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Local Q&A: by TLV Staff

If you could have a theme song for 2021, what would it be?

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And The Townie Goes To... Congratulations to the winners and everyone who received votes in the 2021 Local Favorites Awards!

During a year that has been plagued with accusations of voter fraud and high tensions surrounding the United States Presidential election, we hope that what follows is a less fraught, more fun alternative to the electoral process. In other words, we want to **Make Voting Fun Again!**

We love seeing how the results change or stay the same over time. There are many beloved local folks and businesses that win year after year, and then there are some categories that never fail to surprise us.

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The big winner this year is **Volta Taverna** with seven Townies! Look for some new names as well as old favorites in this year's results. We love seeing the variety and diversity that Oxford and North Mississippi arts and businesses have to offer, and we hope you do, too. We know that you can't please everyone all the time, so if your favorites didn't win this year, it's never too soon to start campaigning for next year. So, without further ado, we present the winners of the Local Favorites Awards, a.k.a The Townies! 📺

RESTAURANTS

Ambience

1. Saint Leo
 2. The Sipp
 3. City Grocery
- HM: Blind Pig, Snackbar, SoLa, Tango's

Asian Food

1. Jinsei
 2. Toyo
 3. Rice and Spice
- HM: H2O, Kabuki, Noodle Bowl, Pick Thai, Zaap Thai

Bakery

1. Bottletree Bakery
 2. Kelly's Cakery
 3. Insomnia Cookies
- HM: Bremma's Bakery, Community Donuts, Hugh Rise Donuts, Ollie's Donuts, Smallcakes

Barbeque

1. Moe's Original BBQ
 2. B's BBQ
 3. Handy Andy
- HM: Blind Pig, Jake's Craft BBQ, Smoke-shop Oxford

Barista

1. Blake Summers (Uptown Coffee)
 2. Morgan Pennington (Uptown Coffee)
 3. Anna Kate Joyce (Common Ground)
- HM: Justin Davis (Common Ground), Quinn Chandler (Uptown)

Beer Selection

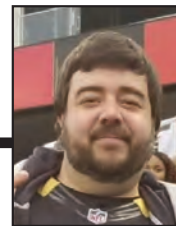
1. Growler
 2. Blind Pig
 3. Cash Saver
- HM: Harrison's, Lost Pizza, Moe's Penny Bar, Round Table, Tango's

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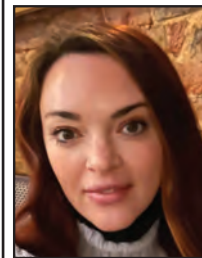
June Davidson Goza
"Jesus Take the Wheel."

Nick Babcock
"Just Hold On."



Michelle LeBlanc-Cotten
"Wrecking Ball."

Dudley Prewitt
"Bbb-baby you just ain't seen nothin' yet!"



Stephanie Winter
"It's the End of the World as We Know It."

Clint Jordan
"I Won't Back Down."



Luke Boswell
"I'm Still Standing."

Rita Hellums
"Suspicious Minds."



Trent Coleman
"Hit Me with Your Best Shot."



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Mondays: All-day Happy Hour; Tuesdays: \$3 Tacos, \$5 Margaritas; Wednesdays: ½-price select Bourbons

Square Pizza: Tuesdays–Fridays 4–11 pm: dine-in or pickup.

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Happy Hour 4–5 pm: \$2 Domestic, \$3 Drafts, \$5 Select Wines, \$6 Select Classic Cocktails, Small Plate & Oyster specials

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Common Ground Coffee Bar: Sunday–Saturday 6 am–6 pm; dine-in or pickup.

El Agave: Sunday 10:30 am–9:30 pm, Monday–Saturday 11 am–10 pm; dine-in, pickup, delivery: Fetcht 🐾

GRIT: Thursday–Saturday 5:30–9:30 pm, Sunday Brunch 10:30 am–1:30 pm: dine-in, outdoor seating, pickup.

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Huddle House: Sunday–Thursday 6 am–midnight, Friday–Saturday open 24 hours; dine-in, pickup.

Jinsei: Tuesday–Sunday 5 pm–10 pm; dine-in, pick-up and curbside

Julep Steakhouse & Flights: Tuesday–Saturday, 4:30–9 pm, Sunday 10 am–3 pm, dine-in or pickup.

King's Steakhouse: Monday–Saturday, 4–10 pm; dine-in, outdoor seating, pickup, delivery: Fetcht. 🐾

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Living Foods: Monday–Saturday 11 am–3 pm

McEwen's: Wednesday–Friday 11 am–2 pm, Wednesday–Saturday 5–9 pm; dine-in, pick up, delivery

Mugshots: Sunday–Thursday 11 am–8pm, Friday–Saturday 11 am–9 pm; dine-in, curbside, pickup, or delivery: Fetcht 🐾

Noodle Bowl: Monday–Sunday 11 am–9 pm; dine-in, pickup, or delivery.

Ole Coop: Monday–Wednesday, 11 am–10:30 pm; Thursday–Sunday, 11 am–midnight; dine-in, pickup, or delivery: Fetcht. 🐾

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Round Table on the Square: Monday–Sunday 1–10 pm; dine-in, outdoor seating, or delivery: Fetcht 🐾

South Depot Taco Shop: Monday–Sunday, 11 am–9 pm; Sunday Brunch 11 am–2 pm, dine-in, outdoor seating, pickup, or delivery: Fetcht. 🐾

Southern Craft Stove & Tap: Tuesday–Thursday 11 am–8 pm, Friday–Saturday 11 am–9 pm, Sunday 11 am–2 pm; dine-in, outdoor seating, or pickup.

Tango's: Monday–Friday, 2–10 pm, Saturday, 10:30 am–10 pm, Sunday, 10:30 am–9 pm; dine-in, outdoor seating, or pickup.

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In the wee hours of last Thursday morning I woke thinking that I wanted to update my profile pic on Facebook. I remembered a specific old photo that would be perfect. I searched for three days but the photograph eluded me. Like I so often find, though, when I'm looking for one treasure a greater one emerges. While emptying the filler pages of an old scheduling notebook in search of the picture I struck gold in the form of a letter addressed to me, dated June 8, 2004.

Dr. James C. Downey was my music history professor at William Carey College (now University). With his black and grey hair that was a little longer than any other teacher's, his salt and pepper beard, his pipe smoking on a Baptist campus, and his mysterious philosophical air, he was the cool professor on campus. Kind of like James Dean in a turtleneck.

Dr. Downey was the teacher we could never quite figure out, and he was the person who made me fall in love with conversation. His influence was central to the birth of this column. (See my first "The View from The Balcony" column, published April 20, 2017 in issue #277).

In 2003 I wrote Dr. Downey to tell him how much I appreciated him and how thankful I was to have been one of his students. About a year later he responded. One of the two professors I admired most and the one I feared most was inviting me to a new relationship. "I would like for us to have a correspondence dealing with some of the elements of mankind's searching for truth...I need students—someone to fire questions, observations at me...I took your questions seriously in the past."

I'm embarrassed to say that I don't think I ever responded to Dr. Downey. I imagine I was "too busy", like the father in Harry Chapin's legendary song "The Cat's in the Cradle."

Not too long after his letter to me, Dr. Downey was the victim of a freak accident on his farm and lost much of his ability to carry on any correspondence, especially the kind he had proposed to me. His health steadily declined until 2010 when he breathed his last.

Shortly before his death I visited

Dr. Downey in his nursing home. His wife was there and told me that, as much as she appreciated my visit, I couldn't stay long, and that Dr. Downey's cognitive condition had deteriorated to the point that he probably wouldn't know me. He didn't remember or recognize many people at all.

I walked into the room. Mrs. Downey told Dr. Downey that one of his former students, Randy Weeks, had come to visit. Dr. Downey raised his head from his pillow a bit and squinted, his eyes in search of better sight. His countenance lifted and he spoke with verve. "Weeks!" he said. He remembered!

Being careful not to tire Dr. Downey, I didn't stay long. But I was able to tell him to his face how important he had been in my life, how thankful I was for him, and how grateful I was for the many good things he had given me. It was a holy moment for me, and I hope for him, too.

My late cousin Ruby Jean was a nurse at the Mississippi State Hospital in Whitfield, Mississippi in the 1960s. There was one story she told about a mentally ill patient that I'll always remember.

This patient was zigzagging through the hallways, arms extended like Frankenstein's monster, screaming, "I can't see! I can't see!" Ruby Jean rushed to the patient, grabbed her shoulders, and shook her. "Open your eyes!" Ruby Jean shouted. "Open your eyes!" The woman opened her eyes and said, "Oh!"

We are often blind to what is right in front of us simply because our eyes are closed. We only get one chance at this life. We can go blindly through it or we can open our eyes, wake up and live it. I was in search of an old photograph, and still am. In my quest my eyes were opened to a gold mine and to a missed opportunity.

Maybe we should all stand in front of a mirror every day, look ourselves in the eye, snap our fingers in front of our face, and say, "Wake up!" Who knows what we'd find? Who knows what would find us?



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The 11th Annual Oxford Fiber Arts Festival Combines Local and Online Events

Due to the pandemic, the format will be much different than in years past, with no market or classes and alternative programming to create a safer environment for celebrating this year.

According to festival coordinator **Andi Bedsworth**, "We wanted to continue the festival but knew we would need to come up with a plan in which we could celebrate the fiber arts in a different way this year that would involve the community but would allow them to participate in a safe way."

The new format for this year includes an exhibit by the **Chimneyville Weavers and Spinners Guild Cooperative** entitled "Fiber Fluency," which will be in the **Powerhouse Gallery**. Two receptions will be held on both Tuesday, January 19 from 6–8 pm and Saturday, January 23 from 2–6 pm. Appointments to attend the socially distanced reception are free but need to be reserved.

An outdoor exhibit with three locations, "Fiber on the Square," will be held January 15–23. This will include a children's exhibit held in **Faulkner Alley**, a fiber exhibit competition in the outdoor covered areas of the **Oxford Square North** building and the **William Faulkner** statue will sport a fun fiber related outfit in honor of the festival.

On Saturday, January 16, a Zoom lecture given by Palestinian embroiderer and author, **Wafa Ghnaim** will be held at 3–5 pm. This free lecture is open to the public, but spaces are limited and reservations must be made in advance.

To round out the offerings there will be a Zoom sewing circle and knitting circle so past participants and even new ones can share what they are working on in a safe way, a children's fiber art kit give-away by the **University Museum** on Thursday and Friday, January 21–22, and on Saturday, January 23, stop by The Powerhouse from 9–11 am to pick up a donut and map/instructions and drive to see the **Union County Civil War Quilt Trail** in **New Albany, Mississippi**. While you are there, stop by the museum to see their exhibit on textiles, quilts, embroidery, and crochet, "Quiet Work of

Women," and enjoy a reception from noon–3 pm at the **Union County Heritage Museum** (114 Cleveland St. New Albany, Miss.). The full schedule and more details about the festival can be found at oxfordarts.com/events/fiberfest.

