motion pictures is "Zero Day," a six-episode miniseries that will premiere on Netflix on Feb. 20, 2025. It also stars Emmy nominee Connie Britton ("Nashville") and Oscar nominees Jesse Plemons ("The Power of the Dog") and Angela Bassett ("Black Panther: Wakanda Forever"). While the conspiracy/political thriller will be De Niro's first contract role in a series, he has guest-starred on a few others, playing himself on the NBC sitcom "30 Rock" and the British series "Extras." In "Zero Day," which he also produces, De Niro will play the former leader of the free world, who faces a global cyberattack.

One of the creative minds behind the series is Michael Schmidt, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the sexual harassment case against Bill O'Reilly. He also wrote the book "Donald Trump v. The United States," which was published in 2020. "Zero Day" is his first TV script.

**Q.** I love watching "A Christmas Story" marathons when they show it every year on TBS. I know the actor who played Ralphie has gone on to do other things in show business, but whatever happened to Ralphie's younger brother? — *M.S.*

**A.** Peter Billingsley, who played young Ralphie in "A Christmas Story," is one of the few success stories involving a child actor in Hollywood. As an adult, he's gone on to produce and direct several projects, even making (and starring in) "A Christmas Story Christmas" — the 2022 sequel to the original. Melinda Dillon and Darren McGavin, who were both brilliant as Ralphie's parents, have since passed away, but their characters live on each year when "A Christmas Story" airs on TBS, TNT and Max.

Ralphie's younger brother, Randy,



Robert De Niro (Upcoming in "Zero Day")

who ate mashed potatoes like a "little piggy," was played by Ian Petrella. He continued working as a child actor in the 1980s and most recently worked in animation and puppetry, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Petrella reprised the role of Randy in "A Christmas Story Christmas," along with actors Scott Schwartz as Flick (whose tongue infamously adhered to an icy pole in the original) and R. D. Robb as Schwartz (who laughed at Flick's predicament).

**Q.** Is "The Night Agent" returning for another season? My wife and I really enjoyed the first one. — *K.A.*

**A.** Yes, "The Night Agent," an action-thriller series based on the novel of the same name by Matthew Quirk, proved to be a big hit on Netflix during its first season. Starring Gabriel Basso ("Hillbilly Elegy") as an FBI agent working in the basement of the White House, it's already been renewed for a third season before the second has even premiered. Look for season two on Netflix, beginning on Jan. 23, 2025.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at [KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803](mailto:KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803).

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Described as a "Servant Leader", Don Merricks is the 2024 Danville Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year. Merricks--a former representative in the Virginia House of Delegates--received the 92nd Citizen Award at the Danville Golf Club. Merricks was described as an "individual of faith and servant leader" before being named the club's Citizen of the Year. Pictured with Merricks is Carolyn Smith, President of the Danville Kiwanis Club who praised the nominating committee--composed of Jeff Haley, Julie Brown, Dean Hairston and Buddy Rawley--for the 2024 selection.

## Odds & Ends

### Anchors away

California constables ordered Etienne Constable of Seaside, CA to build a fence to hide the fishing boat he keeps in his driveway, apparently because it was an unappealing sight. So, with the help of a neighborhood artist, he built a fence featuring a life-like, detailed painting of his vessel. Neighbors and passers-by approved his solution as did the town's City Manager, Nick Borges, who told reporters: "I thought, 'Wow, that's pretty creative.' I laughed at it. The only action I'm going to take is a high five."

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It may seem unfair, but the gathering was so large that the Guinness World Record's judges had to pass when evaluating the attempt of Drumheller, Alberta to gather the world's biggest crowd of folks dressed as dinosaurs. Town officials said no less than 3,000 participants showed up for the event, but they couldn't prove it, saying that "we could not obtain an exact measurement to officially break the record." Notwithstanding the judges' decision, the numbers attending the Alberta event were obviously so much larger than the 252 people who showed up in costume in Los Angeles in 2019 to win the event.

