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Clarksdale's 22nd Juke Joint Festival Rocks with Massive 2025 Lineup

The first 22 years of **Juke Joint Festival** in Clarksdale tell a story. It's a story of music history, downtown revitalization, and community spirit. It's a story of local musicians, artists and entrepreneurs coming together with their friends and neighbors from all around the globe to build something big. Something life-changing.

This **April 10–13**, the world returns to what many call “the land where blues began,” “the home of the crossroads” and “ground zero for the blues.” Only in **Clarksdale, Mississippi**.

“Based on phone calls and hotel bookings, 2025 is shaping up to be our biggest edition yet. And that says a lot,” said co-organizer **Roger Stolle**. “Last year, Juke Joint Festival attracted attendees from all 50 US states plus D.C., 26 international countries and a majority of Mississippi counties. Plus, we continue to garner media attention from likes of NPR, *The New York Times*, PBS *NewsHour*, *60 Minutes*, and many more.”

This year's main event is Saturday, April 12 with Related Events running Thursday through Sunday, April 10–13. Find all the details at www.jukejointfestival.com.

OFFICIAL SATURDAY DAYTIME HAPPENINGS

Saturday's main event features multiple free events during the daytime — including dozens of blues acts on 17 free daytime stages, plus monkeys riding dogs, racing pigs, a student art/writing contest, a rock wall, kids' zone and more. In addition, there will be a plenty of arts & crafts vendors, tasty Southern foods, a car show and more lining some 8 blocks downtown.

Most of the official daytime activities are free thanks in large part to the generous support of partners like **Visit Clarksdale**, **Visit Mississippi**, **Cathead Vodka**, **Southern Bancorp**, **Clarksdale Economic Partnership**, **C Spire**, **Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area**, and others.

Saturday's nighttime music at 26 participating venues (with over 40 acts) requires an official **Juke Joint Festival Saturday-Night Wristband**. Music starts as early as 6 pm and runs as late as 1 am, depending on the venue. Wristbands also get attendees rides on the official nighttime shuttle buses. (Limited seating. First come, first



served, and sales will cease immediately in the event of another sellout). If wristbands remain the week of the festival, limited sales will begin in-person on Thursday, April 10, at the 243 Delta Avenue festival headquarters.

THURSDAY KICK-OFF & FRIDAY THACKER MOUNTAIN!

“Juke Joint Festival is half blues festival, half small-town fair and all about the Delta,” said co-organizer **Nan Hughes**. “There will be tons of official and related events all weekend long for both families and music fans. You literally cannot do, see and hear everything. You can find lists of all the happenings in our printed program booklet or on the website.”

Juke Joint 2025 ...continued on page 9



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Thursday

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FEATURED WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

- Quack's: MARIO KART

Tuesdays

- Moe's: TRIVIA NIGHT (7 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3:30–6 pm)
- Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)

Wednesdays

- Circle & Square: TRIVIA NIGHT (7 pm)
- Funkys: LADIES' NIGHT
- Moe's Penny: OPEN MIC COMEDY (9 pm)
- Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)

Thursdays

- Moe's: BINGO (8 pm)
- Old Henry: LIVE BAND (7:30–10 pm)

Fridays

- Booth's: Line Dancing (9 pm–1 am)
- Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (8 pm–midnight)
- Rafter's: DJ DRUMM (9 pm)

Saturdays

- Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (8 pm–midnight)
- Rafter's: DJ DRUMM (9 pm)
- Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)

Sundays

- Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (11 am–3 pm)

Weekend Brunch

- Big Bad Breakfast: Sat–Sun: 8 am–2:30 pm
- The Old Henry: Sunday: 11 am–3 pm w/ live music
- Quack's: Friday noon–3 pm; Sat–Sun: 11 am–3 pm
- Saint Leo: Sat & Sun: 10:30 am–3 pm
- SoLa: Sunday: 10:30 am–1:30 pm
- Tallahatchie Gourmet: Sat & Sun 11:30 am–3 pm

