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## Black History Month Concert at Ole Miss: Angela Brown to Perform

World-renowned soprano **Angela Brown** will be the featured guest artist of the 20th annual **Black History Month Concert “If Love Fails, Try Nothing Else”** at the **University of Mississippi** on **February 25, 2025**.

The Black History Month Concert, begun in 2005 by **Dr. George W. K. Dor** and the **Ole Miss African Drum and Dance Ensemble (OMADDE)**, has featured a rotation of Music Department ensembles over the years, with OMADDE and **Concert Singers**, directed by **Dr. Don Trott**, slated to perform this year.

“Over the many years Dr. George Dor has produced the Black History Month Concerts, he has invited me to have several of our choirs participate. It not only allows us to perform repertoire with a focus on celebrating Black composers, it allows our students to be part of a larger celebration with a focus on the importance of Black culture in the arts and our society,” said Trott.

Over the past two decades, the Black History Month concert has hosted an array of talented guest artists, including UM Music alumna **Dr. Carline Waugh**, the **Fisk Jubilee Singers** of Nashville, New Orleans jazz clarinet sensation **Doreen Ketchens**, and Grammy-winning saxophonist **Kirk Whalum**, who shared the stage with **The Mississippians Jazz Ensemble** in 2024.

Angela Brown is the featured guest artist at this year’s event. Brown is no stranger to the stage, performing in opera and symphonic settings across six continents. She made her Metropolitan Opera debut in the title role of *Aida*, sang the award-winning solo for composer Nkeiru Okoye’s work *When the Caged Bird Sings*, and is a featured artist on the two-time Grammy Award® winning recording *Ask Your Mama*.

The concert will showcase collaborative pianist Professor **Amanda Johnston**, Concert Singers performing repertoire including arranged Spirituals, and other part songs in the style of Black music genres, and OMADDE, directed by Dr. Dor, performing a Ghanaian ethnic dance, and two simple songs on the themes of love and God’s Grace, respectively.

“I am very excited to perform a recital with Angela Brown as part of the annual BHM Concert,” said Johnston. “In addition to being an accomplished dramatic soprano on the opera stage, she is also committed to showcasing the music of Black composers. Our program promises to be compelling, including works by Richard Danielpour, Nkeiru Okoye, and John Daniel Carter.”

Performing compositions or arrangements by Black composers or arrangers, or compositions or arrangements in the vein of Black music genres, is a long-standing tradition for organizers of the Black History Month Concert. Brown’s repertoire for the concert includes arranged Spirituals, arias from operas composed by Black composers, and art songs—commissioned and premiered by Brown.



During Brown’s Artist Residency, opera and music students will have the opportunity to take part in a Q&A Session in the choral rehearsal room of the music building on Monday, February 24, from 4 to 5 pm. Students are invited to participate in a masterclass with the singer on Wednesday, February 26, from 1 to 3 pm in **Nutt Auditorium**.

“What students may gain depends on each individual student,” Dor said. “While the audience will experience sublime artistry, some music students may gain inspiration and motivation for their future career paths. Others will join us to celebrate the contributions of Black musicians to the world’s diverse rich music traditions.”

For two decades The Black History Month Concert has been bringing audiences together to experience and enjoy Black music. Such a celebration year after year is made possible thanks to the many sponsors across campus, collective planning by the Music Department faculty and staff, Ford Center staff, the university’s technical teams, and student participation.

The 2025 Black History Month Concert will be held at the **Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts** on at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, and all are welcome. 🎟️

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## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

### THURSDAY 2.13.2025

- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC** (7:30–10:30 pm)
- **Hendricks Building (Water Valley): Thacker Mountain Radio** featuring author **A.H. JERRIOD AVANT** for *Muscadine*, music by **MARCELLA SIMIEN & INFINITY DOORS, JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES** (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
- **Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): MARCELLA SIMIEN-feat. INFINITY CHAIRS** (8 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)  
Proud Larry's: WINYAH, TBOD  
T.I.N. (Water Valley): WOVEN feat. KELLENE O'HARA (6:30 doors, 6:45 open mic; 7 pm featured writer)

### FRIDAY 2.14.2025

#### Valentine's Day

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (9 pm–1 am)
- **The Library: THE FENTS** (9 pm)
- **Nutt Auditorium: Guest artist recital: YOON-WHA ROH & JIHYUN KIM** (7:30 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm–midnight)
- **The Powerhouse: "Gifts of Love" Art Show Reception; Theatre Oxford's Ten-Minute Play Festival** (7:30 pm)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**

Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County PRCA Rodeo (doors 6:30 pm; show 7 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)  
The Lyric: CODE PINK: Love Game (9 pm)  
Proud Larry's: ARTS FISHING CLUB, NEW TRANSLATIONS

### SATURDAY 2.15.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**
- **Funkys: CRAWFISH**
- **Horseshoe Tunica: Outlaw Country Series feat. LAKEVIEW** (8 pm)
- **The Library: THE FENTS** (9 pm)
- **The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford's Ten-Minute Play Festival** (2 pm & 7:30 pm)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**

Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County PRCA Rodeo (doors 6:30 pm; show 7 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Engineering Day with Ole Miss School of Engineering (10 am)  
The Lyric: LATIN NIGHT Dance Party (9 pm)  
Ole Miss Pavilion: MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (5 pm)  
Proud Larry's: VINCENT MASON

### SUNDAY 2.16.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC @ BRUNCH** (11 am–2:30 pm)  
Good Day Cafe: Breakfast for Dinner with Exploradora Coffee (5–8 pm)  
Proud Larry's: VINCENT MASON

### MONDAY 2.17.2025

- **Quack's: MARIO KART**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Create with K'NEX (3:45 pm); Family Art Night (5:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 2.18.2025

- **Moe's TRIVIA** (7 pm)
  - **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3–6:30 pm)
  - **Quack's: COMEDY NIGHT with CHRIS GREEN** (7 pm)
  - **Ford Center: TEDx University of Mississippi: Potential & Purpose** (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Create with K'NEX (3:45 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs ARKANSAS STATE (4 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 2.19.2025

- **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
  - **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
  - **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
  - **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5–7 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Create with K'NEX (3:45 pm)



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### THURSDAY 2.20.2025

- **Ford Center: THE MISSISSIPPIANS & SYMPHONIC BAND Concert** (7 pm)
  - **Moe's: BINGO**
  - **Off Square Books: Thacker Mountain Radio** featuring author **CALLAN WINK** for *Beartooth*, music by **CANDICE IVORY** and **JEFF BLACK** (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
  - **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC** (7:30–10:30 pm)
  - **The Powerhouse: Hinge Dance Co. presents "Entrancement"** (8 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Create with K'NEX (3:45 pm); Mend Night with ANDI BEDSWORTH (5:30 pm)  
Oxford Conference Center: Empty Bowls: Oxford Food Pantry Fundraiser Luncheon (11 am–until)

### FRIDAY 2.21.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (9 pm–1 am)
  - **Ford Center: THE WIND ENSEMBLE** (7:30 pm)
  - **The Library: JON KOTT BAND** (9 pm)
  - **The Powerhouse: Hinge Dance Co. presents "Entrancement"** (8 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Create with K'NEX (3:45 pm)  
Proud Larry's: THE GREAT DYING, TAYLOR HOLLINGSWORTH  
Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY (4 pm)

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### SATURDAY 2.22.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**
- **Circle & Square: BLOCK PARTY**
- **Funkys: CRAWFISH**
- **The Library: JON KOTT BAND**
- **The Powerhouse: Hinge Dance Co. presents "Entrancement"** (8 pm)
- Oxford Intermediate School: North Mississippi Rural Legal Services presents 1st ANNUAL DOG WALK-A-THON (3-5 pm)
- Proud Larry's: IZZY ARTHURS
- Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY (1:30 pm)

### SUNDAY 2.23.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC @ BRUNCH** (11 am-2:30 pm)
- **The Powerhouse: Anubis Improv presents House Rulz** (doors 6:30 pm, show 7 pm)
- Ole Miss Pavilion: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. MISSOURI (2 pm)
- Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY (noon)

### MONDAY 2.24.2025

- **Quack's: Mario Kart** (8 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (3 pm); Afterschool Zone: Design a Notebook (3:45 pm)

### TUESDAY 2.25.2025

- **Ford Center: Black History Month Concert feat. guest artist ANGELA BROWN plus AMANDA JOHNSTON, OLE MISS AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE ENSEMBLE, UM CONCERT SINGERS** (7:30 pm)
- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- **Quack's: Comedy Night w/ CHRIS GREEN** (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Design a Notebook (3:45 pm)
- Malco Cinema Grill: Special screening of Common Ground w/ Q&A panel with experts from the film (6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: KINDRED VALLEY
- Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. SOUTHERN MISS (4 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 2.26.2025

- **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
- **Off Square Books: ADAM GUSSOW for My Family and I** (5:30 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Design a Notebook (3:45 pm)
- Proud Larry's: KINDRED VALLEY

### THURSDAY 2.27.2025

- **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
- **Nutt Auditorium (University): Guest artist recital: WARREN ERTLE**
- **The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author DAVID WRIGHT FALADE, for The New Internationals, music by HEAVY DRUNK & WATERMELON SLIM, FERG** (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Design a Notebook (3:45 pm)
- The Jefferson: St. Jude TASTE OF OXFORD (6:30 pm)
- Ole Miss Pavilion: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. SOUTH CAROLINA (8 pm)
- Proud Larry's: HEAVY DRUNK + WATERMELON SLIM

### FRIDAY 2.28.2025

- **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime w/ UM Museum (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Design a Notebook (3:45 pm)
- Proud Larry's: CODE PINK: Open Stage hosted by LADY PLUTO
- Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. WRIGHT STATE (4 pm)

### SATURDAY 3.01.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**
- **Funkys: CRAWFISH**
- **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP**
- The Lyric: DEXTER & THE MOONROCKS
- Proud Larry's: PITHECANFUNKUS ERECTUS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
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Beech	Cashew	Hickory	Safety
Bitter	Climbing	Macadamia	Square
Brazil	Coco	Pistachio	Wing
Butter	Hazel	Quandong	



1. Name the town mentioned in "Last Chance to Turn Around."
2. Who wrote and released "Love Is All Around"?
3. Which group wrote and released "The Tracks of My Tears"?
4. Who wrote "Anticipation"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I know you don't know what I'm going through, Standing here looking at you."

