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The Minor Adjustments 4/9
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THUR	4/5	THE DIG
FRI	4/6	BILL PERRY TRIO WITH THE GREAT BOOK OF JOHN
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TUES	4/10	MISSING CATS FEATURING JOHN "JOJO" HERMANN
WED	4/11	THE ELECTRIC HEARTS
THUR	4/12	JIMMY PHILLIPS & THE RUMINATORS CD RELEASE
FRI	4/13	GUNBOAT WITH ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE
SAT	4/14	THE PIMPS OF JOYTIME
THUR	4/19	SANDERS BOHLKE WITH THE GRENADINES

4/20 Jimbo Mathus &
The Tri-State Coalition

4/23 The Legit Jazz Quintet

4/25 James Justin & Co. (FREE)

4/26 Shannon McNally & Hot Sauce

4/27 Dickey Do & The Don'ts

4/28 Blue Mountain

4/30 The Legit Jazz Quintet

5/3 Megan Tubb & Shady People

5/7 The Legit Jazz Quintet

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Local Q&A: by Winter Harden

What gives you Spring Fever?

Crawfish Season is Here! by Nature Humphries

OXFORD, MISS. (TLV) - Ah, springtime in the South. What's not to love about a sunny Mississippi afternoon? We've got baseball, fantastic weather, good people, and tasty food. And one spring staple for so many is that favorite of all crusty critters - the crawfish.

As a native Mississippian, crawfish have been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. From the very first time I sampled the Cajun treat, I was hooked. My granny had taken me grocery shopping at the Piggly Wiggly in **Port Gibson** and when I saw the package of mysterious creatures, I begged and begged until she bought me some.

"You ain't gon' like them thangs, Nature!" she said. Well, she was wrong. I couldn't have been more than about seven or eight, and she couldn't peel the tails fast enough for me; I was just shoveling them in with both hands. I'd caught live crawfish out of the creek near my house, but who knew that they'd be so delicious?

Every year since then I've looked forward to the start of crawfish season, usually accompanied by outdoor music festivals. The year I was away in Navy Boot Camp, my mom sent me some polaroids of people eating flats of mudbugs in the streets of **Vicksburg** at **Riverfest**, and the homesickness I'd managed to stifle finally hit me with a slap. I spent an afternoon explaining the delicacy to my fellow recruits from far off places like Chicago or New York. *It's just tradition where I come from*, I tried to tell the girls who crinkled their noses at such strangeness.

I'm sure most Mississippians have similar stories. Think about it...can you recall the first time you smelled that spicy, slightly muddy aroma of the boil? That first tender tail meat? Or the first head you ever sucked? Good memories, I'll wager.

So, what makes this favorite dish so great? I think it's a combination of things. The quality of the crawfish and how it's boiled are huge factors, sure. But I truly believe that the atmosphere of where and when you eat them, as well as the company you keep really make a difference.



Photo by Blair McElroy.

The juicy factor is a big deal to me, as a head-sucker, because in my opinion that's where all the fun and flavor come from. What you're getting isn't brains (like some squeamish person once told me, tongue extended in disgust) but fat and juices from the boil. It's got a buttery flavor that goes so well with a cold beer. If you don't suck heads, maybe you should reconsider, no? Also, take a little extra time to try and wrench a little of the claw meat out—it's super sweet and tender, and worth the effort.

The extras are important to me if I'm very hungry. I like potatoes, and the corn supplies a sweet contrast to the spicy that just makes life good. Sausage is a great addition, be it Andouille or whatever is at hand (I'm pretty sure **Rib Cage's** kielbasa would be mighty nice). And some places get a little creative with what they serve. Last year **Bouré** included some mushrooms and garlic cloves in one batch that just took it over the top.

Below is a list of some of the places you can get your hands on our little red friends. Everyone has their own style, so experiment and see what best fits your bill. Most of all, don't be afraid to get your hands dirty and dig in!!

Dixie Crawfish Co.

Thursday though Sunday, open at noon.



Dixie Crawfish. Photo by Newt Rayburn.

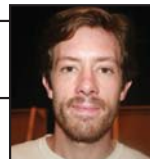
What if you want to get some crawfish to bring home or for a picnic? Get 'em to go from **Dixie**! Nothing livens up a Springtime backyard BBQ or trip to Sardis better than a plastic sack full of steaming hot Louisiana

Lobsters. Or, buy them live and cook 'em yourself! Dixie sells them both ways and you can stop by their North Lamar location all weekend, starting at noon Thursday and going all the way through Sunday. The cooked ones are complete with all the fixin's if you so choose and once you tote em off, the atmosphere of your feast is up to you! **Newt Rayburn** and I had a little front yard picnic in the garden while we watched the world roll by from the comfort of our home.



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Jared Davis
"Ole Miss winning
baseball games."



Whitley
White
"Drivin' to Taylor,
top down, music up,"



Sarah
Jennings
"Strawberry Abita and
Ally Heine. Go Cats!"



Richard
Henley
"The smell of fresh-cut
grass *wink*."



Javon Lee
"Girls."



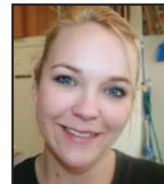
Irene
Matthew
Parker
"The flu."



Aaron
McElfish
"Getting tan and faded
at the same time."



Amber
Williams
"The perfect weather
for backroads."



Carter Wilkes
"Cow bells."



Jamo
"Daisy Dukes."





DIXIE CRAWFISH COMPANY

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North Lamar by
Handy Andy

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Friday at 3:00 pm
and Saturday at
12:00 pm

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THU Patrick McClary
4/5 and Kel Kellum

FRI Tony Boyd
4/6 and Jason Evans

THU Clint Jordan
4/12

FRI Bill Perry, Jr.
4/13

SAT Jay Patrick
4/14 Marlar



MONDAYS

Blind Pig: Sandwich Special: "Southern Brieze",
Happy Hour 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything, \$3 Wells; \$2
Domestics

Burgundy Room: \$1 Slice of Pizza, \$1 Bud Light Drafts

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells &
Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Frank & Marlee's: 25¢ Wings and \$1 PBR; Happy
Hour: 3-7 pm

Irie: \$7 Dozen Raw Oysters (4-9pm) & FREE WINGS!
(7-9pm); Happy Hour: 4-7pm: \$5 Big Boy Drafts, \$2
Domestic bottles, 2-for-1 Wells

IRIE HOUR 9pm-12am: 2-for-1 Wines (Ladies), 2-for-1
Bud Bottles (Guys)

The Levee: \$1 PBR, Keystone, Shots, & Drafts;
25¢ Wings

Little Easy Catering: Plate Lunch Special: Baked
Chicken, Hamburger Steak, Cornbread Dressing,
Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,
Carrots+Broccoli+Cauliflower (from 11am-1:30pm)

McCarthy's: \$4 Irish Car Bombs; Happy Hour 4-8pm:
\$1 off everything

Proud Larry's: Happy Hour 4-7pm: \$1 Miller High
Life, \$2.50 Margaritas

Rib Cage: \$7 BBQ Quesadillas, \$2 Coors Light Pints,
\$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a
Side; Dinner: 25¢ Wings, \$2 Pitchers; Happy Hour
3-6pm: ½-off Apps, 2-for-1 Wells & Domestic

Round Table: \$6 Philly Cheese Sandwich w/ fries or
chips; Free Appetizers 5-6pm

Snackbar: Daily Special: Deluxe Red Beans & Rice

Soulshine Pizza: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm;
Happy Hour 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drafts, wells, house wines;
\$1 off longnecks; \$10 bucket of beer

South Depot: Happy Hour: \$1 off Everything at bar
Everyday 4 till 7; Daily Special: 2-for-1 Margaritas

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink)

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm).
Happy Hour: ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic
Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm);
KIDS EAT FREE

Volta: ½-Price Margaritas

TUESDAYS

Big Bad Breakfast: "Early Bird Special" 25% off
food purchase 7-9 am

Blind Pig: Sandwich Special: "Pesto Change-O";
Happy Hour 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything, \$3 Wells; \$2
Domestics

Burgundy Room: \$2.50 Wells, \$4 Bellinis

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells &
Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Frank & Marlee's: \$2 Tuesdays: \$2 Domestic Beers
& Wells All Night; Happy Hour: 3-7 pm

Irie: \$5 All PoBoys (4-9pm); Happy Hour 4-7pm: \$5 Big
Boy Drafts, \$2 Domestic bottles, 2-for-1 Wells; **IRIE
HOUR** 9-12pm: \$1 PBR & Natty Lights, \$2 Domestic Drafts

The Levee: LADIES' NIGHT: 3-for-1 Wells; 25¢ Wings

Little Easy Catering: Plate Lunch Special: Pork
Chops, Chicken Spaghetti, Lima Beans, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn (from 11am-1:30pm)

McCarthy's: 2-for-1 Wells (Shots & Drinks); Happy
Hour 4-8 pm: \$1 off everything

Proud Larry's: 2-for-1 Wells, Domestic, Burgers,
Pizza Slices, and Side Salads

Happy Hour 4-7pm: \$1 Miller High Life, \$2.50 Margaritas

Rib Cage: \$7.75 Cheese Plate, \$2 Coors Light Pints,
\$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a
Side; **STEAK NIGHT:** ½-price Ribeyes, Strips & Sirloin
Filets from 5pm; \$5 Pitchers, \$3 Jäger & Rumble;
Happy Hour 3-6 pm: ½-off Apps, 2-for-1 Wells &
Domestics

Round Table: \$6 Hamburger w/ fries or chips; Free
Appetizers 5-6pm

Snackbar: Daily Special: Tandoori Spiced Fried
Cornish Game Hen

Soulshine Pizza: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm;
Happy Hour 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drafts, wells, house wines;
\$1 off longnecks; \$10 bucket of beer; **Ladies' Night:**
2-for-1 Wells, House wines all night

South Depot: Happy Hour: \$1 off Everything at bar
Everyday 4 till 7; Daily Special: 2-for-1 Domestic

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink)

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm).
Happy Hour: ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic
Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm); **LATE NIGHT
SUSHI SERVED TILL 12am**

Food & Drink Specials

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WEDNESDAYS

Big Bad Breakfast: "Early Bird Special" 25% off food purchase 7-9 am

Blind Pig: Sandwich Special: "Ultimate Ham & Cheese"; **Happy Hour** 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything, \$3 Wells; \$2 Domestic; **Whiskey Wednesday:** \$3 Call Whiskeys

Burgundy Room: Whiskey Wednesday: 3-for-1 Well Whiskeys

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells & Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Frank & Marlee's: CRAWFISH on the Patio starting at 4 pm, \$6/lb.; **Happy Hour:** 3-7 pm; Drink Specials change every 30 minutes from 7 to close

Irie: KIDS EAT FREE w/ adult purchase (4-9pm); **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: \$5 Big Boy Drafts, \$2 Domestic bottles, 2-for-1 Wells; **IRIE HOUR** 9pm-12am: \$3 "You-Call-It"; **CRAWFISH** starting at 5pm: \$6/lb.

The Levee: \$1 Pints; 25¢ Wings

Little Easy Catering: Plate Lunch Special: Meatloaf, Chicken & Dumplings, Greens, Macaroni & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans (from 11am-1:30pm)

McCarthy's: \$2 Bartender's Choice; **Happy Hour** 4-8 pm: \$1 off everything

Proud Larry's: **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: \$1 Miller High Life, \$2.50 Margaritas

Rib Cage: 2 Quesadillas for \$14 (BBQ or Chicken), \$2 Coors Light Pints, \$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a Side; Dinner: \$10 Cajun Catfish; \$3 Whiskeys & Wines; **Happy Hour** 3-6 pm: ½-off Apps, 2-for-1 Wells & Domestic

Round Table: \$5 BBQ Sandwich w/ fries or chips; Free Appetizers from 5-6pm; "Wednesday Night Drinking Club": \$1 PBR & Keystone, \$2 Shots

Snackbar: Daily Special: Fried Soft Shell Crab; \$2 Domestic, \$3 Drafts

Soulshine Pizza: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm; **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drafts, wells, house wines; \$1 off longnecks; \$10 bucket of beer

South Depot: **Happy Hour:** \$1 off Everything at bar Everyday 4 till 7; **Daily Special:** 2-for-1 Well Drinks

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink);

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm). **Happy Hour:** ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm); \$5 All-You-Can-Drink PBR (till it runs out!)