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

THURSDAY 4.03.2025

Oxford Conference for the Book

- ▶ Nutt Auditorium: AFTER SONGS: An Evening of Poetry and Music (8 pm)
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author ELIJAH WALD for *Jelly Roll Blues & Dylan Goes Electric!*, music by PRESTON LAUTERBACK, JONTAVIOUS WILLIS, and poetry by DEVREAUX BAKER (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)

The Lyric: CODE PINK: Space Cowboy 2 (9 pm)

Proud Larry's: THEM DIRTY ROSES, PARKER BARROW (9 pm)

FRIDAY 4.04.2025

Oxford Conference for the Book

- ▶ The Library: LOGAN HOGUE (9 pm)
 - ▶ The Powerhouse: KIESE LAYMON in conversation with AIMEE NEZHUKUMATATHIL for *City Summer, Country Summer* (5 pm)
- Cambridge Methodist Church (Abbeville): First Friday Poetry Night featuring the poetry of President Jimmy Carter
- Proud Larry's: WARD DAVIS

SATURDAY 4.05.2025

Oxford Conference for the Book

- ▶ Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH
 - ▶ Funkys: CRAWFISH
 - ▶ The Library: LOGAN HOGUE (9 pm)
- Proud Larry's: VISION VIDEO, VIVICA VANITY'S PUNK DRAG SHOW (9 pm)

SUNDAY 4.06.2025

- ▶ Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH
- ▶ The Powerhouse: MOVING SPIRITS II reception (4 pm)

MONDAY 4.07.2025

- ▶ Nutt Auditorium: SOPHIE WANG TRIO (7:30 pm)

TUESDAY 4.08.2025

Heartbreak Coffee: Oxford Science Cafe: Using Neuroscience to Understand American Political Attitudes and Decisions (6 pm)

Ole Miss Softball Complex: OLE MISS SOFTBALL vs. UT MARTIN (5 pm)



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WEDNESDAY 4.09.2025

Proud Larry's: TAYLOR HOLLINGSWORTH

SJB Pavilion (University): THEO VON: Return of the Rat (7:30 pm)

Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. ALCORN STATE (4 pm)

THURSDAY 4.10.2025

Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale, Miss.)

- ▶ The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author CALLIE COLLINS for *Walk Softly on this Heart of Mine*, music by WYLY BIGGER and WILDWOOD REVERIE (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
- Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce: Big Bad Business Series: Minority & women-Owned Small Business Workshop (6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: LECADÉ

FRIDAY 4.11.2025

Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. TENNESSEE (6:30 pm)

Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale, Miss.)

- ▶ Ford Center: UM Opera Theatre presents *The Beautiful Bridegroom* (7:30 pm)
 - ▶ The Library: TY TAYLOR (9 pm)
 - ▶ The Powerhouse: Spring Art Show reception (5:30 pm); Theatre Oxford presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" (7:30 pm)
 - ▶ Square Books, Jr.: BRANDALL LAUGHLIN for *Do Butterflies Make Butter?* (4:30 pm)
- Ole Miss Softball Complex: OLE MISS SOFTBALL vs. FLORIDA (6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: UNDERGROUND SPRINGHOUSE



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SATURDAY 4.12.2025

Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. TENNESSEE (4 pm)

Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale, Miss.)

► **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**

► **Funkys: CRAWFISH**

► **The Library: TY TAYLOR (9 pm)**

► **The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"** (2 pm and 7:30 pm - Membership Mixer (5 pm)

End of All Music: Record Store Day

Ole Miss Softball Complex: OLE MISS SOFTBALL vs. FLORIDA (2 pm)

Proud Larry's: CAROLINE ROSE

SUNDAY 4.13.2025

Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. TENNESSEE (2 pm)

Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale, Miss.)