### Answers

1. Brooklyn, in the 1965 song by Gene Pitney. Besides creating his own hits, Pitney penned chart toppers for others, including the Crystals, Ricky Nelson, Vikki Carr and Roy Orbison.
2. The Troggs, in 1967. The song charted around the globe, but it really took off when Scottish band Wet Wet Wet covered the song for the film and soundtrack "Four Weddings and a Funeral." Their version topped the charts nearly everywhere.
3. Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, in 1965. In 2021 it was ranked as "The Greatest Motown Song of All Time."
4. Carly Simon, in 1971.
5. "Hurt So Bad," by Little Anthony & The Imperials, in 1964. The song was a hit for the group, especially after they sang it on "The Ed Sullivan Show." The song has been covered by numerous others, including The Lettermen and Linda Ronstadt.

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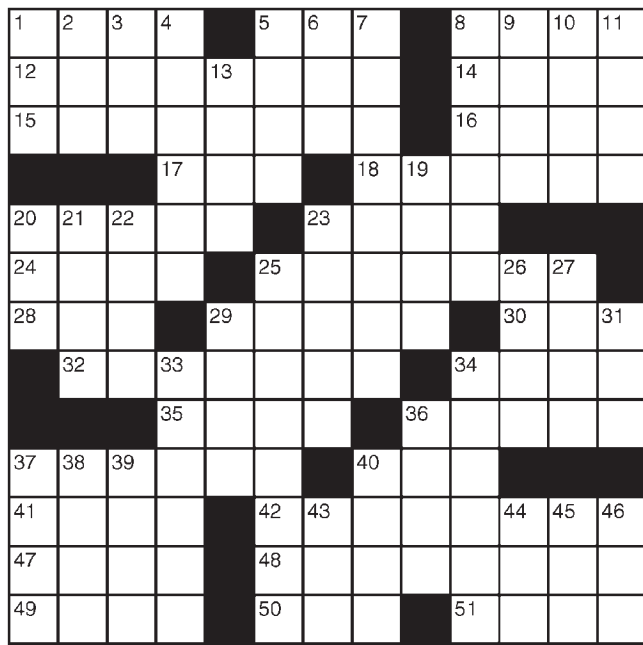
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- 8 Pedestal
- 12 Like holiday decorations
- 14 Ogled
- 15 D.C. veteran
- 16 Ms. Moore
- 17 Pentagon gp.
- 18 Mild cheese
- 20 Singer Mann
- 23 "— Las Vegas"
- 24 Not that
- 25 Verbal attack
- 28 Yr. parts
- 29 Some latte sizes
- 30 Cut the lawn
- 32 Italian corn-meal recipe
- 34 Race finish
- 35 Rascallions
- 36 Word list, for short
- 37 Goldberg on "The View"
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- 49 Holler
- 50 "Mayday!"
- 51 Taxpayer IDs



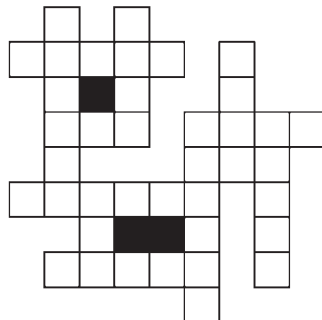
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| 5 Oklahoma city        | 25 Primitive flutes     | 38 Great expec-tation    |
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| 7 Fleet of ships       | 27 Club in a song       | 40 Swiss peaks           |
| 8 Pandemon-ium         | 29 Office part-timer    | 43 Tic-tac-toe loser     |
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| 10 Big rig             | 33 Tov train            | 45 Poetic dusk           |
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER 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: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## Super Crossword

TYKES IN THE SADDLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Milk-Bone products
- 10 Legend-ary masked swordsman
- 15 "Getting out of it is not possible for me"
- 20 Stat for a baseball pitcher
- 21 Mountain nymph of Greek myth
- 22 Can't get out of it
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Santa's little helpers
- 26 "Delicious!"
- 27 Insect snares
- 28 Told fibs
- 29 Attempts to hit, as a fly
- 31 Hair fixative
- 32 Ryder Cup org.
- 33 Manipulator
- 34 Prefix with angle
- 35 Felt concern
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Supreme Norse deity
- 44 California vineyard valley

### DOWN

- 45 Joust verbally
- 46 Words before "dream" or "be different"
- 47 Jazz pianist Allison
- 48 Loft
- 50 In a very uncordial way
- 52 City in Iowa
- 53 Riddle, part 3
- 57 Not docile
- 58 Serpentine fish
- 59 Above, in poetry
- 60 Gabrielle of volleyball
- 64 Vietnamese New Year
- 65 Grad's gala
- 68 Flop
- 70 Indian royal
- 72 Caméra — (Cannes award)
- 73 Wear down
- 75 Actor DeLuise
- 77 Space
- 79 Big city in Ontario
- 81 Riddle, part 4
- 86 Utah winter vacation spot
- 89 From Tehran or Tabriz
- 90 Ladle, e.g.
- 91 Concerning
- 92 Iris coverer

### DOWN

- 94 With 108-Down, "Piece of cake!"
- 96 Memorable periods
- 97 Squint
- 98 End of the riddle
- 101 Cottage cheese bits
- 102 Hit the slopes
- 103 Alternatives to coffees
- 104 Part of LAPD
- 105 Perp catcher
- 106 Like fishes without appendages
- 108 Casino fixture
- 110 Holier-than- —
- 112 Rock's Reed
- 115 Make irate
- 116 Riddle's answer
- 120 Crouch down
- 121 Fill with panic
- 122 Vacant elected positions
- 123 1,000-kilo metric unit
- 124 Conical tent
- 125 Analyzed to detect the presence of

### DOWN

- 3 Protein unit
- 4 Blasting stuff
- 5 Kept in check
- 6 1950s Ford
- 7 "I smell —!"
- 8 Yanks
- 9 — -cone
- 10 Astrological diagrams
- 11 Writer Sarah — Jewett
- 12 Scan or skim
- 13 Aries animal
- 14 Ukraine port
- 15 "Tell me about it!"
- 16 Ale grain
- 17 Generalized rivalry situation
- 18 Zinc — (cosmetics ingredient)
- 19 Brand of tortilla chips
- 24 Gymnast Korbut
- 30 Competitor of McDonald's and Burger King
- 31 Big Swiss city
- 32 Extol
- 33 Toward a stream's source
- 35 Calculate
- 36 Ornament hanger, e.g.
- 37 Italian rice dish

### DOWN

- 38 Lot in life
- 39 Makes the decision
- 40 Sheriff Andy Taylor's boy
- 41 PC shortcut code
- 42 Barter
- 44 Consumer advocate Ralph
- 49 Signaled, as an actor
- 51 Pre-euro Italian money
- 54 Bank of China Tower architect
- 55 Power connectors
- 56 One of the Muses
- 61 He played Santa in "Elf"
- 62 Recoiled in fear
- 63 Blackboard clearers
- 66 Baltic Sea feeder
- 67 Tile designs
- 69 Blocks up
- 71 — Hopkins University
- 74 Clog-clearing brand
- 76 Year division
- 78 Writing assignments
- 80 Cause to stumble

### DOWN

- 82 Keaton and Sawyer
- 83 Not yet final, in law
- 84 Folk stories
- 85 Bank offering
- 86 Gets on it right away
- 87 Investigate
- 88 Checking the fit of
- 93 One of the Muses
- 95 1984 comedy starring Steve Martin and Lily Tomlin
- 99 React to with a quick breath
- 100 Inflict upon
- 101 Meal division
- 105 Tally up
- 107 Boxer Spinks
- 108 See 94-Across
- 109 Apollo's instrument
- 110 Variety tools
- 111 Gardening tools
- 112 Bread unit
- 113 Film director Preminger
- 114 Khrushchev's fed.
- 117 Corrida cheer
- 118 Decay
- 119 Actor Danson

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# 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. Victor        | — — — N — —   | Coldest season     | — — — T — —   |
| 2. Park chair    | — — — N — —   | Seashore           | — — — A — —   |
| 3. Knight's garb | — — — M — —   | Tree-enclosed area | — — — B — —   |
| 4. Salve         | L — — — — —   | Witch's brew       | P — — — — —   |
| 5. Label         | — — — R — — — | Tasteless          | — — — L — — — |
| 6. In easy reach | — — — N — —   | Hale               | — — — R — —   |
| 7. Loftier       | — — — A — — — | Steering tool      | — — — I — — — |
| 8. Saber         | L — — — — —   | Waltz or foxtrot   | D — — — — —   |
| 9. Pace          | — — — — — D — | Make every effort  | — — — — — V — |
| 10. Arc          | — — — — — U — | Whittle            | — — — — — A — |