In 2011, the University Museum working with the **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council** hoped to create coordinated exhibits that would reach beyond the museum walls and into the community. The partnership focused on an upcoming exhibit of **Gees Bend Quilts**, identifying community partners in the local quilters' guild and Oxford's curated fiber shop, **Knit1**. This coordinated effort launched the Oxford Fiber Arts Festival showcasing exhibits by local fiber artists, a fiber market, workshops, and demonstrations. The festival was an immediate success and a welcome addition, driving out the winter doldrums with an energetic gathering of fiber fans.

In 2016, **Patsy Englehart** and **Lynn Wells** of **Knit 1** passed the baton to local fiber artist and regular vendor in the fest, **Andi Bedsworth**, who is now coordinating the festival through the **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council**.

In its eleven years the festival strives to bring cutting edge contemporary and traditional fiber arts to the Powerhouse for a multi-day event that includes lectures, demonstrations, classes by experienced teachers, and children's activities. In its mission to educate, inform, and inspire fiber enthusiasts, practitioners, and visitors, the festival has become a

yearly favorite among locals and visitors who come from surrounding states to join in the festivities.

This year's festival is sponsored by **National Endowment for the Arts, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visit Oxford, Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, South Arts, University Museum, Union County Heritage Museum, Cannon Motors, Helen Overstreet, Robert and Jacquelyn Gage, Dick and Mary Beth Marchbanks, and Robert Saarnio**.

For information contact Festival Coordinator, **Andi Bedsworth** at 662-380-1940 or oxfordfiberfest.com. 



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Oxford's Favorite Farm: Brown Family Dairy

From Milk to Meat, Billy Ray Brown Helped Make North Mississippi Food-Secure During the 2020 Pandemic

by Elizabeth Tettleton
Photographs by Newt Rayburn

If you're standing in Billy Ray's pasture on Highway 334, cars honk as they pass. Not once, not occasionally, but every drive-by is a neighborly "hello" to **Billy Ray Brown** and his family of seven who run and own **Brown Family Dairy**.

Answering the beef shortage that resulted from the pandemic, the Brown family opened their new butcher shop in November 2020, which sits right at the front of their farm, easily visible from the road.

Standing on just a few of the over 3,000 acres of the Brown's farming property, Billy Ray immediately welcomed me into his business and spoke openly of how life led them down the path to running Brown Family Farm. Billy Ray is son to acclaimed writer **Larry Brown**, who was born and raised in **Lafayette County** by humble means. Billy Ray did not desire to become a writer like his father, but had other ideas for how to craft his life story.

Brown Family Dairy is a truly local, family business. Billy Ray is joined daily by his wife, Paula, and five children. His kids help milk the cows in the mornings and evenings. Paula works as a special education teacher in **Water Valley**, then drives home to work in the new butcher shop in the evening. It takes the whole family to pull it off, including Billy Ray's brother, **Shane Brown**, who runs the week's deliveries and handles many of the business aspects of the farm's daily needs, and his sister-in-law, whose milk soaps and bath products add variety to the shop.

The Dairy

"Anytime someone says my 'milk is too high,' I say 'no, all milk is too cheap.'"

- Billy Ray Brown

The Brown Family Farm farm boasts about forty head of dairy cattle that provide the product most people think of when they think of the Brown's farm.

The farm follows many nuanced attentions to detail, such as the careful ninety-day breeding season and the fact that Billy Ray tries to check on each pregnant cow every day when she is close to calving. Problems can arise in a moment's notice, and he wants to be there as much as he can. It's not just his livelihood; these cows are close to him and his family, much like a family dog. Each one has her own name and story.

You can purchase Brown Family Dairy milk all around Oxford, Mississippi (**Larson's Cash Saver** and **Chicory**



Market to name just two), directly from the farm, or, if you're closer to Memphis, the Browns come near you every week.

"I've been going to Hernando for 12 years to the outdoor farmer's market. I actually go year-round, and haven't missed a Saturday in 12 years."

We asked Billy Ray why he turned to dairy farming, even when his family didn't have a background in it. "I worked for other farmers for several years, but I just wanted my own thing," said Billy Ray.

"At the time, that was in 2008, nobody else was really doing it. The health department really didn't know what to do with me, and it was kind of a mess. I talked to some folks down at Mississippi State ... and everybody told me I was crazy as hell, that I wasn't going to sell no milk. And I felt in my heart it would sell. It started slow, but it's grown gradually. There's a market for it. I'm still learning every day."

In about four hours, Billy Ray and his family finish milking all of their cows and take in 150-200 gallons of fresh milk a day. They use batch pasteurization, which Billy Ray called "the old timey method" which is, essen-

tially, bringing a large vat of raw milk up to 145 degrees, a process required by the Department of Health. Then, with the help of his children, they bottle the pasteurized milk straight out of the machine. They can bottle 135 gallons in about an hour and ten minutes.

Cattle and the Pandemic

"If you shut down a plant for seven days, you're talking millions of pounds of meat that cannot get to the consumer," said Billy Ray. "With the scare with the beef and the pork last year, that was really confusing to me, because the animals were there, but they could not get them processed."

The beef crisis during the pandemic has been often cited as caused largely from the CDC and WHO regulations on proximity of workers in processing plants, coupled with the fact that many workers became sick with COVID-19. Family-run operations, like Billy Ray's new butcher shop, are part of the answer, at least on the local small-scale.

"You know, I really think we need more of these,"

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Billy Ray said. "There's a guy who came down from the Mississippi Delta," Billy Ray said. "It's pretty neat to see how far some come."

We asked Billy Ray if the pandemic was the main reason he chose to start a butcher shop.

"The pandemic is absolutely why we started it," he said. "It got so crazy that in Hernando [at the Farmer's Market] when I was having a guy process [beef] for me, I would have, say, five or six hundred pounds of hamburger meat on my truck. And folks were in line, panicking because of the grocery stores [shortages], and I would have to give them only five pounds, even though they would say, 'hey can I get two hundred pounds of ground beef,' and I would say, 'I wish I could give it to you, but what about the other people in line?' so I'd give them five or six pounds till the next Saturday. So that is what sort of got us wanting to open the butcher store, just born out of necessity, really."

The Butcher Shop

"I love the aspect of going to the Hernando Farmer's Market, or people coming here [to our farm], and being

able to talk directly to that consumer," said Billy Ray. "That's very important I think. We have a lot of people that come on Saturday morning, and that's just part of what they do on Saturday morning. They come and talk and get some milk and it's a whole social thing. They get to know you, and they get to know your family. It's really special."

The Brown Family's new butcher shop is open Monday through Saturday, 1-7 pm, and features your standard cuts of beef—ribeye, sirloin, tenderloin, porterhouse—as well as pork products, like oversized bone-in pork chops, pork ribs, and mild and hot Italian sausage (the hot Italian sausage really spiced up my latest lasagna, by the way), and breakfast sausages. Shane and Billy Ray are happy to help put together a large order (in advance) for a party or cookout; just give them a call.

To contact for large orders and questions, visit their web site or call Shane or Billy Ray directly.

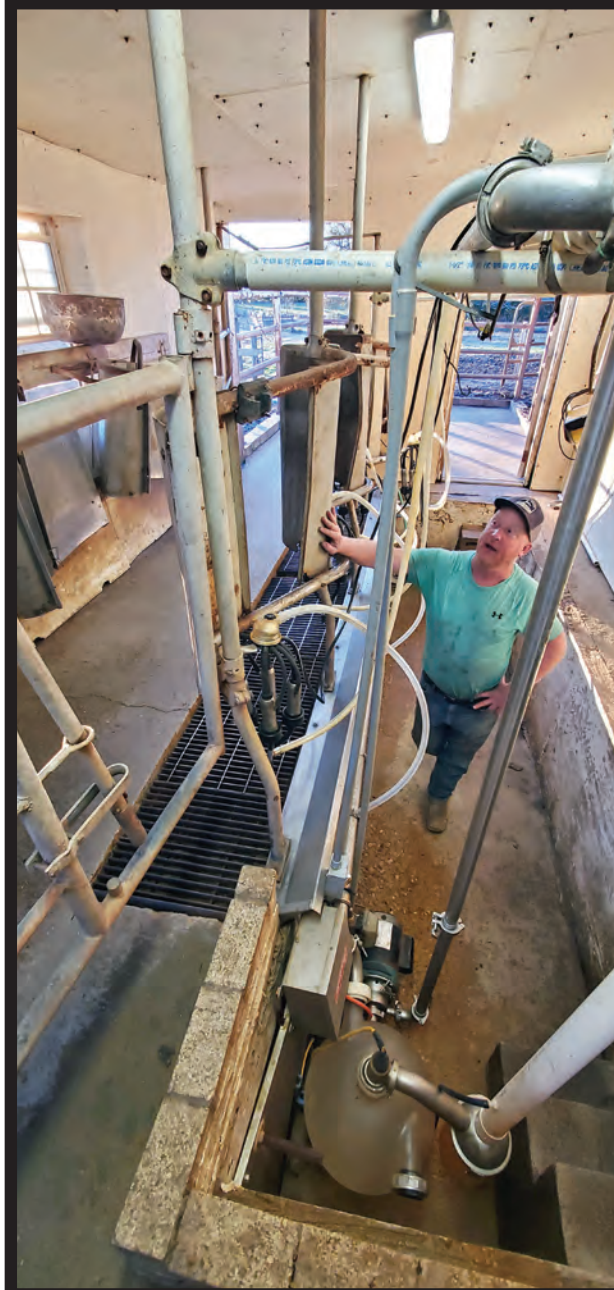
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Bartender

1. Ben Fitzgerald (Round Table)
 2. Sam Wright (Harrison's)
 3. Joe Stinchcomb (Saint Leo)
- HM: Peyton Attaway (Funkys), Emily Cappioni (The Sipp), Andrew Cox (Harrison's), Andy Douglas (SoLa), Sam Moore (Rooster's)



Favorite Breakfast &
Bruch: **Big Bad Breakfast**

Breakfast

1. Big Bad Breakfast
2. First Watch
3. The Beacon

HM: Bottletree Bakery, Cash Saver Deli, Huddle House, IHOP, Lindsey's Chevron

Brunch

1. Big Bad Breakfast
2. First Watch
3. Saint Leo

HM: SoLa, McEwen's, Rafter's, Mesquite Chophouse



Favorite Chicken:
Southern Coop

Chicken / Wings

1. Southern Coop
2. Moe's Original BBQ
3. Jinsei

HM: Abner's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Ole Coop, Popeye's, Rooster's

Cocktails

1. Saint Leo
2. The Sipp on South Lamar
3. Snackbar

HM: Blind Pig, Boure, The Coop at the Graduate, Jinsei, SoLa



Favorite Chef:
Erika Lipe (Sola)

Chef

1. Erika Lipe, SoLa
2. Jon Davis, Saint Leo
3. Vishwesh Bhatt, Snackbar

HM: John Allgood (Moe's), Joey Bongiovanni (Funkys), Cameron Bryant (The Sipp), Eric Tait (McEwen's)

