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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy Spring UMD!

I am Izabella Zadra, and I am your Editor in Chief here at The Bark. I am so happy yet so sad to welcome you to our last print edition of the 2022-23 school year. This year has not only been amazing for me but for The Bark in general. This year, I was able to learn so much about what it really takes to be the big cheese for a college newspaper, I got to meet so many new people and I was hopefully able to spread the word about our school paper. This year, The Bark has almost doubled in numbers on our socials and our team is bigger than I have seen in my three years here at UMD. I can not wait to see what next year brings for The Bark and I am just so proud of how much success we have gained this year. For this final print, we feature a few recurring pieces such as the Cadaver Column and a fashion spread, but we also have some new pieces including a summer song tier list and a collaborative photo spread for this year's UMD Spring Fest. Finally, our cover this month features a play from the UMD Women's Basketball season. Our girls made it all the way to the championships in Texas this year and we are so proud of their hard work and thought they deserved a spot front and center! One last time for this year, we here at The Bark would like to thank you for continuing to read our stories and support your student-run news organization here at UMD. Have an amazing summer and I can't wait to do this all again in the Fall!



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CADAVER COLUMN BY: IZABELLA ZADRA

Welcome back, UMD boys and ghouls, to The Cadaver Column. Every month we will discuss different devilish topics ranging from historical Halloween events to mythical beasts and their whereabouts to bone-chilling experiences submitted by the Bulldog community. As spring has sprung, I thought it would be fun to talk about some mythology and the dark love story of Hades, the god of the underworld, and Persephone, the goddess of spring.

This love story starts like every good one does... with an obsession! Hades was just chilling one day and caught a glance of Persephone and his cold heart turned hot for her. He knew she needed to have her and was willing to do whatever it took. There is a long version and a short version of this story so let's kick it off with the short one.

The Short Story

Hades hit up his brother Zeus and they made a plan on how Hades could win her heart... This involved kidnapping her.

While she was out one day, Hades split the earth below her and she fell to the underworld. Hades made her his wife and the queen of the underworld. Persephone

was unhappy for a while but eventually fell in love with Hades and enjoyed ruling the underworld at his side.

The Short Story... with Extra Steps

One day, Persephone was out with her mother, Demeter, the goddess of nature, exploring the beauty of the world. Persephone took off to play by the water with some of her nymph friends while her mom went to check up on the other pieces of nature.

Persephone noticed a patch of yellow flowers and took off to explore. She tried to convince her water friends to join her but they lived



Persephone; the Goddess of Spring and the Queen of the Underworld. Photo from gods-and-demons.fandom.com.

in the water so duh they couldn't leave. Persephone tried to pick a flower but it was very hard to do. Once she got it out, the hole that it left in the ground got bigger and bigger exposing Hades and his band of hell horses to collect his bride Demeter went off to find her daughter but only came across the nymphs crying and worrying about what they just saw. Demeter was furious and in hopes to help her daughter, she gave the nymphs legs and other lands-like features — this was the creation of the Siren.

Demeter and her sirens searched the

earth for 10 days in search of Persephone until she finally caught word that her daughter was dragged into the underworld. Demeter begged and pleaded with Hades to let her daughter walk among the living and he made a compromise. Persephone was allowed six months out of the year to live free on earth but had to spend four ruling the underworld with Hades — the other two-thirds of the year she was allowed to visit and spend with her mother. The coming and going of Persephone on earth is said to be the reason for the seasons! When she comes up to earth, the flowers bloom and the weather gets warm and then when she descends back to the underworld, things get cold and dark due to Demeter having to watch her daughter die over and over

again every year.

Have a hauntingly good topic or another cryptic you want us to discuss? Email zadra012@d.umn.edu with your ideas. Until next time Bulldogs, stay strange and keep it creepy!



Hades and Persephone.
Photo from worldhistory.org

Songs of the Summer

by Izabella Zadra

We can all agree that driving in the summertime with all the windows down and your music playing as loud as it goes just hits different; you just need to have the right type of song! With summer right around the corner, I have compiled a short list of some of my favorite summer songs that radiate that summer vibe and will keep you rocking all throughout summer break.