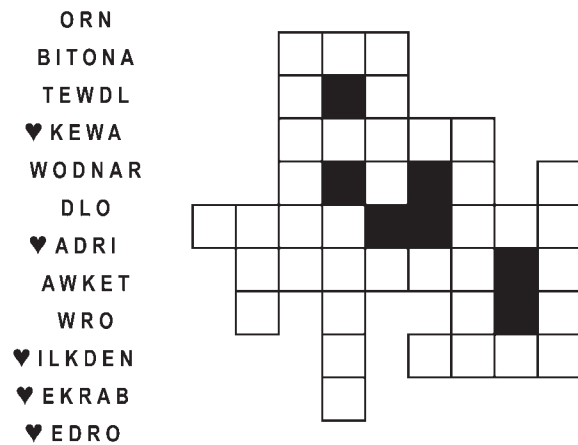


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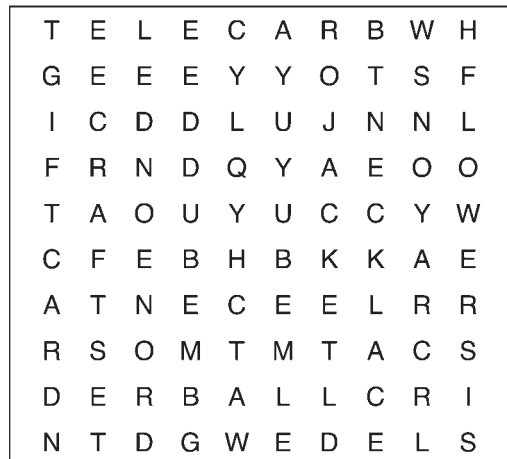
by Helene  
Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – VALENTINE’S DAY GIFTS

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What did the car say to the tire on February 14th?**



BALL  
BOUQUET  
BRACELET  
CANDY  
CRAFT SET  
CRAYONS  
DRONE  
FLOWERS  
GAME  
GIFT CARD  
JACKET  
LOCKET  
NECKLACE  
SLED  
TEDDY BEAR  
TOY  
WATCH

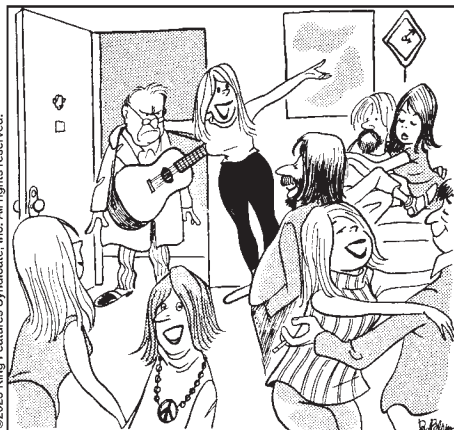


Riddle answer: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than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

## 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 qaq!



**"Attention, everybody! This is our neighbor, Mr. Hinkler, who has a song of \_\_\_\_\_!"**

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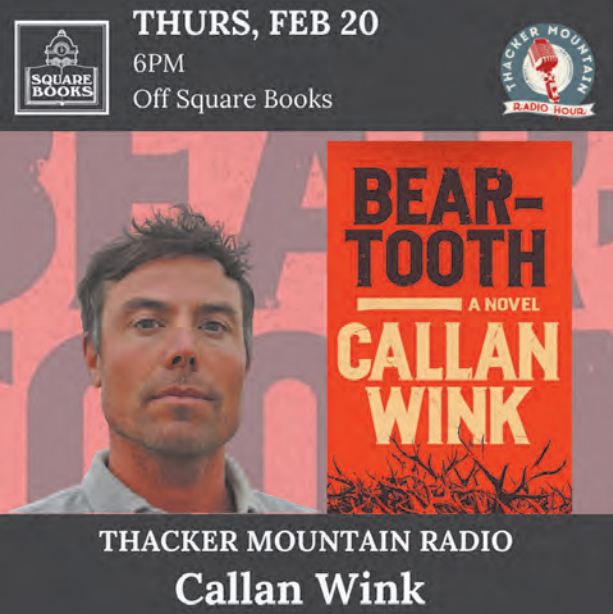


THURS, FEB 20

6PM  
Off Square Books

Local Events

# "Beartooth" Author Callan Wink to Visit Thacker Mountain Radio February 20



*Beartooth* (Spiegel & Grau; 2025) is a literary adventure novel about two survivalist brothers in desperate straits, who are lured into committing a crime in Yellowstone National Park. Thad and Hazen, long ago abandoned by their wayward mother, are drowning in medical bills and notices about back taxes. They live alone in an aging, timber house hand-built into the leese of the Beartooth Mountains. Thad's the older brother, responsible, a loner, the caretaker of Hazen, who is a little ... different. Until recently, they made ends meet the same way their father did: by working thirteen-hour days up and down the mountain splitting firewood, selling the cords door-to-door. When a menacing figure named The Scot appears with a lucrative proposition to extract stolen artifacts out of Yellowstone, the brothers can't refuse,

despite the staggering odds and the enormous risk. Evoking the most timeless voices of American pastoral storytelling, from **John Steinbeck** to **Cormac McCarthy**, *Beartooth* is a bracing, profoundly moving novel about survival, revenge, and escape.

Author **Callan Wink** has been awarded fellowships by the **National Endowment for the Arts** and **Stanford University**, where he was a **Wallace Stegner Fellow**. His stories and essays have been published in the *New Yorker*, *Granta*, *Playboy*, *Men's Journal*, and *The Best American Short Stories*. He is the author of a novel, *August*, and a collection of short stories, *Dog Run Moon*. He lives in **Livingston, Montana**, where he is a fly-fishing guide on the **Yellowstone River**. 📺

Award-winning **Montana** author and professional flyfishing guide, **Callan Wink** will make an appearance at **Off Square Books** at 6 pm on **Thursday, February 20**, as part of the Thacker Mountain Radio Hour.



## Emily Patrick at Funkys

**Hometown?** Sardis, MS

**Where do you work, and what shift do you work?** I work at Funky's Pizza and Daiquiri Bar and you can usually find me open to close on the weekends.

**What's your specialty drink?** Margarita

**What drink do you dislike making the most?** Car Bomb. It's so messy.

**What's your biggest pet peeve when a customer orders?** My biggest pet peeve is when someone has been waiting for me to serve them and when I'm able to get to them, they turn around and ask for everyone's order. There was time to prepare for this moment haha

**What's your most essential bar tool?** I have two essential tools, my bar rag and my bar key (bottle opener).

**Most craved mid-shift snack?** My most craved mid-shift snack is pepperonis.

**Who is the most famous customer you've served?** I gave Lane Kiffin a Diet Coke once.

**What's the oddest thing you've witnessed while bartending?** I've seen a retired Patriots Linebacker get on the bar and start dancing. Please never try this.

**What's the best band you've ever seen in Oxford?** The best band I ever saw in Oxford was my Dad's band, Trampling Floor at The Gin.

**If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what are you pouring?** If I could have a drink with anyone, it would be Miley Cyrus and we would drink San Matias Extra Anejo tequila on the rocks.



**Where's your favorite place to go on a road trip?** My favorite road trip destination is to a small waterfall in Double Springs, AL.

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years?** In 10 years I still do see myself doing some sort of bartending. I love it. However, I would love to have my own commercial/residential plant care and design business. 📺

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# Mississippi Stories, People, History Featured in Four-Day Oxford Film Festival

**Annual event celebrates the ‘Stories that Shape Us’**

The Oxford Film Festival returns this year with a dynamic celebration of Mississippi’s rich cultural tapestry. Many of the 60 films selected for this year’s festival shine a spotlight on the Magnolia State’s filmmakers, stories, and history.

The four-day festival is **February 27 to March 2** at the **Malco Oxford Commons Cinema**. A celebration of independent filmmakers from around the world, the festival also includes interactive events and panel discussions with filmmakers.

This year’s festival theme, **“Stories That Shape Us,”** emphasizes the power of story throughout a collection of feature films, documentaries, and short films. Mississippi’s influence on storytelling, from its iconic locations to the authentic voices of its residents, plays a prominent role in this year’s festival.

“Mississippi has always been a place where stories flourish,” said Oxford Film Festival Board President **Mike Mitchell**. “From music to literature to film, our state is a cornerstone of storytelling. That’s why this year we’re thrilled to amplify

the creative voices that are putting Mississippi’s stories on the global stage.”

Beyond the films themselves, the festival provides a platform for Mississippi-based filmmakers to connect with audiences and industry professionals through panel discussions, workshops, and networking events. These programs aim to celebrate Mississippi’s emerging talent and foster opportunities for growth in the state’s creative economy.

Highlights of this year’s festival include:

- ***Chasing Rabbits***, the directorial debut of novelist **Michael Farris Smith**, a master of Southern Noir. *Chasing Rabbits* is the story of a truck stop waitress who finds her life changed after having her home vandalized in the middle of the night, and she is triggered into an impulsive, irreversible decision.
- ***Stella Stevens: The Last Starlet*** explores the life of Mississippi native **Stella Stevens**, whose career spanned from the final days of the male-dominated old Hollywood studio system

through the evolution of the new Hollywood, coinciding with the struggle for women’s rights and human rights, for which she was a lifelong advocate. The film is produced by Stevens’ son, **Andrew Stevens**.

- ***Last to Leave*** is the short film by writer/director/actor and Mississippi native **Mary Elizabeth Ellis**. She is known for her recurring role as The Waitress on FX’s *It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia*. *Last to Leave* addresses the pandemic of loneliness post-covid, our primal need as humans for connection, and a reckoning with the way we treat our home planet.
- ***A House for My Mother***, directed by **Dr. Benjamin Nero**, who grew up in **Greenwood, Mississippi**, and **Pilar Timpane**, a filmmaker and producer based in **Durham, North Carolina**. Born in 1937, Nero was a high school football star who played in college and was recruited to play professionally. He remains close with childhood friend **Morgan Freeman**.

