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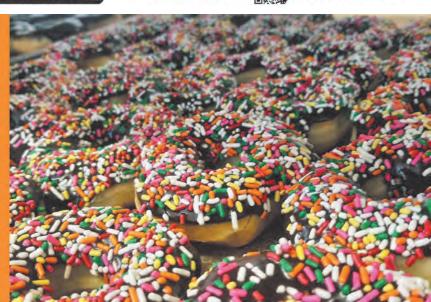


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## the Local Poice

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## "You Couldn't Help but Love Him" **Terrence Robert "Terry" Moon** February 17, 1964-March 19, 2024

Terrence Robert "Terry" Moon, 60, died Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at Baptist Memorial Hospital – North Mississippi. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, March 24, 2024, from noon until 3 pm in West Hall of Waller Funeral Home.

Terry was born on February 17, 1964, in Lorain, Ohio, to the late Suzanne Cullinan and Charles Edward Moon, Sr. In his town of **Oxford**, **Mississippi**, Terry was known as an icon by locals and visitors alike. He was a staple of City Grocery Restaurant for over 20 years, where he devoted his life to serving his guests. More than a waiter, Terry had a special way of making you feel instantly

known, seen, and loved. His larger-than-life personality burst at the seams, as he'd lean over your table and begin frantically drawing a description of the dish you were considering. The experience Terry created for his patrons would become as important and memorable as the meal itself,

perfectly embodying the spirit of hospitality and welcoming that Southern cuisine is known for. At the heart of all he did was a desire to connect with others. Whether a celebratory dinner or a quick lunch, he made every occasion memorable and full of light. It was impossible to walk away from an encounter with Terry and not feel his contagious authenticity.

In an article published in Garden & Gun magazine, John T. Edge poignantly describes Terry, "Eyeglasses sliding down his nose, skinny tie cinched loose around his neck, Terry Moon smiles at you in a way that says,

'Never mind the bollocks." He goes on to quote Terry himself, "I am not perfect. I never will be. But here I stand. And here I will stand tomorrow." That is how Terry showed up every day in life, unapologetically human and hilarious, yet warm and genuine.

Terry lived life in a way that all can learn from, traveling often and constantly surrounding himself with his beloved friends, new and old. He maintained close relationships with his three brothers, whom he thought the world of. Terry was preceded in death by his parents.

Terry is survived by his dear

brothers, Tom Moon of Oxford, Mississippi, Tim Moon and his wife, Elizabeth, of Rootstown, Ohio, and Ted Moon and his wife, Karen, of Greer, South Carolina; two nieces, Melissa Moon of Greer, South Carolina and

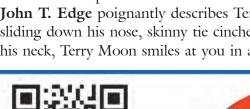
Sarah Kline-Goodwin of Crozet, Virginia; nephews, Ryan Patrick Moon of Rootstown, Ohio, and Mark Kline of Akron, Ohio; and an aunt, Patricia Camarillo and her husband, Rollie, of Amherst, Ohio.

Expressions of sympathy or memorial contributions in Terry's memory may be made to Lovepacks, Post Office Box

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VS. KENTUCKY MAR 29 @ 6:30 PM, MAR 30 @ 1:30 PM, MAR 31 @ 1:30 PM

VS. MEMPHIS APR 2 @ 6 PM

VS. ARKANSAS APR 4 @ 6 PM, APR 5 @ 6:30 PM, APR 6 @ 2 PM

VS. MURRAY STATE APR 9 @ 6:30 PM



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## **LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS**

### THURSDAY 3.21.2024

► Ford Center: Thacker Mountain Radio Film Festival Edition featuring author ANDREW MCCARTHY with Walking with Sam, music by REED BRAKE and CYRENA WAGES, the YALOBUSHWHACHER BIG BAND feat. the THACKER HORNS & MARY FRANCES MASSEY (5 pm)

► The Mad Hatter: KC & THE MOONSHINE BAND (7:30-10 pm)

► Moe's: BINGO (8 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Playdate (9:30 am); Check it Out Book Club (4:30 pm)

Proud Larry's: REED BRAKE

Student Union (University): Leadership luncheon: "Are You Ready to Vote?" (noon, room 124)

### FRIDAY 3.22.2024

Oxford Film Festival: Various films & events at Malco Oxford Commons & The Powerhouse - FULL SCHEDULE p.8

- ► The Library: CHANCE CARTER
- ► The Mad Hatter: Dueling Pianos (7-11 pm)
- ► OPA: ANDREW DELMASTRO (6-8:30 pm)
- ► Rafters: DJ DRUMM
- ► Rooster's: DAVIS COEN
- ► Square Books: Meet the author: ANDREW MCCARTHY (2 pm)
- ► Tallahatchie Gourmet: THE FABULOUS DOO-VAYS (5:30-8:30 pm)

Lafavette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)

The Lyric: BARNYARD BASH

Proud Larry's: THE SOUL REBELS

Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (University): Voting Rights Trivia Night (5:30 pm; great room)

### **SATURDAY 3.23.2024**

Oxford Film Festival: Various films & events at Malco Oxford Commons & The Powerhouse - FULL SCHEDULE P.8

St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl: Starts at HARRISON'S (3 pm), MOE'S PENNY BAR, ROUND TABLE, LIBRARY, FUNKYS, ROOSTER'S, **THE BLIND PIG** 

- ▶ The Library: Watch the Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. MARQUETTE NCAA Tournament (3:45 pm); CHANCE CARTER
- ► The Mad Hatter: Dueling Pianos (7-11 pm)
- ► Rafters: DJ DRUMM (9 pm)
- ► Rooster's: RHEAGAN SKELTON
- ► Main St. Water Valley: CASEY JONES BLUES FEST: MR. SIPP, GARRY BURNSIDE, LIBBY RAE WATSON, THE HARRELL

BROTHERS, EFFIE BURT (10 am-till)

Ford Center: TREBLE CHOIR FESTIVAL (4:30 pm)

Lafayette County Arena: Miss. Writers' Guild Workshop with JOE LEE (2-5 pm) The Lyric: FUTUREBIRDS

Old Armory Pavilion: COMMUNITY YARD SALE (Pregnancy Center of Oxford fundraiser, 8 am)

### SUNDAY 3.24.2024 Palm Sunday

Oxford Film Festival: Various films & events at Malco Oxford Commons & The Powerhouse - FULL SCHEDULE P.8

► Rafters Oxford: Brunch music with JOE AUSTIN & THE

TALLAHATCHIES (11:30 am-2:30 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Family Lego Afternoon (2 pm) The Lyric: KURT VILE & THE VIOLATORS

Paris-Yates Chapel (University): Mockingbird Early Music Ensemble presents CELEBRATION OF SPRING IN MUSIC & POETRY (3 pm)

### MONDAY 3.25.2024

### Full Moon 3 am "Worm Moon"

► Rafters: The Bachelor Watch Party (6 pm)