► **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**

► **Ford Center: UM Opera Theatre presents The Beautiful**

Bridegroom (7:30 pm)



► **The Powerhouse: ANUBIS IMPROV presents HOUSE RULZ (7 pm)**

Ole Miss Softball Complex: OLE MISS SOFTBALL vs. FLORIDA (1 pm)

MONDAY 4.14.2025

► **Nutt Auditorium: Ole Miss African Drum & Dance Ensemble (OMADE) (7:30 pm)**

TUESDAY 4.15.2025

Ford Center: FAURE REQUIEM (7:30 pm)

Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LITTLE ROCK (11 am)

WEDNESDAY 4.16.2025

► **Ole Miss Band Hall: World Percussion & Steel Drums (7:30 pm)**

Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)

Find more events at thelocalvoice.net/oxford/roundabout-oxford. Do you have an event that you'd like to see listed in **The Local Voice**? Email thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net or text us at **662-832-3574**.

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Lexi Cantrell at Moe's Penny Bar

by Mattie Grace Morris

Hometown: Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Where do you work, and what shift do you work? Moe's Penny Bar! I work different days every week so you'll just have to come everyday to try and catch me!

What's your specialty drink? A crisp PBR on tap

What drink do you dislike making the most? Walk Me Downs.

What's your biggest pet peeve when a customer orders? Probably giving their order one drink at a time instead of just listing it all at once

What's your most essential bar tool? A bar key for sure!

Most craved mid-shift snack? Red Bull no doubt.

Who is the most famous customer you've served? The one and only Sarah Margaret Hewlett

What's the oddest thing you've witnessed while bartending? Tipsy people are always the most interesting... probably watching someone reach over and try to use my bar gun. Odd behavior!

What's the best band you've seen in Oxford? Flatland Cavalry Double Decker last year!

If you could have a drink with anyone, who would it be and what are you pouring? It would have to be Taylor Swift. I'd pour some wine and eventually ask for a loan at some point.

Where's your favorite place to go on a road trip? Anywhere there is a beach or a pool with lots of sun!

Where do you hope to be in 10 years? I hope to be happy and healthy with a good career surrounded by great people!



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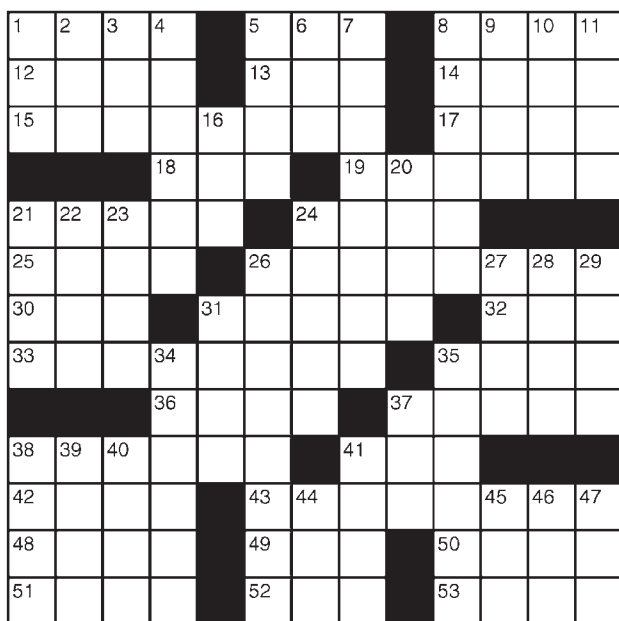


King Crossword

Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

ACROSS

- 1 "Li'l Abner" creator
5 Yellowstone grazer
8 Cymbal's kin
12 Petri dish gel
13 Sturgeon product
14 Ancient Dead Sea land
15 Fierceness
17 Milan money, once
18 PC alternative
19 Sheryl Sandberg best seller
21 Grating
24 Harangue
25 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
26 With passion
30 Monk's title
31 Piquant
32 Tic-tac-toe win
33 Hit song by ABBA
35 Friend
36 Curved lines
37 Jiggly dessert
38 Rum cocktail
41 Pear-shaped fruit
42 Spumante source
43 Agitates
48 Actor
Schreiber