Everybody but You — State Champs

This banger is off of State Champ's newest album, "Kings of the New Age" which dropped back in 2022. Honestly, this whole album really gives off fun summer vibes but I think what sets this song above the rest is that the lyrics and the melody really blend nicely and you can just see yourself being at a party and just having a great time without caring about anything or anyone else around you. It is also a huge kinda screw-you song with lyrics like "Being with you is like working on the weekend... turn the music up louder, tell everyone to come through cuz I'm having a party inviting everybody but you." If that just doesn't light a fire under your butt to stick it to an ex or boss or just a rough week then I don't know what will! Photo from Spotify.



Super America — Bad Bad Hats

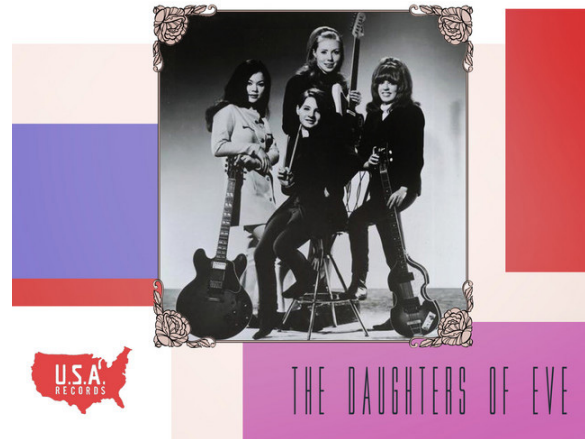
Bad Bad Hats is a local indie rock band from Minneapolis that formed back in 2012. As Minnesotans, we are all very familiar with the Super America gas station chain that sadly was washed away by Speedway. But the memories of walking down to Super America with all of our friends to get pop and snacks in the summer are still buried deep down in our subconscious — "Super America" will help all those memories resurface with its carefree youthful sound and lyrics like, "I want a sweet tea... I want an Icee... I want a Pepsi... I want a Reese's." You can't hear this song and not think about your favorite gas station food and an ice-cold Big Gulp that you somehow managed to preserve all day. Photo from Spotify.



Heist — Ben Folds

As you go down this list, you have probably been asking yourself if you know of these songs or have ever heard them. I will tell you right off the bat that you 100% know this song and that is because it was one of the main tracks from the 2006 film, "Over the Hedge." Like other songs on this list, this song came from an album that was made for summer. "Over the Hedge" and this song embodies being outside, grill-outs and hanging out with your friends deep into the cool summer nights. It is just a happy-sounding song with pretty happy lyrics so there is no way to listen to it and not smile and think of some of your favorite warm weather memories. Photo from Spotify.

Hey Lover



Hey Lover — The Daughters of Eve

"Hey Lover" is very different from other songs on this list and takes on the idea of a summer song in a lighter way. Just as with "Heist," I find that "Hey Lover" has the same power as transporting me to a certain place in a certain time frame. This song takes you back to the mid-60s on the beach with your sweetheart soaking up the sun. Nothing is better than the feeling of a summer romance in the era of peace and love. The Daughters of Eve keep things flowy and airy with this song and is a groovy essential for your summer date day playlist. Photo from Spotify.



Surf Waz America — Weezer

Now you can say what you want about Weezer, but if you listen to this track and don't want to get on a board and hit the waves out on Lake Superior then that sounds more like a you problem as opposed to a Weezer problem. With out-of-the-ordinary guitar riffs and a wind-down bridge that leads to a thrashing ending, this song pulls every garage rock trope from the bag and it works. Photo from Spotify.