► Rooster's: DJ WADE

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (4 pm) Nutt Auditorium (University): SHAWN FOGERTY Senior BM Recital (7:30 pm)

### **TUESDAY 3.26.2024**

**Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. AUSTIN PEAY** (6:30 pm)

- ► Ford Center: SHREK, THE MUSICAL (7:30 pm)
- ► Moe's: Trivia (7 pm)
- ▶ Off Square Books: SARAH-SOONLING BLACKBURN in conversation with KRISTI LIVINGSTON for Exclusion and the **Chinese American Story** (5 pm)
- **▶ Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3–6:30 pm)
- ▶ Powerhouse: Big Bad Business Series: BUSINESS ETIQUETTE & **CUSTOMER SERVICE** (6 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm); OPEN MIC NIGHT Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am) Proud Larry's: UM JAZZ COMBOS (7 pm)

### **WEDNESDAY 3.27.2024**

- ► Funkvs: LADIES' NIGHT
- ► Mad Hatter: Open Mic with HAGGARD & OPIE (7:30-10:30 pm)
- ► Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC (9 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm-till)
- ► Square Books, Jr.: KARINA YAN GLASER signs The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (4:30 pm)

Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm) Heartbreak Coffee: Oxford Spanish Hour (5–6 pm) Nutt Auditorium (University): PAOLA BETANCO MM Recital (7:30 pm) Proud Larry's: JERRY JOSEPH

### **THURSDAY 3.28.2024**

- ► The Mad Hatter: THE MAC TRIO (7:30-10 pm)
- ► Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
- ▶ The Lyric: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring poet JESSICA FISHER with Daywork, plus music by THE OLE MISS GOSPEL CHOIR and CARY HUDSON (6 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Hip Hop's 50th Birthday Party with ALICE FAYE DUNCAN (5:30 pm)

Nutt Auditorium (University): SONIC EXPLORATIONS CONCERT (7:30 pm)

### **Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. KENTUCKY** (1:30 pm) ► The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP

**SATURDAY 3.30.2024** 

► The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP

▶ Rafters: DJ DRUMM

▶ OPA: REESE HORTON (6-8:30 pm)

► Rooster's: BONFIRE ORCHESTRA

► The Mad Hatter: Dueling Pianos (7–11 pm)

► The Mad Hatter: Dueling Pianos (7-11 pm)

- ► Rafters Oxford: DJ DRUMM
- ► Rooster's: CROSSED COUNTY LINES

Avent Park: CASA SUPERHERO 5K RUN/WALK & COMMUNITY EGG HUNT (8 am) The Lyric: CODE PINK: ICONIC (LGBTQIA+ dance party & drag show; 9:30 pm)

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FRIDAY 3.29.2024 Good Friday

**Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. KENTUCKY** (6:30 pm)

### **SUNDAY 3.31.2024 Easter Sunday**

- ► Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. KENTUCKY (1:30 pm)
- ► Rafters: Brunch music with ROCKET 88 (11:30 am-2:30 pm)

### **MONDAY 4.01.2024**

► Rooster's: DJ WADE

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)

Nutt Auditorium (University): ADAM ESTES FACULTY CONCERT (7:30 pm)

### **TUESDAY 4.02.2024**

Ole Miss Baseball @ MEMPHIS (6 pm)

- ► Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
- ▶ Off Square Books: SHEILA SUNDAR in conversation with **MELISSA GINSBURG** for **Habitations** (5:30 pm)
- ► Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3-6:30 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm); OPEN MIC NIGHT Proud Larry's: COLE CHANEY, THOMAS CSORBA

### **WEDNESDAY 4.03.2024**

- ► Funkys: LADIES NIGHT
- ► Mad Hatter: OPEN MIC with HAGGARD & OPIE (7-11 pm)
- ► Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm-till)

Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)

Nutt Auditorium (University): GUEST WOODWIND QUINTET (7:30 pm) Proud Larry's: BRISCOE







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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: YOUR MOM'S MOM

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Here's a fun problem to solve ...

You have a large pie and have been asked to divide it into eight equal parts by making only three cuts. None of these cuts can be circular.

Can you come up with at least one legitimate way to accomplish this?

## teV King Crossword

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Gold-loving king
- 6 Soviet space
- station
- 9 Actress
- Dennings
- 12 "That -- I ask"
- 13 Longoria of TV
- 14 Writer LeShan
- 15 "What --
- mean?"
- 16 Journal
- 18 Singer
- Timberlake
- 20 Monster
- 21 Med. plan
- option
- 23 Sweetie
- 24 Different
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- 27 Russian villa
- 29 Deceived
- 31 There
- 35 Rocker Adams
- 37 Harvard rival
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- Venice
- 41 Prefix with

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places

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52 Dad on

Black-ish

53 Swiss canton

54 Bellini opera

55 Feminine side

56 Favorite

57 Idyllic spots

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Central
- 2 Equal (Pref.)
- 3 Nine-to-five gigs
- 4 Matty of
- baseball
- 5 Melting snow
- 6 Islamic holy city
- 7 Infamous tsar
- 8 Shaft of light
- 9 IRA relative
- 10 Worship
- 11 Greedy sort
- 17 Plant science

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- 19 Hot rum drink 21 Skirt edge 22 Roman 1051 24 Discoverer's call
- 26 Photo collections
- 28 Doubter
- 30 Notable time
- 32 Workplace perk, maybe 33 Yalie
  - 34 Gvm unit 36 Nails the test 38 Rice field

42 14 pounds

46 Apple product

45 Aesopian

also-ran

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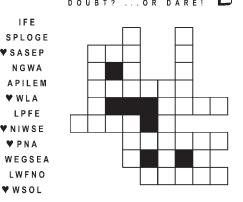
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- member
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## IFE



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. VRATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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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: ◆◆◆

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## **Super** Crossword

**ACROSS** 48 Thin porridge 1 Wearing 50 Saw against nightclothes, the main grain, as

wood

52 Bit of money

seized by

a Secret

arachnid

**61** J. — Hoover

due birthday

64 Like over-

wishes

70 Wombs

71 Bible book

74 Q-V linkup

after Prov.

75 "Spider-Man"

76 Wedlock not

based on

love

79 Cheer up

director Sam

59 Middays

60 Tiny

for short 6 Meanie's look

11 In addition 15 Eyelid hair

19 Steel, e.g. 20 Ancient

Greek region 21 Empty spaces

22 World's fair 23 Illegal detention

25 Columbus is its capital 26 British actor

Guinness 27 "Mind your

business!" 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself

31 Without any variety

35 Ingest 36 Boston

NBAer, for short 37 Paint job

made to look like marble. wood, etc.