- 49 Colorful card game
50 Sleek, in car lingo
51 Salinger girl
52 Journey part
53 Must have
DOWN
1 Half- — (latte option)
2 Candle count
3 Standard
4 On time
5 Idle or Bana
6 Parcel of land
7 Bogart/Bacall classic
8 Trattoria deserts
9 Valhalla VIP
10 Sushi wrapper
11 Fed. agents
16 Low isle
20 Jealousy
21 Jazz phrase
22 Estate measure
23 Burn somewhat
24 Tears apart
26 Imaginary
27 Toy store buy
28 Lounge
29 Cellist Ma
31 Actress Reid
34 Indigenous
35 Sea off Greece
37 Comic Carrey
38 Like ganders
39 Unrepaired
40 Detail
41 Toad's kin
44 Away from WSW
45 Formerly called
46 Three, in Rome
47 Turf



1. Name the group that started as the Royal Charms, became the Gladiolas and changed to the Excellos. What name did they finally choose?
2. Which '60s singer had hits with "Don't Sleep in the Subway" and "Downtown"?
3. Neil Sedaka was a founding member of which group?
4. Whose version of "Without You" made it onto the list of 500 greatest songs of all time?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I love every movement and there's nothing I would change, She doesn't need improvement, She's much too nice to rearrange."

Answers

1. Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs in 1959. The chose the name after spotting a Ford Zodiac while on the road. The group's "Stay" was used in the "Dirty Dancing" soundtrack.
2. Petula Clark. Within three years (1965 to 1968). Clark had nine Top 20 hits in the U.S. and recorded songs in four languages. Among many other awards, she was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the U.K.
3. The Tokens.
4. Harry Nilsson's 1971 cover.
5. "Poetry in Motion," by Johnny Tillotson in 1961. While others released covers of the song, Tillotson's was the more well known, charting around the globe.

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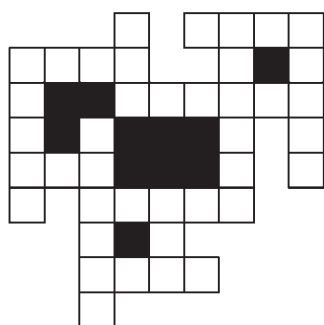
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: THE FAT OF A WHALE

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♥PSA
♥ERSU
♥AGREL
♥TAE
HEVSDA
PHDET
♥TSPE



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.

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TV - Super Crossword FULLY STATED

ACROSS

- 1 Despises
7 Tennis great Rafael
12 Loutish guy
15 Drop- — (declines)
19 Corned beef sandwich
20 Kind of daisy
21 Bullring shout
22 Perfume bottle
23 Baseball's "Iron Man," fully stated?
26 Western U.S. gas brand
27 Hit sketch show since '75
28 Atop
29 Move, as a seedling
31 Stitch clothes
32 Statistic of a chemical element, fully stated?
39 Protein in egg white and milk
41 Panther
42 2010s dance move often done with the Whip
43 Tropical vines
44 —'s razor ("keep it simple" principle)
47 Fallon's network
49 Singer Ora
50 Irritability, fully stated?
53 — Lingus
55 Some racing autos
56 Evil "Get Smart" group
57 Tyro, in gaming lingo
58 Actor Cage, informally
60 Sneeze noise
62 Prefix with tourism
63 "Aladdin" monkey
65 Auto-cleaning site, fully stated?
69 "I knew it all —!"
71 Once surnamed
72 "Thank you, Yvette!"
73 Lode of unrefined metal, fully stated?
78 — -di-dah
79 .001 inch
82 Singer Cherry
83 Hoppy drink
84 UConn women's basketball coach
86 Radiohead title track of 2000
87 Prone (to)
88 British islet
90 Biblical boat, fully stated?
95 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
97 Fun, in brief
99 "The — Professor"
100 Tribe of the Southwest
101 Grads
103 Ear-busting
105 Mistaken beauty contest, fully stated?
111 Sorority letter
112 Motif
113 Solitary
114 Uproar
117 At the drop of —
119 "Mystic River" actor, fully stated?
125 Christ, in Italy
126 CPR expert
127 French ice cream