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

6:30 PM Block A: A House for My Mother | Chasing Rabbits

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

3:15 PM Block B: Hotaru | Designed by Preeti

3:45 PM Block C: Border Dweller Love | Chan Camp | Teddy | Ultimate Citizens

6:00 PM Block D: Sky | Voices to Inception | Color Book

6:15 PM Block E: Kiwi Cowboy | The Understudy | LARRY (they/them)

9:00 PM Block F: Chrisman Blues | Routine | Whispers of Colors | James ‘Super Chikan’ Johnson

9:15 PM Block G: Counting In

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:30 PM Block H: Kids Film

10:00 PM Block I: You Can Never Go Home | The Mutual Aid Garage | Skategoat

10:30 PM Block J: Connecting the Dots Panel

12:00 PM Block K: Screenwriting Workshop

12:30 PM Block L: Loving Bill | Water Lilies

12:45 PM Block M: Isky | Motorcycle Mary | Spring Sonata

1:00 PM Block N: UM Student

1:30 PM Block O: Saturday Shorts

3:40 PM Block P: Wouldn’t Make It Any Other Way | Lavender Men

3:45 PM Block Q: No One is an Island | Songbirds | Our Movement Starts Here

4:00 PM Block R: Greed | Shotgun Baby | Cajita

6:30 PM Block S: Evidence | Last to Leave | Stella Stevens: The Last Starlet

9:00 PM Block T: Awards Ceremony

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

1:00 PM Block U: Winners





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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Beanies
- 5 Enfold
- 9 Stanley Cup org.
- 12 Luau dance
- 13 Roof overhang
- 14 Parisian "yes"
- 15 Pedestal occupant
- 16 Sketch
- 17 Trio after Q
- 18 Church organ feature
- 19 Retrieve
- 20 Bogus
- 21 Canonized Fr. woman
- 23 Soul, to Sartre
- 25 "Fantasia" ballerinas

- 28 Esteem
- 32 Commence
- 33 Biblical king
- 34 Gave a speech
- 36 Sipping aids
- 37 Weep
- 38 Spigot
- 39 "Holy cow!"
- 42 Away from SSW
- 44 Foot fraction
- 48 Flight stat
- 49 "Misery" star James
- 50 Olympian Lipinski

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- 51 Altar promise
- 52 Bullets
- 53 Family
- 54 Fresh
- 55 Low digits
- 56 Warmonger

## DOWN

- 1 Poker token
- 2 BMW rival
- 3 Fall into a chair
- 4 Merchant's spiel
- 5 Hunks of cheese
- 6 Exceptional

- 7 Online icon
- 8 Church seat
- 9 Director Ephron
- 10 Corn cover
- 11 Low-calorie
- 20 Frenzied state
- 22 Photocopier need
- 24 Maestro Zubin —
- 25 "Westworld" network
- 26 Suffix with hotel
- 27 Links org.
- 29 Notable time

- 30 Tier
- 31 Mag. staff
- 35 Energetic person
- 36 Shorthand pros
- 39 Profit
- 40 Shoppe description
- 41 Pack cargo
- 43 Handle
- 45 "The Lion King" lion
- 46 Gullet
- 47 Slugger Aaron
- 49 Purring pet

# Treat Yourself

OPEN TUESDAY-SUNDAY  
 LUNCH/ DINNER/ WEEKEND BRUNCH

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1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the highest mountain in Canada?
2. **TELEVISION:** Who is the host of the long-running reality series “Survivor”?
3. **LITERATURE:** Which animals represent the Communist Party in “Animal Farm”?
4. **U.S. STATES:** Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
6. **MOVIES:** What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in “Legally Blonde”?
7. **AD SLOGANS:** Which product’s slogan is “Is It In You?”?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
9. **SCIENCE:** What are the four primary precious metals?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Valentine’s Day arose from which Roman ritual?

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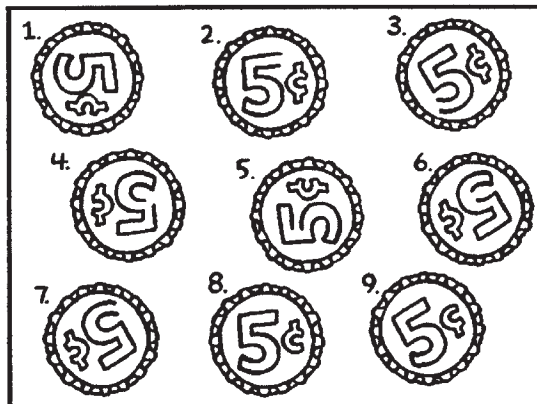


# the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

**STICKELERS** [sic]  
by Terry Sticke

The letters in the grid are randomly placed and scrambled. Can you determine the word that the letters form?

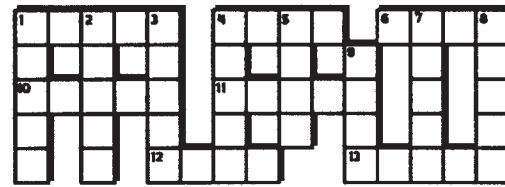
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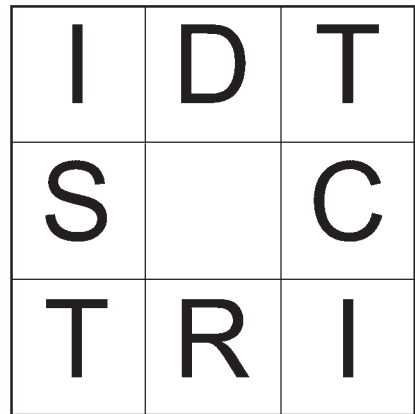
**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend

TRY BEING "DEFT" AT "DECIPHERING" THIS "DELIGHTFUL" PROBLEM!



Below is a list of 15 words that start with either "D" or "E." You must use these words to complete the puzzle grid to the left. Use the good old trial-and-error method.

## KNIGHT MOVES



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.

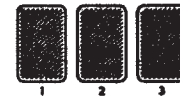
**DON'T FIZZ OUT!** Two of the old soda-pop bottle caps above are exactly alike. Can you find them in 30 seconds?

Answer: Caps 3 and 7.

Illustrated by David Coulson

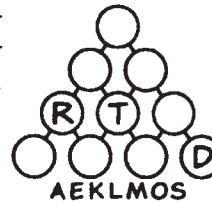
**A CARD CONUNDRUM!** To the right are three facedown cards. Can you figure out their values using these hints?

1. There is at least one queen just to the right of a king.
2. There is at least one queen just to the left of a queen.
3. There is at least one spade just to the left of a heart.
4. There is at least one spade just to the right of a spade.



Answer: Card 1: King of Spades. Card 2: Queen of Spades. Card 3: Queen of Hearts.

**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Mark, mars, mats, male, mots, mole, mole, mold.

### "D" Words

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DENSE  
DENTS  
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DREAD  
DROLL  
DUDED  
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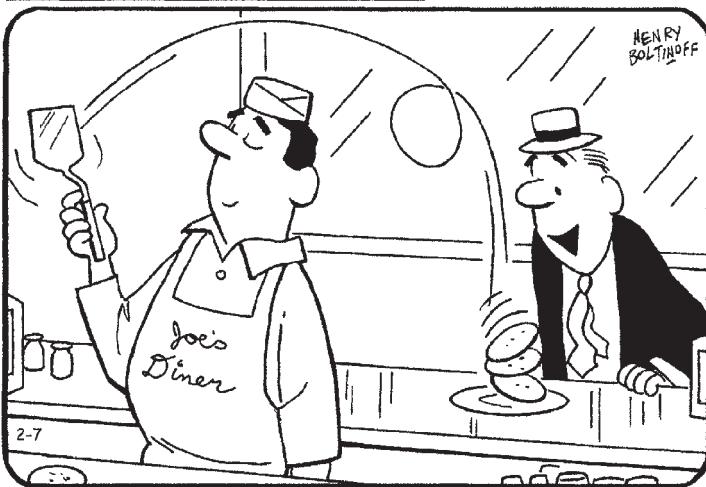
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EASEL  
EAVES  
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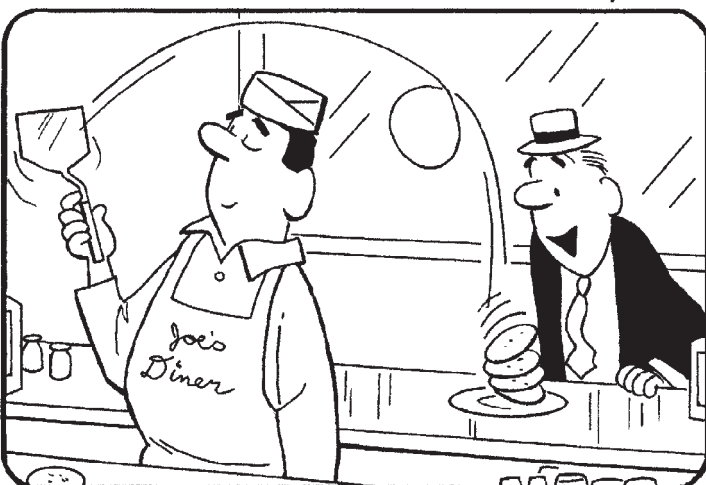
Answers: (Across) 1. Duded, 4. Eyed, 6. Deed, 10. Dense, 11. Duped, 12. Dado, 13. Easel, 14. Dented, 15. Dressed, 16. Droll, 17. Dread, 18. Dens, 19. Dents, 20. Dedge, 21. Dedge.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spatula is wider. 2. Tie is different. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Ear is larger. 5. Pancake is added. 6. Cap is larger.

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| 1. Ingenious         | __ E __ | Four-leaf              | __ O __ |
| 2. Swamp             | __ S __ | Join the parade        | __ C __ |
| 3. Tattle            | __ N __ | Sew up                 | __ T __ |
| 4. Wanted sign       | P __    | List of names          | R __    |
| 5. Examine the books | __ T __ | Of the ear             | __ O __ |
| 6. Speak             | U __    | Playful water mammal   | O __    |
| 7. Way to go!!       | __ O __ | Having courage         | __ E __ |
| 8. Heat gauge        | __ S __ | Final high school year | __ I __ |
| 9. Full of energy    | __ E __ | Young canine           | __ U __ |
| 10. Unpretentious    | H __    | Take a fall            | T __    |

## WORD LADDERS

Can you go from CHILL to WROTE in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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# Speaking Truth to Power

In the Old Testament of the Bible there were more than a few people who were considered to be prophets. Today we mostly consider prophets as people who are able to tell the future. There is a bit of that, but the Hebrew translation of prophet is more akin to this: "Called by God and filled with God's spirit. A prophet spoke God's word to people who had in one way or another distanced themselves from God. In one sense, a prophet is a preacher. But in marketplace terms, a prophet is often a whistle-blower, particularly when an entire tribe or nation has turned away from God." (Theology of Work.org) So a prophet, then, is one who tells forth the truth, especially to power—often at great risk to themselves.

