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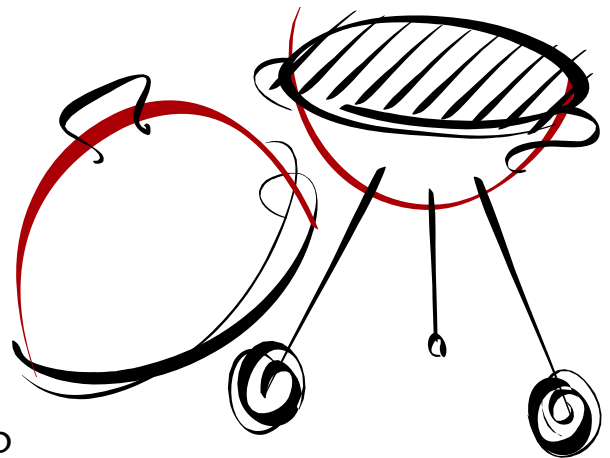
Back-to-School BBQ

All Theology
grad students
and their families

Saturday, August 22
4:00 pm

University Village
Community Center

Parking is limited, so
please carpool!



welcome ... **back!**
new grad students ... don't need to bring a thing
returning students ... please bring sides, desserts, drinks

Hosted by the GTS!

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Welcome to New Theology Graduate Students!

The GTS would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new theology graduate students.

In the MDiv Program, we welcome: **Megan Bazler, Lorraine Cuddeback, Tom Eggleston, Rebecca Guhin, Joseph Kolar, Jessica Lilley, Shawn Storer, and Jarrod Waugh.**

In the MSM program we welcome: **Thomas Andrews, Michelle Bythrow, Ross Jallo, Mary Catherine Levri, Jenny Lewis, Mary Mattingly, Laura Rau, and Brad Todorovich.**

In the MTS program we welcome: **Christina Brown, Christina Brvant, Andrew Chronister, Kristen Drahos, Matthew Erdel, Alison Fitchett, Andrew Geist, Brian Geraghty, David Henreckson, Kevin Hensler, Adam**

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—TW

First Thursday

On August 27th

4:30-6:00pm

134 Malloy Hall

Faculty, staff, & students
are invited to share
in food, drink, & fellowship!



The next GTS Bulletin will be published in October! Contributions are welcome. Please contact the editor at kharmon1@nd.edu.

Update from the Graduate Theological Society

Welcome or welcome back to the Graduate Theological Society! I am pleased to (re)introduce you to role of the GTS in the theology department and to our new executive board. The GTS is the official organization for graduate students in the Department of Theology. It exists to foster and promote community, service, and professional development among its members in all aspects of graduate student life, including academic, political, social, and liturgical activities. By being a member of the Department, you, too, are a member of the GTS!

Our first two activities are coming up soon. The **Welcome (Back) Barbeque** will be on August 22nd at 4pm at the University Village. We hope to see everyone along with their spouses, children, and significant others. We will also be continuing the tradition of the GTS **First Thursday** socials. The first of these will be on August 27th at 4:30pm in 134 Malloy.

Let me introduce the executive board. **Katharine Harmon (PhD—LS)** is this year's Vice President. She will coordinate library carrel assignments and our annual elections. Katie has also volunteered to continue editing the bulletin.

Andy Downing, S.J. (PhD—ST) is this year's PhD Committee representative. He represents the doctoral students at the monthly meetings of the PhD Committee and will also help with the organization of the admissions weekend in February.

Megan McCabe (MTS) will be serving as the representative to the Department's Gender Concerns Committee. Past Gender Concerns Committee representatives have worked on the departmental inclusive language statement and have solicited input from students about gender issues in the department.

Dulcinea Boesenberg (PhD—CJA) is this year's representative to the Graduate Student Union. The GSU organizes events for graduate students from all departments and

has in the past provided some funding for GTS activities as well. The GSU also serves as our advocate on important issues such as health insurance.

Sara Ferry (PhD—CJA) is this year's professional development representative. She will work with Prof. Matt Ashley, the Director of Graduate Studies, to organize professional development activities such as mock interviews and brown bag lunches. She will also provide monthly updates on upcoming conferences in the GTS Bulletin.