THURSDAYS

Big Bad Breakfast: "Early Bird Special" 25% off food purchase 7-9 am

Blind Pig: Sandwich Special: "The Cuban"; **Happy Hour** 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything, \$3 Wells; \$2 Domestic

Burgundy Room: Ladies' Night: 2-for-1 House Wines, 2-for-1 Bellinis

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells & Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Dixie Crawfish: Fresh CRAWFISH from Noon until

Frank & Marlee's: 25¢ Wings and \$1 PBR; **Happy Hour:** 3-7 pm

Irie: **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: \$5 Big Boy Drafts, \$2 Domestic bottles, 2-for-1 Wells; **IRIE HOUR** 10pm-12am: \$1 Wells; **AT THE BACK BAR:** \$2 Bottle Beer, \$4 Shots, \$2 Jello Shots

The Levee: \$1 PBR, Keystone; 25¢ Wings, CRAWFISH on the Patio

Little Easy Catering: Plate Lunch Special: BBQ Chicken, Roasted Pork, Purple Hull Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sautéed Cabbage (from 11am-1:30pm)

McCarthy's: **Happy Hour** 4-8 pm: \$1 off everything

Proud Larry's: High Life & Shorty Shot \$4 **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: \$1 Miller High Life, \$2.50 Margaritas

Rib Cage: \$7 Wing Quesadillas, \$2 Coors Light Pints, \$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a Side; Dinner: \$15 Shrimp & Grits, \$3 Quarts; **Happy Hour** 3-6 pm: ½-off Apps, 2-for-1 Wells & Domestic

Round Table: \$5 Club Salad; Free Appetizers from 5-6pm; 2-for-1 Wells

Snackbar: Daily Special: Steamed Mussels, Sausage "Creole"

Soulshine Pizza: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm; **Happy Hour** 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drafts, wells, house wines; \$1 off longnecks; \$10 bucket of beer

South Depot: **Happy Hour:** \$1 off Everything at bar Everyday 4 till 7

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink); 99¢ Drafts, \$5 Pitchers, \$1.99 Margaritas (any flavor)

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm). **Happy Hour:** ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm); **LADIES' NIGHT:** 2-for-1 Sake Bombs, \$10 Bottomless Cosmos & Wines

Volta: Half-Price Margaritas

FREE APPETIZERS EVERY DAY FROM 5 TO 6

COME ENJOY SPRING WEATHER ON OUR PATIO WITH \$6 FOOD SPECIALS!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DRINKING CLUB
\$1 PBR & KEYSTONE, \$2 SHOTS

THURSDAYS: 2 FOR 1 WELLS

SATURDAY: \$5 BLOODY MARYS
11AM - 3PM

25¢ WINGS EVERYDAY

MONDAY: KARAOKE \$1 PBR, KEYSTONE, SHOTS & DRAFTS

TUESDAY: LADIES NIGHT 3 FOR 1 WELLS FOR GIRLS

WEDNESDAY: \$1 PINTS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: \$1 PBR & KEYSTONES PLUS CRAWFISH ON THE PATIO

McCarthy's IRISH PUB

141 South 10th St., Oxford, MS 38655 (formerly The Cellar)

MONDAY: \$4 CARBOMBS

TUESDAYS: 2-FOR-1 WELL SHOTS AND DRINKS

WEDNESDAY: \$2 BARTENDERS' CHOICE

JOIN OUR JAMESON CENTURY CLUB AND GET YOUR PLAQUE TODAY!

THE BLIND PIG
105 North Lamar
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KITCHEN
OPEN FROM
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MONDAYS: \$2 DOMESTICS
TUESDAYS: \$2 DOMESTIC BOTTLES & DRAFTS
WEDNESDAYS: WHISKEY WEDNESDAY
\$3 CALL WHISKEYS

HAPPY HOUR
MON-FRI 3-7 PM
\$3 Wells and \$1 off everything
SATURDAY 3-7 PM \$1 off domestics, wells, imports, and calls

EVERY MONDAY
TRIVIA NIGHT

EVERY TUESDAY
COME DOWN FOR
OPEN-MIC COMEDY NIGHT

FRI 4/6
ELEMOUEMENTS

SAT 4/7
B.J. BARHAM
OF AMERICAN AQUARIUM

THU 4/12
Jimbo Mathus

FRIDAY THE 13TH
AM BAND

Food & Drink Specials

Lunch Specials from Ajax, Boure, and Proud Larry's updated daily on The Local Voice.net

FRIDAYS

Blind Pig: Sandwich Special: "Green Eyed Monster"; Happy Hour 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything, \$3 Wells; \$2 Domestic

Burgundy Room: 2-for-1 Wells & House Wines (10pm-close)

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells & Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Dixie Crawfish: Fresh CRAWFISH from Noon until

Frank & Marlee's: Happy Hour: 3-7 pm

Irie: Happy Hour 4-7pm: \$5 Big Boy Drafts, \$2 Domestic bottles, 2-for-1 Wells; **IRIE HOUR** 10-11pm: 2-for-1 Rumples; 11-12pm: \$3 All Whiskeys; **AT THE BACK BAR:** \$2 Bottle Beer, \$4 Shots

The Levee: \$1 PBR & Keystone, 25¢ Wings, CRAWFISH on the Patio

Little Easy Catering: Plate Lunch Special: Fried Catfish, Spaghetti, Home Fries, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw (from 11am-1:30pm)

McCarthy's: Happy Hour 4-8 pm: \$1 off everything

Proud Larry's: Happy Hour 4-7pm: \$1 Miller High Life, \$2.50 Margaritas

Rib Cage: \$2 Coors Light Pints, \$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a Side; Happy Hour 3-7 pm: ½-off Apps, 2-for-1 Wells & Domestic

Round Table: \$6 Footlong Chili Cheese Dog w/ fries or chips; Free Appetizers from 5-6pm

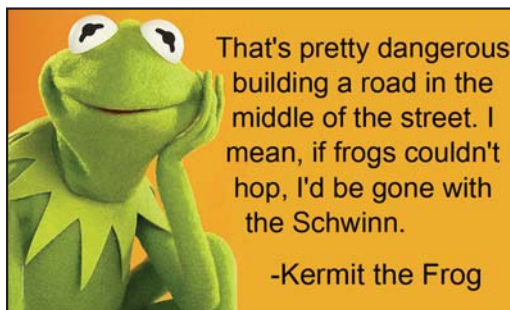
Snackbar: Daily Special: Cioppino

Soulshine Pizza: Lunch Specials 11am-2pm; Happy Hour 4-7pm: 2-for-1 drafts, wells, house wines; \$1 off longnecks; \$10 bucket of beer

South Depot: Happy Hour: \$1 off Everything at bar Everyday 4 till 7

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink); 99¢ Drafts, \$5 Pitchers, \$1.99 Margaritas (any flavor)

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm). Happy Hour: ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm)



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SATURDAYS

Blind Pig: Happy Hour 3-7 pm: \$1 off Everything; Sandwich Special: "Patty Melt"

Burgundy Room: 2-for-1 Champagne Sparklers & Bud Light Drafts, Bloody Mary Bar (noon-7pm); Saturday Sweepstakes all day & night!

Chili's: Happy Hour all day every day: 2-for-1 Wells & Drafts. Happy Hour Food at the bar, too.

Dixie Crawfish: Fresh CRAWFISH from Noon until

Frank & Marlee's: 2-for-1 Margaritas & ½-price Burgers Noon til 4 pm; Happy Hour: 3-7 pm

Irie: \$1 Mimosas (11am-2pm); \$1.50 Bud Light Bottles (9-12pm)

The Levee: 25¢ Wings; \$1 PBR & Keystone, CRAWFISH on the Patio

McCarthy's: Happy Hour 4-8 pm: \$1 off everything

Rib Cage: \$2 Coors Light Pints, \$1.25 Natty Lights

Rooster's: Lunch Specials: \$6 ½ PoBoy or Pasta & a Side

Round Table: \$5 Bloody Marys (11am-3pm); \$6 Don Vito Sadwich w/ fries or chips (Chicken Breast with Sautéed Onion & Tomatoes in a White Wine Butter Sauce with Provolone and Ranch Dressing on Ciabatta Bread); Free Appetizers from 5-6pm

Snackbar: Daily Special: Cioppino; bar open at 10am

South Depot: Happy Hour: \$1 off Everything at bar Everyday 4 till 7

Taqueria el Milagro: \$6.99 Lunch Fajitas (w/ drink); 99¢ Drafts, \$5 Pitchers, \$1.99 Margaritas (any flavor)

Two Stick: Thai Plate Lunches (11:30am-2pm). Happy Hour: ½-price Sushi (3-5pm), 2-for-1 Domestic Drafts, Bottles, & Well Drinks (3-6pm)

Volta: Half-Price Margaritas

SUNDAYS

Betty Davis BBQ: (8am-10pm) Cold beer on Sundays!

Big Bad Breakfast: (8am - 3pm)

Chili's: (11 am - 11 pm)

Dixie Crawfish: (Fresh Crawfish from 12 Noon - until)

Irie: (Lunch 11am-2pm)

Mink's On The Park: (Open till 3pm)

Proud Larry's: (11am - 2pm)

Old Venice Pizza Company: (11am - 10pm)

Rooster's: (11am-3pm)

Soulshine: (11am - 9pm)

South Depot: (11am - 10pm)

Taqueria el Milagro: (10 am - 9 pm)

Two Stick: (5-9 pm) Sunday Special: Mr. Phat's Ruby's Chinese select items



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THURSDAY 4.5.2012
Ajax: ERIC DEATON (no cover)
Irie: DJ D-WADE
Frank & Marlee's: KARAOKE upstairs; DJ downstairs
Proud Larry's: THE DIG
Rooster's: CADILLACFUNK
Soulshine: PATRICK MCCLARY & KEL KELLUM (no cover)
Two Stick: SCISSORMEN (after Thacker)
Taqueria el Milagro: KARAOKE

MONDAY 4.9.2012
Blind Pig: TRIVIA NIGHT (8-10 pm, \$5 to play)
Proud Larry's: MINOR ADJUSTMENTS (no cover)
Rooster's: LIVE DJ

FRIDAY 4.6.2012
Ajax: SOLAR PORCH (no cover)
Blind Pig: ELEMOMENTS (no cover)
Frank & Marlee's: DUELING PIANOS
Proud Larry's: BILL PERRY TRIO with THE GREAT BOOK OF JOHN
Rooster's: ELMO & THE SHADES
Soulshine: TONY BOYD & JASON EVANS (no cover)

TUESDAY 4.10.2012
Blind Pig: OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT
Proud Larry's: MISSING CATS feat. JOHN 'JOJO' HERMANN
Rooster's: KARAOKE
Two Stick: TRIVIA NIGHT (\$5 to play, win cash!)

Soulshine: BILL PERRY, JR. (no cover)
Two Stick: ADAM FAUCETT

SATURDAY 4.7.2012
Blind Pig: B.J. BARHAM (OF AMERICAN AQUARIUM) (no cover)
Frank & Marlee's: DUELING PIANOS
Proud Larry's: LIVE MUSIC T.B.A.
Rooster's: ONE MILE SOUTH
Taqueria el Milagro: KARAOKE

WEDNESDAY 4.11.2012
Irie: DRY RUB featuring Shane King & Keith Sanders (no cover)
Proud Larry's: THE ELECTRIC HEARTS
Rooster's: COUNTRY DJ

SATURDAY 4.14.2012
Frank & Marlee's: DUELING PIANOS
The Library: COWBOY MARIO & THE MECHANICAL BULL
Proud Larry's: THE PIMPS OF JOYTIME
Rooster's: THE LITIGANTS
Soulshine: JAY PATRICK MARLAR (no cover)
Taqueria el Milagro: KARAOKE
Two Stick: THE WILD CARD CHARLIES

Rooster's
 BLUES HOUSE
Happy Hour 3-7 pm
Monday-Friday
Live music nightly!
 Check The Local Voice Calendar to see who's playing!