- 128 Focal point
129 Punta del —
130 Enzyme suffix
131 Useful thing
132 Believers in God, of sorts

DOWN

- 1 Circle bits
2 Coffee bit
3 Uproar
4 Kabuki sash
5 Sports official
6 — -Caps (candy brand)
7 Not for Windows
8 Truism
9 Country singer Carter
10 Scottish port
11 Luau gift
12 Certain cola container
13 Hebrew "A"
14 Rail against
15 Egg cells
16 Initial performance on Broadway, say
17 Inked cheek image, e.g.
18 Period when sales slump
24 Destroy
25 Baby buggy, in Britain
30 Airport agcy.
33 North African capital
34 Muscat's land
35 Soup with tofu
36 Junk email
37 Kind of wrestling
38 Always
39 Comparable
40 Pale purple
44 Bear, in Baja
45 Alternative to vanilla, informally
46 Native of Habana
48 Part of B.A.
51 Overwhelm
52 Stranded cellular stuff
54 Cattle locale
59 Dogma suffix
61 Some film FX
63 Hilo "Hello!"
64 "— voyage!"
66 Abode: Abbr.
67 Ounce, e.g.
68 Writer Levin
69 Birthday topic
70 Hair stiffener
73 Running riot
74 Buffs again
75 Devotee
76 Put in writing
77 Trial balloon
79 Criminals
80 Boise locale
81 Cutting beam
85 Anti's vote
86 Tree knots
89 Body of water west of Liverpool
91 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" song)
92 German auto
93 "Citizen —"
94 Impressionist
96 "Mon" has two
98 Weather conditions
102 Tiny criticism
104 Uncork, e.g.
105 Judith with two Tonys
107 Looks as if
108 Arm bones
109 For the — (temporarily)
110 Map blowup
115 Cut calories
116 Boaters' tools
118 Mon. follower
120 Links gp.
121 Letters before 96-Down
122 PC readout of a sort
123 Winning sign
124 Singer DiFranco

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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.

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| 1. Mr. Hood | ___ B ___ | Pitcher's resin | ___ S ___ |
| 2. Schubert's creation | ___ Z ___ | Disney and Whitman | ___ S ___ |
| 3. Lure | ___ C ___ | Every bit | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Not very tall | ___ O ___ | Tee or jersey | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Hatchling | ___ H ___ | Use a computer mouse | ___ L ___ |
| 6. Center | M ___ | Play the violin | F ___ |
| 7. Chap | ___ E ___ | Trail | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Rendezvous | ___ Y ___ | Have faith in | ___ U ___ |
| 9. Turtle's casing | ___ L ___ | Ledge | ___ F ___ |
| 10. Orion | ___ T ___ | Long for food | ___ G ___ |

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.

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Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

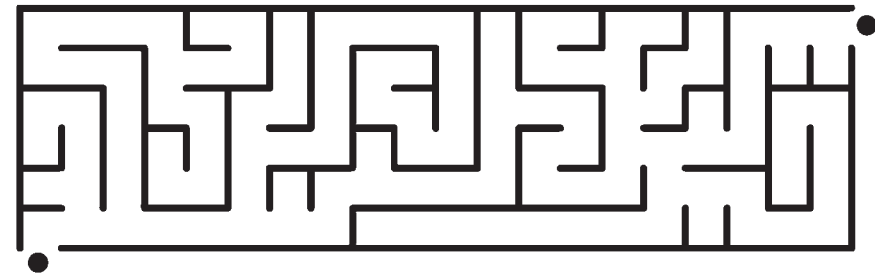
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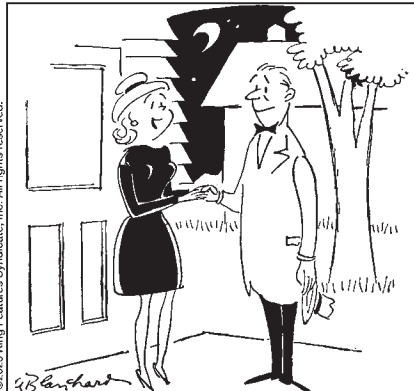