There's not nearly enough space in this column to contain the entire list of Old Testament prophets and the warnings they gave to the kings of their day. A simple Google search will yield dozens of sites that detail the confrontive messages of prophets to the powers of the day. Even Jesus aggressively called out the religious leaders of the day (Matthew 23:13-39, KJV).

If you truly care about knowing the truth, please look it up.

If you don't know about Bishop Mariann Budde's prophetic words to Donald Trump during a prayer service at Washington's National Cathedral on Tuesday, January 21, you must have been living under a rock. Here's what she said directly to the President:

"Let me make one final plea, Mr. President. Millions have put their trust in you. And as you told the nation yesterday, you have felt the providential hand of a loving

God. In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now.

There are gay, lesbian, and transgender children in Democratic, Republican, and independent families, some who fear for their lives. The people who pick our crops and clean our office buildings; who labor in poultry farms and meat packing plants; who wash the dishes after we eat in restaurants and work the night shifts in hospitals ... they may not be citizens or have the proper documentation. But the vast majority of immigrants are not criminals. They pay taxes and are good neighbors.

I ask you to have mercy, Mr. President, on those in our communities whose children fear that their parents will be taken away. And that you help those who are fleeing war zones and persecution in their own lands to find compassion and welcome here. Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger, for we were all once strangers in this land."

(*National Catholic Reporter*,  
www.ncronline.org, Jan. 20,  
2025)

The internet has been abuzz with people criticizing Bishop Budde for what she said, where she said it, and who she said it to. Is there any better place to speak truth than in a church, mosque, synagogue, temple, and ashram? Bishop Budde didn't rant and rave, rather she spoke in a very controlled yet firm tone.



The words Budde spoke were straight out of the same Bible that most Christians carry to church every Sunday. Many of them would say that the Old Testament has been replaced by a new covenant in the New Testament. It is true that for Christians the New Testament represents a new covenant, but does that mean we should throw the Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible, out the window? I urge everyone with a genuine interest to read the words of the prophets there or rip it out and burn it. If you say you believe the Bible to be the literal word of God you must believe it all.

Any president should be willing to hear words like those of Bishop Budde and take them under consideration, especially one who has sold his own version of the Bible like a snake oil salesman. They don't have to agree, but they owe it to the nation to listen and to think deeply about what has been said to them. If they really believe the Bible to be the word of God, they will.

Luke 11:18 reads, "But he (Jesus) said, yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." (KJV)

"He who hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Matthew 11:15, KJV)

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

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## Strange BUT TRUE

- Read a week's worth of **The New York Times** and you'll have absorbed more information than the average 17th-century citizen would have encountered in their lifetime.
- A 1972 plane crash that claimed the lives of 101 people occurred because the crew was distracted by a burned-out landing gear indicator light and failed to notice that the autopilot had inadvertently been disconnected.
- **California** was named for a fictional island in a 16th-century romance novel.
- Researchers testing insect repellents used **Victoria Secret's Bombshell** perfume as a standard and accidentally discovered that it repels mosquitoes better than many repellents on the market.
- In 19th-century **Maryland**, it was illegal to sell mineral water on a Sunday.
- People's body temperature drops when they watch videos of other folks putting their hands into cold water.
- A man who tattooed the word "**Netflix**" on his body and then tweeted a picture of the ink to the company was rewarded with a year's worth of free service.
- In Wisconsin, the most frequently googled "how to spell" word is Wisconsin.
- When **Prohibition** started, alcohol could only be bought for medicinal and religious purposes, from a pharmacy or a doctor. "**Medicinal whiskey**" was prescribed for just about anything and used to treat conditions such as toothaches and the flu. With a prescription, a patient could legally purchase up to 1 pint of hard liquor every 10 days.
- In medieval times, the word **abracadabra** was written out in the shape of a triangle and worn around the neck in an amulet to prevent deadly diseases.
- It takes somewhere between 144 and 411 licks to reach the center of a **Tootsie Pop**.

**Thought for the Day:** "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

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Happy Hour 3-5 pm  
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Cocktails

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Sun Brunch: 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
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Kaye remembers, “Way back in 1979, my daughter Julie was finishing up her theater degree at Ole Miss when she was cast in the PBS movie *Barn Burning* starring Tommy Lee Jones. The movie was to be made in Oxford, and the advance crew was scouting locations. It just happened that I owned a 62-acre tract of land that had an old barn standing on it. The filmmakers approached me about burning it. It was public television, and they weren’t offering any money, but it wasn’t about money. The chance to watch dear friend Jimmy Faulkner act and ride, and to promote our beloved Oxford, while hanging out with Tommy Lee Jones, was worth any price of admission, and much more than the old barn. I agreed, and the movie people moved in!”

“The night of the actual burning was bitter cold. A rather large crowd had found their way back to the film site. All was set, and all were aware of the ‘one barn, one take’ reality of the situation. The director called ‘Rolling’ and the old barn went up in flames right on cue! Then, in the midst of the flames, up rides Jimmy Faulkner on his gorgeous Tennessee walking horse, looking exactly how his Uncle William must have imagined Major de Spain!” 



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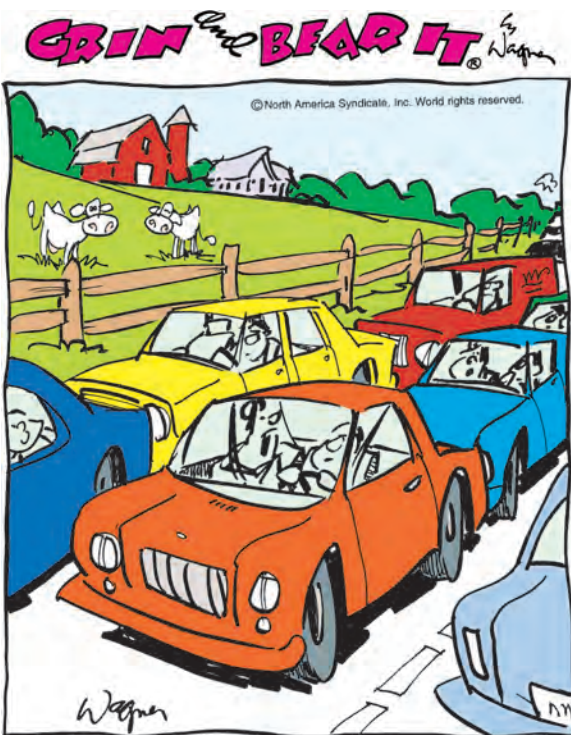


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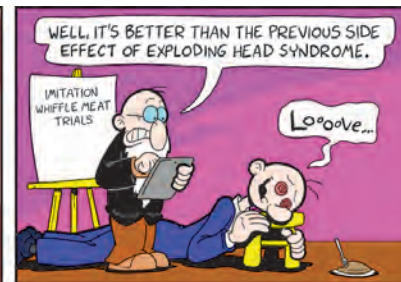
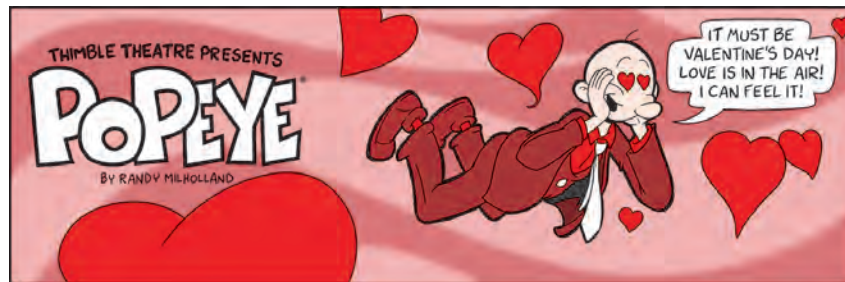
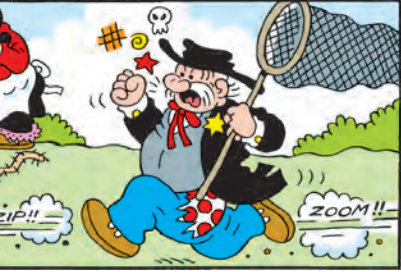
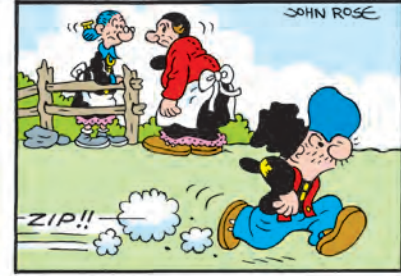
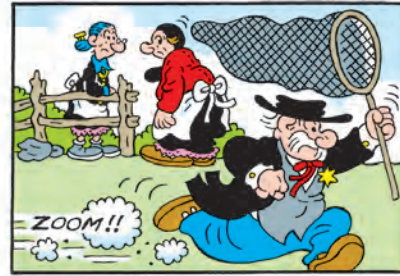
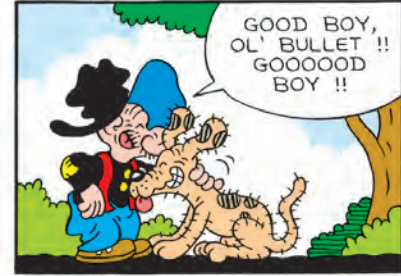
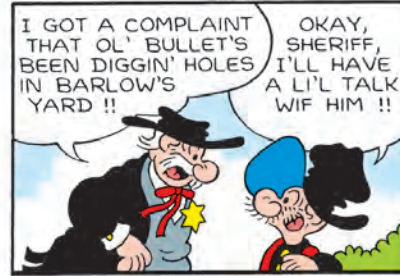
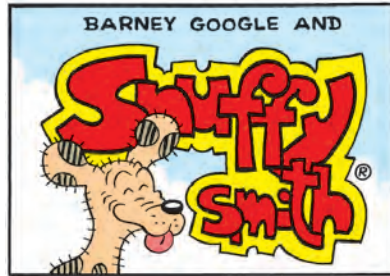