Delivery Service

1. Fetcht
2. Uber Eats
3. Door Dash

HM: Domino's, Bite Squad



Favorite Local
Restaurant and Favorite
Curbside Service:
Ajax Diner

Curbside Service

1. Ajax Diner
2. Moe's Original BBQ
3. SoLa

HM: Boure, Funkys, Saint Leo, South Depot, Volta

Burger

1. Handy Andy
2. Oxford Burger Co.
3. Phillip's Grocery

HM: Ajax, Bim Bam Burgers, Blind Pig, Boure, 5 Guys



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Vegetarian, and more

Happy Hour

1. Volta Taverna
2. Library
3. Blind Pig

HM: Boure, Funkys, Moe's Penny Bar, The Sipp, Snackbar

Margarita

1. Volta Taverna
2. El Agave
3. Uno Mas

HM: Casa Mexicana, SoLa, South Depot Taco Shop, Tango's, El Mariachi

Patio / Deck

1. Volta Taverna
2. Harrison'
3. Boure

HM: City Grocery, The Coop, Lost Pizza, Proud Larry's, Tangos

Salad

1. Volta Taverna
2. Newk's
3. Proud Larry's

HM: Blind Pig, Boure, Greenline, Oby's, Saint Leo

Vegetarian

1. Volta Taverna
2. Ajax
3. Oxford Canteen

HM: H2O, Greenline, Living Foods, Oxford Canteen, Rice and Spice

Server

1. Stephen Downing, Volta Taverna
2. Peyton Bowen, Tangos
3. Kayla Canfield, Ajax

HM: Nikki Bing (King's Steakhouse), Brittany Case (Boure, Lenora's), Terry Moon (City Grocery)

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Mexican Food

1. El Agave
 2. El Mundo Taco Shop
 3. Uno Mas
- HM: Casa Mexicana, El Mariachi, La Perla, San Jose, South Depot

Pizza

1. Lost Pizza
 2. Funkys
 3. Saint Leo
- HM: 6NTubbs, Dodo Pizza, Fer-
gndan's, Proud Larry's, Square
Pizza, Pizza Den

Dessert

1. Oxford Creamery
 2. YaYa's
 3. McEwen's
- HM: Ajax, City Hall Cheesecake,
Dairy Queen, Insomnia Cookies,
Snackbar



**Fine Dining:
Clty Grocery**

Fine Dining

1. City Grocery
 2. McEwen's
 3. Oxford Grillehouse
- HM: Boure, City Grocery, King's
Steakhouse, Ravine, Saint Leo,
Snackbar



**Seafood:
Snackbar**

Seafood

1. Snackbar
 2. King's Steakhouse
 3. Jinsei
- HM: Alligator Lounge, Boure, City
Grocery, Landshark, Oxford
Grillehouse

Soul Food

1. Ajax Diner
 2. Mama Jo's
 3. Larson's Cash Saver
Deli
- HM: B's BBQ, The Beacon, Little
Easy Catering, Moe's BBQ

Sandwich

1. Blind Pig
 2. Newk's
 3. Ajax
- HM: Boure, McAlister's, Oby's,
Pizza Den, Proud Larry's

Sushi

1. Jinsei
 2. Toyo
 3. Kabuki
- HM: Kroger, Noodle Bowl



**Steak:
Oxford Grillehouse**

Steak

1. Oxford Grillehouse
 2. King's Steakhouse
 3. Mesquite Chophouse
- HM: Chili's, Julep, Lenora's, McE-
wen's, The Sizzler

Favorite Restaurant

1. Ajax Diner
 2. Volta Taverna
 3. Saint Leo
- HM: Boure, Handy Andy, King's
Steakhouse, McEwen's, SoLa,
Moe's Original BBQ, The Sipp

Favorite Bar

1. Blind Pig
 2. The Library
 3. City Grocery
- HM: Round Table, Harrison's,
Funkys, Moe's Penny Bar, Tan-
go's, Rooster's, The Sipp

Coffee

1. Uptown Coffee
 2. High Point
 3. Starbucks
- HM: Big Bad Breakfast, Bottle-
tree Bakery, Common Ground,
Heartbreak, Lost Dog

Crawfish

1. Landshark
 2. Rebel Boilers
 3. Crawdad Hole
- HM: Alligator Lounge, Dixie,
Funkys, Harrison's, SoLa

BUSINESS

Favorite Local Business

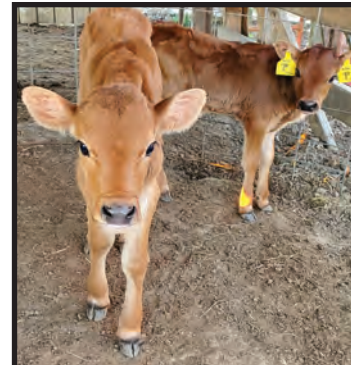
1. Oxford Social Club
 2. Ajax
 3. Neilson's
- HM: Harrison's, King's Steak-
house, Moe's BBQ, Square
Books, Tango's



**BOSS:
Audra Rester**

Boss

1. Audra Rester,
Oxford Middle School
 2. Randy Yates, Ajax
Diner
 3. Brooke Krizbai, Volta
- HM: Adam Matthews (King's
Steakhouse), Erika Lipe (SoLa),
Emily Blunt (Saint Leo), John All-
good (Moe's)



**Favorite Farm:
Brown Family Dairy**

Farm

1. Brown Family
Dairy
 2. Native Son
 3. Yokna Bottoms
- HM: Bost Farm, Homeplace Pas-
tures, Woodson Ridge



**Liquor Store:
Star Package**

Liquor Store

1. Star Package
 2. Social Wine & Whis-
key House
 3. High Cotton
- HM: Heritage Liquors, Kiamie's,
Magnolia, PJ's, Rebel Wine &
Spirits

THE LOCAL VOICE: THE TOWNIES 2021

Market

1. Chicory Market
2. Larson's Cash Saver
3. Kroger

HM: Oxford Community Market, Midtown Farmer's Market,

Music Store

1. The End of All Music

2. Rebel Music
3. Ron's Music

HM: Roxford University

Local Radio Station

1. Bullseye 95.5
2. Q105.1

3. Rebel Radio 92.1

HM: MPB 90.3, 98.5, 103.5, Miss 98 97.5

Salon

1. LaRousse
2. The Studio
3. Amara

HM: Alice & Co., Emma J, Luxe, Nolan Taylor, The Parlor, Southern Chic

Second Hand Store

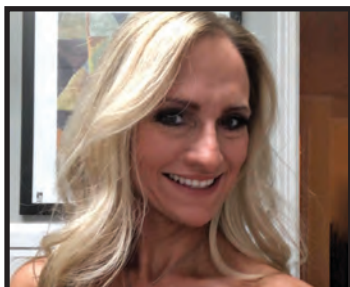
1. Goodwill
2. Helping Hands
3. The Mustard Seed

HM: The Depot, Salvation Army, Sugar Magnolia

Smoke Shop

1. Slacker Supply
2. Spring Street Cigars
3. Local Color

HM: Brittany Store, Cloud 9, Sam's Tobacco, Vapor Maven



Favorite Stylist:
Margaret Boatright Hood

Stylist

1. Margaret Boatright Hood, Nolan Taylor
2. Dallas Nutt, LaRousse
3. Sarah Kate Purvis, The Studio

HM: Kelli Ray Coleman, Jennifer Lasky, Amara, Regina Daniels, Amara, Ciara Harrison, LaRousse

Bygone

Business

1. Soulshine (20%)
2. Mistillis Café (16%)
3. Hoka Theatre (9.6%)

HM: Holli's Sweet Tooth, Lamar Lounge, Two Stick



Favorite Taxi Service and Favorite Driver:
Roy Watson

Taxi Service

1. Roy Boy
2. Uber
3. Austin Taxi

HM: Oxford Taxi, Zoe's

ARTS & MUSIC



Favorite Tattoo Artist:
Brian Shives
(Oxford Social Club)

Tattoo Artist

1. Brian Shives
2. Doug Hollis
3. Cody Rardin

HM: Eric Warren

Photographer

1. Jim Hendrix
2. Kelli Lindsey
3. TIE: Bruce Newman, Paul Gandy

HM: Joey Brent, JDM Photography, Emily Toma

Keyboardist / Pianist

1. Anita Ludlow
2. Tate Moore
3. Bill Perry

HM: Eric Carlton, Robert Chaffe, Damein Wash



Favorite Drummer:
Ricky Burkhead

Drummer

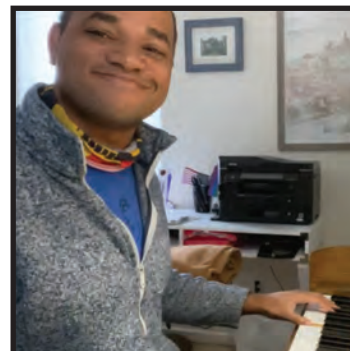
1. Ricky Burkhead
2. Kenny Graeber
3. Richard Zepeda

HM: Harrison Smith, Bradley Gordon, Ian Kirkpatrick

Rapper

1. Scooby da Kid
2. Squeecky tha Beast
3. Stork

HM: Elise DeVoe



Online Performer:
Damein Wash

Online Performer

1. Damein Wash
2. Silas Reed
3. Tate Moore

HM: Daniel Hodges, Davis Whitwell, Jeff Calloway, Silas Reed IV, Tyler Keith

New Band

1. South of Memphis
2. Subcontra
3. Wannu

HM: Soultones, Southern Groove Redemption, Sam Wright, Ryan Miller, Joe Austin and The Tallahatchies

Bass Player

1. Nathan Robbins
2. Patrick Mink
3. Dave Woolworth

HM: Matt Patton, Tommy Turan

Artist

1. Cindy Aune
2. Bradley Gordan
3. Jan Trantum

HM: Coulter Fussell, Lee Harper, Megan Patton, Glennray Tutor

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Favorite Local Band and Most Underrated Musician:
Haggard Collins

Local Band

1. Haggard Collins
 2. Kudzu Kings
 3. The Great Dying
- HM: And the Echo, Joe Austin & The Tallahatchies, The Pearl Divide, Mustache, Southern Groove, Redemption

Most Underrated Musician

1. Haggard Collins
 2. Jack Probst
 3. Joe Austin
- HM: Damein Wash, Daniel Hodges, Hap Williams, Patrick Mink, Davis Coen

Art Gallery

1. Southside
2. Powerhouse
3. University Museum

Actor

1. Morgan Freeman
 2. Logan Little
 3. Johnny McPhail
- HM: Rhes Low, Jennifer Pierce Mathus, Susan McPhail



Favorite Filmmaker:
Bill Perry

Filmmaker

1. Bill Perry
 2. Damein Wash
 3. Melanie Addington
- HM: Thad Lee, Joe York, Antonio Terrell

Guitarist

1. Eric Deaton
 2. Haggard Collins
 3. Kel Kellum
- HM: Jason Cain, Will Griffith, Tyler Keith, Silas Reed, Will Smith

Horn Player

1. Jeff Callaway
 2. Casey Lipe
 3. Daniel Hodges
- HM: Adam Davenport, Daniel Roebuck

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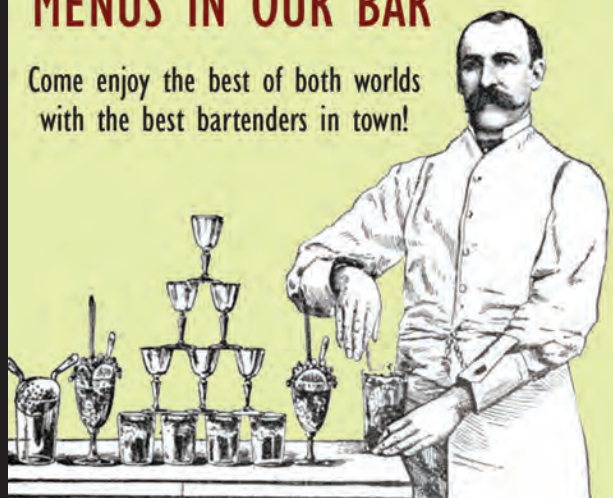
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Songwriter