THURSDAY 4.12.2012
Ajax: JIMMY REIDY BENEFIT CONCERT feat. DJ DENT MAY, DEAD GAZE, AND YOUNG BUFFALO
Blind Pig: JIMBO MATHUS TRIO (no cover!)
Irie: DJ D-WADE
Frank & Marlee's: KARAOKE upstairs; DJ downstairs
The Library: DJ MARIO
Proud Larry's: JIMMY PHILLIPS & THE RUMINATORS (CD RELEASE SHOW)
Rooster's: THE CHAD WESLEY BAND
Soulshine: CLINT JORDAN (no cover)
Taqueria el Milagro: KARAOKE

FRIDAY 4.13.2012
Ajax: MAYBELLE'S LOVERS (no cover)
Blind Pig: AM BAND (no cover!)
Frank & Marlee's: DUELING PIANOS
The Library: DJ MARIO
Proud Larry's: GUNBOAT with ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE
Rooster's: JP SOARS & THE RED HOTS

MONDAY 4.16.2012
Blind Pig: TRIVIA NIGHT (8-10 pm, \$5 to play)
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with THE GRENADINES

Rooster's: JIMBO MATHUS & THE TRI-STATE COALITION

Taqueria el Milagro: KARAOKE

Two Stick: BRONWYNNE BRENT

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Monday 4.23

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Young Rebels Showing Raw Talent This Season

Unless you either don't at all care about the #10-ranked **Ole Miss Rebel Baseball team** (**STOP:** if this is the case, either turn the page, reevaluate your life, or both) or were completely avoiding any form of communication with your fellow Rebel partisans, then you by now are fully aware that our squad defeated the then, and still, #1-ranked **Florida Gators** baseball team in a horrifyingly exciting fashion this past weekend at **Swayze Field**. The crowd was large and raucous, the games were close and intense, and the weather was nearly perfect: all of which served to make Sunday afternoon's stunning and improbable series-clinching walk-off victory over a team as talented as Florida so exciting.

But there's more to that initial excitement than meets the eye. Not only was it exciting just to get the win, nor was it only exciting to win in the manner by which this team won (to save space, we'll just call it "come-from-behind heroics"), but it was exciting to see a program populated largely by sophomores and freshmen defeat a program littered with experienced, MLB draft-ready prospects. For a team with as much youth as this Rebel program has in significant spots to contribute, they sure can, at times, look the part of an elite team comprised of veterans, and that's what's most exciting about this club so far this year.

On the mound, there are a handful of true freshmen who have shown significant promise both as starters and out of the bullpen. **Sam Smith**, aside from one tough performance against the **Louisville Cardinals**, has looked the part of a future weekend starter and is the leading midweek/bullpen guy on the team in terms of strikeouts. **Hawtin Buchanan**, another freshman, has allowed zero runs and four hits over his four appearances. **Chris Ellis**, yet another freshman, has been spot-on in relief, holding opponents to a meager .154 batting average and striking out 16 over 16.0 innings.

But the young emerging superstar out of the younger arms on the team is undoubtedly true sophomore ace **Bobby Wahl**. Wahl was, after his Friday night win against Florida—a win in which Florida scored no runs, a first for the Gators on the season—named the National Pitcher of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. He has a 5-0 record, a 1.91 ERA, and 48 strikeouts over 42.1 innings of work. And, best of all, we get to keep him for at least another season.

Young bats have contributed mightily to the Rebel success so far this season as well. **Will Allen**, the sophomore catcher, has a .333 batting average and 14 runs batted in. His first home run of the year, interestingly enough, came this past week against the Florida Gators, who come from his home town of Gainesville. Sophomore **Preston Overbey** has a .319 batting average with 10 runs batted in and a pair of home runs, and will soon be followed in his capacity by his younger brother **Jake**, who is also on the team.

True freshmen who have provided a nice spark to the Rebel squad are **Austin Bousfield** and already-fan-favorite **Senquez Golson**. On offense, Bousfield has 18 runs so far on the year, making him one of the team's leading scorers, and Golson is easily the fastest player on the team, making him a natural at stealing bases and playing **Bianco**-style small ball. Golson, this past weekend, drove in the winning run in game three of the Florida series, adding to his already legendary status amongst Rebel baseball fans. Bousfield and Golson, as well, have shown real promise defensively with overall good fielding and range in the outfield when and where they've been given opportunities.

Of course, there have been and will continue to be growing pains. This team has, and will, lose games for seemingly no good reason whatsoever. They will make mistakes. They will remind us that they, indeed, aren't as refined or mature as they may appear at times. But, with a lot of these players, their raw talent is simply something which cannot be hidden. Such is legitimate cause for deliriously delusional optimism for the future of the program. If these athletes can continue to progress, and if the recruiting can stay as hot as it has as of late, the Ole Miss baseball team can begin to legitimately reclaim its spot as one of the more successful programs in the SEC and continue the tradition of winning begun under head coach Mike Bianco ten years ago.

This weekend, the Rebels begin a series of SEC road trips by travelling to Lexington, **Kentucky**, to face the surprisingly red-hot **Wildcats**. The following weekend, they travel to Athens to take on a slumping yet talented **Georgia Bulldogs** team. Both will be difficult tests for such a young team, but we at the Cup have faith in their tenacity thus far and can, at the very least, rest easy knowing that this group of Rebels will play hard and well, even in defeat.

It has been and should continue to be an interesting season with such a young Rebel baseball team. I hope that you'll have as much fun watching them as we will covering them. Hotty Toddy!



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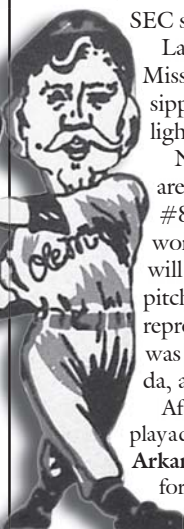
UNIVERSITY, MISS. (TLV) - It was one of the most memorable baseball weekends in Ole Miss history. From "Homerun Beer Showers" to a pitcher scoring the winning run on Sunday, the Rebels gave the 27,000 plus in attendance plenty to cheer about.

Knocking off #1 Florida twice in the three game series gave the Diamond Rebs enough momentum to leap frog LSU and jump to #10 in this week's Baseball America Poll.

Except for one inning on Saturday, the Rebels dominated the Gators from top to bottom. A three hit shutout on Friday night was enough to earn Bobby Wahl SEC Pitcher of the Week honors and Alex Yarbrough put on hitting clinic against the nation's deepest bullpen. After the weekend, Yarbrough's batting average jumped to .426, good enough for second in the conference.

Zach Kirksey, despite being intentionally walked twice over the weekend, maintained his conference-best slugging percentage .817, RBI at 37 and homeruns at 10.

As a team, the Rebels are among the elite in almost all SEC offensive categories. Ole Miss is #2 behind Kentucky in batting average (.311), runs scored (201), hits (303), and RBI (186). Ole Miss has also struck the least amount of times of any other SEC squad with just 133 strikeouts.



Last Tuesday's Ole Miss-Southern Miss rematch game in Jackson, Mississippi was postponed due to rain and lightning.

Now, on to Kentucky. The Wildcats are ranked as high as #1 and as low as #8 in three college baseball polls. They won 21 straight to open the season and will be a tough match for the Rebels pitching staff. However, if the staff can reproduce its outing on the mound that was witnessed in Oxford against Florida, a series win is possible.

After the Kentucky series, the Rebels will play a doubleheader at home mid-week against Arkansas State before heading to Georgia for a Thursday (ESPNU)-Friday-Saturday series. **TV**



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Crawfish Season is Here!

by Nature Humphries

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Irie on the Square

Served every Wednesday from 5 pm until

Sold by the pound in ceramic bowls or plastic trays, we ordered one pound each. The spice level was dead-on—hot enough to get my lips pleasantly burning, and salty enough to merit that 34 oz. mug of draft beer. Each of our servings came with one piece of corn and one potato, but no sausage.

As for the atmosphere, it's Irie, so you know the vibe is good. Friendly bartenders and wait staff, oodles of beers to choose from, and groovy tunes. The chance of running into friends is pretty high, too, as they get packed each Wednesday with hungry crawdad lovers.

Note: Get there early! We walked in around 6 pm and the place was crawling with people, but we lucked out and snagged two seats at the bar. Order one of the huge \$5 Big Boy Drafts if you dare, or one of the other killer Happy Hour deals and get ready for some spicy bugs!

Frank & Marlee's

Served every Thursday evening.

Frank & Marlee's has a fantastic patio complete with swings for the more adventurous among us. The music wasn't too loud and we had a great time sitting around with friends, crackin' jokes and the shells of those precious little crustaceans.

The first time we had crawfish there it was super spicy and juicy, although a little too salty. The second time, they were less moist, maybe because the seasoning had been sprinkled on top, rather than cooked into the liquid. Corn and potatoes accompany their bugs, and of course Frank & Marlee's provides plenty of quality quaffs to help wash down your mess of mudbugs.

The laid back ambiance of the patio keeps the customers happy and refreshed. Get there early if you want to give the swings a whirl. (Just be careful, they can be treacherous—just ask my friend Winn McElroy.)


The Levee

Served Thursday through Saturday on the Patio

The patio at The Levee is a perfect place to sit with friends and chow on some mudpuppies, as long as conversation isn't too important. They keep the music cranked, but that gives you an excuse to concentrate solely on shuckin' and suckin' those little spicy bad boys. Taylor Murchison and I stopped in and ate a few pounds apiece, which was served with the usual corn and potatoes (which were ginormous) as well as some too-salty sausage—nothing an ice cold pitcher of brew couldn't cure, and at Happy Hour prices, The Levee has a deal that's hard to beat.

Crawdad Hole (Water Valley)

Thursdays through Sundays until they run out!

Don't let the short drive South of Oxford deter you from trying The Crawdad Hole. The bugs they served us were outstanding! It's definitely worth the quick road trip to sample their specialties. They sell them by the pound to go, or you can grab a picnic table out in front of the old service station-turned-kitchen. If you're real hungry, all the extras are, well, extra. You can get corn, taters, sausage, and even mushrooms cooked up in that tasty boil to go with your crawfish. But they don't stop there! Owned by one of Oxford's favorite musicians, Justin Showah, the Hole also offers boiled shrimp, crab legs, and even peanuts! A little bird also told us that they have a sno-cone machine that soon will be cranking out the icy treats alongside the steamy snacks. 



photograph by Blair McElroy

DIY Crawfish Boil

by Michael Coleman

There are a lot of things I miss from Mississippi, but one of the biggest things is crawfish. Down in Georgia, these mudpuppies are just steamed. They're nothing special.

So, we went all Mississippi on the live ones we got last night. We bought eight pounds of crawfish from a nice little fresh seafood market in the dirty Brunstank—and here's how we boiled 'em.

First, you need to purge your crawfish. What does that mean? Clean 'em out! It's best done by putting them in a cooler or a plastic box and circulating water through it. This helps get off all the dirt grained in their shells. If you do this and notice some floaters—yea, they're dead. Will they hurt you? I'm still alive.

Some people also believe you should purge crawfish in saltwater. The saltwater is supposed to make them regurgitate, hence cleaning them out more—but everyone knows the flavor in the guts is the best part.

Now, if you boil them in salty water, I hate you. Don't be dumb. Be smart and get Zatarain's crab and shrimp bowl or get fiesty and buy a bag of Swamp Dust (swamp dust is for those who want their lips to be raw from heat).

If you have a big stockpot or a steam kettle, use it. If not, a small pot will work. Crawfish only take a couple of minutes to cook so you really don't need a big pot. And, if you have a large plastic box that can be covered, letting them steam in their own heat afterward keeps them moist and tender.

Now, use half the bag of boil and guess what doesn't hurt? Thanks, Paula Deen, it's butter. Butter never hurts anything.

Also, we had chorizo boiling in our crawfish water. I'd suggest adding cut up andouille sausage, red bliss potatoes and whole artichokes to your boil if you need some substance beside just the crawfish tails. Craw hard!

Coleman used to be a chef in Oxford; you can follow his blog here: <http://feedcoleman.com> and on Twitter here: @FeedColeman



photograph by Michael Coleman


NOTES FROM THE VISITING YANKEE

by Jolynn Wells

Cities are known to have seedy bits. There's always a spot under the bridge where crackheads congregate and in the morning children find dirty needles and used rubbers. There's always a strip or corner where a Richard Gere can pick up a Julia Roberts to go indulge in adult carnal delights for a fiduciary exchange in which Julia Roberts comes out on top. It took me two years of living in the city of Oxford to find this place but a few weeks ago I did. How, you ask, did I find such a site, since I am neither a heroin addict nor a whore? Simple, really. I was mistaken for a prostitute.

Surprisingly, I wasn't propositioned in Faulkner's Alley or some darkened nook of the parking lot behind Bouré's new location. It wasn't a late night (or early morning) liquor-induced suggestion from a horny lonely guy who'd struck out all evening at the bars on The Square. I wasn't presenting to provoke the prurient proclivities of the sexually depraved, a strumpet strutting the streets in a dress barely two inches below my bottom with legs like a gazelle in five-inch heels

My cleavage was concealed under a sweater plus a jacket. My jeans were loose and my shoes were as flat as a can of Pepsi that's been sitting out since the start of the barbecue. It was 2:30 on a Tuesday afternoon and I was strolling through a parking lot on College Hill Road when a gentleman in an SUV stopped me, ostensibly to ask for directions. He had some salt in his pepper hair and mistook me for someone ten years my junior. He remarked on my attractiveness and inquired if I had a husband. He asked my plans for the immediate moment and invited me to his house, offering \$100 to have sex with him. Caught off guard I paused in reply, to which he swooped in and upped the ante to \$200. It was then that I noticed the three-pack of Trojan Magnum condoms placed strategically on the crotch of his jeans. I politely declined and he politely apologized upon realizing that I was not "like that."