**41** New Nintendo console of 2012

43 Big antlered beast

47 Opposite of dep., in an airport

to the U.K. 101 Bit of

body art 105 Sour plum Service agent 107 Stage star 58 Ecol. monitor

109 Title for Kate Middleton

bracelet. perhaps

117 Even score 67 Bill & Ted went on one 118 Forum attire in a 1991 film 119 In the past

> disbelief for this puzzle 125 Coagulate

Caesar 128 About, before

**130** Lather (up)

81 Burros, e.g. 82 — occasion (never)

83 Paris' river 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.

85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe 91 "Beloved"

novelist Toni 94 Buc, Bronco

or Niner 95 Beatty of film 97 Cindy Brady player Susan 98 Former jets

non-needled

Hagen

110 Component of a coated glass-bead

120 Apt cry of

126 Rebuke from

127 Like a dweeb

a date 129 At this place

131 Gather up 132 Hoodwinked

1 Global

**DOWN** 

finance org. 2 Teacher's union, in brief

3 Old TV ministry inits.

4 2002 "Friday the 13th" seguel

5 Whole lotta

6 Knightly title 7 Bulblike base of a stem

base game)

10 Jewish potato pancake

guinea pig

Betty Boop's hair

16 Car shaft 17 Project detail,

18 Sell at a pawnshop

24 Opponent

puddy tat!" 30 Shade trees

31 Flip — coin

32 DEA worker

38 Some flawed garments:

end of a wd.

42 Most polar

46 Letter two

8 - cat (two-9 Neighbor of

Minn. and III.

11 Relative of a

12 Lion portrayer Bert 13 Feature of

14 "- Mio"

15 Crude sheds

for short

**29** "I taut I — a

33 Irish money 34 Bring about

Abbr. 39 Add-on to the

40 Bit of a bray

before iota

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44 Sea nymph **86** Investigate 45 Sovereign

pryingly 87 Very loudly, in music

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49 VIP vehicle **51** Margarine 53 Deprives of

weapons

54 "Sorry, too

55 Bodily digit

56 Big striped

cat, in

French

57 A/C output

62 Landscape

Brown -

transport

landladies

protruding

69 Yang go-with

72 Sings gently

73 U.S. pres.,

militarily

78 "Continue"

80 Architect

Maya

83 Chiang

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genre

84 Broody rock

77 Inquires

hearing

organs

65 Alcohol in

liquor

67 Empty

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painter Asher

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89 Stud money 90 Old Storms

**PHONY-BALONEY** 

and Trackers 92 Paraphrase

88 Miami loc.

93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.

**96** Two, in Chile 99 Maintenance

job on a car 100 Indy sponsor 102 Ballet outfit

103 Something very easy 104 Vegas

casino **106** Some 66 Landlords or Siouan

speakers 108 MetLife rival

110 Concern for a dermatologist

111 Concern for a dermatologist 112 Horror film

lab assistant 113 Twice tetra-114 "Psst"

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## Film Fever: 21 Years with the Oxford Film Festival

by Tom Speed

The first time I attended the Oxford Film Festival was when I learned a documentary called *The Rough South of Larry Brown* would be playing at the Ford Center. I couldn't pass up the chance to see a film about one of my favorite writers. It didn't hurt that the soundtrack included songs by Vic Chesnutt and Alejandro Escovedo. Plus, I lived only a few blocks away at the time. This was in 2003, the inaugural year of the fest. I had never

attended a film festival of any kind. I was

only vaguely familiar with the idea that film

festivals were even a thing, outside of Sundance and South by Southwest.

But, boy, was I hooked. Not only was the **Larry Brown** doc excellent, but I spent the rest of the weekend exploring short documentaries, short narrative films, full length movies, and going to parties to meet some of the

amazingly creative and driven filmmakers who actually made these things. I've been doing it every year since.

Each year I would get out my schedule and highlight the films I wanted to see. It was always more than I had time to actually see. And I always end up being blown away by something unexpected. The Mississippi block of documentaries is always a favorite. I rarely miss a music documentary. I love the animated shorts because they're often pretty weird. One year the comedy film *Spaghetti Man* stole the show for me, because it was about a superhero who shot spaghetti from his hands like Spider Man. The filmmakers showed up in costume and carried the gag throughout the weekend.

Soon, I was volunteering to help out in any way I could. I edited and distributed the printed schedule programs for a few years. One of my favorite jobs was the year I drove the shuttle bus. I got to drive filmmakers and other festival goers back to their hotels after the late-night parties. This made for some interesting conversations. A lot of them take their films from festival to festival, sometimes looking for wider distribution. Sometimes just to showcase their work and meet others in their field. Sometimes those filmmakers go on to wider acclaim. I remember Tate Taylor showing his short film Chicken Party here long before he went on to direct The Help. Sometimes, film luminaries come to participate in the roundtable discussions or give a speech. One year, I got to visit with Pulp Fiction co-writer Roger Avary. Morgan Freeman has made an appearance. James Franco showed up one year. Not surprisingly nearly all of these filmmakers, whether they are just starting out or have been nominated for Oscars, comment on how much they enjoy their visits to Oxford and how hospitable our little festival is. High praise coming from those who have attended dozens upon dozens of such festivals.

This year, the festival's 21st, promises to be no less engaging. It will feature a selec-

tion of 120 narrative and documentary features and shorts, experimental films, and music videos. The films include two feature-length documentaries and 27 short projects set in Mississippi. Other films come from the United Kingdom, Australia, China, Iceland, France, and Germany.

Alongside film screenings, the festival will feature a lineup of workshops and panel discussions including:

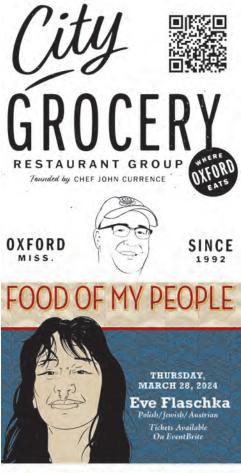
- Technology of Animation: featuring a panel of animators whose work spans the gamut of animation history, from 2D design to the most cuttingedge technology entering the market today.
- Mobile Moviemaking: learn to make stunning films using tools from your very own back pocket.
- Safety On-Set: armory specialist Bryan Carpenter will discuss the ins and outs of using weapons as props on set.

"This year, the festival is concentrated on audience experience," says **Matt Wymer**, Executive Director of the Oxford Film Festival. "We've expanded our film selections to include sci-fi and horror while continuing to celebrate poignant documentaries and engaging narratives. There's something for everybody and this lineup reflects a film industry on the cusp of exciting change."