1. Will Griffith
2. Haggard Collins
3. Anne Freeman

HM: Davis Coen, Daniel Hodges,
Tate Moore



Favorite Vocalist:
Brady Bramlett

Vocalist

1. Brady Bramlett
2. Haggard Collins
3. Damein Wash

HM: Will Griffith, Davis Coen, Anne
Freeman, Tate Moore, Kate Teague,
Zachariah Tillotson

Comedian

1. Logan Little
2. Connor King
3. Bruce Butler

HM: Denver Bridwell, Matt Wymer,
Picasio Thompson, Moon Pie Curtis,
Carter Wilkes

PEOPLE

Community

Leader

1. Eddie Rester
2. Robyn Tannehill
3. Keisha Atkinson

HM: Brent Larson, Todd Wade,
Wayne Andrews, Janice Antonow

Celebrity Sighting

1. Morgan Freeman
2. DK Metcalf
3. Eli Manning

HM: AJ Brown, Christina Hendricks,
Archie Manning

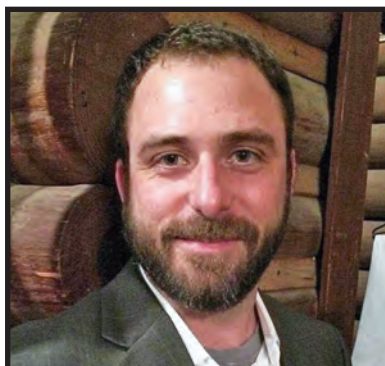


Favorite Attorney:
Kevin W. Frye

Attorney

1. Kevin Frye
2. Rhea Tannehill
3. Josh Turner

HM: Swayze Alford, Dwight Ball, Dee
Hobbs, Roberts Wilson, Jay Car-
mean, James Justice, Tiffany Kilpat-
rick, James Harper, Trout Law Firm,
Jay Hughes, Matt McKenzie, Dwight
Ball, Lucky Tucker, Dee Hobbs,
George Haymans



Computer Nerd:
Kyle McGrevey
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Computer Nerd

1. Kyle McGrevey
2. Blake Adams
3. Sean Allen

HM: Hunter Warren, Adam Hamilton,
Chris Reichley, Kurt Lindhorst, Gam-
bino, Preston Boutot, Michael Ballard,
Jace Carter

Healthcare Provider

1. Dr. Philip Loria
2. Dr. Jeffrey Dennis
3. Dr. David Coon

HM: Dr. Todd Threadgill, Oxford
Urgent Care, Oxford Family Medi-
cine, Dr. David Bridgers, Dr. Jean
Gispen, Dr. Rachel Sledge, Dr. Mona
Castle, Dr. Shaun Helmhout, Dr.
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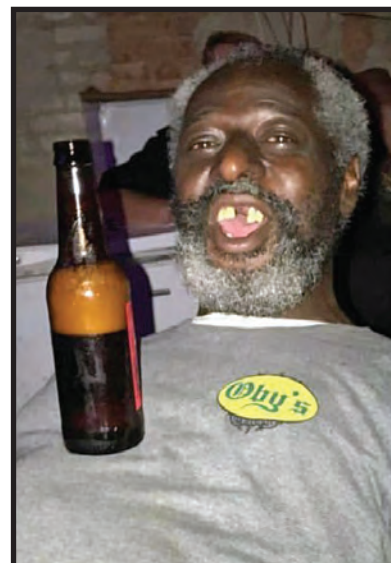


Favorite Realtor:
Shea Turner Foxx

Realtor

1. Shea Turner Foxx
2. Mary Aquino
3. Cherie Matthews

HM: Mark Cleary, Max Hill, David
Tanner, Brian Flint, Don Kessinger,
Brook Worthy, Martha Thompson,
Tim Phillips, Drew Stephens



Favorite Townie:
Chris Frison

Townie

1. Chris Frison, "Chris
from Roosters," aka
Toomah
2. Ronzo
3. Jake Fondren

HM: Sparky Reardon, Bruce
Newman, Randy Yates, Jason Plunk,
Lisa Howorth, Kyle McGrevey, Anne
Scott Barrett, John Spreafico, Tyler
Keith, Ryan Spearman, Johnny
McPhail, Daniel Hodges, Frank
Walker, Davis Guild, Carlisle Yoste,
Phil Spencer, Trent Coleman, Blake
Summers

Athlete

1. DK Metcalf
2. John Rhys Plumlee
3. Matt Corral

HM: Jerrion Ealy, Elijah Moore, Kenny Yeboah

Taxi Driver

1. Roy Watson
2. Austin Blake

HM: Hamadi Njorge, Denzel, Uber



Favorite Writer:
Ace Atkins

Writer

1. Ace Atkins
2. William Faulkner

HM: Danny Toma, Wright Thompson, Randy Weeks, William Boyle, Larry Brown, Tom Franklin, Jim Dees, Kiese Laymon, Barry Hannah

OTHER FAVORITES

Local Event

1. Double Decker
 2. Oxford Film Festival
 3. Tailgating in the Grove
- HM: Art Crawl, Iron Bartender, Christmas Parade, COVID parties, Tunes Around Town, St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl, Oxford Food Truck Fight, Thacker Mountain Radio, Egg Bowl, Confederate Memorial Service, Protests, Ole Miss Baseball Games, Watermelon Festival, Record Store Day, Code Pink, St. John's Drawdown, Oxford Community Market, End of All Music Balcony Shows

Family

Entertainment

1. Bowling Alley
 2. Christmas Parade
 3. The Grove
- HM: OFF to the Drive-In, Memphis Zoo, Clay Canvas, Avent Park, Sardis Lake, Ole Miss Sports, Tanglefoot Trail, Oxford Community Market, Independence Day, Christmas Parade, Oxford Swimming Pool, The Grove, Sunset Concert Series, Double Decker, Pirates Adventures

Church

1. Oxford-University United Methodist Church
2. Pinelake Church

3. Saint Peter's Episcopal
HM: College Hill Presbyterian, Grace Bible Church, First Baptist Church, North Oxford Baptist, The Orchard, Community Church, Saint John's, Christ Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Christ Covenant Presbyterian, Church of Jesus Christ of LDS, Anchor Baptist, Peace Lutheran Church, New Prospect Baptist Church, Union West Baptist, Oxford Church of Christ

New Addition to Town

1. Dairy Queen
2. Lane Kiffin
3. Kroger Stop Light

HM: OFF to the Drive-In, Uno Mas, Lafayette County Arena, Mi & Tea, Outdoor Dining, Oxford Rx, Common Ground Coffee, Dani Shives, Tango's, protests, La Cosinita Sabor Latino, Roundabouts, West Oxford Loop Extended, The Sipp, Tango's, the hole where Smitty's used to be, COVID parties, hospital, Heartbreak Coffee, City Hall Cheesecake, Harrison's, Oxford Creamery, COVID-19, Alligator Lounge, Chicory Market, End of All Music Balcony Shows, High Rise Doughnuts

Place for a First Date

1. Volta Taverna
2. Saint Leo
3. Boure

HM: Ajax Diner, Jinsei, The Sipp, SnackBar, SoLa, Uno Mas, Sardis Lake, Moe's, University Museum,

Tango's, King's Steakhouse, Clay Canvas, Lost Pizza, Oxford Grillehouse, The Coop, The Square, Lost Dog Coffee, Bowling Alley, GRIT, City Grocery, The Blind Pig, Jinsei, OFF to the Drive-In, Funkys, Taylor Grocery, First Watch, Lamar Park, Lenora's, South Depot, McEwen's, Tarasque Cucina, Bailey's Woods, Harrison's, Big Bad Breakfast, Zoom (Virtual Meeting), Julep, 6nTubbs, Ole Miss Baseball games, Venice Kitchen

Quarantine Activity

1. Puzzles & Games
2. Exercise & sports
3. Netflix & Chill

HM: Yard Work, Playing Music, Napping, Reading, Cooking, Sex, Riding Back Roads, Thacker Mountain Radio, Facebook, Trump Rallies, Tik Tok, Robyn Tannehill Parody Twitter, Online

Yoga, Southern Star, Sardis Lake, organizing, online shopping, sidewalk chalk, shopping in Batesville, OFF to the Drive-In

Mississippi Brand

1. Cathead Vodka
 2. Wonderbird Gin
 3. Blue Delta Jeans
- HM: McCarty's Pottery, Ole Miss Rebels, Hoover Sauce, Properly Tied, #cometothetrip, Grit Girl, Mississippi Cheese Straws, McAllister's, GenTeal, Wildrose Kennels, Delta Grind, Hinton & Hinton, The Local Voice, Brown Family Dairy, Kudzu Kings, The Cooters, Mississippi Cold Drip Coffee and Tea Company, Barq's, Heartbreak Coffee **tV**

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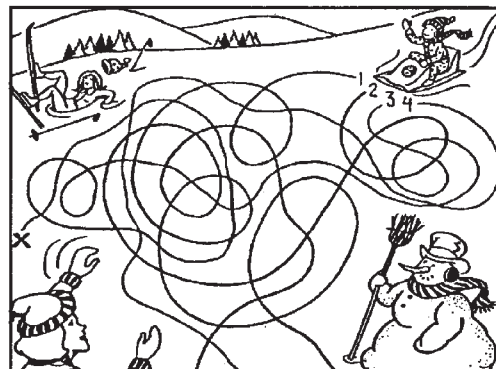
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Strange BUT TRUE

- To train new operatives during the Cold War, the Soviets built fully functional replicas of American towns. Their residents consisted of retired deep-cover operatives who taught the trainees everything they needed to know about blending into American life.
- In 1963, the Bronx Zoo had an exhibit called "The Most Dangerous Animal in the World." It was a mirror.
- The U.S. Navy has a tradition that no submarine is ever considered lost at sea. Subs that don't return, including 52 lost during World War II, are considered "still on patrol." Every year at Christmas, sailors manning communications hubs send holiday greetings to those listed as still on patrol.
- An outbreak of the common cold occurred at an Antarctic base after 17 weeks of complete isolation.
- In the category of Best Song Titles Ever, country music stars Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty recorded a duet titled "You're the Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly." (Despite which fact, the lyrics make clear that the couple is still in love.)
- After high school senior Allison Closs dressed up a cardboard cutout of Danny DeVito to go with her to prom, the actor returned the favor by bringing a cardboard cutout of Allison to the set of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.
- A \$3 million lottery winner was sentenced to 21 years in prison after using his winnings to finance a meth trafficking ring.
- Actual town names in the U.S. include Rabbit Hash (Kentucky), Two Egg (Florida), Ding Dong (Texas), and Bacon (Delaware).
- Ever have trouble finishing your veggies? Try taking a tip from Leigh Knight, who in 2006 sold an unwanted brussels sprout left over from his Christmas dinner for £1,550 (\$2,100.72 USD) to aid cancer research.
- Thought for the Day: "May your coffee kick in before reality does." —Unknown



SNOW GO! Which path does our snowmobiler pal take to reach point X below? Choose route 1, 2, 3 or 4.