Later that night I wondered if I should be flattered or offended. If \$200 is indeed the going rate for a prostitute in Oxford, then in my humble opinion, the hookers here are really getting the shaft. 



COOK OF THE HOUSE

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Jamie Branch

Position and

Restaurant:

Bouré; Grill.

Early cooking experience? My parents always

cooked dinner during the week so I guess I started when I was about 10 or 11 cooking dinner with my mom, I believe it was a lasagna with salad and rice.

First kitchen job? Dishwasher at Proud Larry's.

Favorite restaurant in the world? The Carlyle in Shirlington, Virginia.

Favorite chef? A close family friend named Don Abram. He owned a restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia called Calvert Grille. I've seen him cook and he's brilliant in every aspect.

Three things in your fridge? Eggs, milk, deli meat

Do you like cooking with alcohol? If so, why? I love it. It gives food more of a flavor than just using water, when done correctly the alcohol soaks into the food giving it a flavor that compliments the food well. It is also good for marinating and topping on deserts.

Favorite grocery store? Whole Foods (unfortunately none in Oxford). In Oxford I think Kroger has to be my favorite.

Best cut of meat? In my opinion the best cut is the rib eye, topped with a hollandaise sauce; there's nothing better.

Who would you most like to cook for, and what would you prepare? Erin Andrews, scallops sautéed in a tequila compound butter, with ground chorizo and a lime sauce on top.

Favorite meal at Bouré? The rib eye medium rare with mashed potatoes and asparagus.



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Montana Stovall of Yokna Bottoms Farm

Hometown: Austin, Texas

What brought you to the area? Taylor kept telling me about Yokna Bottom's bountiful living soil.

How did you get started in agriculture? My family's 2400 acre conventional farm.

What is a typical work day like? Up before sun. Lots of fresh breaths and coffee. Feed kids, chickens, and dogs. Then rally the troops, breathe deeply, and take care of the day's work. Best times are end of day when my kids are happily in my arms. And dinner's never boring around here.

What do you do on a rainy day? Inside work followed by lots of porch time.

What's the best thing about working on your farm? Standing on living soil all day long

What are you most proud of this year so far? My two beautiful children playing with me in the dirt.

What are you most looking forward to this season? An abundance of quality produce

Funniest / strangest thing that has happened on the farm lately: Random dog chasing deer through 8 foot game fence into garden.

What's your favorite vegetable? Tomatoes

What's your favorite insect? Praying mantis

What's your favorite music to listen to while digging in the ground? 80's Grateful Dead with Brent Mydland, Yonder Mountain String Band, or quality Texas country

Ever dug up (or found) anything strange / interesting / valuable? Live 50 caliber round with dent.

Name an uncommon vegetable that people should try: Purple Tomatillo

Tell us one thing about farming that most people probably don't know: America sprays too much.

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Name one piece of equipment you could not live without: Walk-behind tractor with rotary plow and 22" tires.

Tell us one thing you've learned that you didn't know when you first started farming: You can listen to Broccoli grow just as you can with corn.

What is the best meal you've ever eaten? Anne Marie's Chicken fried tofu with Brown's milk gravy and homemade biscuits, with Yokna Bottoms Farm collard greens, fried okra, sweet potatoes.

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Betty Davis Bar-B-Que 3359 Old Oxford Road (Waterford) (662) 252-7144

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If nobody does breakfast better than Big Bad Breakfast, and if breakfast is the most important meal of the day, then logic tells me BBB is absolutely crucial to starting my day off right—or maybe I want just another excuse to scarf down a slice of country ham and a side of grits. There isn't enough space on the page to list all the reasons to eat at Oxford's famed Big Bad Breakfast because, frankly, there isn't enough room to print the menu. Get the picture? Oh, and if you love *The Local Voice*, then you'll just love The Local Voice: The Meal!



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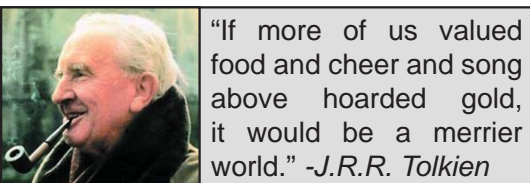
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Chilis 2576 West Jackson Avenue (662) 234-1968

Chilis has good food, and is consistent in the dishes they serve. When my Momma comes to town, she takes me out to lunch—and we've ended up at Chilis the past two times she's visited...which is great! Plus, I go in regularly to have appetizers and drinks with friends (my favorites are Boneless Buffalo Wings and Sangria). Looking for lunch? They have \$6, \$7, and \$8 combos to get you through the day. (Plus, you can order and pay online!) Later in the day? You can share an appetizer and get two full-size entrees for \$20. Happy Hour with friends? How about a "Triple Dipper"—pick three appetizers (like Fried Cheese, famous Southwestern Eggrolls, and Wings Over Buffalo)...and don't forget to share!




FRANK & MARLEE'S 1210 Harrison Avenue (662) 259-2442

F & M is one of the more entertaining bars in town with live dueling pianos downstairs, karaoke, pool, and crawfish. They have an enormous patio that starts upstairs and winds around down to the basement. On the upstairs patio you'll find a unique walk-up to style window where you can order shots, drinks, and food. Then you can enjoy your order rechanneling all your worries away on a very impressive swing set. They line the walls with old car tags, local art work, and other captivating novelty items. This is the kind of place that leaves your cheeks sore after smiling all night.




Irie On The Square 122 Courthouse Square (662) 259-2500

Hey, let me ask you a question: Do you like po-boys? More importantly, do you like po-boys overflowing with, say, smoked sausage or fried shrimp? Most importantly, do you like \$5 po-boys? Well, if you're reading this on a Tuesday night and you're not at Irie, then you're missing quite a deal. But no worries, because Irie offers specials on drinks, burgers, and their famed seafood Monday through Friday. So, let me ask you another question: Do you like oysters...?



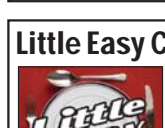
THE LEVEE 1008 East Jackson Avenue (662) 513-3223

If you find yourself on the north side of the Square with only a couple of bucks, there's still hope for a fun evening in Oxford! Waltz your way on into The Levee located off Jackson Ave. They have a dollar menu that is more thrilling than Mickey D's. On Monday, drink PBR, Keystone, shots, and drafts for just \$1. And yes, you can get fries with that. The Levee also has 25¢ wings every Monday-Saturday. If you enjoy patios, but haven't made it to the one at The Levee, then gather your friends and head to the back. Thursdays mark the beginning of the weekend with crawfish and \$1 PBRs. They have cornhole!



THE LIBRARY 120 South 11th Street (662) 234-1411

The Library Sports Bar has enough TVs that you never have to choose between multiple sports games at once because well, that's for amateurs! Stop by during the week for the fun atmosphere and tasty bar food (try the quesadillas), and then put on your party pants for the diverse weekend crowds in the Music Hall and Patio Bars (yes, plural. There's one upstairs, too!). Whether it's DJ Mario, Mustache Band, or DJ Tree, The Library never misses a beat. Oh, and how about that Mechanical Bull every Saturday?



Little Easy Catering 3 CR 215, HWY 30 E (inside Littlejohn's) (662) 259-2442

If fresh, home-style plate lunches are your thing you must drive over to the northeast side of town to Little Easy Catering. Located in Little John's BP on HWY30, their true Southern style food is never too greasy or overcooked and it's affordable. (The chicken spaghetti is one of our favorites!)



McCarthy's Irish Pub 141 South 10th Street (662) 513-3223

Kiss me, I'm thirsty! If you enjoy a frosty cold brew mixed with good people in a cozy atmosphere, then you'll love Oxford's new McCarthy's Irish Pub. Located downstairs from The Levee, McCarthy's Pub offers a cozy atmosphere if you'd like to beat. Enjoy a \$4 Car Bomb on Monday nights or stroll on in on a Tuesday for 2-for-1 well drinks, and yes, that includes shots! and pay \$2 for a drink of the bartender's choice.

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Mink's
On the park

904 College Hill Road (662) 259-2263

I've converted a few of my friends to become fans of Mink's on the Park for their fresh sandwiches and wraps, huge variety of coffees and smoothies, and their chilled out, stylish atmosphere. If you're looking for a great place to have lunch with friends or a quiet break with your laptop, head down College Hill Road just across from Sky Mart. You can hang out on the patio out back while enjoying the garden, or grab a table in the air-conditioned dining room. You may find some groovy goodies as well, like Fruit Rollups or Orange Crush (in the glass bottle).







Proud Larry's

211 South Lamar Boulevard (662) 236-0050

Hey patio people of Oxford, where else would you rather be enjoying a \$2.50 margarita under a shady umbrella listening to the best of Oxford's music? Do I have to give you hints like \$1 High Life and the Square's best burger deals. Larry's fulfills all senses the human body can't resist! Two-for-Tuesday is pretty much an Oxford holiday, with burgers, slices of pizza, side salads, domestic beers, wines, and well drinks all 2-for-1 from 5:30-10. Cruise in on any other day and enjoy a juicy roast beef po-boy "debris-style" next to Oxford celebrity, Freddy Foster. If you hang around long enough, you might see some famous faces like those of past performers, Chris Robinson, Elvis Costello, and The Hold Steady.







RIB CAGE
Of Oxford

311 South Lamar Boulevard (662) 238-2929

The barbecue at The Rib Cage is so good you'll feel like you're eating in Memphis, minus the abhorrent crime rate. I'm talking barbecue sandwiches, nachos, and baked beans. Need I say more? Yes? Okay. Hot wings, kielbasa, and, yeah, even a barbecue "Pig Salad." Plus, these guys cater, which is perfect for tailgating season, because nothing takes the sting out of an inevitable Ole Miss blunder like a saucy rack of ribs.






Rooster's
BLUES HOUSE

114 Courthouse Square (662) 236-7970

Rooster's has brought Oxford a new place to throw down. I've had witnessed many wild nights at this bluesy bar. The dim lighting and smoky feel take you to a foggy place where your subconscious tends to take control of the events that unravel here. They hold stage to some of the most talented musicians around, ranging from George McConnell to Cadillac Funk to Silas Reed n' Da Books to DJ D WADE. And when you are looking for more than a night of clouded memories you can find wing specials and affordable draft beer to enjoy on long upstairs patio that usually stays packed shoulder to shoulder.







Round Table On The Square

132 Courthouse Square (662) 513-0588

Come enjoy their large patio with a tall glass of beer or a freshly made cocktail. They'll start you off with delicious BBQ nachos or thick cut fried green tomatoes. They serve up a wide variety of tasty wings and sandwiches. If you're coming to the Round Table for the first time make sure you don't it pass by; the front can fool you with only the front door and windows showing, but the place travels a long road all the way to the back of the bar. The Round Table knows how to crank it up, I see a full house there almost every weekend.







SNACKBAR

721 North Lamar Boulevard (662) 236-6363

If you want the best cocktails within a 50-mile radius, go to Snackbar. House-made bitters, fresh-pressed juices, and bartenders that can tell you the history of the Sidecar or the Margarita. Combine that with house-cured bacon, andouille, prosciutto, and more, plus a daily selection of oysters from the raw bar, and Snackbar is the perfect spot for a drink and a snack. If you're hungrier than that, review the menu. Mississippi meets French Riviera. Delectable, delightful, deliriously delicious.






SOULSHINE
PIZZA FACTORY

308 South Lamar Boulevard (662) 533-7685

Soulshine is the pro around to cater to any special event. They have a diverse menu ranging from crawfish soup, sandwiches, calzones, pizza, wings, and bread pudding to cheesecakes. This pizza dynasty is filled with sports games on super-sized flat screen TVs and stimulating artwork painted on the walls. They have a wonderful venue where talented bands take stage during our peak weekends. The bar makes fabulous drinks but the food really is something that'll have you and your friends coming back time after time. It's family friendly; until they cut the lights and pretty girls start filling up the patio!



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South Depot TACO SHOP 1004 Van Buren Avenue (662) 234-7886

Listen, tacos, and burritos are best served on the Square, not at a drive-through. That's where South Depot Taco Shop comes in. One of Oxford's newer additions, it boasts a strong variety of vittles to cram inside a flour tortilla—everything from fajita steak and shredded pork to fried tilapia and tofu. Plus, they have 2-for-1 drink specials Monday through Wednesday, with Happy Hour every day from 4-7pm.