Brandon Bruning (PhD—CJA) and **Glenn Brown (PhD—LS)** are sharing the position of Community Development Chair. Brandon will lead the organization of community events in order to foster collegiality between graduate students in all programs and areas as well as faculty and staff. These include our Welcome (Back) Barbeque, "First Thursday" socials, and end-of-semester parties. Glenn will continue on as the GTS webmaster (www.nd.edu/~gts).

Elections for the MTS, MSM, and MDiv representatives will take place soon. If you are in one of these programs and would like to get involved, please consider running for these offices. Katie Harmon will soon be providing more information about how to nominate or be nominated.

We are also looking for a second professional development representative (open only to PhD students) and a second GSU representative (open to all graduate students).

As President this year, I will organize our meetings and hold everything together. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming barbeque and other GTS events. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any concerns, suggestions for possible events, or something you would like to contribute to this bulletin.

Best Wishes,

Todd Walatka, GTS President

Professional Development . . .

In each issue of our *GTS Bulletin*, we try to include some information about upcoming and ongoing opportunities for professional development (in addition to our social, vocational, and departmental news!). For this issue, our professional development representative, Sara Ferry, has compiled a list of upcoming conferences which may be of interest to theology students. If you are aware of upcoming conferences that you think should be included, please let Sara know at sferry@nd.edu. —KH

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics

Annual Meeting
September 4-6, 2009
Wescott House, Cambridge
<http://www.ssce.org.uk/>
Call for papers closed

International Seminar on Islamic Thought

October 6-7, 2009
Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia
<http://pkukmweb.ukm.my/~isoit/>
Call for papers closed

International Patristic, Medieval, & Renaissance Conference

October 16-18, 2009
Villanova University
<http://www.villanova.edu/artsci/augustinianinstitute>
Call for papers closed

American Jacques Maritain Association *St. Thomas and the Problem of Evil: Choice, History, & Providence*

October 22-29, 2009
Houston, Texas
<http://www.jacquesmaritain.org/meetings.html>

Love in the Religions of the World

October 23-26, 2009
The University of Hong Kong
<http://www3.hku.hk/smlc/news/detail.php?id=200>
Call for papers closed

Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology VII

October 28-31, 2009
Lueven, Belgium
<http://theo.kuleuven.be/page/lest7/>
Call for papers closed

American Academy of Religion

November 7-10, 2009
Montréal, Quebec, Canada
http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/default.asp
Call for papers closed

Society of Biblical Literature

Annual Meeting
November 21-24, 2009
New Orleans, Louisiana
<http://www.sbl-site.org/>
Call for papers closed

Becomings, Misplacements, Departures: Butler and Whitehead as Catalysts for Contemporary Thought

December 3-5, 2009
Claremont, California
<http://whiteheadresearch.org/occasions/conferences>

North American Academy of Liturgy

January 2-5, 2009
Baltimore, Maryland
<http://www.naal-liturgy.org/academymeetings/futuremeetings.html>

The American Philological Association

January 6-9, 2010
Anaheim, California
http://www.apaclassics.org/Newsletter/2008newsletter/09_AM_program_guide.pdf

Society of Christian Ethics

January 7-10, 2010
San Jose, California
http://www.scethics.org/future_annual_meetings.html

Midwest Society of Biblical Literature

February 12-14, 2010
Valparaiso University
http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/rm_midwest.aspx

Midwest American Academy of Religion

March 26-27, 2010
Augustana College
http://www.aarweb.org/About_AAR/Regions/Midwest/call.asp

Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society (SBL)

April 8-9, 2010
Richfield, Ohio
<http://www.jcu.edu/bible/eglbs/>
Paper proposals due January 15, 2010

International Congress on Medieval Studies

May 13-16, 2010
Kalamazoo, MI
<http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/>

Catholic Theological Society of America *Theology's Prophetic Commitments*

June 10-13, 2010
http://www.ctsa-online.org/convention_2010_general_info.html
Paper proposals due October 9, 2009

Around Our Department . . .

Andy Downing (PhD—ST) shares that the local Jesuit community moved from Granger to South Bend.