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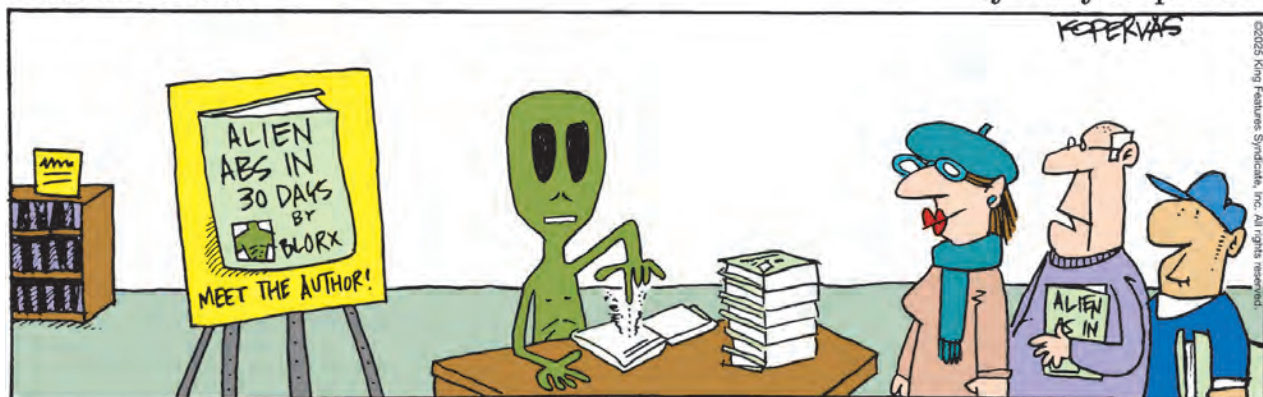
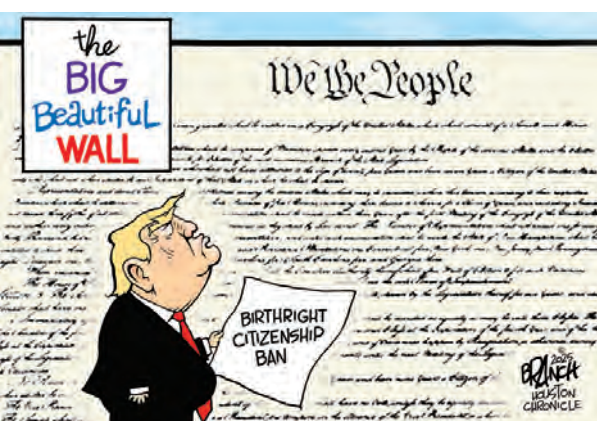


"It isn't a scenic drive unless you're in the right lane!"



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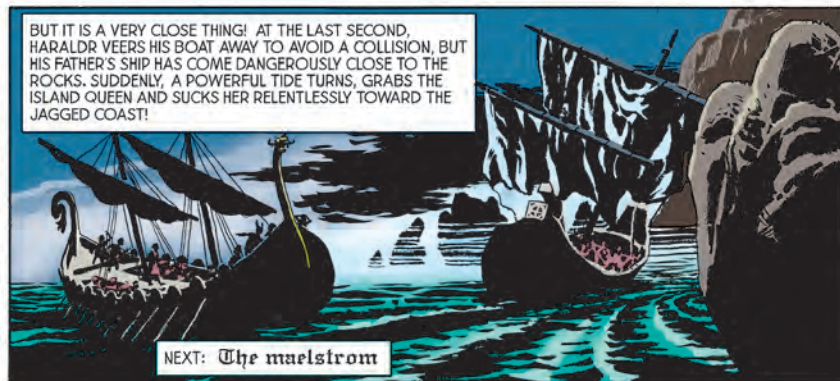






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— *Gore Vidal*



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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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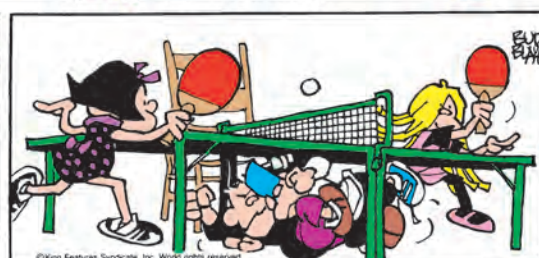
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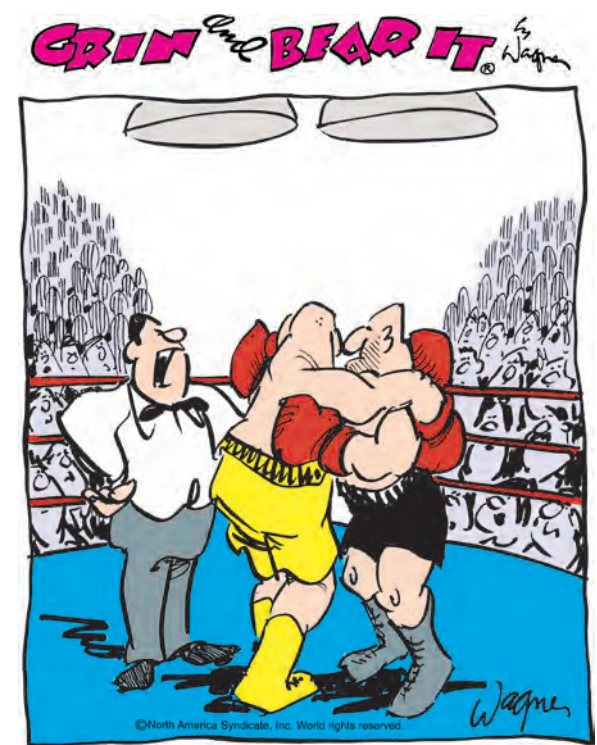
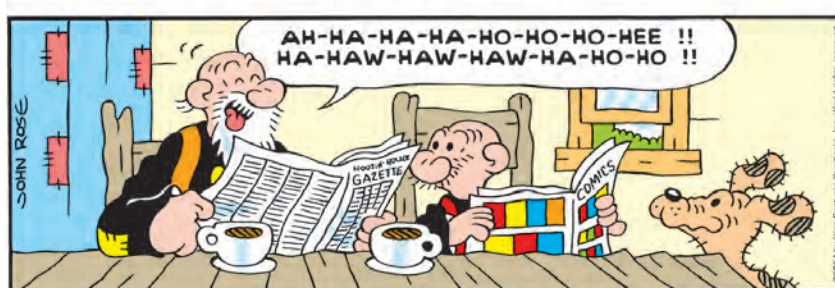
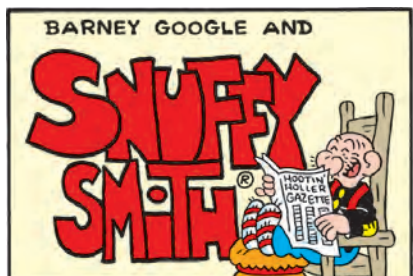
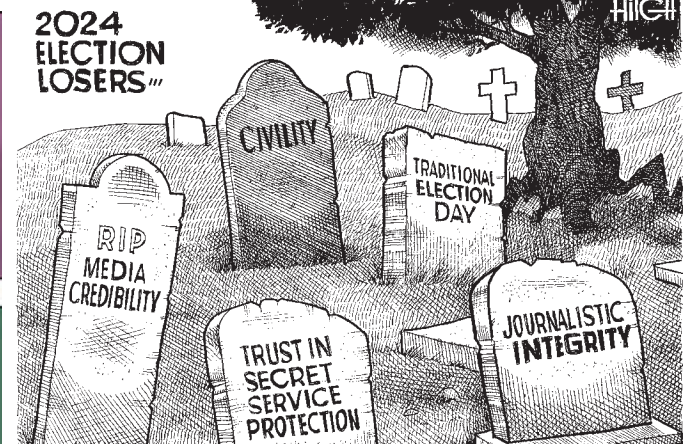
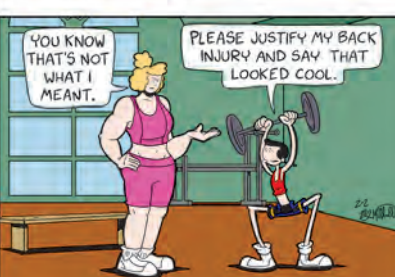
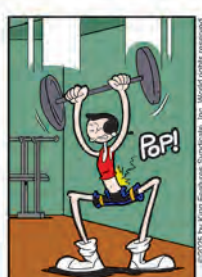
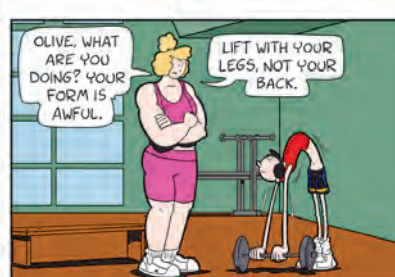
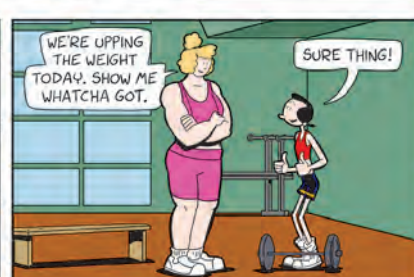
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## WARGULIES





"The Donald Trump-Rosie O'Donnell fight was better than this!"