SQUARE PIZZA 311 South Lamar Boulevard (662)238-2929

The ultimate squared slice. Nothing in the world ever sounds better to me when I'm leaving the bar late night with a tummy filled with nothing but a mixture of assorted beverages than Square Pizza! They hook it up; they throw you a slice of pizza on a paper plate. So your not stuck there, you can grab a slice and go. Their pizza is addictive, though, so feel free to enjoy their pizza parlor with a variety of delicious sandwiches and sodas. Don't steal anything—you'll end up on YouTube!

Taqueria El Milagro 1420 West Jackson Avenue (662) 236-1717

Ah, El Milagro...I have spent so many margarita-ed on the patio—because they have the best damn margaritas in town, hands down (plus, they're \$1.99 Thu.–Sat.). It's almost the most authentic Mexican food you can get in Oxford, and super tasty (I suggest the Sincronisidas). They serve two types of salsa at the table so you can perfect your own mix; and if you order queso, I suggest adding chorizo to it—just that much better! Plus, they have KARAOKE every Thursday and Saturday night, corresponding with \$1.99 margaritas. Coincidence? I think not.

Two Stick Sushi Bar 1420 West Jackson Avenue (662) 236-1717

This writer **craves** Two Stick on a regular basis. It isn't *just* the food (which is great), it's the atmosphere and the people—and the live music line-up. Since they opened on the Square in 1998, Two Stick's motto has been "sushi•music•vibes"—and they've consistently provided Oxford with awesomeness in all those departments. My personal menu favorites are the Blackened Tuna roll and the belly-filling Luxury Shrimp roll...and I might get some of That's egg rolls to snack on later.

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VOLTA TAVERNA 710 North Lamar Boulevard (662) 236-1871

Volta brings to Oxford everything nice about Greece (i.e. gyros, hummus, and bright blue paint) and leaves the, let's say, less desirable things (i.e. economic woes, profuse back hair). It seems to be working. In '07 Volta was named "Best Ethnic Food" by Mississippi Magazine. Two years later it won a similar award with Delta Magazine. You're sure to agree by your first piece of warm pita bread. Need a bit more convincing? I suggest the lamb & beef gyro.

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Rediscover the Battle of Shiloh

Shiloh is 114 miles from Oxford, Mississippi, about an hour and a half's drive.

photographs and article by Newt Rayburn

One hundred and fifty years ago one of the most ferocious battles in the history of the United States occurred just over the Mississippi-Tennessee border, near a little church known as Shiloh. Approximately 45,000 Confederate troops led by **General Albert Sidney Johnston** marched from **Corinth, Mississippi**, to the Tennessee River and surprised **General Ulysses S. Grant's** 49,000 Union troops at **Pittsburg Landing**.

Johnston's **Army of Mississippi** nearly defeated Grant's **Army of The Tennessee** on Sunday, April 6, 1862 with a surprise attack at dawn. The Confederates overran Union encampments commanded by **Brigadier Generals Sherman, Wallace, Prentiss**, and **Major General Lew Wallace** pushing them back towards the Tennessee River in a matter of hours.

Some of the Union army under the command of Wallace and Prentiss were surrounded in an area called "**The Hornet's Nest**" but they held the Confederates at bay for several hours. Fifty cannons and waves of musketry later, Prentiss and approximately 2,400 federal troops eventually surrendered, but Union General W.H.L. Wallace suffered a mortal wound and died on the battlefield. Confederates suffered nearly 8,500 casualties that day, including General Albert Sidney Johnston, who was mortally wounded near an area called "**The Peach Orchard**." Confederate President **Jefferson Davis** considered Johnston his most effective general, even more so than **Robert E. Lee**. The South had lost its greatest commander.

General P.G.T. Beauregard took command of the Army of Mississippi after Johnston passed at 2:30 pm, but he was unable to push the Union army away from the Tennessee River before the sun set on April 6. In the darkness, both armies hunkered down in their positions as a thunderstorm passed through the area. The night was filled with rain, cries of the wounded between the armies, and the systematic shelling of Confederate positions by Union gunboats on the river. Everyone was terrified that night.

A famous Civil War anecdote occurred this evening when Sherman met Grant under a tree. Grant was smoking a cigar and contemplating the situation. Sherman said, "Well, we've had the devil's own day, haven't we?" Grant puffs his cigar and looked up. "Yes. Lick 'em tomorrow, though."

Beauregard prematurely thought he would defeat Grant the next morning and even dismissed reports by **Colonel Nathan Bedford Forrest** that Grant's army was being reinforced. In fact, Grant's army grew that night by over 15,000 fresh troops supplied by **General Don Carlos Buell** who had marched his troops from Nashville.

At dawn on April 7, 1862, Grant and Buell launched a counter offensive against Beauregard's troops and fought the Confederates back throughout the day. General Sherman described some of the fighting that day as "the severest musketry fire I ever heard." The battle of 100,000 soldiers fighting in an area smaller than Oxford was intense. Many of the wounded and dying soldiers gathered around a small pond which ran thick with blood. The surviving Confederates started their retreat back to Corinth and the Union army did not pursue.

On April 8, 1862 Sherman's troops marched to an area southwest of Shiloh. They came across a Confederate hospital encampment that was protected by 200 yards of cut timber and 300 of Forrest's cavalry. Forrest ordered a charge against Sherman's men and in the melee, Confederate troopers overran Union troops, nearly capturing Sherman.

Forrest charged right into the Union soldiers without regard and unloaded his guns and slashed with his sabre. Sherman's men yelled out, "Kill him and his horse!" As legend has it, Forrest grabbed a Union soldier and used the man as a shield to cover his back during his dash to escape. Forrest suffered a serious wound to the hip, but later recovered, and the **Battle of Fallen Timbers** propelled him to legend among Confederate troops. Colonel Forrest was quickly promoted.

After the war, Union General William T. Sherman remarked, "I am sure that had he (Forrest) not emptied his pistols as he passed through the skirmish line, my career would have ended right there." Forrest's charge paid off. Sherman and his troops fled back to Pittsburg Landing, and the Confederates escaped to Corinth.

The Battle of Shiloh is one the bloodiest in American history. Union casualties numbered over 13,000 and the Confederates suffered nearly 11,000. Citizens in the North and South were shocked at the carnage and any notion of a short war was dismissed.

Many of Shiloh's casualties were moved by train from Corinth to **Oxford, Mississippi**, and some buildings at the **University of Mississippi** were used as hospitals and morgues. **Farley Hall** was once the location of the "**Dead House**" and was used a mortuary for dead soldiers. Many of those soldiers are buried in the **Confederate Cemetery** right behind **Tad Smith Coliseum** on the Ole Miss campus.

Today we can only imagine the horror that must have gripped Oxford as trains of casualties were shipped into town following the Battle of Shiloh. In the months afterwards, towns around Northeast Mississippi fell to Union forces. Oxford was inevitably in General Grant's sights. But that is a story for another day...



The Hornet's Nest



Shiloh Church



Ole Miss' Dead House



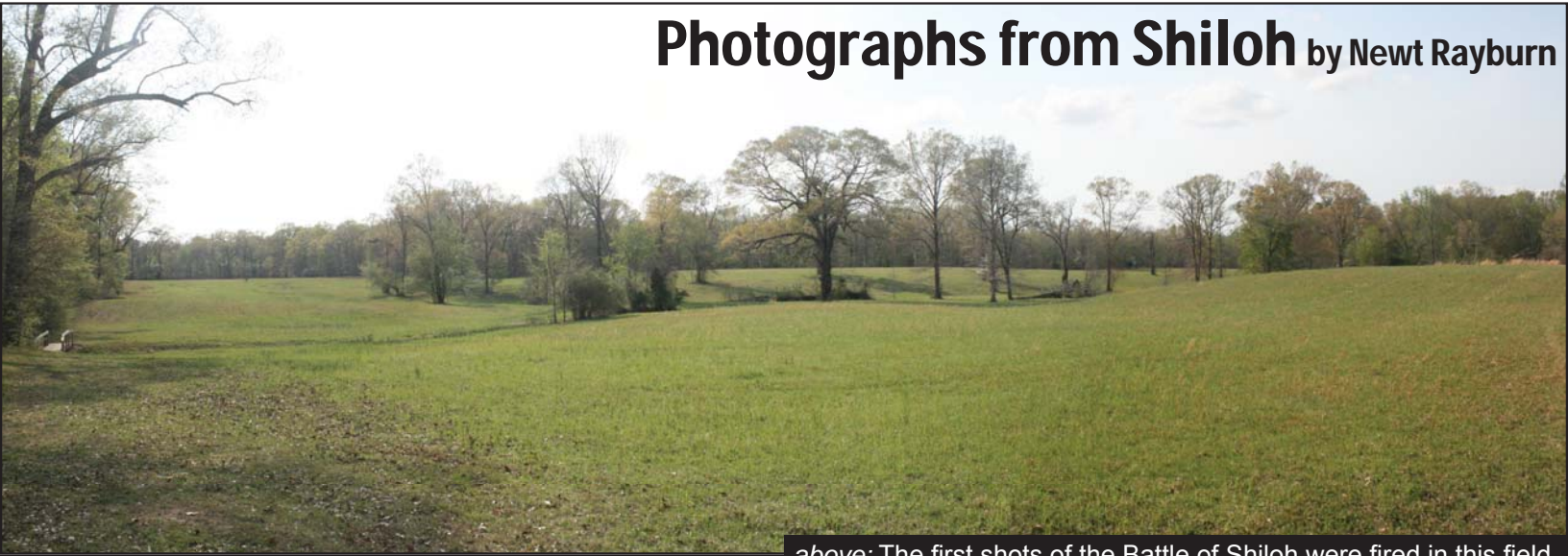
Ole Miss' Confederate Cemetery



Pittsburg Landing



Photographs from Shiloh by Newt Rayburn



above: The first shots of the Battle of Shiloh were fired in this field.



above: The Peach Orchard in April 2011



above: The Bloody Pond. *below:* Fallen Timbers Battlefield
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Reenact

tV Locals

by Brian Walker

photographs by Newt Rayburn
shot March 31, 2012

Hundreds of muskets cracked in succession until they blended together into a huge roar, cannons rocked backwards as a sonic boom belched forth flame, and smoke filled the battlefield between the two armies that had marched into position. Rigid lines of men stood their ground and reloaded as officers shouted their orders, then the Rebel Yell with all its animal ferocity pierced the air as the Southern soldiers began to run in a charge down the slope of the hill toward the Union lines.

This wasn't 1863 but 120 years later—1983, where as a ten-year-old boy I witnessed the reenactment of the **Battle of Champion's Hill** outside **Vicksburg, Mississippi**. Ever since that time my interest in the American Civil War grew, and still provides me with a seemingly unending search for knowledge about this time period that shaped so much of American history and culture. Many may think of reenacting as a hobby, a bunch of grown men playing war, people feeding their egos, or as a silly pastime, but in truth I've come to find that the reenactment community is as diverse, complicated, controversial, and educational as the many facets and characters of the actual war itself.

As the Civil War reaches its 150th anniversary, I became involved in the reenactment community to participate in the events sponsored and promoted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans. Not knowing what I was getting into other than the fact that many groups have done this for years and knew what they were doing, I decided to jump in. I found in my own unit a woman dressed as a man, a black soldier fighting for the South, and a variety of personalities and backgrounds, all of which really occurred in the Civil War.

At the **Battle of Fort Donnellson** 150th anniversary event I got a taste, smell, and feel of what it was like to be a green private in the ranks of the Confederate army defending the South from the Yankee advance. Living in canvas tents, cooking over campfires, wearing period wool and cotton dress, drilling under the tactics of the time, loading and firing a musket, advancing and retreating all gave me both a sense of military life and necessary cooperation with my comrades. I found this real-life experience to be both challenging, rewarding, disciplining, educating, and enlightening about not only what it was like to live in that era, but about human beings ourselves and our individual and group mentalities.

The object of reenactments and living history demonstrations is to educate the public about the lives, hardships, innovations, technology, mentality, and motivations of both soldiers and civilians of the time period. Many can learn how the history of the Civil War shaped American culture, and correct or confirm any misconceptions or myths they previously held. For the reenactors, safety and authenticity are stressed, at the same time being an enjoyable event for participants and spectators.

At the 150th anniversary of the **Battle of Shiloh**, May 30–April, 1, 2012, the **Army of the Tennessee** sponsored an event in which thousands of reenactors and spectators participated and witnessed the bloody days of April, 6–8, 1862, which occurred on and around the reenactment site. This pivotal battle promoted Union Generals **Grant** and **Sherman** to their later successes, and ended the life of Confederate General **Johnston**, as well as producing so many deaths and casualties that it became known as the “Gettysburg of the West.”