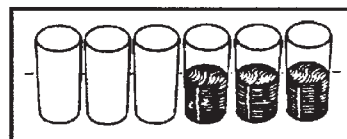
CUP-LETS! Match trophy cups and related sports. **Cups:** 1. America's Cup. 2. Ryder Cup. 3. Stanley Cup. 4. Wightman Cup. **Sports:** (a) Golf. (b) Tennis. (c) Yachting. (d) Hockey.

WATER WINGER! Arrange six water glasses in a row, with three at the left empty and three at the right half full. Now, challenge someone to move just one glass so that no empty glass is next to another, and every other glass is half full.

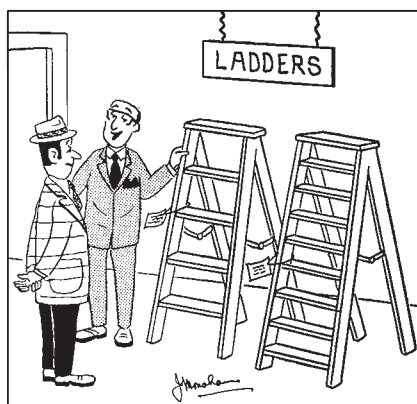
How is it done?

Remember, only one glass is to be moved, and alakazam, you're to achieve the required goal.

Don't take this too seriously, folks; it has a catch, natch.



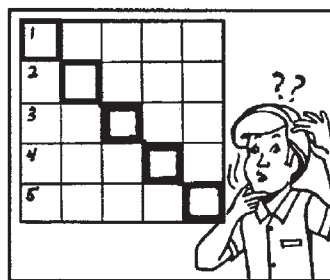
Pour the middle half-glassful into the middle empty glass. Is that a catch, or what!



"This one's _____."

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



SCREEN TWO-COUNTRY PACKAGE DEAL

PENCIL IN words in accord with definitions below to form the name of a European country diagonally.

1. Playground device.
2. Magical power.
3. Jonah's transport.
4. Misrepresent.
5. Utter disdain.

Then, erase diagonal letters and form words in accord with these definitions for a South American country:

1. Adhere tightly.
2. Nut covering.
3. A space of time.
4. — of the ball.
5. Number of points.

What are the countries?

Countries: Spain and Chile. Words: 1. Swing. 2. Spell. 3. Whale. 4. Belle. 5. Scorn. Then: 1. Cling. 2. Shell. 3. While. 4. Belle. 5. Score.

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!

Creak
ORGAN

Wild
FLARE

Lone
LOSE

Blunt
CREDIT

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. Graceful dance | _____ E _____ | Voting ticket | _____ O _____ |
| 2. Baby-bringing bird | _____ K _____ | Shopping place | _____ E _____ |
| 3. Tony the _____, e.g. | _____ G _____ | Stopwatch | _____ M _____ |
| 4. Forgive | _____ D _____ | Dollywood owner | _____ T _____ |
| 5. Trade places | S _____ | Involuntary spasm | T _____ |
| 6. Blue ribbon, e.g. | _____ Z _____ | Lion's group | _____ D _____ |
| 7. Peril | _____ N _____ | Stiletto | _____ G _____ |
| 8. Take as one's own | _____ O _____ | Settle in | _____ A _____ |
| 9. Perky | _____ I _____ | Beautiful | _____ O _____ |
| 10. Manner of dress | _____ Y _____ | Past its best | _____ A _____ |

top ten

Most-Landed-On Monopoly Squares

1. Jail
2. Illinois Ave.
3. New York Ave.
4. Go
5. B&O Railroad
6. Pennsylvania R.R.
7. Reading Railroad
8. Tennessee Ave.
9. Kentucky Ave.
10. Free Parking

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MULTITUDINOUS

ACROSS

- 1 Little rascal
6 Mosque officiants
11 Go for a dip
15 Spill the secret
19 Shinbone
20 Local theaters, in slang
21 Had on
22 Go very fast
23 City in which quadrennial games take place
25 Gumbo vegetable
26 R&B singer James
27 Japanese soup paste
28 Fit — queen
29 Sea cargo weight unit
31 Statistic associated with plane riders
35 Threatens to topple
36 Brouhaha
37 Ken is one
38 Viking 1 landing site
39 Fleecy boot brand
42 Guesses at LGA

- 45 Instructive example
47 "Siddhartha" author Hermann
52 Gotten larger
54 UNLV part
56 1977 Triple Crown horse
58 "— & Stitch"
59 Stinging hits
61 TV's Arnaz
62 Not iffy
63 Whitewater transport
67 Vassals
69 Tongue-lash
70 See
117-Across
71 Goldie of "Laugh-In"
72 Unit of pressure
75 It surrounds the South Orkney Islands
80 Twin of Jacob
81 Secy., e.g.
83 Oozes
84 Jazzy Fitzgerald
85 Pile of trash
89 Enervate
90 Sacred song
91 Muscle twitch
92 Arthurian wizard
94 "Encore!"
96 "Science Guy" of TV

- 97 Pupil setting
99 Arthurian wife
101 Add- — (annexes)
103 Reviewer of tax returns
107 Disney World roller coaster
113 Moniker for a 1970s sitcom family
115 Go up
116 With
118-Across, bite-size Nabisco cookie
117 With
70-Across, Taj Mahal locale
118 See
116-Across
119 Statement about the end of each of nine answers in this puzzle
122 Meyers of "Late Night"
123 Ball field coverer
124 Candid
125 Cara of "Fame" fame
126 Canadian fuel brand
127 Gin flavorer
128 Burrito topper
129 Winona of "Beetlejuice"

DOWN

- 1 Walk heavily
2 Paramecium hairs
3 Huge gulf
4 Cocktail at brunch
5 Dad, in dialect
6 Disguised, in brief
7 Gold-medal skier Phil
8 On a plane or train
9 Month, in Spain
10 Retired jet since '03
11 Cutlass, e.g.
12 Roused
13 Thorns in one's side
14 Scant
15 Favre of football
16 Starbucks offering
17 Many a Tony winner
18 Hits on the noggin
24 Alternatively
29 Artificial
30 Two-gender pronoun
32 Utopian site
33 Email giggle
34 Bullring calls
38 Sacred song
39 Wrinkled citrus fruit

- 40 Smile widely
41 Club game
43 Assuage
44 Bygone Swedish car
46 Smileys' opposites
48 Inherent natures
49 Slimy garden pest
50 Dried up, old-style
51 Rams' partners
53 Some babes in the woods
55 Sharp, broken-off piece
57 Purple blooms
59 Colonel
60 Mail status
64 — carte
65 Nutrition stat
66 Ventilates
68 "Sands of — Jima"
71 Big African beast, briefly
72 Tinkertoy bits
73 PDQ cousin
74 Gilbert of "The Talk"
75 Fire remains
76 Join (with)
77 Zest
78 Join (with)
79 Identify

- 82 Between urban and country
86 Friendly relationship
87 Letter before beth
88 — colada
90 "21 Grams" actor Sean
93 Cage, to his pals
95 City WNW of Paris
98 R2-D2 and others
100 Skin-related
102 "Our Lady" of churches
103 Humiliate
104 Beseeches
105 Pub missiles
106 Boise setting
107 Brand of mouthwash
108 Outward expressions
109 Port of Japan
110 Felt sickly
111 Words after two or hole
112 Stuff in gunpowder
114 Successor of Claudius I
119 Provisos
120 Refrain bit
121 Title for Ringo Starr as of 2018

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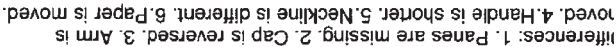
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for short	50 Lid	89 Wrestling win	7 Canyon	41 Magical glow	Honda model
6 Info-filled	52 Bullfight yell	90 Quality	comebacks	45 Clip out, as a	86 Rock or jazz
11 Subjective	55 Official	among	8 Stop	coupon	87 Thanksgiving
paper pieces	endorsement	identical	nursing	46 Imply in its	staple
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e.g.	say	101 Oaths	type	48 Gorged on	89 Mickey's
19 Land, in Italy	61 Savings acct.	102 Swiss city on	10 Thanksgiving	49 Fluffy floor-	dog
20 Fast Amtrak	addition	Lake Geneva	staple	cleaning tool	90 Obstruct
service	62 Days before	103 Shelling out	11 Like mystical	50 Walking aid	91 Kevin of
21 Salsa singer	holidays	106 Moo goo —	practices	51 They can't be	"Aliens in the
Cruz	63 Rises	pan	12 City in Illinois	taught new	Attic"
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23 Concerning	65 Ornamental	sketch	14 Fashionable	saying	products
the effects of	hairnets	108 Fist bump,	Christian	52 Raincoat	93 Rocker Ted
drugs on the	67 Jogged	colloquially	15 Stuffing herb	material	94 Big pianos
mind	69 — Pointe,	109 Machine for a	16 "I, Claudius"	53 Most baggy	95 High-pH
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the time	72 Talisman	117 Sprightly	24 Aunt's	l'oceano	purpose
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Spanish	100+ years	119 Mil. officer	Paris	59 In smart garb	99 Old compact
30 Flinch in fear	75 He's a doll	120 Taunts in fun	25 Unified	60 Eastern	Kia model
31 Squid feature	76 Ear, nose	121 Swift	26 "Sorry,	spiritual path	104 Abbr. on a
34 "Chill out!"	and throat	122 Nation south	already have	66 Crew tool	food carton
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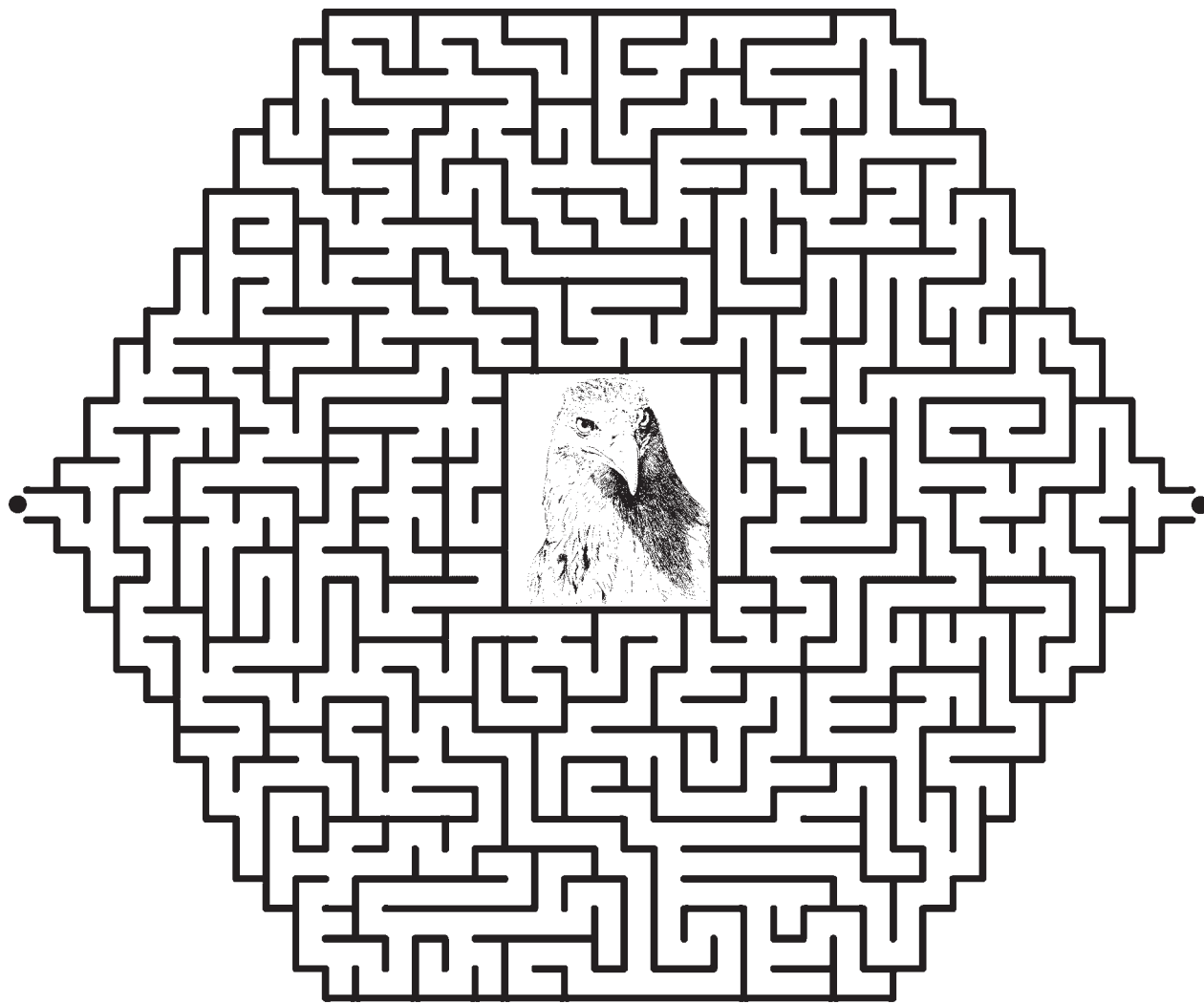
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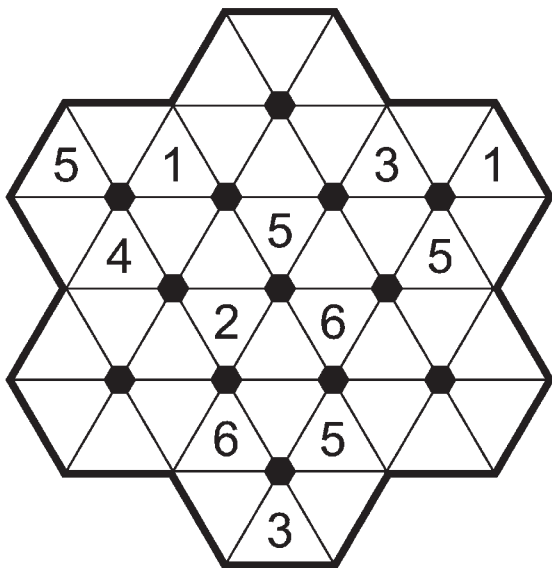
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SDOD SQOCGNRDI WC UQIC;
LGDP GWYD JQL VQOUQLLDJ
LGNC. — LDOOP ROWLXGDLL