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## Kasie G Williams

January 22, 1989 ~ December 7, 2024 (age 35)



Kasie G. Williams, born January 22, 1989, daughter of Angela E. Hudgins and Ralph Geistel Jr., went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 7, 2024.

Kasie graduated from Liberty University and worked as a special education assistant at Tunstall High School. She also

worked in the Pharmacy at Walmart on Piney Forest Road.

Kasie is survived by her daughter, Katelyn D. Geistel, and son Kaleb R. Williams, both of the residence, as well as her life partner, Christopher Logan. Kasie is also survived by her mother Angela Hudgins and her stepfather David Hudgins of Ringgold, three sisters, Brandi Richardson (Brandon), and Megan Barker, both of Ringgold, and Rebecca McDaniel (Bradley) of Charlottesville. In addition, she leaves behind a niece Abigail Geistel, two nephews, Brandon Richardson Jr. and Alexander Barker, all of Ringgold, and several fur babies.

Kasie was a loving daughter, dedicated mother, devoted sister, and friend. She had a beautiful smile that could light up a room. She was always ready to help others in need. Her love for her niece and nephews extended far beyond family ties, with memories that will be cherished forever. Kasie will always be remembered for her fun-loving spirit and love for people. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Swicegood Funeral Home on West Main Street. Visitation will be from 1-2 P.M. with the service following. The service will be officiated by Dr. Danny Campbell. The family will receive friends at other times at the mother's residence in Ringgold.

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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 3. Thirsty cloth       | ___ _ _ _ L   | Steeple              | ___ _ _ _ R   |
| 4. Baseball hit man    | ___ A ___ _ _ | Toast topping        | ___ U ___ _ _ |
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1. Name the original title of the Beatles film "Help!"
2. What was a deuce coupe in the Beach Boys' song?
3. "I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was a big hit for which group?
4. What was Jesse Belvin's biggest hit?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "All we need is a drummer, for people who only need a beat."

### Answers

1. "Eight Arms to Hold You." In the 1965 musical comedy, a sinister cult (complete with mad scientists) is after Ringo, who has a special ring they want.
2. The deuce coupe was a 1932 Ford Model 18. The same model car also appeared in "American Graffiti" in 1973.
3. The Rolling Stones, in 1965. The song topped the charts in the U.S., but in the U.K. it was played on pirate radio stations at first because it was considered to be too suggestive.
4. "Goodnight My Love" in 1956. Belvin died at the age of 27 in a suspicious car accident after playing a concert in 1960.
5. "Dance to the Music," by Sly and the Family Stone, in 1967. It was their first song to get into the Top 10. Thirty years later the song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

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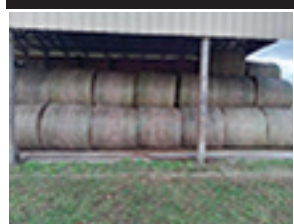
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5. Name the Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman who hit the first walk-off grand slam home run in World Series history.

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7. During a 2015 Indianapolis 500 practice session, what driver was critically injured in a crash when a piece of his car's suspension impaled his left thigh?

**Answers**

1. Ted Leonsis.
  2. The Vancouver Canucks.
  3. Aja Wilson.
  4. The Florida Atlantic Owls.
  5. Freddie Freeman, in 2024 World Series Game 1.
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**Strange BUT TRUE**

By Lucie Winborne

\* Montana's Flathead Lake looks shallow due to its crystal-clear water, but is actually 370 feet deep.

\* The expiration date on bottled water is for the bottle, not the water.

\* In 2004, farmers in India used Pepsi and Coca-Cola instead of pesticides because they were cheaper and got the job done just as well. Not surprisingly, Pepsi and Coca-Cola strongly disagreed.

\* After eating a large meal, lions can sleep for up to 24 hours straight.