David Kneip (PhD—CJA) accepted a tenure-track position at Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX), in their undergraduate department, which is called Bible, Missions, and Ministry. This position will begin in January 2010.

Colleen (Bartholomew) Lee (MDiv) was married on May 30th to Kevin Lee in Mobile, AL. They were married in St. Joseph Chapel at Spring Hill College.

Conor Kelly (MTS) got engaged this summer. His fiancée, Kate Crecelius, will be one of the campus ministry interns for the coming year.

Elizabeth Antus (PhD—ST) and **Andrew Prevot (PhD—ST)** have set October 17 as their wedding date.

Daria (Lucas) Spezzano (PhD—HC) got married on July 10 to Frank Spezzano at St. Monica's Church in Mishawaka.

Adam and **Christy Clark (PhD—HC)** happily announce the birth of their first, Emma Katelynn, on August 6, 2009 at Memorial. She weighed in at 7 lbs and measured 20.5 inches.

Dan Allen (MDiv) married Stephanie Hile on June 27th, 2009 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Thy Rowe, wife of **Eric Rowe (PhD—CJA)**, gave birth to their daughter, Gracie Madeline, on August 14, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19" long. Gracie and Thy are both doing great.

Jess Heringer (MDiv) got engaged this summer to Ross Mitchell. Their wedding will be in June 2011.

Rebecca Guhin (MDiv) and **Joseph Kolar (MDiv)** received awards for demonstrating exceptional gifts for ministry from the Fund for Theological Education (FTE). —DB

Gender Concerns in a Welcoming Community

The Notre Dame theology department has a well-known reputation for being a welcoming environment with a strong community. A large amount of our interaction in the department outside of the classroom takes place in the department lounge. Here, we have the opportunity to make connections with people we might not otherwise have had the chance to get to know. In our discussions in the lounge, as well as in all of our interactions, it is important to remember that we all come to the table with different backgrounds and personal commitments, especially when it comes to issues of gender and sexual orientation. In order to help navigate these issues and make this space a comfortable working and social environment for all members of the department, there are two policies relating to "gender concerns" worth mentioning.

The first is a policy adopted by the department in favor of gender inclusive language. This policy asks that all faculty and students "use respectful and gender inclusive language," for human beings and leaves open the theological debate for language about God. This policy is to be used by the departmental community "in the conduct of their work and their social life both within and outside the Notre Dame community."

Complete information concerning the inclusive language statement will be distributed early in the semester.

The second guideline worth noting is the University's "spirit of inclusion" which intends to "consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality, and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish." This "spirit of inclusion" is specifically extended to "all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality," and continues, "We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. We condemn harassment of any kind, and University policies proscribe it."

Both the inclusive language statement and the spirit of inclusion serve as guidelines for helping to create a comfortable environment where we can work and relax together. By keeping them in mind, we can respectfully be aware of the diverse backgrounds and commitments we bring to our shared spaces in order to strengthen the potential for community among all members of the department. Tensions will inevitably emerge among us, but, hopefully, by keeping these guidelines in mind we can make them creative, rather than alienating, tensions. —MM

Around South Bend. . .

Granite City

If delicious sandwiches and tasty microbrews top your dinner menu choices, check out Granite City in Mishawaka. GC offers a variety of options for the picky eater, including pasta, a variety of salads, and higher-priced entrée options. However, burgers and sandwiches remain their specialties, and the menu offers an excellent variety. The Cuban sandwich and the Bleu Peppercorn burger are both top of the line. Every choice can be complemented with the restaurant's delicious potato chips. Any of Granite City's four microbrews—brewed just for this chain—make your meal taste even better. With the exception of their Signature Selections, most options are reasonably priced: no burger or sandwich costs more than \$10, and the most expensive pasta costs \$16. Located in the University Park Mall near Bar Louie; it is just off of Grape Road in Mishawaka: 574.243.0900. —*Michael Rubbelke (MTS)*

South Bend Farmer's Market

If the heat of summer finds you craving home-grown tomatoes, head to the South Bend Farmer's Market for a comprehensive selection of fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, and other treats. The peaches are especially fantastic. I also recommend the soft pretzels. For the best selection and the largest crowd, go on Saturdays, 7am – 3pm. Many vendors are also there on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7am – 2pm, and (until September) Fridays, 8am – 2pm. The Farmer's Market is downtown, next to the St. Joseph River at the intersection of Northside and Sample. Check it out online at www.southbendfarmersmarket.com.