This reenactment brought thousands of spectators, fueled both local and national economies as people came from all over the country as well as the world to see it and be in it. Diverse groups from ghost hunters, to foreign, local, and national journalists, enthusiasts, and newcomers came to attend, document, and educate themselves.

Personal experience has led me want to continue this pursuit of living history, and shown me the value it can have to the individual, the children, adults, and families who participate and attend. As more 150th anniversary events are being planned and organized, I would encourage all who are interested, and any seeking to further their knowledge of history, to attend a reenactment. You bring back the knowledge, empathy, and respect for our American ancestors who fought on both sides during this crucial part of our history, and reflect upon how it has shaped you, your culture, and your nation.

Brian Walker grew up in Oxford, Mississippi, and is a local artist and musician who has played with the bands Wobitty, Morphist, Swole, and the Backwoods Mississippi Anarchy Orchestra. For more info on events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh April 6-8, 2012, visit <http://www.nps.gov/shiloh/150th-anniversary.htm>



above: Brian Walker prepares his musket.



above: Confederate reenactors line up for duty.



right: Brian Walker's company marches into battle.



above: Southern Belles look on as Union forces advance.



Walker's company fires upon approaching Union forces.



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Who once said, "He who laughs last has not yet heard the bad news"?
- MONEY:** What is the basic unit of currency in India?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin term "gratis" mean?
- MEASUREMENTS:** A year must be divisible by what number to be a leap year?
- GOVERNMENT:** Who was the first black female U.S. senator?
- EXPLORERS:** Who was the first European explorer to see the eastern part of the Pacific Ocean (1513), after crossing the Isthmus of Panama?
- ANCIENT WORLD:** What were the common people of ancient Rome called?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Lithuania?
- SCIENCE:** What is the name of the historical period in which dinosaurs lived?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What was Pygmalion's profession?

- Answers
1. Bertolt Brecht
 2. The rupee
 3. Without payment
 4. Four
 5. Carole Moseley Braun
 6. Vasco Nunez de Balboa
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DEAR SHHHH:

Why sneak your dog aboard? Some airlines allow very small dogs -- those that can fit into a handheld carrier that fits beneath the airline seat in front of you—to fly with their owner. Check with your airline about this option, any additional fees, rules, and restrictions well before your flight.

Under no circumstances should you try to sneak your dog into the passenger cabin. You will be found



out, and the complications of your trip will multiply exponentially.

Flying your pet, or with your pet, is a common activity and a common worry for pet owners. Some pet websites list airlines with pet travel policies, such as dogfriendly.com, which recently updated its list. Most interesting is the newly launched airline, Pet Airways (<http://www.pet-airways.com/>), which doesn't fly people at all—just pets (with a human attendant on board to monitor and care for them).

No matter how you decide to get Snoops across the country, follow a few important steps when transporting him. Make sure his carrier is sturdy and comfortable and includes his favorite toys and blanket. Don't feed him less than five hours before his flight. Give him water two hours before the flight. If you aren't confident in the airline's ability to transport him, consider leaving him with a sitter or at a pet hotel until you return.



Dollars and sense

Don't Become a Victim of Identity Theft

The Consumer Federation of America has a new website designed to help reduce identity theft. IDTheftInfo.org is packed with consumer, business and victim resources, as well as the latest news and a section on shopping for identity-theft services.

One section on the website explores how well you guard your personally identifying information (PII), even something as simple as your library card. If you were to lose the card, you might not be too concerned as it's not something connected with your bank account. But if someone checks out and doesn't return (in effect, steals) books or videos under your name, you're responsible for the monetary damages.

ID Theft Info suggests making a "PII Chart" to document the identity relations we have with companies and individuals. Who has our name, address, phone number and email address? A security breach in one area can lead to other areas also being breached, and it need not be associated only with financial transactions. Homeowner associations, frequent-flier clubs and churches can all have pieces of our personal information that can be put together.

Some suggestions:

- Use a Post Office box for miscellaneous mail such as club newsletters and church bulletins; disable the GPS photo function on your smartphone; and use only one credit card for online purchases. Don't sign up with your real name on public Internet sites. Work to limit the amount of information in each section of your PII Chart.
- When you go to the doctor and fill out the forms, leave out your Social Security number. Ask if you can substitute another form of identification.
- Don't use public charging stations or anyone else's computer for your cell phone, and don't let anyone else hook their phone to your computer. Data-stealing malware could be transferred from one to the other.
- Are you a potential victim of identity theft? Assess your risk with an online test. The higher the score, the bigger your risk. Big point items (indicating a larger risk) are questions about whether you've ordered your credit report in the last two years, posted your outgoing mail at home in an unlocked mailbox or failed to scrutinize your monthly bank and credit-card statements.
- Look around the ID Theft Info website. The more you know, the less likely you'll become a victim of identity theft.



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Strange BUT TRUE

- It was Scottish author and historian Thomas Carlyle who made the following sage observation: "The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none."
- If you're planning to travel to Washington State with nefarious plans, here's an interesting law to keep in mind: Any motorist with criminal intent is required to stop before entering a town and inform the chief of police of his or her presence.
- Are you more afraid of lightning or sharks? If you look at the numbers, it makes more sense to fear lightning; more than three times as many people die from lightning strikes than do so in shark attacks.
- The acids in your digestive system are so corrosive that your stomach must produce an entirely new lining every three days.
- As the Black Plague was sweeping Europe during the Middle Ages, some people, for reasons surpassing understanding, believed that plague victims could cure themselves by smelling human waste.
- It was in 1893 that the zipper was invented, and it was originally intended to be used in shoes.
- If you're familiar with the Disney film *Cinderella*, you might be surprised to learn some details about the Grimm brothers' version of the folktale. In their story, Cinderella's wicked stepsisters are so desperate to marry the prince that they mutilate their feet in order to try to make them fit in the slipper (which, in the Grimm version, is made of gold, not glass). Also, at the wedding of Cinderella and her prince, the stepsisters' eyes are plucked out by pigeons.

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MUSIC TRIVIA
by Newt Cooter Rayburn
http://www.twitter.com/newtrayburn

Which artist surpassed Elvis in the U.K. with her 12th #1 album?

What rock band made a guest appearance at the Country Music Awards?

What parody artist is suing his record label for \$5,000,000?

Which bluegrass legend recently passed away at 88 years of age?

Answers are elsewhere in this issue!

CINEMA STUMPERS
by Barton Segal

Who stars in Hunger Games?

On whose book was the film based?

Who directed Hunger Games?

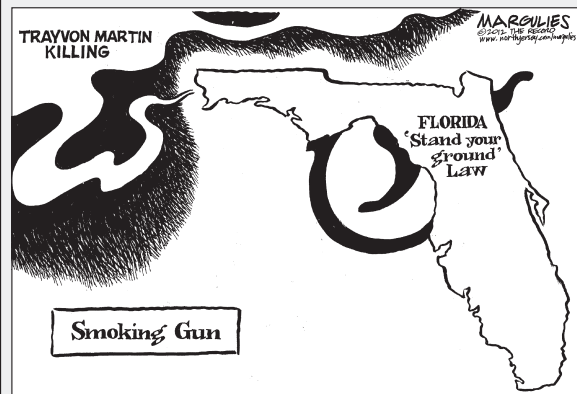
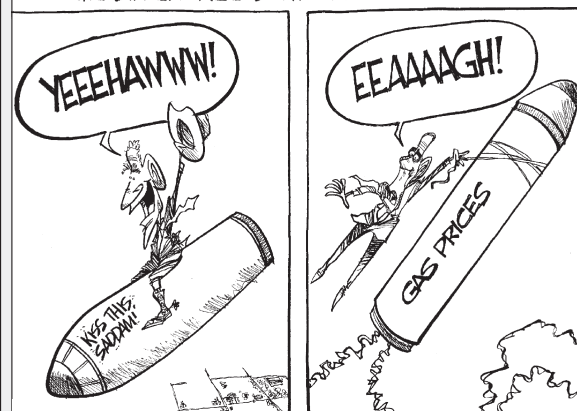
Which award-winning film will be re-released next week in 3D?

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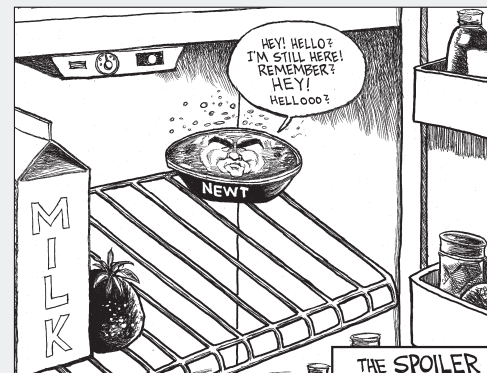
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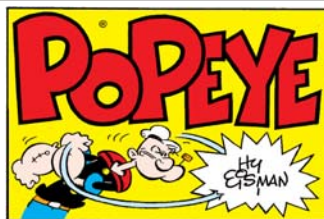


TWEET OF THE WEEK: "IF I REACH 13K FOLLOWERS TONIGHT I WILL NAME MY FIRST DAUGHTER: SPARKY LYCEUM."
- @OleMissProblems



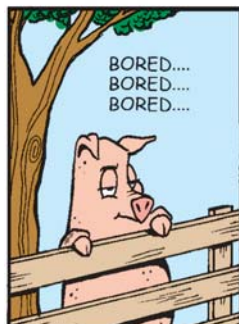
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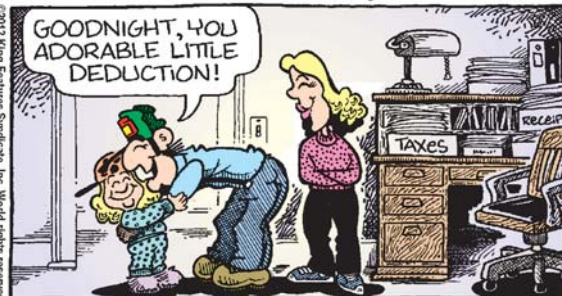
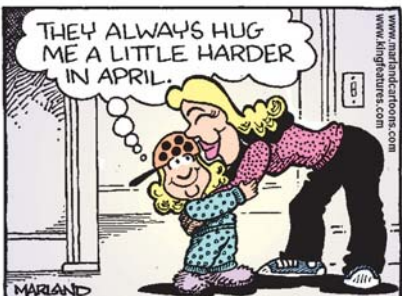
Amber waves

by Dave T. Phipps



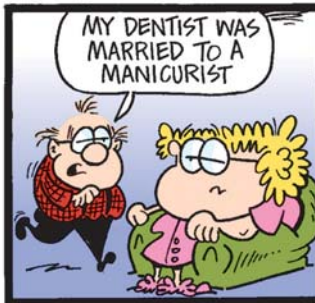
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



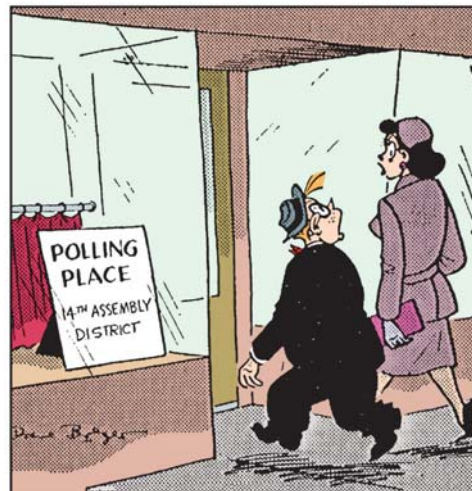
LAFF-A-DAY



"Hurr, dear. Your dress is going out of style!"