\* People used to use bread to erase pencil marks, until Edward Naine accidentally picked up a piece of rubber instead of breadcrumbs in 1770 and -- voila! -- decided to start selling rubber erasers.

\* Two Bosnians had been talking in online chatrooms for a while when they decided it was time to meet in person. They discovered they were a married couple who had been cheating on each other with each other. They ended up divorcing.

\* One French cafe, La Petite Syrah, charges 7 euros for a coffee to rude customers but only 1.40 euro to patrons who are polite to the waitstaff. The cafe is located, perhaps unsurprisingly, in Nice.

\* Penguin egg whites turn clear when they're boiled.

\* Michael Jackson was said to request that his wine be served in Diet Coke cans whenever he was on a flight. He didn't want his kids to see him drinking alcohol.

\* Saudi Arabia once held a Women's Rights Conference that didn't include a single woman attendee.

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Thought for the Day: "A good conscience is a continual Christmas." --Benjamin Franklin

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## KNOWING THE CHRISTMAS STORY VERSUS TRULY UNDERSTANDING IT ARE VERY DIFFERENT THINGS.

By J. Basil Dannebohm

Author Barbara Robinson's popular novel, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, which was recently made into a major motion picture, begins: "The Herdmans were absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world. They lied and stole and smoked cigars (even the girls) and talked dirty and hit little kids and cursed their teachers and took the name of the Lord in vain and set fire to Fred Shoemaker's old broken-down toolhouse."

Set in a small, provincial community where even the most infinitesimal detail of one's life is subject to the scrutiny of the often-quirky townsfolk, the six obstreperous Herdman children - Imogene, Ralph, Claude, Leroy, Ollie, and Gladys, are nothing short of taboo.

Then one day, the rag-tag group of miscreants show up at church for Sunday School and find themselves intrigued by the announcement that casting for the annual Christmas pageant is to commence. The roles of Mary, Joseph, the Magi, and the Angel of the Lord were typically played by the same students year after year - that is, of course, until the Herdmans decided they wanted to play the parts. Not a single student dared to raise their hand in an expression of interest to portray one of the pageant's lead characters knowing that doing so might result in some form of Imogene's much feared wrath.

Suffice it to say that a gaggle of pearl-clutching parents were mortified by the news that the Herdman children were slated to lead the pageant, which had been an annual tradition in the community for decades. Such a catastrophe, they knew, would have been avoided had the longtime director not suffered an injury, leaving the production's fate to an inexperienced mother from the periphery of popular social circles.

I'm not going to give a sesquipedalian outline of the entirety of the story. If you've not yet read the book or seen the film, I suspect you can imagine that hijinks and uncertainty follow as the children, led by the unorthodox new cast members and an inexperienced director, set forth to pull off the highly anticipated, albeit dreaded, production.

One common scene throughout the story is a concerned Beth Bradley, the first-person narrator, frequently asking her mother, the newly appointed director, how things will unfold. The answer remains the same: "I don't know."

Though she didn't know, Grace Bradley remained hopeful that her inaugural production would go down in history as the best Christmas Pageant ever. In the end, it was indeed a success. For their part, the townsfolk discovered that while they knew the Herdman children, they didn't truly understand them.

Theoretical physicist Richard Feynman once observed, "Knowing is easy, understanding is hard."

More often than not, we tend to think we "know" an individual, a family, a group of people - but we rarely take the time to authentically "understand" them. Content in our assumptions, we are satisfied with the easy work of labeling and carrying on. Understanding is indeed hard. Often it makes us uncomfortable, even vulnerable. Generally, it challenges our long-held beliefs and perspectives. Thus, we remain in our clouds of unknowing and our bubbles of social coddling.