Actor and author **Andrew McCarthy** will be on hand to promote his new book, Walking With Sam at a special edition of **Thacker Mountain Radio**. That'll be held at the Ford Center, the same place I wandered into 21 years ago to see *The Rough South of Larry Brown*. I hope to see you there. But be careful, you too might just get hooked. **W** 



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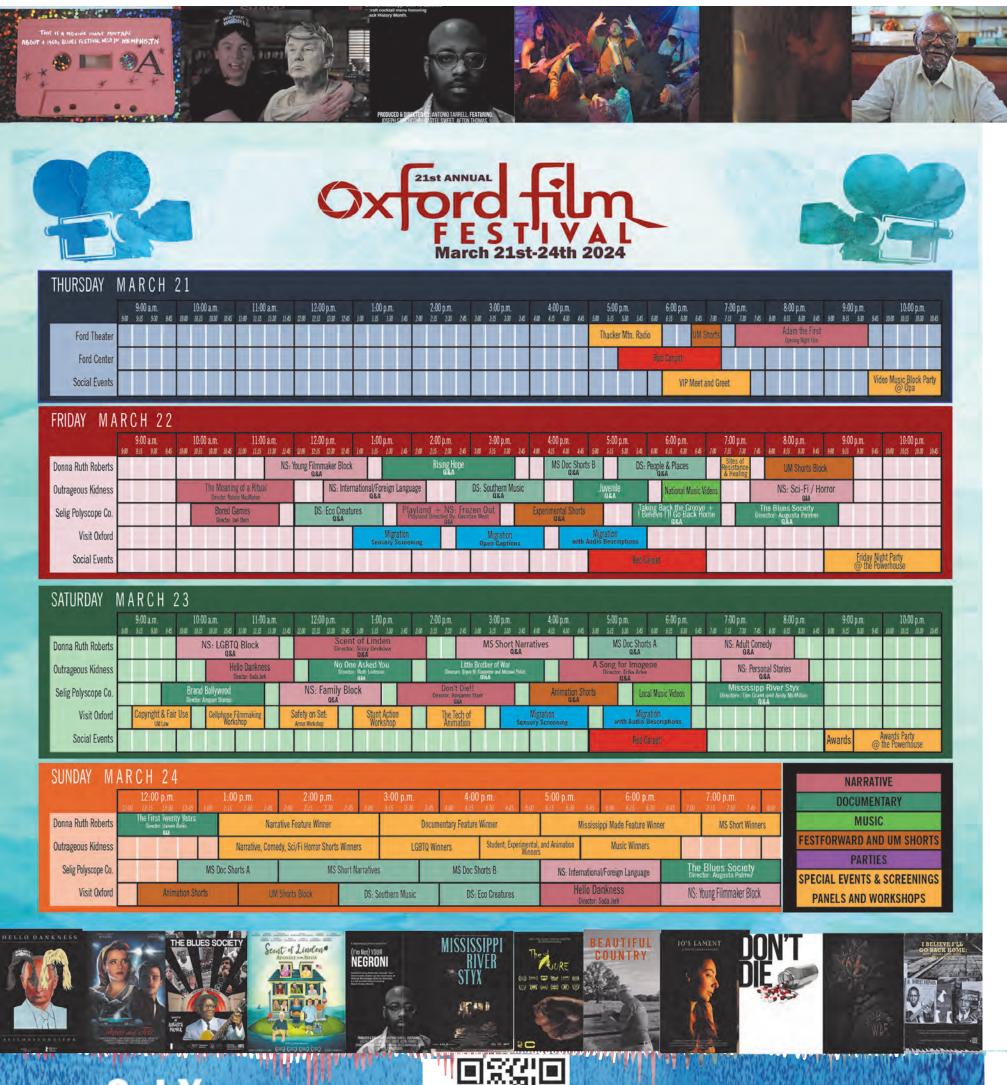


Page 14 Big Bad Breakfast Hours: 7am–1pm Weekdays (Closed Tuesday);

(Closed Tuesday); 8am–2:30pm Weekends



Lunch 11:30 am–2:30 pm; Dinner 6–10 pm Monday–Thursday & 6–10:30 pm Friday/Saturday Upstairs Bar 4 pm-close



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### Ford Center

4:30-7:30 pm Members Reception 5:00-6:00 pm Thacker Mountain Radio Hour 6:30-7:00 pm UM Short Pinewood 7:30 -9:30 pm Adam the First



### **OPENING NIGHT FILM** ADAM THE FIRS

7:30 pm







### Friday, March 22nd

### Donna Ruth Roberts Theater 1

11:30am – 1:15pm: Narrative Shorts: Young Filmmakers

1:30pm – 3:45pm: Rising Hope

4:15pm – 5:15pm: Mississippi Doc Shorts B 5:30pm – 7:00pm: People and Places Doc Shorts

7:15pm – 7:45pm: Sites of Resistance and Healing

8:00pm – 9:30pm: UM Doc Shorts

### **Outrageous Kindness Theater 2**

10:00am – 12:00pm: The Meaning of a Ritual

12:30pm – 2:15pm: Narrative Shorts: International Films

2:45pm – 4:15pm: Southern Music Doc Shorts

4:30pm – 6:00pm: Juvenile

6:15pm – 7:15pm: National Music Videos

7:45pm – 9:30pm: Narrative Shorts: Sci-fi / Horror

## Saturday, March 23rd

### Donna Ruth Roberts Theater 1

10:00am – 11:45am: Narrative Shorts: LGBTQ

12:00pm - 2:15pm: Scent of Linden

2:45pm – 4:45pm: Mississippi Narrative Shorts

5:00pm – 6:30pm: Mississippi Doc Shorts A 6:45pm – 8:30pm: Narrative Shorts: Adult Comedy

### **Outrageous Kindness Theater 2**

10:30am – 12:00pm: HELLO DANKNESS

12:15pm – 2:00pm: "No One Asked You"

2:15pm – 4:15pm: Little Brother of War 4:30pm – 6:45pm: A Song for Imogene

7:15pm – 8:45pm: Narrative Shorts: Personal Stories

### Selig Polyscope Theater 3

10:15am - 11:45am: Bored Games

12:00pm – 1:30pm: Eco Creatures Doc Shorts

1:45pm – 3:30pm: Playland + Frozen Out

3:45pm – 5:15pm: Fest Forward: Experimental Shorts 5:45pm – 7:15pm : Taking Back the Groove + I Believe I'll Go

Back Home

7:30pm – 9:15pm: The Blues Society

### Visit Oxford Theater 4

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Migration [Sensory Screening] 2:45pm – 4:15pm: Migration [Audio Descriptions] 4:30pm – 6:00pm: Migration [Open Captions]

### Selig Polyscope Theater 3

9:45am - 11:30am: Brand Bollywood

11:45am – 1:30pm: Narrative Shorts: Family Block

1:45pm – 3:45pm: Don't Die

4:00pm – 5:30pm: Fest Forward: Animation Shorts

5:45pm – 6:45pm: Local Music Videos 7:00pm – 9:00pm: Mississippi River Styx

#### Visit Oxford Theater 4

9:15am – 10:15am: Copyright & Fair Use Panel

10:30am – 11:30am: Cellphone Filmmaking Workshop

11:45am – 12:45pm: Safety on Set Panel 1:00pm – 2:00pm: Stunt Action Workshop

2:15pm – 3:15pm: The Tech of Animation Panel 3:30pm – 5:00pm: Migration [Sensory Screening]

5:15pm – 6:45pm: Migration [Audio Descriptions]

## Sunday, March 24: REWIND

We will replay the WINNING FILMS in each catagory and give you a chance to see all the films you missed! Check out Ox-Film.com For the full schedule.