## Americanisms



"Your love is the weather of my being — what is an island without the sea?"  
— Daniel Hoffman

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





THE NERVE-WRACKING THING ABOUT LEFTOVERS IS SOME OF THIS STUFF I DON'T REMEMBER EATING THE FIRST TIME.

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— Brenda Weaver  
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shovel is shorter. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Snow is missing from mailbox. 4. Doorknob is missing. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. House is not as wide.

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FLASH GORDON

THOSE SPINNY LITTLE GYROSHIPS ARE BRINGING BOK AND HIS FRIENDS BACK TO DRY LAND.

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF -- I FLY UP TO GREET THEM FIRST.

THE WALKERS CAN WAIT THEIR TURN.

MY LIFE'S BEEN... DIFFERENT SINCE QUEEN FRIA SEIZED SKY CITY.

PRINCE VULTAN DECLARES AN ALLIANCE, BUT IT'S CLEAR SHE'S IN CHARGE.

I'M VULTAN'S DAUGHTER, BUT I WANT NO PART OF THIS. I JUST WANT TO FLY AWAY...

...AND I WANT BOK TO COME WITH ME.

BUT HE WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT THE ALIEN SCIENTIST, ZARKOV.

WHO HAS A SCHEME OF HIS OWN.

HE COPIES A HOARD OF FRIGIAN WAR PLANS AND WEAPON SPECS ONTO A DATA STONE.

AND HE LOCKS THE STONE IN A CODEX.

THE THREE OF US ESCAPE, LOSE THE CODEX, AND FINALLY GET IT BACK.

ALL THEIR FRIENDS WATCH AS HE UNLOCKS IT...

...AND SEES IT'S EMPTY.

THE STONE IS GONE.

DAN SCHADE 2-2-25

NEXT: MASS TRANSIT

The Spats

I ONCE RACED A TOMATO.

DID YOU WIN?

NO, I COULD NEVER KETCHUP.

Out on a Limb

LISTEN, VLAD, THE LEAGUE POSTED THE FINALS SCHEDULE. WE'RE PLAYING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT 3:00 ON SATURDAY...

MURRAY, YOU KNOW THAT I DON'T ROLL IN THE DAYTIME

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

THE WIDER THE RANGE OF SHOTS YOU CAN PLAY WITH YOUR WEDGES, THE BETTER YOU'LL SCORE. ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS BY PRACTICING THEM FROM A VARIETY OF LIES AND DISTANCES.

WHEN ACTUALLY COMPETING, HOWEVER, USE ONLY THE TYPES OF SHOTS YOU'VE FULLY MASTERED - EVEN WHEN THAT MEANS PLAYING SAFER THAN YOU'D LIKE. MISHIT THROUGH LACK OF PRACTICE OR CONFIDENCE. THE WEDGES CAN SEVERELY DAMAGE YOUR SCORE.



DONNA ERICKSON'S

# BEST BITES



## Cook Snowflakes Sunny-Side Up

Put “Snowflakes Sunny-Side Up” on your breakfast menu this month, and the nutritious surprise will brighten even the darkest of wintry mornings!

Made with colorful slices of sweet red pepper in shapes that resemble snowflakes, the whimsy adds fun to the start of the day. The curvy rings frame an egg as it fries into deliciousness for about 5 minutes. Top with a dusting of Parmesan or feta cheese and serve with toast or an English muffin and fruit juice.

For a special weekend breakfast, let the snowflakes land on servings of hash brown potatoes, bacon, or sausage. Let's get crackin' ...

### SNOWFLAKES SUNNY-SIDE UP

Makes 6

- 2 large firm red bell peppers with contours
- Butter
- 6 medium eggs
- Salt and pepper
- Grated Parmesan cheese or crumbled feta

Slice peppers into six 1/3-inch-thick rounds, keeping the cut edges smooth and even. Remove seeds and core pieces.

Melt some butter on a flat skillet. Cook the pepper slices on medium heat on one side for about 1 minute, then flip.

Carefully crack an egg into the center of each ring. Immediately press down on the ring with a spatula if egg white seeps through. Cook for about 5 minutes, or until yolks are firm. (Place a lid on the pan for the last minute, if you wish.)

Serve with salt, pepper and cheese sprinkled on top.

**Extra Idea:** For a springtime twist, set a strip of cooked bacon upright under the pepper on the plate. Your winter snowflake instantly transforms into a blooming flower with a stem.



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*Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com).*



## Moments in time

• On **Feb. 17, 1998**, the United States defeated Canada by 3-1 to take home the gold medal in the first women's hockey tournament held at the Winter Olympics, in Nagano, Japan.

• On **Feb. 18, 2003**, Kim Daehan ignited a gasoline-filled container inside a subway train in Daegu, South Korea. The resulting blaze engulfed the six-car train and spread to another that pulled into the station minutes later, killing 198 people and injuring nearly 150 more. Daehan later confessed to police that he'd wanted to commit suicide and chose a crowded place to do so because he didn't wish to die alone.

• On **Feb. 19, 1777**, the Continental Congress voted to promote Thomas Mifflin; Arthur St. Clair; William Alexander, Lord Stirling; Adam Stephen; and Benjamin Lincoln to the rank of major general, leaving Brigadier General Benedict Arnold feeling slighted that five junior officers received advancement ahead of him and, in response, threatening to resign from the Patriot army.

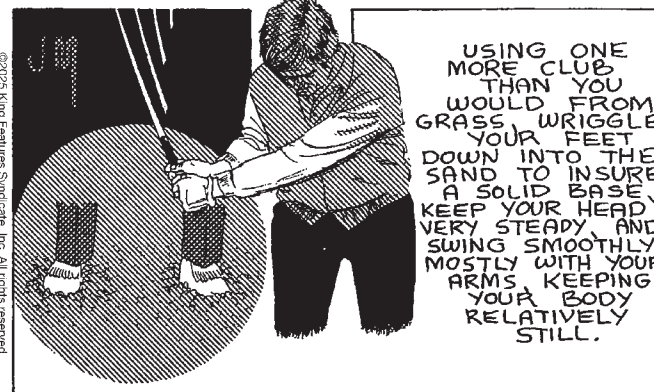
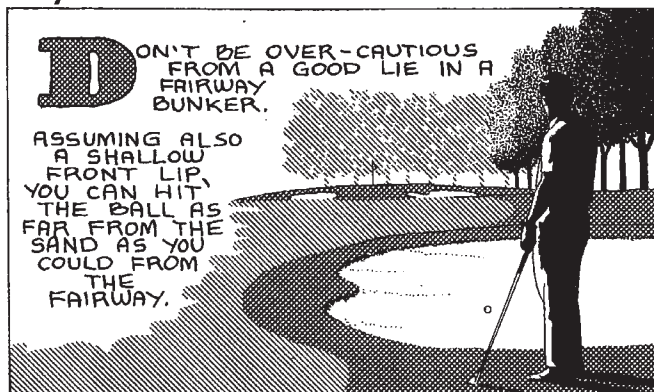
• On **Feb. 20, 1939**, New York City's Madison Square Garden hosted a rally celebrating the rise of Nazism in Germany. Inside, more than 20,000 attendees raised Nazi salutes toward a 30-foot-tall portrait of George Washington flanked by swastikas, while police and some 100,000 protesters gathered outside.

• On **Feb. 21, 1862**, at the Battle of Valverde, Confederate troops attacked Union troops near Fort Craig in New Mexico Territory in the first major engagement of the Civil War in the far West. The fighting yielded heavy casualties but no decisive result.

• On **Feb. 22, 2006**, a gang of at least six men, some armed, made off with 53 million pounds from the Securitas bank depot in Kent, Great Britain — the largest such theft in British history.

• On **Feb. 23, 2020**, Ahmaud Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, was shot to death by a white father and son while jogging in Georgia. William Bryan, who filmed the shooting on his phone, was arrested and charged with felony murder and criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment, while Gregory and Travis McMichael were arrested on charges of murder and aggravated assault, after Bryan's video of the killing was released.

### Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS







# PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS SOLUTIONS



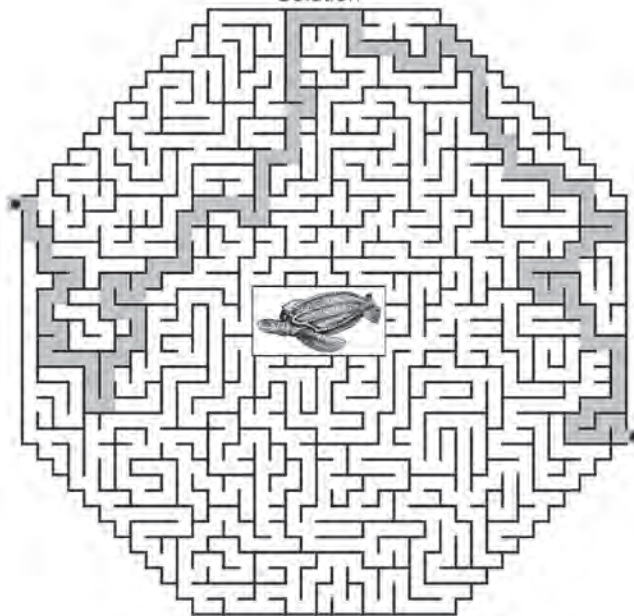
## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Mega Maze

Solution



## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## CryptoQuip

answer

That cute, tiny tyke could barely walk yet, but he was getting around on foot to the best of his stability.