Thai-Cambodia Restaurant

For the best Thai food in town, the consensus generally holds for the imaginatively named Thai-Cambodia restaurant, located at the south end of the Michigan St. commercial district in downtown South Bend. Although something of a hole-in-the-wall,



Thai-Cambodia serves up fresh, flavorful (and cheap) dishes from a menu that offers all the Thai mainstays, from Pad Thai to curries, crispy fried fish and spicy soups. All items may be ordered from sensibly mild to head-sweating hot. Without a license, however, the restaurant serves nothing stronger than iced coffee to cool the palate. Take-out is also available, and parking can usually be found in front.

Fiddler's Hearth

In a town with no shortage of things Irish, Fiddler's Hearth stands out as a place to find true Irish, i.e. from the Isle, food, drink, music and atmosphere. Located on Main St. in downtown South Bend, Fiddler's offers a wide selection of traditional pub fare—from fish and chips to Scotch eggs and Welsh rarebit—as well as more substantial meals, which are worth the trip in itself. For some Irish comfort food, try a boxty, the Irish version of a supper crepe. But Fiddler's also serves an extensive selection of Irish, British, European and American microbrew beers, as well as an impressive number of Irish and Scotch Whisk(e)ys, which makes it a great place for a pint, too. In addition, local groups play a mixture of Celtic and folk music on the weekends, though be advised: it fills up quickly from Thursday to Saturday nights.

The Lake Michigan Shoreline

As the beautiful weather of this fair state of Indiana turns its glorious face from late summer to autumn, take a trip to one of the many lovely locations along the Lake Michigan Shoreline! From Dune Park off the Chesterton 80/90 toll road exit to Michigan City's outlet mall (a 10-minute drive from Dune Park) to St. Joseph, MI and beyond, there are nature trails, beaches, places to eat, and scenic small-town Indiana streets. At home within a near neighbour to this fine State, exist a number of really fine Michigan wineries, all within about 10-15 minutes of each other. Try searching for "Hickory Creek," "Round Barn," or "Domaine Berrien," three great choices, especially for those with sweeter palettes.



Around South Bend, cont. . . .

Art Beat 2009

This year, Art Beat moves to an entire Saturday in late September for an even bigger transformation of downtown South Bend. Stroll along the river and down streets closed to traffic, listening to local performing artists and sampling food and desserts from some of South Bend's best establishments. Area artists and artisans offer their wares at booths and studios from the east end of the Colfax Ave. bridge to the old State Theater on Michigan. Stay downtown for dinner and a South Bend Symphony concert at the Morris, including the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3, at 8:00 p.m. Art Beat: 26 September, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.



www.artbeatsouthbend.org;
www.morriscenter.org

www.morriscenter.org

www.morriscenter.org

Ray and Sons' Portage Sunoco

Located in the Martin's Supermarket shopping plaza near the intersection of Portage and Angela, this beat-up, down-home mechanic is likely the cheapest and most humble in town. Ray's lot is always full because, over the decades he and his sons have served the area, they've gotten a rep as hard workers willing to adjust to any specified price range. Plus, he's the tireless spirit behind the local little league federation and a longtime coach who annually presents his tiny players with huge cakes to give their mothers on Mother's Day. A great shop with honest mechanics. —Ricky Klee (PHD—LS)

—AD, DB, KH, BB

The Hesburgh Library and Your GTS

Interest in the ongoing renovations of Hesburgh Library has sparked numerous conversations across the University about the library's role and performance. In response, the GTS board formed an *ad hoc* Library Committee to advocate for the research needs of all graduate theologians—and to do so in conjunction with other departmental graduate organizations. So far, Electrical Engineering, English, History, and the Medieval Institute have responded to the GTS's invitation to work for a common set of principles and goals that we can submit on behalf of our constituent sub-disciplines; the GSU is supportive of an interdepartmental response and may help to facilitate this collaboration. Preliminary discussions have identified the following four points:

1) *A research library for a research university. Study space and coffee shops are great, but what makes a great research library? Research needs differ from discipline to discipline, and as graduate organizations we want the library to serve all our constituencies in the way most appropriate to their needs—even if it means redundancies in collections and physical spaces.*

2) *Collections. Concerns include the falling rate of acquisitions, comparative standing with other research libraries, and gaps in basic resources for many disciplines, even those in which Notre Dame is traditionally strong. Commitment to electronic resources is welcome, but these often remain supplements to books; again, this*

calls for greater sensitivity to the research needs of each field.