### **Friday Night Party @ THE POWERHOUSE**

413 S. 14TH ST Friday, March 22nd



### **Craft Cocktails & Mocktails** by Joe Stinchcomb







Saturday, March 23nd @ THE POWERHOUSE





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## Oxford Film Festival Alumnus Brian Whisenant Returns to Tell His Story

Wrath Mercy, a 25 year dream come true for writer/director Brian Whisenant is coming home to Mississippi with its World Premiere at the Oxford Film Festival on Saturday, March 23 at 2:45 pm with a second screening on Sunday, March 24 at 2 pm.

Based on a play and Whisenant's own life experience, *Wrath Mercy* tells the story of a young gay drug addict, Adam, who after a dangerous encounter with Mall, the drug dealer, meets a mysterious woman named Irina who gives him an opportunity to change his fate.

Wrath Mercy is based on a play written by **Benjamin Craven** that was first produced as a showcase at the **University of Southern Mississippi** in 1996 at the beloved **Hartwig Arena Theatre**. It made a huge impact on Whisenant who originally wanted to produce it as an acting showcase for himself.

As the years passed, having moved to New York City and then to Los Angeles, the dream faded as he became hopelessly addicted to drugs including crystal meth. After some time homeless in LA, Whisenant found himself back in Mississippi at the **Haven House**, a substance use facility that helped save his life.

"One day I quite dramatically told my therapist that my dreams were dead—that my biggest regret was throwing away a promising career as an actor and director. He asked if there was anything I might work on while still in treatment. Like a flash, I remembered *Wrath Mercy*. I dusted it off, took another pass at it and became determined to make it happen. Not as an actor this time, but as a director."

After Whisenant moved back to Los Angeles, Oxford Film Festival produced a virtual table read of *Wrath Mercy*. Nineties star, **Natanya Ross** became attached to star in the film in late 2022, and after a nationwide casting search for an openly queer actor to play the lead, **Matthew Zimmerman** joined the cast along with NYC actor **Deb Radloff** and Mississippi locals **Carys Glynne** and **Brice Stone**.

"In May of 2023, I went back to Mississippi to film *Wrath Mercy*, the greatest three days of my life," Whisenant says." With the guidance and friendship of my coproducer, **Glenn Payne**, an amazing camera team led by my vision-making cinematographer **Michael Williams**, a wonderful, local supporting cast, crew, and a slew of donations from \$5 to \$5000, my dream finally became a reality."

When it came time to premiere the film, Oxford Film Festival was an obvious choice. Whisenant worked as the head programmer of LGBTQIA+films for six years and spent many years acting and directing with **Theatre Oxford** as well as directing the Ox-Film produced, award winning short, *The Golden Years*, starring **Johnny McPhail** and **Susan McPhail**.

Wrath Mercy is an allegory. A fantasy based in reality. Whisenant says, "I wanted to show people what it *feels* like to be a gay crystal meth addict, why we might become addicted in the first place, while asking what may be the unanswerable question of why some drug addicts live and some don't."

Tickets available online:

https://2024oxff.eventive.org/. IX





## Mastering Professional Politeness: Free Business Etiquette Class Offers Key Insights for Effective Communication

In an era where effective communication stands as the cornerstone of success in the professional realm, the **Big Bad Business Series** aims to equip individuals with the essential skills needed to navigate the topic of business etiquette on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm at **the Powerhouse**. Participants will learn and refresh their communication skills from crafting an email to the judicious use of apps.

The class, hosted by **Dr. Josie Burks** with **Ole Miss School of Business** and **Ellen Brewer** with **Northwest Community College**, focuses on creating positive customer interactions and building partnerships in the community through strong communication skills.

From crafting succinct and impactful emails to leveraging the right applications for streamlined workflows, attendees will gain invaluable insights into enhancing their communication skills.

With an inclusive approach, the workshop welcomes individuals from all backgrounds and levels of experience. Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to refine your skills or a newcomer eager to learn the ropes, this class offers something for everyone.

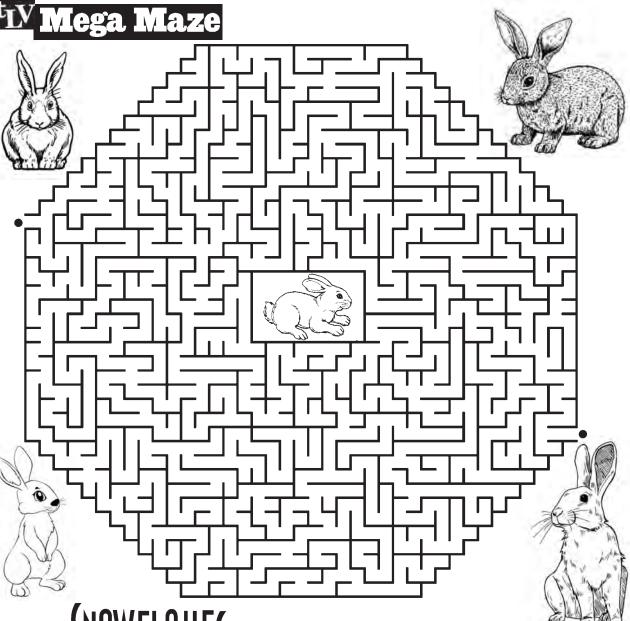
"In the current environment where communication occurs through multiple channels, effective communication sets the foundation for success. By mastering the principles of business etiquette, individuals can elevate their professional image and unlock new opportunities," said **Wayne Andrews**, executive director of the **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council**.

The free basic business etiquette class promises to be an enlightening experience for all who attend, providing practical strategies and actionable insights to thrive in today's dynamic business world.

The Big Bad Business Series is an annual workshop series devoted to connecting entrepreneurs and small businesses with free and low cost small business resources in North Mississippi. The workshops are free and open to the public with light refreshments and networking afterward. The Yoknapatawpha Arts Council and **Oxford Economic Development Foundation** partner annually to present the monthly workshop series.

To register for this workshop or to learn more about upcoming small business and creative economy events, please visit <u>oxfordarts.com/artsincubator</u>.

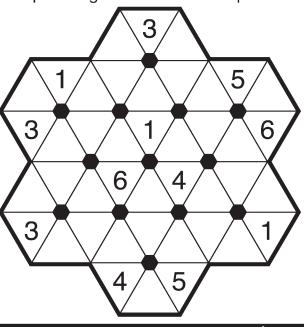




## **?NOMLFUKE?**

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

### 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.

XS NPPIN OWXQSZPNN SW CP

KAWSPB XY WQP XNQ'S

VWXQV SW CP KAWSECZP ...

XS'N CPSSPT SW CP

KAWSECZP SGEQ GWQPNS.

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### **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: F equals H

CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK
KJOKKA ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE
N SXNMHVEXS HFQV, Q IORHH
SFNS'H ZECM-JENZQMI.