The story of the Nativity itself is largely known, though somewhat misunderstood. Many of us are content with our fairy tale notions of a gentle manger, a dainty Mary, and a picturesque porcelain silent night. To understand the story, however, is to realize that the newborn Savior represented "the least of these" from the very moment He took His first breath. Indeed, Emmanuel was an olive skinned, persecuted, known but largely misunderstood refugee. His mother was hopeful, yet uncertain, of how all that would soon come to pass was going to play out in His life. To genuinely embrace the authentic Nativity isn't easy. It requires us to set aside that which makes us comfortable and to realize that much of what the holy family faced during the infancy of the Christ Child is still endured today by people we would rather not have to think about during "the most wonderful time of the year."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once raised the question, "Who will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honor, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger."

Like the Nativity story, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* should be revisited annually. To celebrate the holiday season without understanding what it truly represents is easy but disingenuous. Such superficial pageantry is the antithesis of everything that came to pass on that most holy night.

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**INGREDIENTS**  
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 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 2 cups (248g) all-purpose flour  
 1 cup Christmas M&Ms or your favorite color  
 ½ cup Christmas sprinkles use jimmies for best results

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
 Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9x13" metal pan with foil and spray well with cooking spray. Do not use a glass pan.  
 Mix butter and brown sugar with a stand or a hand mixer until crumbly. Mix in eggs and vanilla until smooth. Mix in salt, baking powder, then flour. Stir in M&Ms and sprinkles.  
 Spread in prepared pan. The mixture is wet so it's best to spray your hands with cooking spray and then smooth the dough with your hands to get an even layer. Top with remaining mix-ins.  
 Bake for about 22-25 minutes until they start to turn golden. Err on the side of under baked with these - they'll finish baking as the cool and you don't want them over baked. Slice into bars.  
 Store in an airtight container for up to 4 days or freeze for up to a month.

**Notes**  
 Store in an airtight container and they'll last up to a week, making them perfect for shipping. Jimmies are the long rod-type sprinkles (not the little round balls).

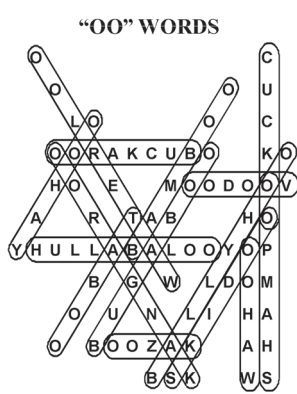
People are reporting that these are "raw" after cooking. Having made this recipe countless times with different add ins and for this post (it's even in my book), this is NOT the case. They will get golden brown around the edges and on top, no longer be glossy and will be a bit under done in the center when you take them out of the oven. They'll continue to cook/set as they cool. The center of these will be quite fudgy looking (like the center of a brownie). That is intentional to keep them rich and soft. They should not be liquid in the center after cooling. They will look like the center in the pictures - if you're expecting a fluffy sugar-cookie like center then these are not the bars for you.  
 The type of pan matters: I normally use a metal 9x13-inch pan to bake these. Metal conducts heat more evenly - a glass pan takes longer to heat up causing things to over bake on the outside and be under done in the center. I hadn't thought about this because all my 9x13-inch pans are metal. So use a metal pan, not glass! Make sure to use real butter (not margarine or imitation) and make sure your oven is the proper temperature when baking.



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\* Love Sudoku? M.K. of Montana suggests that you might love it even more if you color code your grid. Each number 1-9 is assigned a color, and you solve the puzzle as normal, except you color in the box to denote your answer. When it's all finished, she says, "It looks like a colorful quilt."

\* If the vegetables you are cooking give off an unpleasant smell, grab a small saucepan and simmer a bit of plain vinegar while cooking. It will negate the smell, and leave your house smelling pleasantly like mealtime afterward.

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**SENIOR NEWS LINE**  
 by Matilda Charles

Our challenge for 2025  
 "Your mission, should you choose to accept it ..." Remember that quote, from the "Mission: Impossible" TV show? The show (1966-1973) tasked members of the team with stopping enemy forces, a job that seemed to be impossible but really wasn't. That's our challenge for the New Year, to stop the "enemy forces" who are the scammers that want to steal our money, our identification and our peace of mind.

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