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Carleton Christy: *Big Wreck*

It's the defining *SportsCenter* highlight for any NASCAR or Indy Car race: a spectacular crash, flip or other wipeout. As spectator popularity of auto racing has surged over the past decade, for the uninitiated, it continues to be defined less by the winners than by those who wind up injured, or even dead. Los Angeles-based artist Carleton Christy explores the intersection between public spectacle and life-and-death consequences in his pencil drawing *Big Wreck*. Throughout a depiction of plumes of smoke, Christy includes the car numbers of every NASCAR driver who has ever died as a result of a racing accident. With the vibrant colors of the live event shaded in monochrome, the piece forces you to look at something that might have been just another highlight-ready crash and ask, "Are you not entertained?" (Scott Renshaw) **Carleton Christy: *Big Wreck* @ Sego Art Center Annex, 169 N. University Ave., Provo, 801-599-0680, Feb. 6-27. Artist reception Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m. SegoArts.org**

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Jeff Foxworthy

If you don't already know one of the most popular comics ever, you might *not* be a redneck.

His *Blue Collar Comedy Tour* spawned a new era of arena-filling comedy shows and made him a household name—not to mention extremely wealthy. As his ventures veered away from the stage, he dedicated less time to touring and more to broadcasting.

He currently hosts a weekly satellite radio program called *The Foxworthy Countdown* and continues to host the popular TV game show *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* His busy schedule means that he hasn't been able to release a new album since 2004, so he's opted for an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach to comedy. As a result, audiences already may be familiar with the bulk of Foxworthy's stand-up material, yet his years of experience allow him to deliver with such polish and style that people feel as if they were seeing him for the first time. (Jennifer Heaney) **Jeff Foxworthy @ EnergySolutions Arena, 301 W. South Temple, Friday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m., 801-325-SEAT. EnergySolutionsArena.com**