- **1. LITERATURE:** What is the name of the kingdom in *The Princess Bride*?
- **2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
- **3. TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- **4. US STATES:** Which US state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- **5. HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- **6. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- **7. ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- **8. LANGUAGE:** The Latin word *caput* refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- **9. SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- **10. FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

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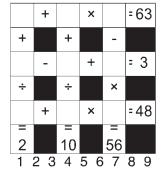


"Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"
— Robin Williams
(July 21, 1951–August 11, 2014)

Answers: 1. Florin 2. Mountbatten-Windsor 3. The Big Bang Theory 4. Arizona 5. Loose lips 6. Andorra 7. Hypothalamus 8. The head 9. Red 10. Tequila

### GO FIGURE!

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.

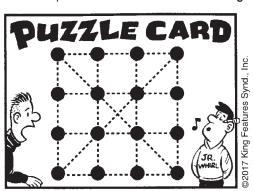


#### DIFFICULTY: \*

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

## PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

Solutions to puzzles are inside The Local Voice Digital Edition sent every Thursday to subscibers. Sign up FREE at TheLocalVoice.net



**PUT SIXTEEN COINS** on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them in such a manner that they form 10 rows, with four coins in each row. Our solution is pictured above.





Illustrated by David Coulson

A FISHY TALE! The catch of the day was a fish whose head was 9 inches long, while its tail was as long as its head and half the length of its body, and its body was as long as its head and tail put together. What was the total length of the fish?



Answer: 72 inches. Its head was 9 inches, its body 36 inches, and its tail 27 inches long.

**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Answers: Faintest, gabled, hastier, misspelt, niceties, outshone.



#### TREE TESTING TIME!

Our friend is guarding a wonderful forest filled with many kinds of trees. Using the following hints, can you identify 15 of them?

- 1. What tree remains after a fire?
- 2. What trees are always well-dressed?
- 3. What tree is a part of a dress and a part of a door?
- 4. What tree is the straightest tree in the forest?
- 5. What trees are always sad?
- What tree is like an old story.
- 7. What is the hero's tree?
- 8. What tree is a good-looking girl?
- 9. What tree grows at the seaside?
- 10. What tree is a deep breath and a printing machine?
- 11. What tree is an ocean inlet?
- 12. What tree do you carry around all the time?
- 13. What tree do we like stuffed?
- 14. What are the most important trees in history?
- 15. What tree is a good churchman?

Answers: 1. Ash. 2. Spruce. 3. Hemlock. 4. Plum (plumb). 5. Pine. 6. Chestnut. 7. Laurel. 8. Peach. 9. Beech (beach). 10. Cypress. 11. Bay. 12. Palm. 13. Olive. 14. Dates. 15. Elder.





### KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

## New Menu Items! Crispy Greek Seasoned Chickpeas Caesar Salad Balsamic Mushroom Pizza New Drink: California Dreaming

(pineapple ginger drink)



## 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.

1. Aesop's specialty	F	Kitchen slat	T
2. Steve or Dean	T	Gaye or Lee	v
3. Compass direction	N	Value	W
4. Pancake topping	_ U	Improved	_ E
5. Bullwinkle, e.g.		Mickey, e.g.	U
6. Dash	T	Planting season	
7. Larder	N	Bakery treat	s
8. Wednesday's dad	Z	Andy's pal, Pyle	R
9. Bird sanctuary	A	Spooky	E
10. Closet accessory	_ A	Food longing	_ U

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## Tragedy and the Threat of Totalitarianism



On March 14, 2024, Good Morning America aired a segment about **Sloan Mattingly**, a seven-year-old child who died after being swallowed up in a hole in the sand on Florida's Lauderdale-by-the-Sea beach on February 20, 2024.

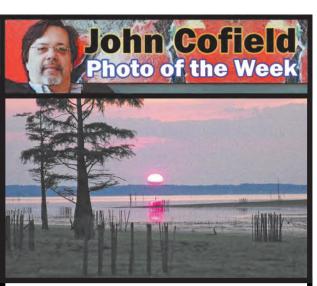
Sloan and her nine-year-old brother, Maddox, were doing what many of us have done—digging a big hole in the sand. Tragically, the deep hole they dug was too deep. It closed in on both Sloan and Maddox. Their parents and many other beachgoers move swiftly to try to save the children.

While they were able to rescue Maddox who was directly above Sloan, the sand had become so heavy that it took twenty minutes to get Sloan out. This precious little girl died, not because of negligence, but because a lack of understanding of the danger the children were in. Experts say that any such hole in the sand should not be deeper than the knee of the shortest person involved.

Spring Break is over for some and just beginning for others. Summer is just around the corner when teems of people will hit the beaches with their biggest fears being that of drowning or being attacked by sharks. Ignorant of the dangers of the actual sand on the beach will likely not be on their minds—but it should be.

It's been said over and over again: "No parent should ever outlive their child." I believe that to be true with all my heart. But it's not just children who are in danger. We all are if we ignore the hazards that are all around us.

The photo accompanying this article was taken by Norman L. Whetsten, who was a nearby stranger, shortly after Sloan was retrieved from the sand. It was suggested that this sunbeam was a sign from



### "Sardis Lake Sunset"

As kids, we roamed through the Sardis backwaters not giving it the proper respect deserved. As adults, we realized that in addition to all that made **Oxford** special, we were blessed to have a setting of picturesque landscapes and teaming wildlife only a handful of miles away. Photograph by Lee Tatum.



Sloan to let us know that she was at peace. I'd like to believe that. Perhaps you would, too.

On a far different note, in its March 16, 2024, edition, The Clarion Ledger reported on the Mississippi Legislature's bills to take away and limit the rights of the transgender community. I urge you to visit their website and read the story.

After reading the article myself, the words of the great anti-Nazi theologian, Martin Niemöller, rang in my ears. Here is one version of what he had to say during the time of Adolf Hitler. (Twentyfive years later, according to Wikipedia, Niemöller indicated that this was the version he preferred.) I can think of no better commentary than this:

In Germany, they came first for the Communists, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't

And then they came for the trade unionists,  $And\ I$ didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist; And then they came for the Jews, And I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew;

And then . . . they came for me . . . And by that time there was no one left to speak up.

More laws lead to less freedom and more "offenders." Take heed, Mississippi. Take heed America, lest we wind up becoming a totalitarian state. We might just have to change the spelling of America to Amerika.

...and that's the view from The Balcony.

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"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again."