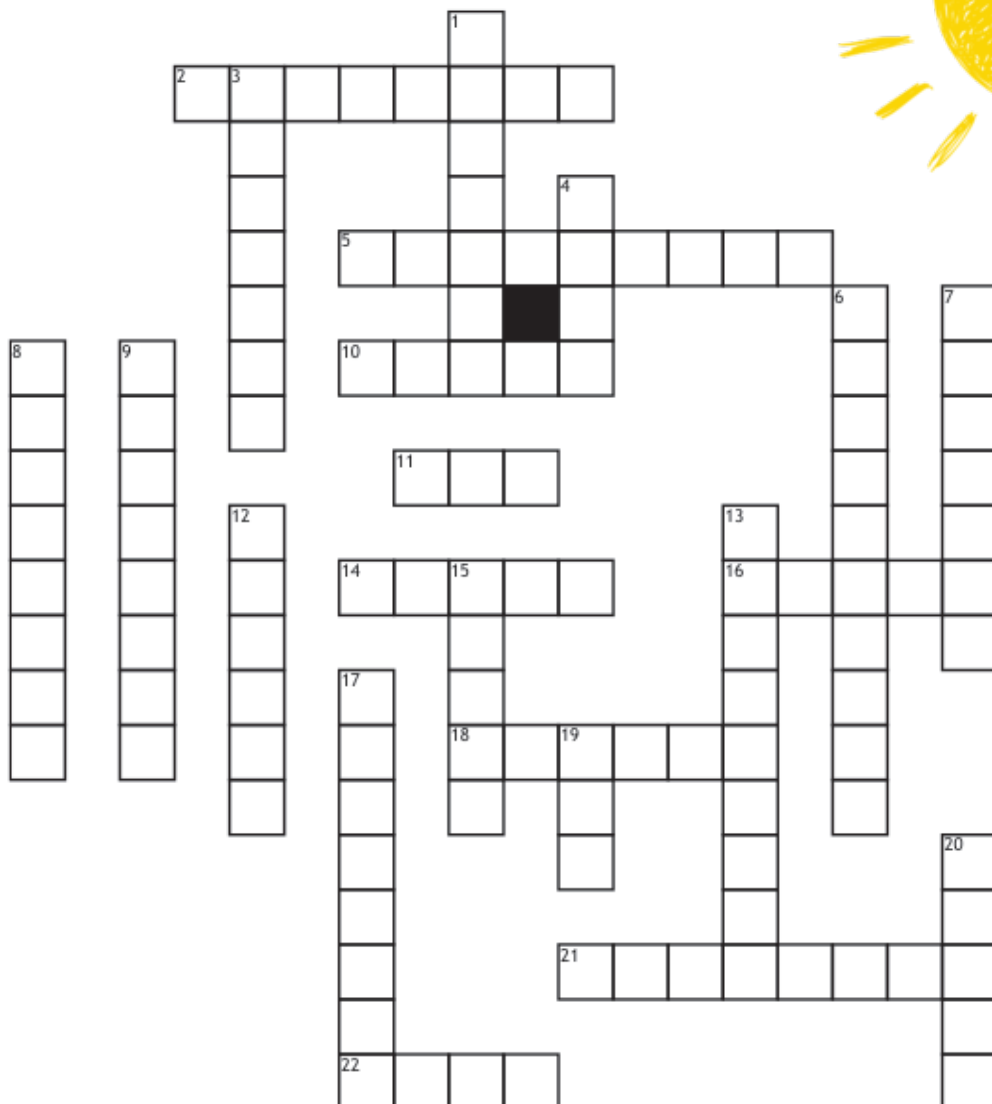


Ronnie — Tchotchke

Tchotchke is an all-female band that made its debut back in 2021 with their first single, "Dizzy." In late 2022, they dropped "Ronnie" and I rocked to it last summer and will continue to rock to it this summer. It has a fresh sound with sharp guitar riffs and pronounced drums that are guaranteed to make the speakers shake. Tchotchke does such a good job at storytelling through their music and this song perfectly paints a picture of strong, rebellious women who everyone just wants to be and whom everyone is absolutely obsessed with. "All I have is one fantasy, Veronica is all I wanna be...when she walks by...no one can compare they all stare." We all know this girl and the summertime is when she thrives the most; with her riot-grrrl attitude, a cigarette hanging from her purple-stained lips and unbrushed hair know she's ready to take the world by storm and you respect that! Photo from Spotify.

Spring Puzzle #1

Crossword



Across

2. cold treat during summer hot days
 5. yellow ____ : you ride it home
 10. you studied for
 11. ____ class, designs crafts and paintings
 14. flip ____
 16. what month is easter in?
 18. what month does school begin in?

21. get something out of the ____ box on fridays

22. ____ books kept your pages tidy

Down

1. sandy ____
 3. ____ have many different colors
 4. classroom ____, helping the teacher do something
 6. where to play outside
 7. you use this to write

8. what month is christmas in?

9. your ____ taught you things

12. what did you sit in at desks at schools.

13. where do you eat lunch

15. where can you snorkel on vacation

17. summer ____

19. where do you play basketball

20. ____ day: games, tug of war

SPRING



As the temperature gets warmer, Duluth citizens start shedding their winter layers to reveal an array of bright spring clothes. In this edition of Trendsetter, the fun colors are back for the warmer seasons, matching the beautiful Duluth scenery.

For women, knit clothing has Duluth hooked. Whether that's tops, skirts or accessories, I predict the knit trend will stick around for a while.