MISTER BREGER

By Dave Breger



"I'm votin' for the party that was in during Grandpa's time—they had nickel movies—no income tax—5-cent carfares—30-cent dinners..."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals T

O APSSMAG OV'A BY BZVPBC
XBZV VRBV BIBH BYI GEG BVG
VRGHAGCEGA MPV MX RMPAG
BYI RMHG.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

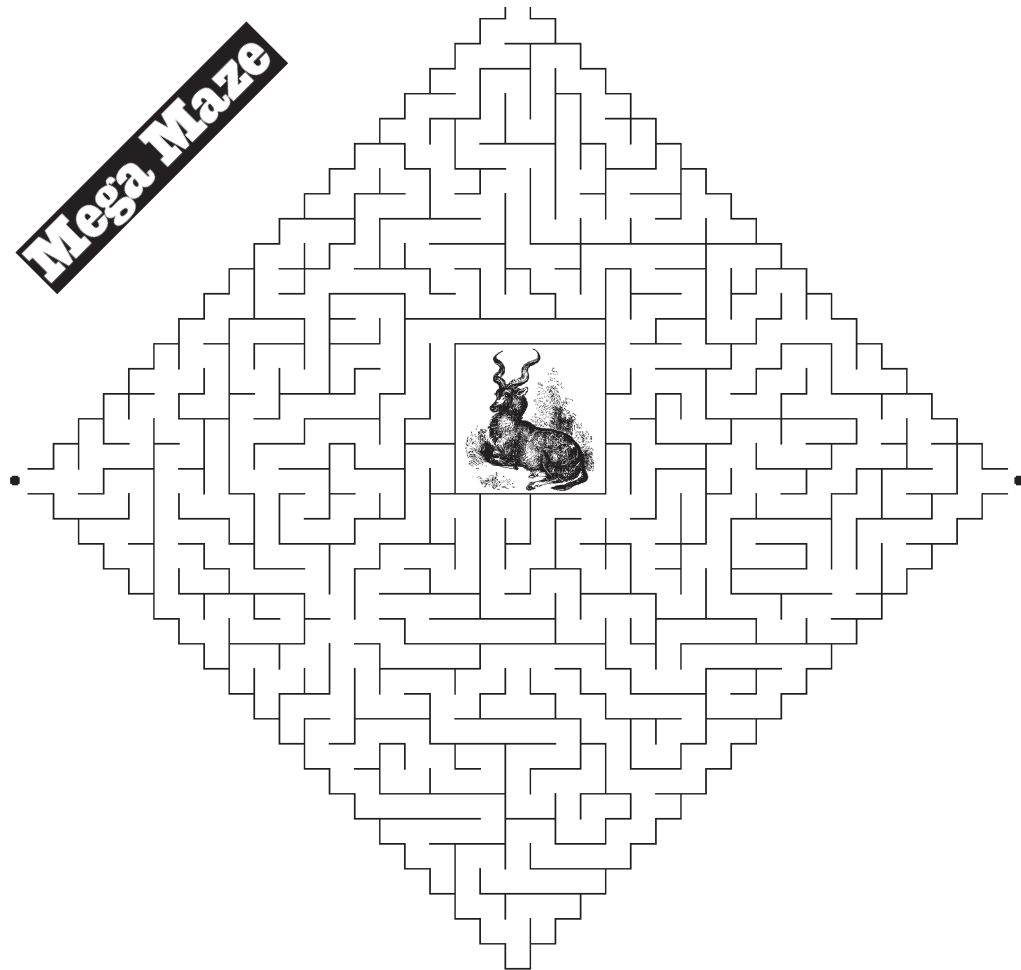
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

XQB BOUXQ QOJ UZGGBS
OUZKCS OEOYC OCS
QOUIBJX XYAB YJ QBUB,
XQB EGZUV ZR XQB JBOJZCJ
OCS XQB DUZHC ZR OGG
XQB VBOUJ. -
DOUZGVC HBGGJ

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H K I F D A X V T Q O M J H F
C G A Y W U R F P N L E S J H
F D N B Y Z O X V T R E Q O M
K I H I D R F S Y D I V B Z S
Y (H E A D W A T E R) W E V F D
T R M I Q O O T R G A L F N I
L S N K I H O E U F D U D C P
A G K Z X W F L V B L I T U A
S R G N I H S I F B I Q R S R
O N M K A G N I G D E R D B E
J I D N E B L W O F R E T A W

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Banks	Dams	Fishing	Rapids
Bend	Dredging	Flooding	Tributary
Bluffs	Estuary	Fording	Waterfowl
Bridges	Ferries	Headwater	

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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

PICK SIX! You are asked to find three six-number routes from square A to square B in the diagram at right that will result in totals of 20, 30 and 40, respectively. Moves may be made to adjacent squares, up, down or diagonally. Squares may be used just once in each computation.

A	3	9	3	5
9	3	1	7	9
3	5	3	5	7
7	3	7	3	5
9	5	9	5	B

Total 20: _____
Total 30: _____
Total 40: _____
How quickly can you comply?

Total 20—3, 3, 1, 3, 5, 5. Total 30—9, 3, 5, 3, 7, 3. Total 40—3, 9, 7, 9, 7, 5. Other answers are possible.

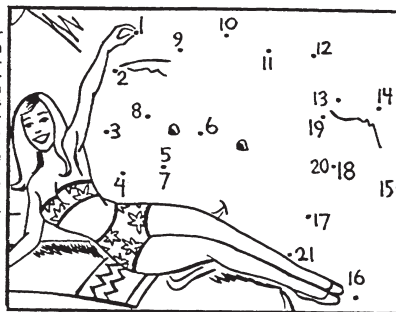


BIRD NAMES TO PUN-DER

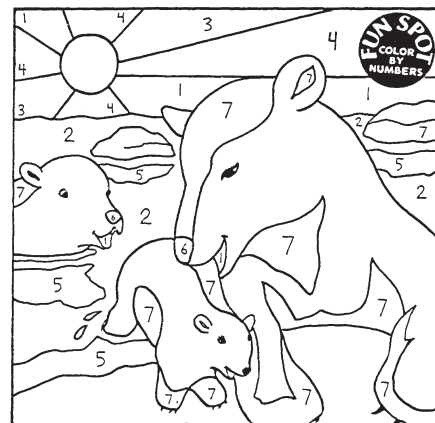
REMARKS below are for the birds in more ways than one, says our fine-feathered pal above. To understand why, fill blanks with the following birds' names in order: Robin, lark, mynah, sparrow, oriole, duck, shrike:

- You're — me the wrong way.
- It was the — of the draw.
- We had a — accident.
- I voted for Ross —.
- The pilots put on an — circus.
- the halls...
- Three — s and you're out (or in).

*Tis some punny bunch.



SEE, HERE! Hey circus lady, hold that eye-catcher pose. What's missing from the picture? Draw lines dot to dot.



ICE PACK! There's no business like snow (or ice) business for a family of polar bears. Coloring code: 1—Red, 2—Lt. blue, 3—Yellow, 4—Orange, 5—Dk. blue, 6—Black, 7—Gray.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

ESPOUSAL

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

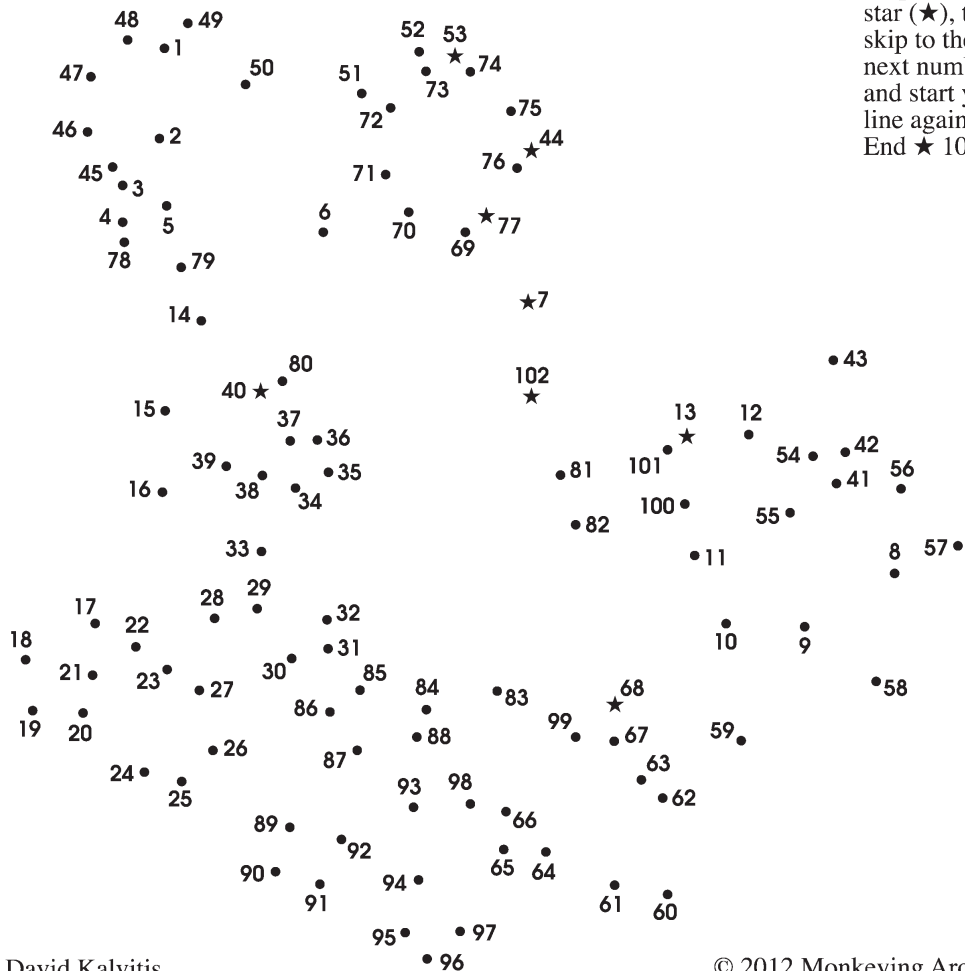
Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible two-some: Soup, sale.

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Stars

Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 102



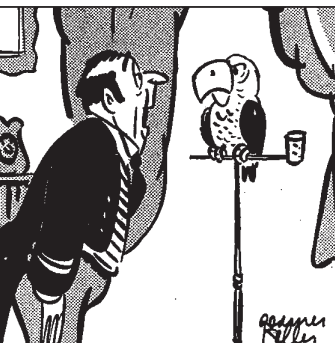
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By David Kalvitis

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"You _____, sir?"

Lavish
SHLUP _____

Rare
EQUIN _____

Bend
KEWS _____

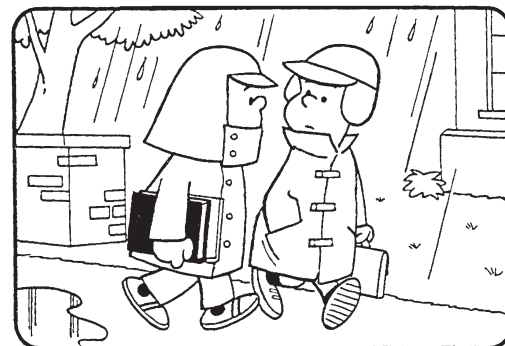
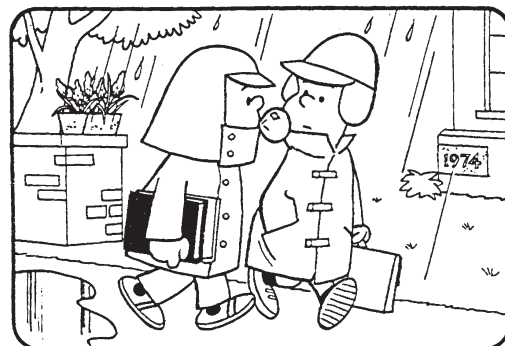
Require
MADDEN _____

TODAY'S WORD

**"IT'S THE GAME OF LIFE. DO I WIN OR DO I LOSE?
ONE DAY THEY'RE GONNA SHUT THE GAME DOWN.
I GOTTA HAVE AS MUCH FUN AND GO AROUND THE BOARD
AS MANY TIMES AS I CAN BEFORE IT'S MY TURN TO LEAVE."
-TUPAC SHAKUR**

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTIHOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
Differences: 1. Plant is missing; 2. Puddle is smaller; 3. Gum bubble is missing; 4. Cap is different; 5. Briefcase is smaller; 6. Cornerstone is missing.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	÷		+		10
+		×		+	
	+		÷		2
×		+		÷	
	×		+		14
14		13		4	

DIFFICULTY: ★★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9
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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Quick now, how many anagrams can you find for the word "caters"?

C A T E R S

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CINEMA STUMPERS ANSWERS

The great sinker *Titanic* will be released next week in 3-D.
The first novel of a trilogy written by Suzanne Collins.
Gary Ross was responsible for directing this film. It was based on
Jennifer Lawrence is the star of the new movie *Hunger Games*.

Letter Box by Linda Thistle

Place a letter in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the letters listed above the diagram. When completed, the row indicated will spell out a word or words.

A C E F L N R U Y

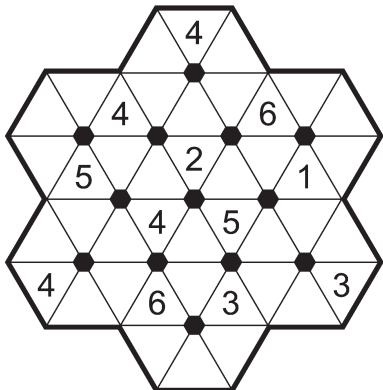
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R					E	Y		
		Y	A	C			U	

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Try Squares by Linda Thistle

Without rotating the small squares on the right, try to arrange them into the pattern shown in the diagram at the left so that the number next to each large triangle equals the sum of the four numbers in that triangle.