- Maya Angelou (April 4, 1928-May 28, 2014) North Mississippi Roots & Wings and the Rosa Foundation present

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Mon-Sat: Lunch: 11:30 am-2:30 pm;

Dinner 6-10 pm;

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Fri: noon-1 am Sat: 11 am-1 am Sun: 11 am-9 pm Delivery: Fetcht  $\mathcal{F}$ Mon: \$5 Octanes Tue: \$5 Grape Gatorade Wed: LADIES' NIGHT: \$5 Skinny Bitches Thur: \$3 domestics

Mon-Thu: 2 pm-1 am

### The Library

Mon-Fri: 3 pm-1 am Sat: 11 am-1 am **Sun:** 11 am-9 pm Happy Hour 3-7 pm Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

### The Mad Hatter

Tue-Thu: 4 pm-midnight Fri-Sat: noon-1 am Kitchen open till 9 pm daily Wed: OPEN MIC Thu: LIVE MUSIC Fri & Sat: DUELING PIANOS

### McCormick's

Mon-Sat: Breakfast: 6:30-11 am; Lunch: 11 am-2 pm; Wed-Sat: Dinner: 2-9 pm Bar: 2 pm-till **Sun:** 6:30 am-2 pm Wine & Whiskey Wednesday: 2-for-1 glasses of house wine: \$1 off whiskey 10% UM discount

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### Quack's

Wed-Thu: 4 pm-1 am

Fri-Sat: 11 am-1 am Sun: 11 am-9 pm Happy Hour 4-6 pm W-F: 2-for-1 wells, \$1 off all beer Wed: All Day Happy Hour Friday: Free Fri-day (Free side of fries with hot dog purchase) Sun: Chicken and Waffles, brunch specials

### Rafters

Mon-Fri: 5 pm-1 am Sat: 11 am-until **Sun:** Brunch: 10:45 am-3 pm: \$3 Mimosas

Mon-Sat: 3 pm-1 am, Sun till 9p

### Rooster's

Mon-Fri: \$5 Domestics Mon: DJ WADE + \$4 Pitchers + \$1 Rooster Shot Tue: KARAOKE (5:30 pm) OPEN MIC NIGHT + 2-for-1s Wed: KARAOKE + \$3 Vodka & Whiskey Thu: LADIES NIGHT + \$1 Lemon Drop + \$3 Well Vodka Fri & Sat: LIVE MUSIC Sun: \$1 Mimosa shots

### Saint Leo

Tue-Sun: Lunch 11 am-3 pm Bar & Pizza 3-5 pm Dinner 5-10 pm **Brunch Sat & Sun:** 10:30 am-3 pm Happy Hour 3-5 pm:

\$10 Pizzas, Bubbles + Fries, \$6 Wine & Cocktails

### Snackbar

**Tue-Thu:** 4-10 pm Fri-Sat: 4-10:30 pm Happy Hour 4-6 pm: \$2 domestics, \$4 drafts, \$6 select wines, \$8 select classic cocktails, small plate & oyster specials Tues: INDUSTRY NIGHT

### SoLa

Wed-Thur: 5-9 pm, Fri-Sat: 5-10 pm Sun Brunch: 10:30 am-2 pm Delivery: Fetcht  $\mathcal{F}$ 

Happy Hour 5-7 pm: \$5 fresh Margaritas

Wed: Spaghetti Night + \$5 wine Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

### Southern Coop

Tue-Thu: 11 am-8 pm Fri-Sat: 11 am-9 pm Delivery: Fetcht  $\mathcal{F}$ 

### **Tallahatchie** Gourmet

Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm **Brunch Sat & Sun** 11:30 am-3 pm Delivery: Fetcht  $\mathcal{F}$ 

### Uno Mas

**Mon-Sat:** 11 am-10 pm Sun: 11 am-9 pm late night menu Thu-Sat Happy Hour 3-6 pm every day: \$2 tacos; \$5 house

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### What Does the Word "And" Mean

We will hear a lot about the "First Step Act" in the 2024 election. The 2018 law promoted by President **Trump** aimed to ease harsh sentencing for nonviolent offenders, reduce recidivism, and shrink the size of the federal prison population.

Compare to the 1994 "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act" pushed through congress by the Clinton/Biden administration, a law that did not solely cause, but, despite its name, certainly contributed to, the current mass incarceration of non-violent offenders, many for minor drug crimes, and Biden's first term that was ineffective on criminal justice reform. The First Step Act has a provision that has been called a "safety valve" for non-violent drug offenders who receive sentences over 15 years.

The act has a list of three requirements for a convict to meet before being eligible to hit that safety valve, and the Act uses the word "and" in the list of those requirements. I kid you not, the issue before the **Supreme** Court last week was whether the word "and" meant "and" (in which the convict would have to meet all three requirements before using the safety valve) or if the word "and" actually means "or" (in which case the convict would only have to meet one of the requirements).

The six-justice majority held that a statute that says a person must meet requirement 1, requirement 2 and requirement 3 means that the person must meet all three requirements, and the majority scolded the lower courts and dissenting justices for ignoring the "natural and ordinary" meaning of the word "and."

## Barstool Briefs Short Stories on Legal Affairs

### Social Media and Government **Officials**

Public employees can be sued when talking about public issues on social media. Last week, the Supreme Court issued a unanimous decision setting out a new test to determine when social media use by a public employee is subject to First Amendment rules, so government employees now be

The Court was considering two First Amendment lawsuits that arose when public officials and employees deleted comments from citizens or completely blocked citizens on social media sites. The citizens sued claiming those public officials violated their First Amendment rights.

Different Federal courts came to opposite conclusions, so the Supreme Court stepped in to make federal constitutional law consistent across the

The Court announced a new test to determine when a government employee violates the First Amendment on social media. The new test requires lower courts to ask two questions: (1) does the public employee possess authority to speak for the government? For example, a city alderman does not have the authority to speak for the government about an interest-rate policy by the Federal Reserve, an issue clearly out of his or her lane; but the alderman does have authority to speak about the city's new curfew law for teenagers, and a public works director has the authority to speak about a new water sanitation plan; (2) was that public official speaking in his or her public capacity? When a county commissioner speaks online about the county's Covid response that would certainly qualify as speech in her public capacity. If the

> county official said that she did not enjoy the food at a

new restaurant, that would be a personal, not public, statement.

If the public official is speaking in her public capacity on an issue that she has the authority to speak on, then she is subject to First Amendment rules and can be sued for restricting citizen speech.

### The Discovery Rule

Go listen to the 1984 song called "Jam the Box" by Tony Butler, also known as **Pretty Tony**. Then go listen to Flo Rida's top 10 hit song, "In the Ayer." Obviously, Flo Rida ripped off Pretty Tony's song and should pay Pretty Tony royalties, but Pretty Tony's producer did not sue Flo Rida in time. Why not? Because the producer was in jail.

The Corner Store is a gas station that opened in 2018. I did not know that the federal government sets debit card fees, but it does, and the Corner Store has sued the government claiming that the fees are too high. But the Corner Store sued too late because it only opened in 2018, a year after the time limit to challenge the 2011 law that set the debit card fees.

Both Pretty Tony and the Corner Store are arguing for the Court to apply "the discovery rule" to federal law time limits. The Discovery rule gives a plaintiff extra time to file a lawsuit when there was no way for him or her to know that he had a law suit to file, and the time to file the lawsuit does not start ticking until a person discovers or should have discovered the lawsuit, whether when Pretty Tony's producer got out of jail or when the Corner Store paid its first debit card fee.