Linen is also coming up on the radar. Throw a light linen layer over your top for a comfortable and fashionable look. Linen is also odor and eco-friendly which is perfect for Duluth's environment.

For the bottom half, long skirts will add an elegant touch to your spring outfits. Adding a chunky boot or strappy sandal will elevate your look even more.

For men's fashion, a layered crew neck sweater has been trending for some time. To give it your own flare, add a colorful corduroy jacket to stay festive for spring. Extra points for incorporating UMD merchandise in your look.

Tying it all together, jean shorts and sweat shorts are a perfect addition to your closet. The term "basics" came into the conversation more this season. Having neutral clothing pieces helps bring together a colorful look.

Spring fashion is finally here, make this season confidently you by incorporating your own touch into your outfits.



By: Alyvia Taylor

TRENDSETTER





Open Arms of Christ first meeting. Photo by Lily Cartier

Religion can be found in the LGBTQ+ Community

by Ben Carpenter



Religion is not restricted to those of the LGBTQ+ community. Now there is the opportunity for queer and non queer students to come together for religious purposes thanks to the new student organization, Open Arms of Christ.

The Open Arms of Christ student organization was recently formed back in January by sophomores Lonnah Royale and Lily Cartier. The organization is meant to be a safe space for queer students and allies who want to reconnect or have faith in God.

The pair created Open Arms of Christ because there were no other religious organizations that were oriented specifically for people of the LGBTQ+ community.

"I was really mad one day, really exceptionally mad after I came back from a campus ministry large group. I could not tell you what I was mad about, homophobia obviously, but in what context I do not remember," Cartier said. "I was angry texting Lonnah, 'We could just start our own group.'"

Cartier explained how she met Royale and got involved with religion. "Something compelled me to attend Lonnah's Bible study, and then Lonnah said she'd make me cupcakes, so then I had to go back the next week," Cartier said. "then I just kept coming back, then I was [like], 'OMG, God is real!'"

Royale reclaimed her faith last year and began to bring religion back into her life while involved with campus ministries. In the campus ministries however, sexuality was not talked about even though there were others that wanted to discuss the topic.

"As a queer person, I felt like I really had to hide a big part of myself from them," Royale said. "I've been in college with my Christian circles and then my queer circles, and they're these two groups of friends that have stayed separate."

Cartier and Royale both expressed that this organization is beneficial because it has given them the chance to reconnect and understand religion, but also gives other queer students the chance to give religion a shot and to have a better understanding of how they fit into this world.

"If I would've had a group like this when I was younger, or even when I started high school or when I started [attending] the university, I think my whole life would be different," Cartier said.

Royale expressed that they feel comfortable being a queer person and that they were religious in high school, but lost touch with their faith for a period of time, due to negative experience with church and their identity.

Last year, Royale got involved with religion again and had a better understanding of their identity and faith. "I learned I didn't have to keep them separate just because I felt so loved by God, and that there is no reason my sexuality isn't loved too," Royale said.

Sophomore Caleb Stokes attended one of the meetings and had some strong emotions about the club. "I guess I've always had a, not necessarily a passion, but my heart kind of broke for the LGBT community on campus," Stokes said. "As a Christ follower, I just felt like the LGBT community as a whole in our culture just isn't feeling the love that Christ would want them to feel..."

Stokes said he was compelled to attend Open Arms of Christ and meet other people through the organization. Stokes said he was compelled because he wanted to learn how he can show love to the LGBT community in a genuine way without upsetting people.

Frequent attendee junior Brock Sonju had discovered Open Arms of Christ when he saw posters for it in the hallways and eventually met Cartier and Royale when they were tabling to promote the group.

Sonju has not had a very personal relationship with religion, but has been using the past couple years being away from family and being at college to explore his beliefs in religion and in God.