56	16	15	7	8
	18	6	9	8
54	11	17	18	
	13	17		
55	19	19	12	
	17	19	17	
57				

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Bad Lips!



BAD LIPS is a game you can play alone or with friends!

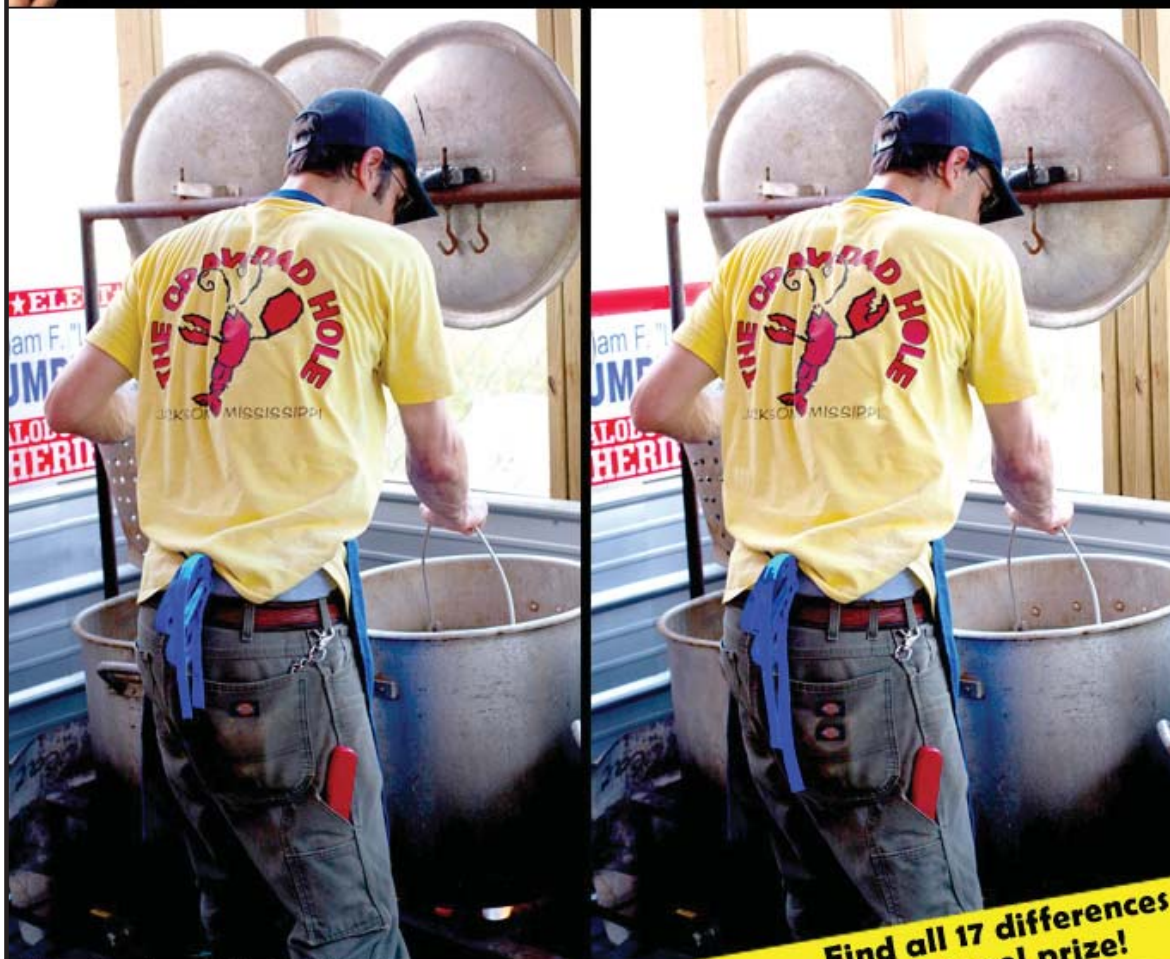
Below is a passage with blank spaces where words are left out. To the left is a list of what words you should fill into each numbered blank. Ask a friend to give you words to fill in, or pick words yourself... (be sure not to read the passage first) THEN read out loud the resulting paragraph. Email answers to thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net & you'll get a Local Voice T-Shirt!

1. Adjective
2. Type of abode
3. Body of water
4. Landmark
5. Same as #3
6. Plural noun
7. Adverb
8. Color
9. Noun
10. Past-tense verb
11. Adjective

In the _____ summer of that year we lived in a _____^{1.} in a village that looked across the _____^{2.} and the plain to the _____^{3.}. In the bed of the _____^{4.} there were pebbles and _____^{5.}, dry and white in the sun, and the water was clear and _____^{6.} moving and _____^{7.} in the channels. Troops went down the road and the _____^{8.} they raised _____^{9.} the leaves of the trees. The trunks of the trees too were _____^{10.} and the leaves fell early that year and we saw the troops _____^{11.} along and the dust rising and leaves, stirred by the breeze, falling and the soldiers marching and afterward the road bare _____^{12.} and _____.

Digression Obsession

Can you spot at least 10 differences in these two photos?



Find all 17 differences for a cool prize!

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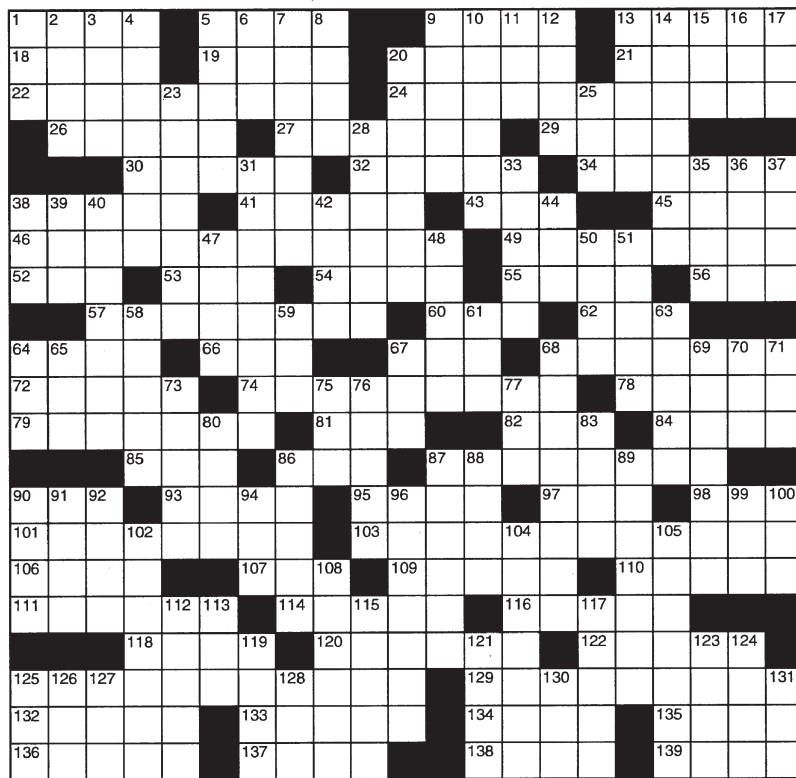
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ACROSS

- 1 Clean the decks
5 "Portnoy's Complaint" author
9 "Woe is me!"
13 Strength
18 — Krishna
19 Neutral tone
20 Manifest
21 Pointless
22 What the Three Stooges drank
24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank
26 — pole
27 "American Pie" singer
29 Overshoe
30 Range rope
32 Synthetic fiber
34 Brahman or lama
38 Broadway backer
41 Vulgar
43 He may woo ewe
45 Concerning
46 What Sasquatch drank
49 What Queen Victoria drank
52 Oklahoma city
53 Bull in a china shop
54 Exploit
55 Crucifix
- 56 "Howards —" ('92 film)
57 Had a hunch
60 Nonclerical
62 Assumed mane?
64 German chemist Otto
66 Hound or hamster
67 Forbid
68 Outtake
72 On the ball
74 What F. Lee Bailey drank
78 Billow
79 Longed for
81 Address abbr.
82 Exist
84 Tragic fate
85 What's between Serena and Martina
86 Bat wood
87 — clover
90 Paddle
93 Siren
95 Steel
97 Myriads of moons
98 — Jima
101 What Isaac Newton drank
103 What Martha Stewart drank
106 Reside
- 107 Eyebrow shape
109 The sky, at times?
110 Beginning
111 Bright inventor?
114 Make Fido fetch
116 Starts a lawn
118 Banyan or baobab
120 Refer (to)
122 — point
125 What Lech Walesa drank
129 What Gregor Mendel drank
132 Saying
133 Take the reins
134 Pennsylvania port
135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal
136 Steven of "Wings"
137 Guam, for one; abbr.
138 Horned vipers
139 Actress Veronica
- non
5 French city
6 "Fall back" mo.
7 Aftershocks
8 Former Cong. group
9 For the birds
10 Loewe's lyricist
11 — deco
12 Pencil piece
13 Sun screen
14 First
15 Gangster's gun
16 TV's "— Step Beyond"
17 Singer Chris
20 Supervise
23 Property professional
25 "Alley —"
28 Endured
31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons"
33 Storch or King
35 Punta del —
36 Actress Anna
37 Warty one
38 Flock o' docs
39 Wordless greeting
40 Grinds
42 — -de-camp
44 Herd word
47 Interstate exit
- 48 Dwight's competitor
50 Cry of distress
51 "Later, Luis!"
58 Remove a brooch
59 Sault — Marie, MI
61 Pangolin's morsel
63 Dutch export
64 Possessed
65 Citrus cooler
67 Deli choice
68 Kind of clasp
69 Makes money
70 — trip
71 Sleep stage
73 Roman fountain
75 Helium or hydrogen
76 Plant pest
77 — Claire, WI
80 "L—, c'est moi"
83 Wells creatures
86 In pieces
87 Feast's alternative
88 City near Provo
89 Produced a cryptogram
90 Eye amorously
91 Parched
- 92 Sitarist Shankar
94 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
96 "El Libertador"
99 Elfin
100 — bran
102 Trace
104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
105 Teach
108 Kilauea, for one
112 Court cry
113 Teachers' org.
115 "Doe, —, a female . . ."
117 Rapiers
119 Formerly, formerly
121 Perlman of "Cheers"
123 —
124 Shipbuilding wood
125 Shorten a slat
126 Horatian creation
127 Research site
128 Ideologue's suffix
130 Tear
131 Demolished dessert



Word Search Puzzle

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SPRING TIME IN OXFORD

Can you find the words in this puzzle? Find them all and then discover the **hidden message** by reading the unused letters from left to right, top to bottom. Email the message to thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net and we'll enter you in a biweekly drawing for a free lunch courtesy of **SQUARE PIZZA!**

Flowers
Bloom
Green
Grass
Pollen
Vernal Equinox
Easter
Good Friday
Earth Day
Spring Break
Double Decker
Gardening
Planting
Farming
Cultivate
Butterflies
Baseball
Sunshine
Rainbow
Bunnies
Chicks
Hatch
Hibernate
Spring Cleaning
Kites

W H E N I E T A V I T L U C G E T A W H
A Y F R O M H O G M E E F K O R T O A F
O L O N G B I S T R N A A R V T T T A O
G E T C R A U Z Y I A E S E O I C R N E
E D T Y O G E N H G R S R T B H M A S C
P K W E A H A S N B A N S M V I E T P O
L S G S E D N T G I A R O B N A C P R K
A J E U E U I N S L E O D G T T O O I G
N L E I S T I R E T L S O E U R F L N E
T L E T L R I Q F B I R N T N H E L G M
I A U D P F U K I D N E T H A I T E C C
N B R S A I R W F I O W S H J U N N L I
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B N D O U B L E D E C K E R S W T L G R
C G R E E N R A I N B O W P R Y Q N T A
R E T A N R E B I H J B D T X J R J L E

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9			5				1	
		3		6				5
	4				9	2		
	6		2				8	
7				3			5	1
		8			7	4		
		7		5				3
6					4	7		
	3	2	1				4	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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WED	4/11	THE ELECTRIC HEARTS
THUR	4/12	JIMMY PHILLIPS & THE RUMINATORS CD RELEASE
FRI	4/13	GUNBOAT WITH ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE
SAT	4/14	THE PIMPS OF JOYTIME
THUR	4/19	SANDERS BOHLKE WITH THE GRENADINES

4/20 Jimbo Mathus &
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4/30 The Legit Jazz Quintet

5/3 Megan Tubb & Shady People

5/7 The Legit Jazz Quintet