3) *Physical space. More collections will require building, not just renovation, and should prioritize diverse research needs in private (carrels), public (stacks, general reference, computing clusters), and in-between (discipline-specific reading rooms such as the Medieval Institute or the Theology Reference section) spaces. Aesthetics, too, contribute to the library's facilitation of research.*

4) *Funding. ND's record-bursting \$1.54 billion capital campaign the last two years sent the message, "Recession, schmrecession! We are Notre Dame!" Yet just 4¢ of every dollar was tagged for Hesburgh, split between renovations and regular operating costs. Research libraries—and their budgets—are visible indicators of an institution's academic health and priorities.*

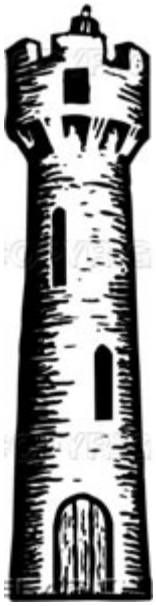
None of these concerns negates the good work done by many library staff and subject librarians. At the same time, we realize that the whole ND community will benefit from serious recommitment to our greatest and most visible academic resource.

Your input is needed and appreciated. The GTS wants to promote your research needs and to add the perspective of the theological sub-disciplines to the picture of graduate research across the University.

Please send your comments to *ad hoc* Library Committee chair Brandon Bruning at bbruning1@nd.edu. —BB

From the Basement of the Ivory Tower

by Deonna Neal (PhD—MT)



Patience. If there is one virtue that I have found is indispensable for the academic life it is patience.

I was doing some research a few weeks ago on port wine, trying to decide what to purchase for a social gathering. Since I knew that some people in attendance had not had port before, I figured it was better to break them in on the “good stuff,” so as not to traumatize their first experience with something that would lead them to disavow it forever. However, having the pocket book of a grad student, a 40-year old bottle of port was slightly out of my range. So, I selected a 10-year old port which rang up at a very respectable \$30 a bottle. However, when I looked at the label which stated “aged 10 years” it got me to thinking.

I started graduate school 10 years ago. And around that same time, the owners of a vineyard in Portugal put some grapes into an oaken barrel, closed the lid, and knew, as they did it, that it wouldn’t be opened again for a decade, if not four more decades. The ability to set something aside and let the natural processes of aging and fermentation take their course over the course of a decade or longer struck me as an extraordinary thing to do. Especially when in this day and age speed and “instant access” are so highly prized. But for those whose craft is that of winemaking, patience is everything. The best wines can only be achieved if one has the *long view* in mind. We, too, I believe, who undertake this process of intellectual and spiritual formation, must approach this vocation with the long view in mind.

Even though we are all at various stages of our intellectual and spiritual formation as theologians, perhaps the best thing that we can do is to remind ourselves to be patient and realize that the labors that we undertake now may not bear any real fruit for decades. The seminar paper that we write for a course *does not* have to be of publication quality. At the very

minimum, they are opportunities for us to explore our own intellectual questions and learn how to communicate complex thoughts and ideas clearly in a language that is common to our field. Sometimes, just coming to grips with the basic information that is being presented to us is good enough.

For those undertaking comprehensive exams, our exam topics are just the beginning of what our research and teaching interests may be. After you finish your exams, you may look back on your topics and realize that you don’t have an interest in some of those questions any more, or that those questions sparked new questions that hadn’t even been present to your mind before. In the long run, whether you pass with honors or not, doesn’t really matter.