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Clue: **K** equals **O**

YIAE G PGBSKKEVWS CVLAW G
PIGBGPSAB YGF SKK ZGEF
JASGVNW, KEA ZVCIS PGNN VS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?
3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama *Die Hard*?
4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom *Mork and Mindy*?
5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality, and existence called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?
8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the *Winnie-the-Pooh* book series for children?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

STICKELERS

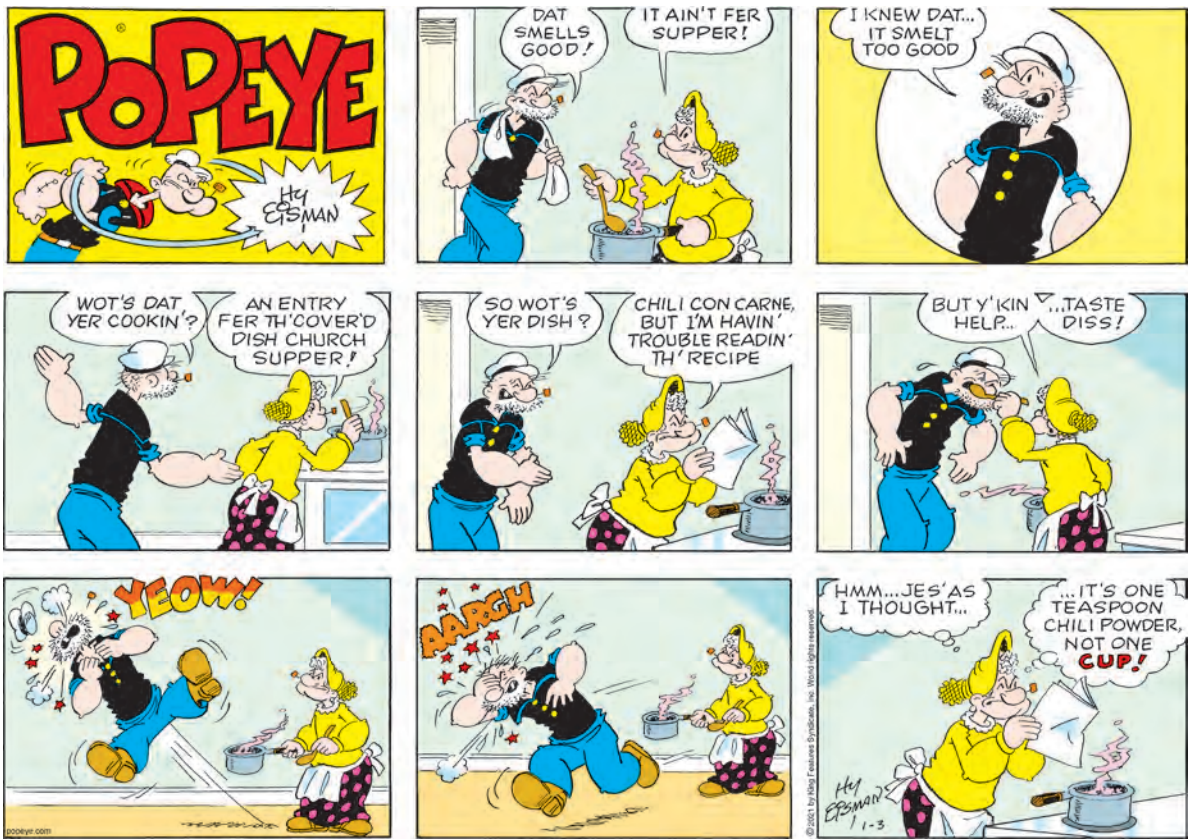
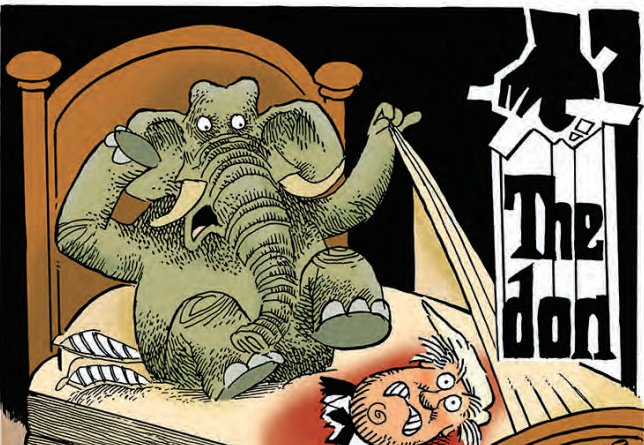
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Match the "drome" word on the left with its definition on the right.

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1) catadrome | a. A warning symptom that appears before an infection or disease. |
| 2) hippodrome | b. A line crossing all meridians of longitude at the same angle. |
| 3) loxodrome | c. An indoor banked track for cycling races. |
| 4) prodrome | d. A machine used to lift heavy weights. |
| 5) velodrome | e. An oval stadium for equestrian races and events. |

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Answers 1. Abraham Lincoln 2. 0.2 ounces 3. Nakatomi Plaza 4. Boulder, Colorado 5. Philosophy 6. Jimmies 7. Mount Fuji 8. South America 9. A.A. Milne 10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances



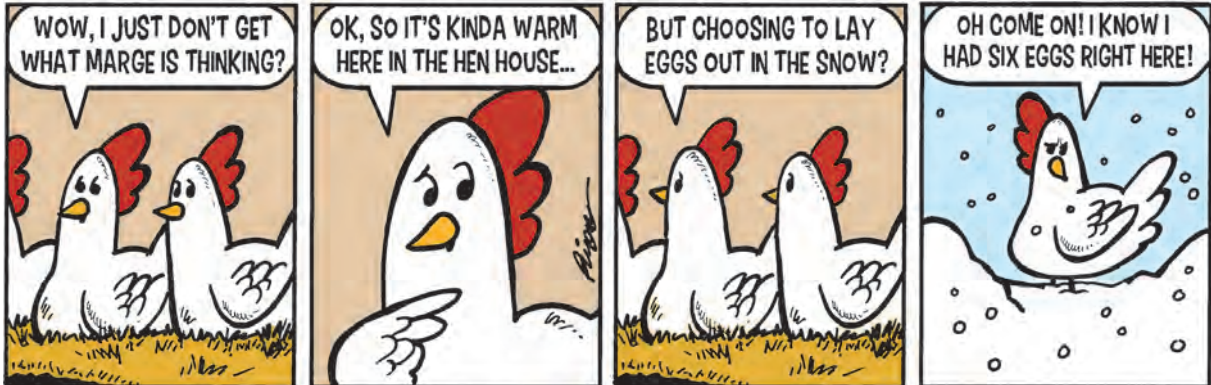
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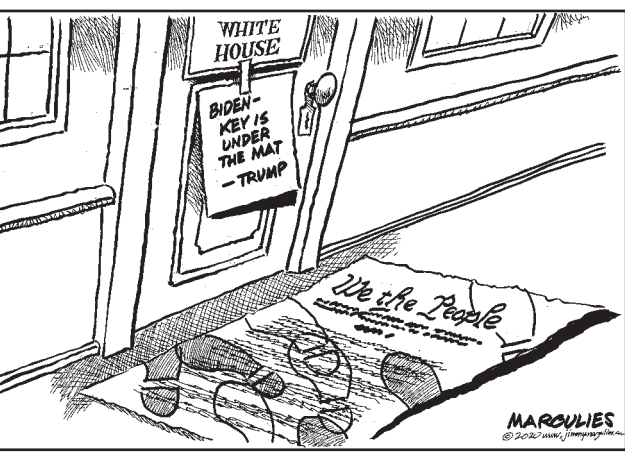
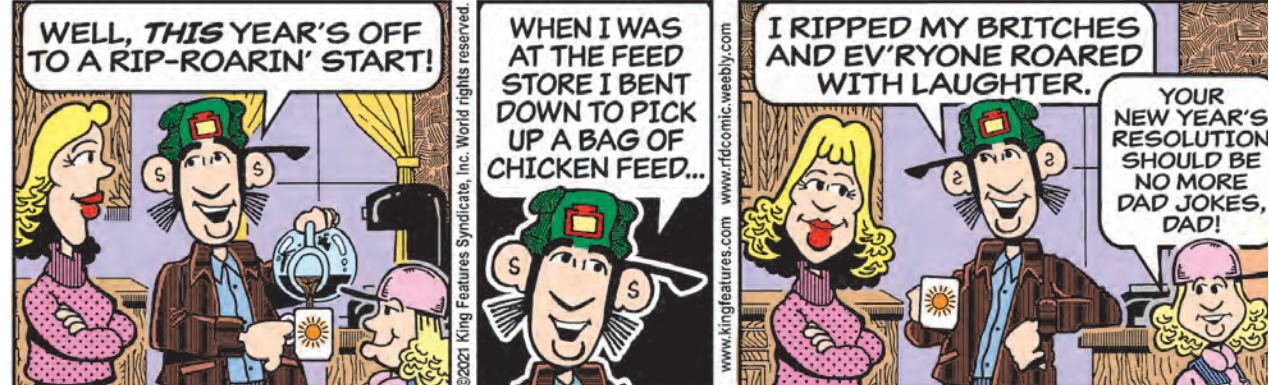
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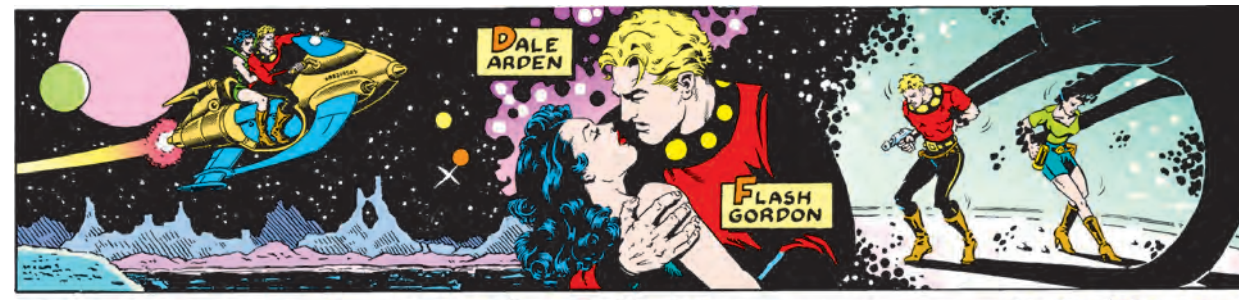
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Out on a Limb