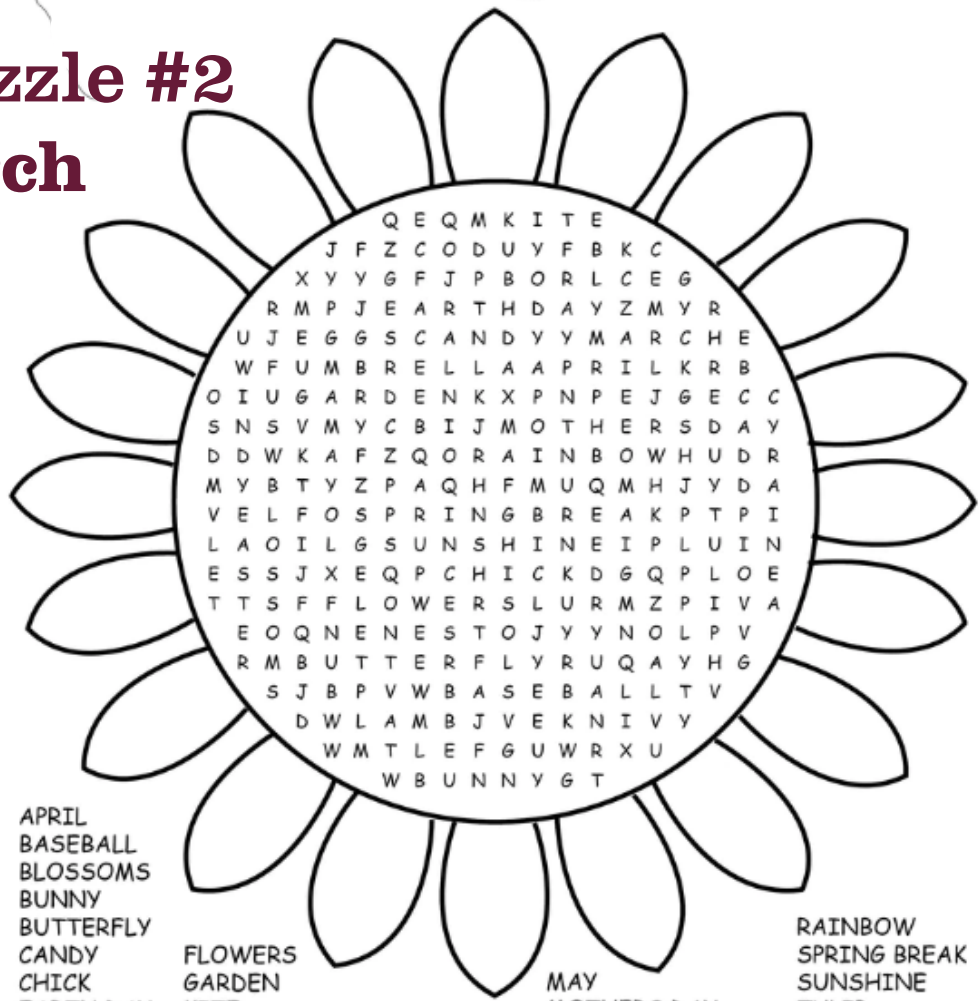
"I think that it's important to believe in something," Sonju said. "In general, in the media and in all stories it's like the divide is either Christian or not-Christian. In politics it just seems like all Republicans are these hateful and hardcore Christians, but that's not what it means to be Christian."

Cartier and Royale's goal with this organization is to give queer, and non queer, students the opportunity and space to form a better connection with faith and to learn there is a place for the LGBTQ+ community in religion.

"I feel like I've found so much peace in religion, and in God, and in Christianity that I have not found anywhere else in my life [and] I would love for other people to experience this as well," Cartier said. "If you are a queer person who has been hurt by religion... we are always here for you."

Spring Puzzle #2

Word Search



APRIL
BASEBALL
BLOSSOMS
BUNNY
BUTTERFLY
CANDY
CHICK
EARTH DAY
EASTER
EGGS

FLOWERS
GARDEN
KITE
LAMB
MARCH

MAY
MOTHERS DAY
NEST
RAIN

RAINBOW
SPRING BREAK
SUNSHINE
TULIP
UMBRELLA
WINDY

Spring Puzzle #3

UMD Word Scramble

- EEWBR UMCIS LHAL _____
- UDBLGLSO _____
- DHLUTU _____
- BYRIK UTSTNDE RTNCEE _____
- NOMORA DNA GDOL _____
- HET NGUEONDRUDR _____
- CHPAM _____
- ESTCHRE APKR _____
- ALEK RUOSRIPE HLLA _____
- OCKHYE _____
- ETH RBKA _____
- EEWDT MEUUSM FO RTA _____
- EGERN TOL _____
- ONARMO YGM _____
- JSEAM KLMYSAO MUADSTI _____
- ETH BSU BHU _____
- RTKAHYN A NMTRIA BLYRIRA _____
- BLAYGE EATUNR EARA _____

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One last look, at the Northern Lights.

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