For those in their dissertation year, *your dissertation does not have to define the rest of your career*. It *can* be that, but it *doesn’t have to be*. I’ve talked to professors who wish they could burn their dissertations. I know one professor who would not be upset if her dissertation at Yale became mysteriously “lost.” Another professor I know wrote on one topic, but got a job doing something completely different. The dissertation is important, yes, but it is not our life. It is only the beginning, the first steps in the long process of learning our craft.

I am absolutely convinced that really *good* theological writing only comes with maturity. This doesn’t necessarily mean a maturity that comes with *age*, but, of course, more often than not, these two are directly proportional. However, it is possible to get older without really ever acquiring any *spiritual wisdom*. I believe that, if we want to take seriously our vocation as *theologians*, we must endeavor to acquire spiritual wisdom as well. And, I don’t know any more indispensable virtue for the attainment of spiritual wisdom than *patience*. Specifically, to be patient with ourselves and to trust that God is working within us to produce that fruit which will bear witness to God’s goodness.

We frequently use the image of us laboring in God’s vineyard, but I think it is also true to say that we are God’s vine-

From the Basement of the Ivory Tower cont. . . .

yard and God labors in us as well. It is easy to want instant results from our work, to be frustrated when papers don't get accepted to a journal, or when our ideas are misunderstood, or when that book proposal gets rejected or when our job applications are turned down. Any time we encounter these obstacles we may despair of our vocation and think that we won't ever amount to anything. But we must be patient and trust that God is working in us, that God's patient labor and confidence in us will bear fruit. It is by the recognition of God's labor in us that we might begin to acquire the wisdom necessary for the terribly difficult task of being a Christian theologian. The fruits of which may not be realized in 10

years, maybe 20, maybe even 30 or 40. Or, perhaps the fruit of our labor may not be realized in our lifetime, and we must write for an unknown future generation who might take up our work. We can never know, but it is only with hope and confidence that God, too, has the long view in mind, and that we can proceed on this journey with any peace of mind. Hopefully, our thoughts and our writing will mature as we mature. However, we must always remember that, even at the end of our life, regardless of our accomplishments, we will still be beginners when it comes to understanding the mystery of God and the Christian life. May we be as patient with ourselves as God is with us.

Highflying with the Theology Softball Team

The summer of '09 saw the theology department, along with associates of the aerospace program, field an intramural softball team, the Highflyers. The season started with a beating by perhaps the best team in the bracket, but that did not lower the team's spirits. **Devon Smith (PhD—HC)** (former state champ in softball from Vermont) continued her solid fielding at second, **Nick "The Brooklyn Bomber" Russo (PhD—LS)** kept swinging a big bat, the eagle-eyed **Katie Harmon (PhD—LS)** batted with determination, **Andrew Hofer, OP (PhD—HC)**, from the farm league continued to hone his skills, **Kevin "Wayne Dietz" Haley (PhD—HC)** provided humor and hits, **Jim Lee (PhD—HC)** trained and trained, Charlie McCoy, CSC, was freakin' awesome, **Sean (the) Moberg (ECS)** remained stellar at short, while **Austin Murphy, OSB (PhD—HC)**, (myself) worked on not sliding. The eventual result of all this hard work, perseverance, and practice was a sensational win at the end of the regular season. Records, of course, are not the sole measure



Photo provided by Devon Smith

of a season's success, but before this last game we had only one win, and that by forfeit. Hungering for a "real" win, we faced off against the Athletic Department's team, no mean team. The Highflyers jumped out to an early lead, 5-0, but the lead slowly dwindled to an 8-10 deficit. Time was running out. The opportunities were vanishing. We mounted a final assault. The lead was regained and the team persevered, 12-10. Heading off to the playoffs, we were then served a defeat by the Food Service team, Last Meal—and so it was for us. But thanks to all who took part, those listed above and the unnamed guys from aerospace, it was, as planned, a fun time. —Austin Murphy, OSB

Puzzlers from the basement ...

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Answers: 2) mother-in-law 3) splitting headache 4) crossroads 5) out in the middle of nowhere 6) tricycle 7) tuna fish 8) too good to be true 9) water under the bridge 10) Little House on the Prairie 11) somewhere over the rainbow 12) an afterthought 13) home away from home 14) what goes up must come down 15) lemonade 16) reading between the lines