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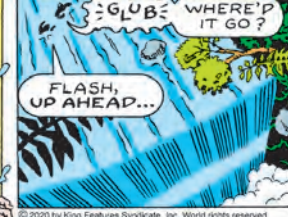
FLASH GORDON
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Pencils: LOSTON WALLACE

FLASH AND DALE SCRAMBLE TO GET OUT OF THE WATER BEFORE THE CREATURE UNDERNEATH REACHES THEM.

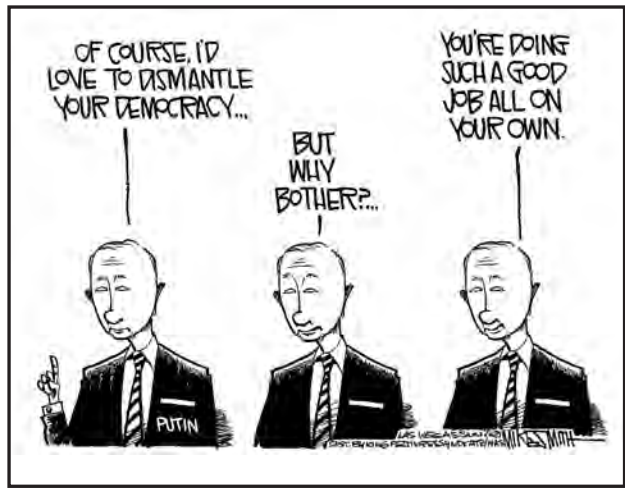
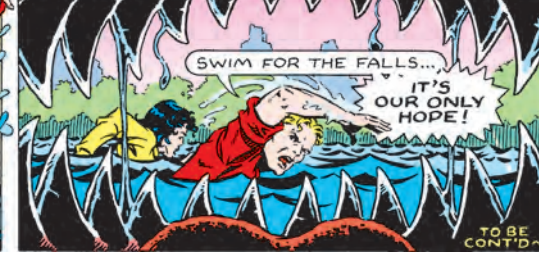
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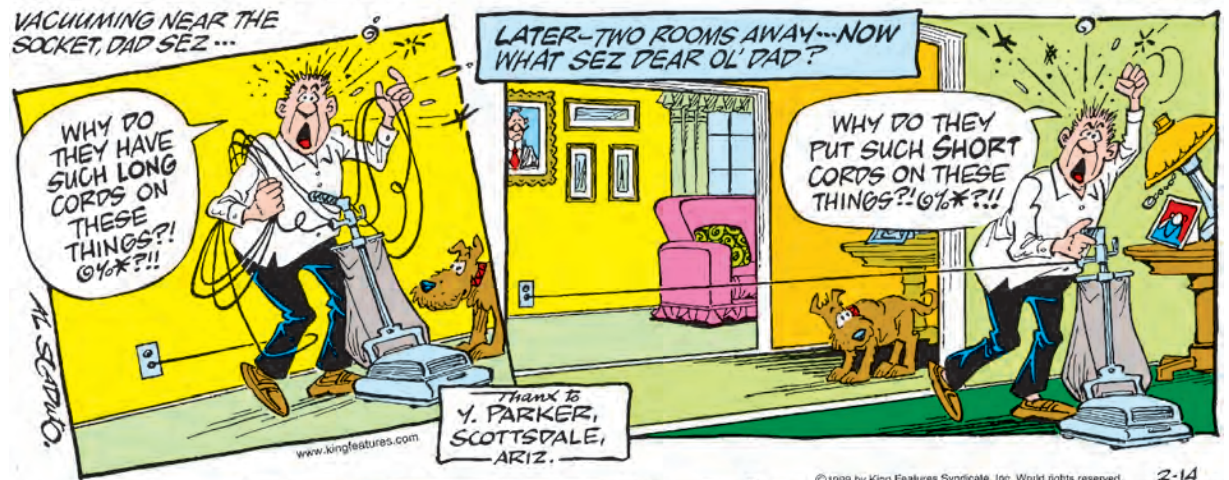
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

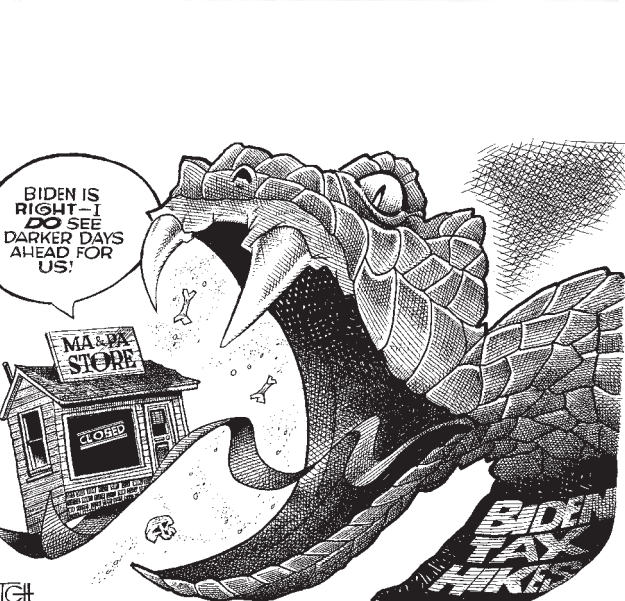
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Americanisms



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
— Martin Luther King Jr.



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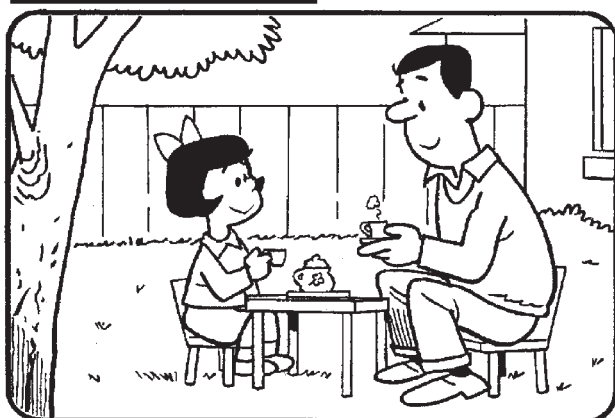
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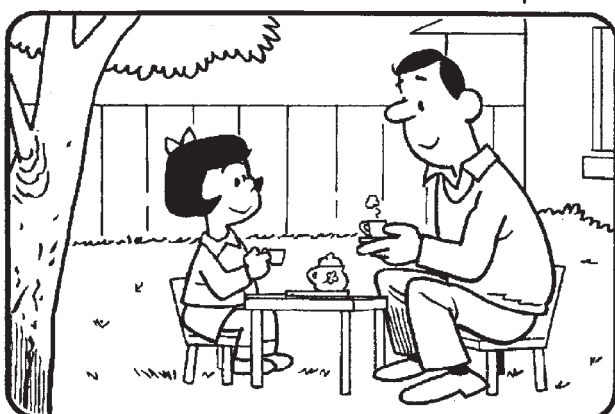
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

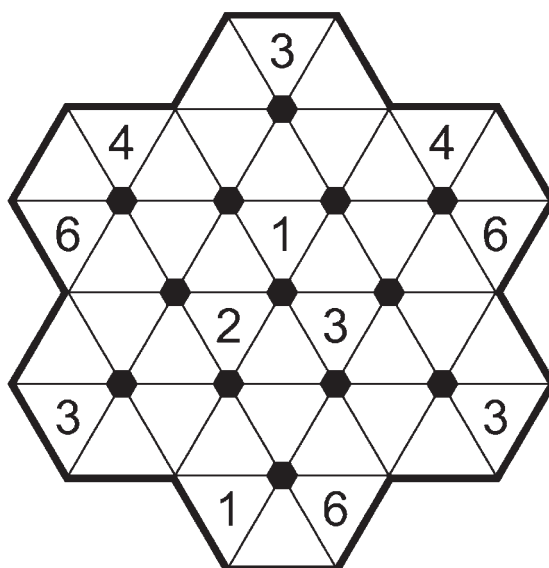


Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Skirt is shorter. 3. Table leg is missing. 4. Teapot is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Cuffs are missing.