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- Using high-pressure, hightemperature techniques mimic Earth's diamond-forming conditions, scientists can transform the carbon in peanut butter into sparkling gemstones. Chew on
- And speaking of chewing, snails have thousands of tiny teeth on their radula, the tongue-like organ they use for grinding up food, making them one of the earth's toothiest creatures.
- Mary, Queen of Scots, was history's youngest monarch. ascending to the throne at a mere 6 days old. Coming in at second place was Emperor Shang of China's Han Dynasty, who in 105 A.D. assumed his royal position at 100 days old.
- Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie A Streetcar Named Desire.
- One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.
- · Some architectural structures, known as whispering galleries, have unique acoustics allowing a whisper at one end of the gallery to be heard clearly at the other end, due to sound waves following the curved surfaces.
- The "United States Postal Service Anthem," a unique song composed by (appropriately) Jack Stamp, is an official musical salute to the **USPS**, its employees, and its role in American life.
- In some WWII POW camps, the Nazis would allow Allied soldiers to play board games like Monopoly, even providing the games. The British exploited this opportunity by using compasses, banknotes, and real-world maps in place of standard boards and pieces, as a means of helping prisoners to

Thought for the Day: "If no one ever took risks, Michelangelo would have painted the Sistine floor."

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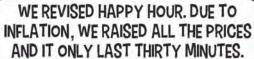
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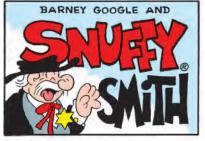






"I don't think this is the right time to ask him for a campaign contribution."

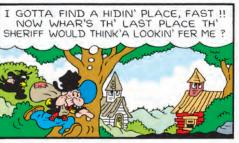






































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### **Amber Waves**

DAD SAYS I SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF THAT BULLY WHO'S **BUGGING US AT SCHOOL.** 





### by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats





### by Jeff Pickering





















## EVERYONE IS LYING MAGA IS OUT TO GET ME... I WAS ON DRUGS AT THE TIME... I CAN'T REMEMBER... I WAS HACKED BY RUSSIANS...THE SO GLAD HUNTER FINALLY HAS A CHANCE TO SET THE STORY STRAIGHT... SUN GOT IN MY EYES... I WAS TAKEN OUT OF







"The ballplayer who loses his head, who can't keep his cool, is worse than no ballplayer at all." - Lou Gehrig

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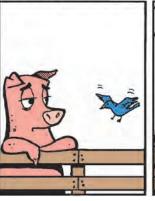


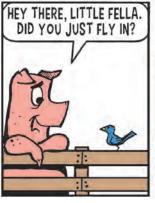






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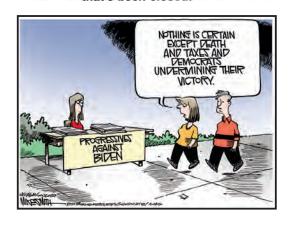


"PUT IT WITH THE OTHERS."

### GBOM EN BLAND TO NEAM



"Our car has been recalled to the factory that's been closed!"



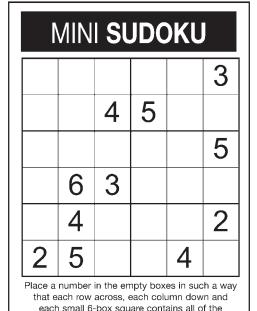




"Reality is the leading cause of stress among those in touch with it." — Lily Tomlin

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## King Crossword **Answers**

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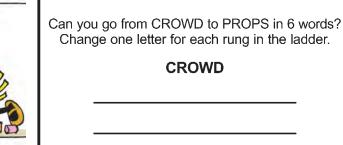


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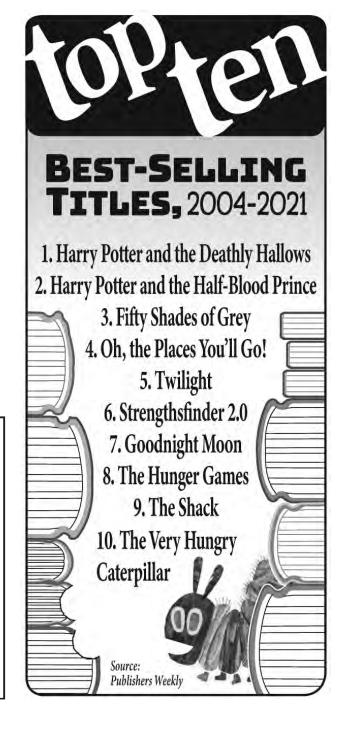
For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

MATTHEW 12: 40,41 20



Detail of 16th-century woodblock engraving

### SCRAMBLERS SPORTS the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then range the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag **ERACES** Contest BEATED Rebuff NAILED Deceive TEACH "That's funny. Nobody else ever thought I **TODAY'S WORD** was the







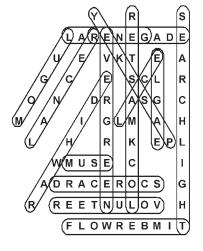
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### WORD LADDER —

Answer CROWD, CROWN, CROWS, CROPS, DROPS, PROPS

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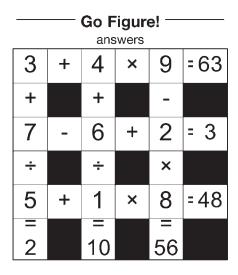
# Mega Maze Solution

### Even Exchange

- Fable, Table
- Martin, Marvin
- North, Worth
- Butter, Better
- Moose, Mouse
- 6. Sprint, Spring
- 7. Pantry, Pastry
- Gomez, Gomer
- Aerie, Eerie
- 10. Hanger, Hunger

## **SHOMELTHRES**

solution



### Stickelers Answer

One way to solve this problem is to divide the pie in half with one cut, then divide it into fourths with another cut, then pile the four pieces on top of one another and divide them down the middle for the third cut ... and you have eight equal pieces!

2 3/1
4 1 6 4 5 6 4 5 2
3/5/2/3/1/2/3/1/6/
6 1 4 6 5 4 6 5 2
3/5/2/3/1/2/3/4/1/
4 6 5

### MINI SUDOKU -Answer

5 1 2 4 6 3 3 4 5 2 6 2 3 1 6 4 5 5 6 3 2 1 4 3 5 4 6 1 2

2 5 1 3 4

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

### **CryptoQuip**

answer

When you pack tons of fluffy duck feathers onto a transport ship, I quess that's down-loading.

### **CryptoQuote**

It seems pointless to be quoted if one isn't going to be quotable. it's better to be quotable than honest. Tom Stoppard

### SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Crease 2. Debate;

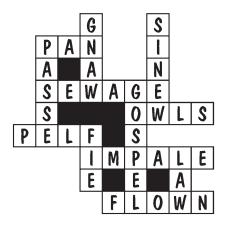
3. Denial; 4. Cheat

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