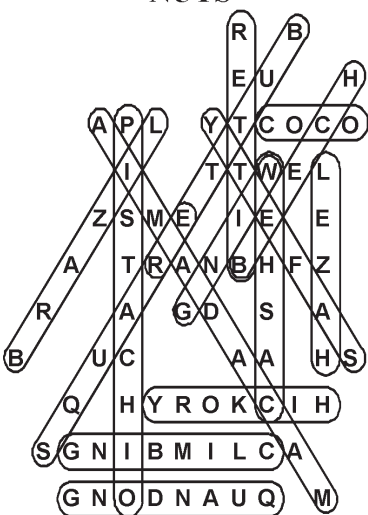
## CryptoQuote

answer

No one can do it alone, no matter how great the machines are.

— Amy Poehler

## — NUTS



## Even Exchange

answers

1. Clever, Clover
2. Marsh, March
3. Snitch, Stitch
4. Poster, Roster
5. Audit, Audio
6. Utter, Otter
7. Bravo, Brave
8. Sensor, Senior
9. Peppy, Puppy
10. Humble, Tumble

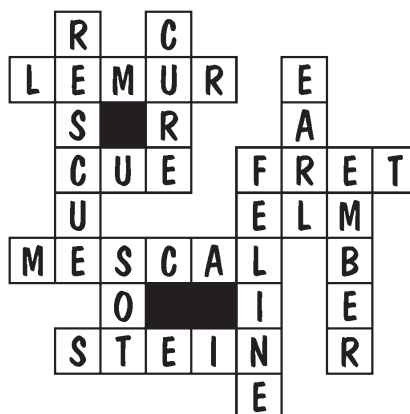
## Go Figure!

answers

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answer

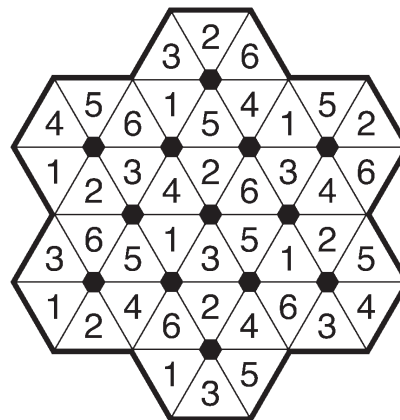


## Stickelers Answer

The scrambled word is TRIGONOMETRY.

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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E	P	E	E		E	X	P	L	O	R	E	S
Y	E	L	L		S	O	S		S	S	N	S

## WORD LADDER

Answer

CHILL, CHILE, WHILE, WHITE, WRITE, WROTE

## KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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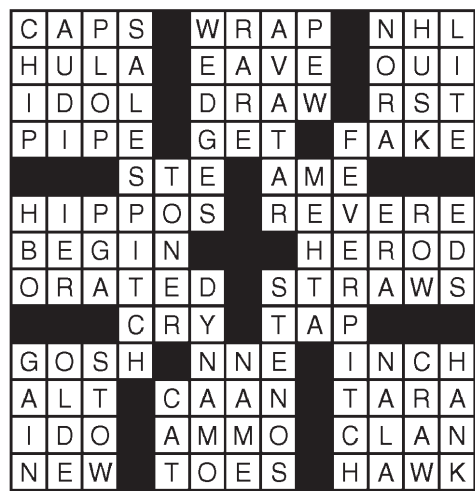




## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Aspect
2. Cloak;
3. Wither;
4. Sparse

Today's Word

**PROTEST**

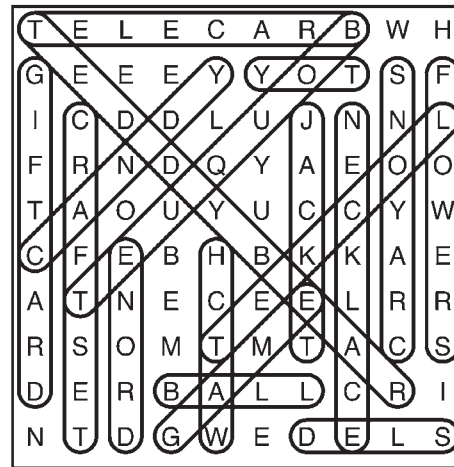
## Even Exchange

answers

1. Winner, Winter
2. Bench, Beach
3. Armor, Arbor
4. Lotion, Potion
5. Brand, Bland
6. Handy, Hardy
7. Taller, Tiller
8. Lance, Dance
9. Stride, Strive
10. Curve, Carve

## Puzzles4Kids

Answer



Riddle Answer:

Wheel You Be Mine?

- 4-5 pounds pork shoulder, cut into 4 pieces  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 onion, chopped  
1 cup BBQ sauce  
1 cup chicken broth

**Ways to Cook:**

**Instant Pot:** Season pork with salt and pepper. Set Instant Pot to Saute, brown pork on all sides. Add onion and cook briefly. Pour in broth and BBQ sauce; stir. Seal lid; cook on high pressure for 60 minutes. Natural release for 10 minutes; shred pork.

**Oven:** Preheat to 325 F. Season, then brown the pork in an oven-safe pot. Add onion, broth and BBQ sauce. Cover; bake for 3-4 hours until tender. Shred pork; mix with sauce.

**Slow Cooker:** Season pork; place in slow cooker. Add onion, garlic, broth and BBQ sauce. Cook on low for 8 hours or high for 4-5 hours. Shred pork; combine with sauce.



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These game day snacks are cheesy, meaty and loaded with all the good stuff!

### PULLED PORK NACHOS

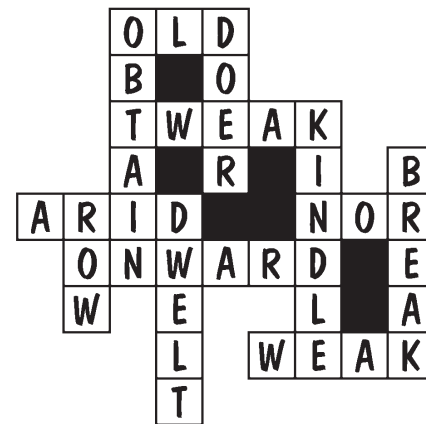
Yield: 4-6 servings

Total Time: 15 minutes

- 1 large (15 to 20 ounce) bag of tortilla chips (store brand is fine)  
3 cups shredded, pulled pork  
1/2 cup BBQ sauce (homemade or

## FEAR KNOT

answer



**"Moana 2"** (PG) — The third highest-grossing film of 2024 was this sequel to Disney's hit 2016 animated film about Moana (Auli'i Cravalho), the daughter of a Polynesian village chief. Having a bit more experience in the realm of wayfinding and sailing after her last adventure with Maui (Dwayne Johnson), Moana is tasked with searching for a sunken island called Motufetu that can connect all of the islands across the ocean. This time around, she has a bit more help than just the demigod Maui, with a crew consisting of Maui superfan Moni, a quirky craftsman named Loto, and a grumpy farmer named Kele. Together, they will be able to break the curse of Motufetu. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

**"Babygirl"** (R) — The creators behind this erotic thriller starring Nicole Kidman ("A Family Affair") and Harris Dickinson ("The Iron Claw") knew exactly what they were doing by signing on these two actors to star opposite each other. Kidman plays tech CEO Romy Mathis, who's deeply unsatisfied with her marriage with husband Jacob (Antonio Banderas). When a young man named Samuel (Dickinson) begins interning at her company, Romy is immediately enticed by him, and a torrid love affair commences between the two of them. But Romy's career and family life will hang in the balance as she continues to let her inhibitions overpower her reasoning. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

**"67th Annual Grammy Awards"** (TV-PG) — Hosted by Trevor Noah ("The Daily Show") for the fifth consecutive time, the Grammy Award ceremony is now available on streaming after being broadcasted live on Feb. 2. Topping the list of most nominations is none other than Beyonce, thanks to the release of her eighth studio album, "Cowboy Carter." Other notable names who were nominated and dominated music during 2024 include Sabrina Carpenter for her album "Short n' Sweet," Charli XCX for her album "Brat," and Best New Artist Chappell Roan. The three aforementioned women also performed during the ceremony, as well as Benson Boone, Billie Eilish, Shakira and Teddy Swims. (Paramount+)

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Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

Lee Jung-jae stars in "Squid Games 2."

**In Case You Missed It "Squid Game 2"** (R) — The second season of the South Korean survival series "Squid Game" is out now to stream three years after the first season was released. After bingeing season one in a couple of days, envisioning another season that could follow up its success seemed nearly impossible, but season two does not disappoint! Following Seong Gi-hun (Lee Jung-jae), the winner of the Squid Game in the first season, viewers watch as he once again enters the deadly survival game in an attempt to warn participants of its sinister nature and stop the game entirely. However, the Front Man is hot on Gi-hun's heels to ensure that his precious game remains intact. (Netflix)



## Pulled Pork Nachos: The MVP of Game Day Snacks

It's coming up on Super Bowl weekend, and if you know me, you know I'm all in for two reasons: the commercials and the food! I don't care who makes the most baskets! (Please know I'm kidding ... mostly.) Any excuse to host a party, right? And what's a game day party without a big, cheesy platter of nachos?

This year let's skip the basic chips-and-cheese routine and level up with Pulled Pork Nachos — the ultimate crowd-pleaser. Sweet, savory and spicy, these nachos hit all the right notes. Imagine layers of saucy pulled pork, black beans, jalapeños, BBQ sauce, melty cheese and dollops of sour cream piled high on crunchy tortilla chips. It's a touchdown of flavor!

I love making a great big batch of pulled pork — it's the gift that keeps on giving. One roast can fuel a bunch of meals: pulled pork sandwiches, tacos, burritos, pork verde stew, or served simply with rice and veggies. And, of course, these nachos.

To make these nachos fabulous without overspending, add more black beans, pinto beans or refried beans to bulk up the dish and stretch your protein. Add any leftover roast veggies, cooked chicken or hamburger to the platter.

### EASY PULLED PORK

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total Time: Varies by method

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