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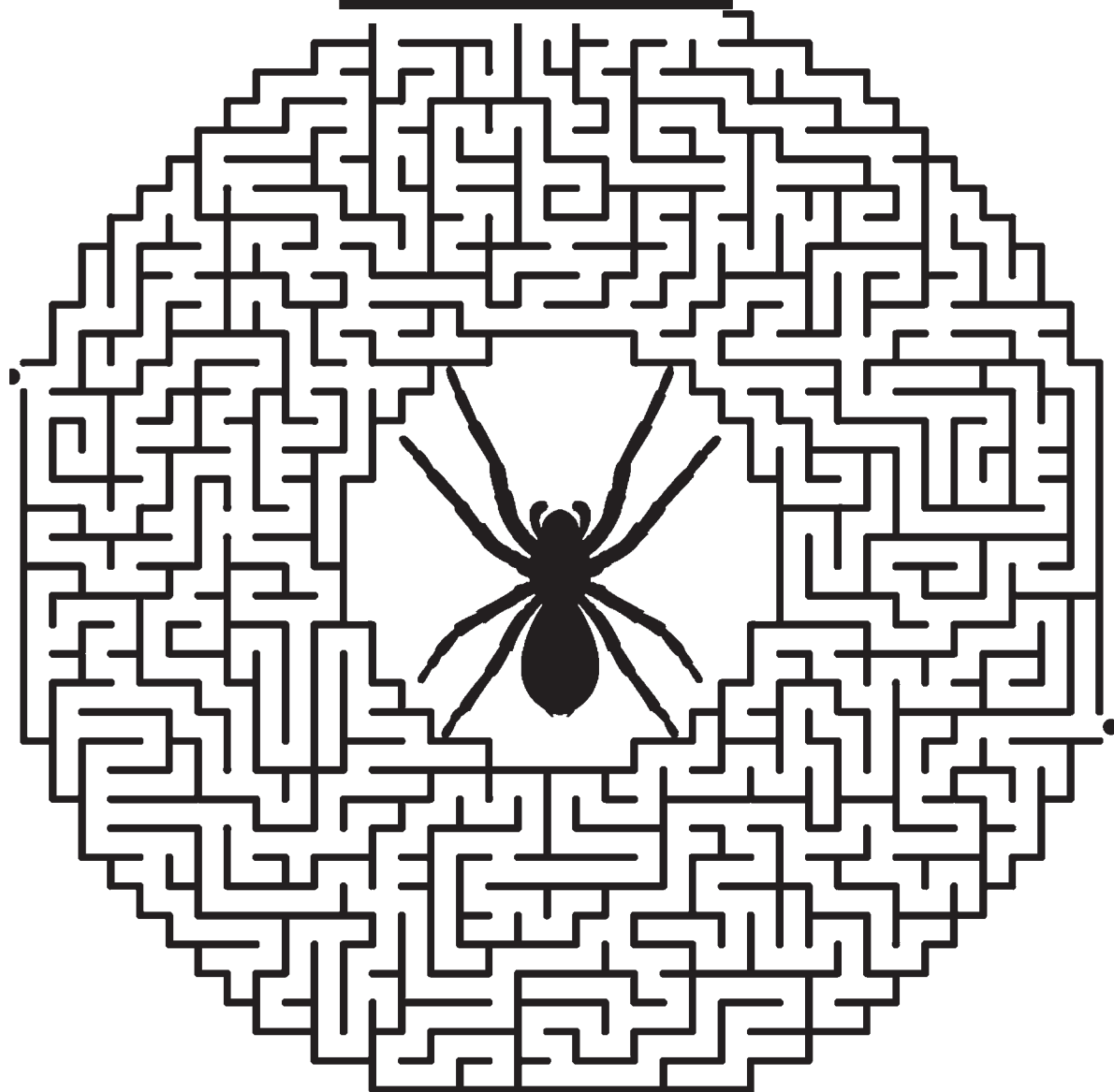
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MC GBL UKDDHIHS YB AH YUHTH
VUHI EBQHBH'E THKFFG QKS,
VBLFS GBL AH MI YUH FMIH BC



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Answers

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CryptoQuote answer

In ancient times cats were worshiped as gods; they have not forgotten this. — Terry Pratchett

CryptoQuote answer

Rain is grace; rain is the sky condescending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life. — John Updike

CryptoQuip answer

When a cartoonist gives a character way too many details, one might call it overdrawn.

CryptoQuip answer

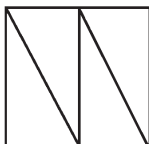
If you happened to be there when someone's really mad, would you be in the line of ire?

Stickelers Answer

1-d, 2-e, 3-b, 4-a, 5-c

Stickelers Answer

Here's one way:



SCRAMBLERS

solution

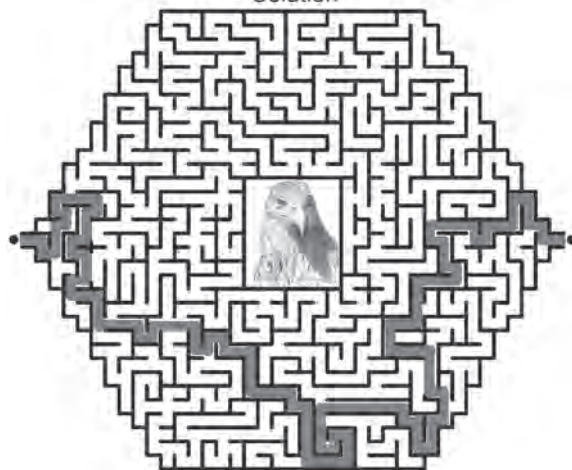
1. Groan 2. Feral;
3. Sole; 4. Direct

Today's Word

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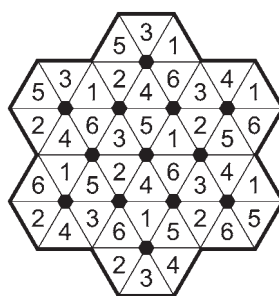
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Solution



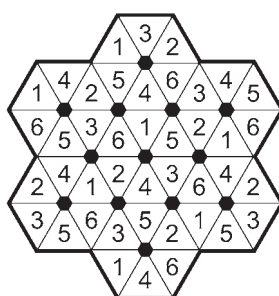
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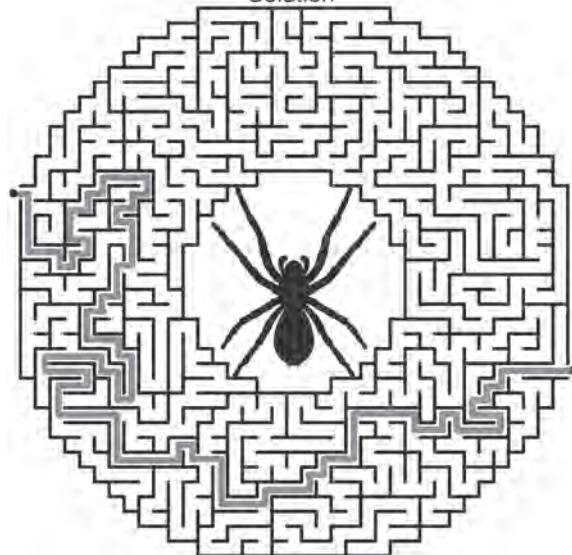
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Mega Maze

Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Even Exchange answers

- Ballet, Ballot
- Stork, Store
- Tiger, Timer
- Pardon, Parton
- Switch, Twich
- Prize, Pride
- Danger, Dagger
- Adopt, Adapt
- Lively, Lovely
- Style, Stale

Go Figure! answers

9	+	7	÷	8	2
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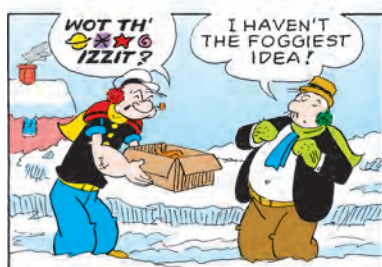
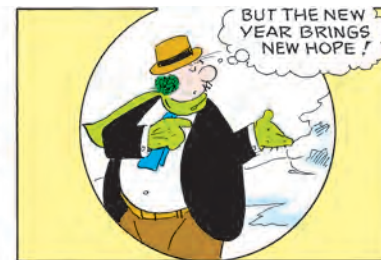
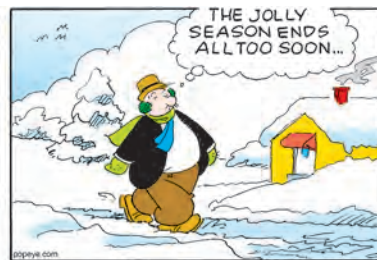
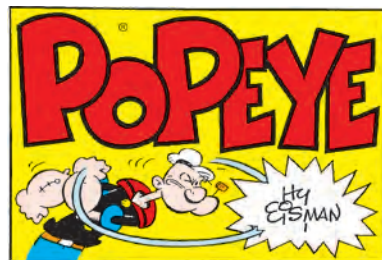
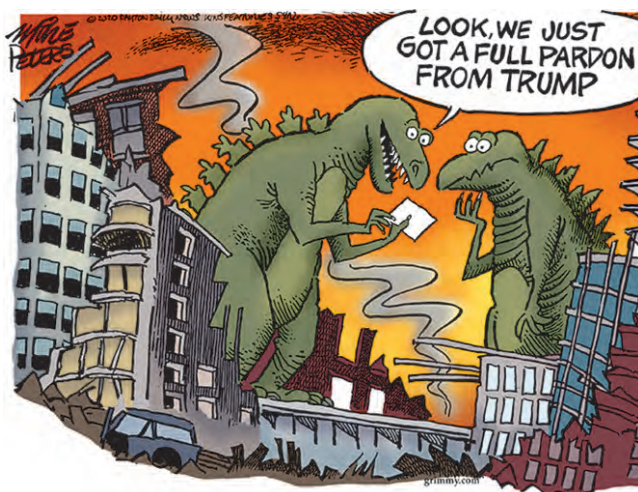
Go Figure! answers

7	-	2	×	5	25
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2	×	8	+	9	25
26		16		24	

Super Crossword

Answers

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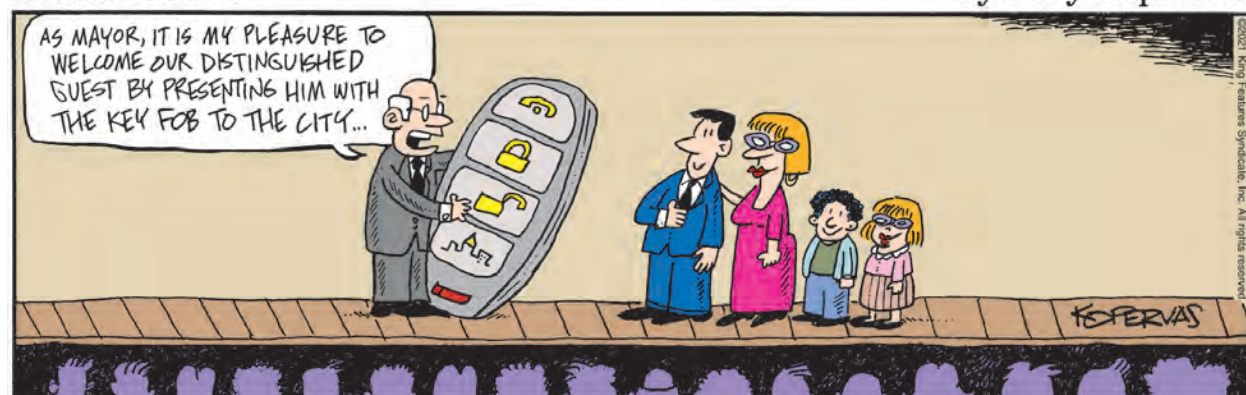
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