SCRAMBLERS

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

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Anger	EQUIP	___	___	___	___	___
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TODAY'S WORD



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Conversationus Interruptus

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If a doctor taps your knee with a rubber hammer your leg pops out involuntarily. That's a reaction you cannot control—a true knee-jerk reaction. If a doctor asks you to raise your leg and you do, that's a voluntary movement that you can control.

There is an art to listening and there is an art to responding. If you really want to learn how that works do an internet search for “active listening” and “reflective listening.” Both are extremely effective if, and only if, you choose to use them. Those two methods can go a long way toward keeping you out of my therapy office, keeping your money in your pocket, and building a much better relationship that is respectful and fulfilling.

Another communication method, one that I would love, love, love to see on TV, comes from our indigenous peoples (Native Americans). It's called the “talking stick” method. The essence of the talking stick method is that there is an item, originally something akin to a staff, but it could also be a pen or a pencil. The person who holds the talking stick is able to say their piece without any interruption. After they have spoken everyone sits in silence for a brief time in order to let the



words simmer in them. Then the speaker passes the talking stick to someone else for their turn to talk. Everyone gets a chance to have their say and everyone listens. (This is similar to the use of the word “Selah” in the Psalms. It is a musical interlude between verses that allows one to “pause and think on this.”)


If news programs were to use the “talking stick” method with their panelists I have no doubt whatsoever that it would bring greater understanding and respect, but then, I guess it wouldn't make for “good television.”

Think about this in your next conversation: Are you waiting on pins and needles to get your point across or are you listening—truly listening—and listening to understand.

The disciple asked the master: *What should a decent and respectful human being do to understand the real-world situation? What makes a human being out-of-touch with reality?* After a few moments of quiet stillness the master answered: *Always listen wholeheartedly to both sides and you will be enlightened; listen to only one side and you will be left in the dark.**

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

*Source unknown. Adapted and retold by Philip Chircop sj.

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Juke Joint 2025

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The weekend's festivities begin Thursday, April 10, on the new Red Panther Brewing Co. Stage (in the street near 121 Delta Avenue) with a free Kick-Off Concert presented by the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area and featuring a festival welcome, awards presentations, and a very special *Grown in Mississippi* CD Release Show starring 80-year-old, Mississippi-born, Grammy-nominee John Primer and his all-star band.

On Friday, April 11, lucky attendees can enjoy educational presentations at Meraki, live blues performances outside of Cat Head store and more during the day. Then, at 6 pm, Visit Mississippi presents a free-to-the-public, live taping of Thacker Mountain Radio Hour on the Red Panther Brewing Co. Stage starring Charlie Musselwhite & Kenny Brown, Duwayne Burnside, author Ace Atkins, host Jim Dees and The Yalobushwackers.

Thursday and Friday nights will also feature dozens of related blues shows at the clubs and jukes around town as always (cover charges may apply).

SUNDAY IS ALSO A FUN DAY

It ain't over till it's over!

A super Sunday of related events cap off the weekend on April 13 — including the free Cat Head Mini Blues Fest as well as other events at Bluesberry Cafe, Levon's Griot, Ground Zero Blues Club, Ooze Bar, Red's Lounge, Auberge Hostel, and more (cover charges may apply).

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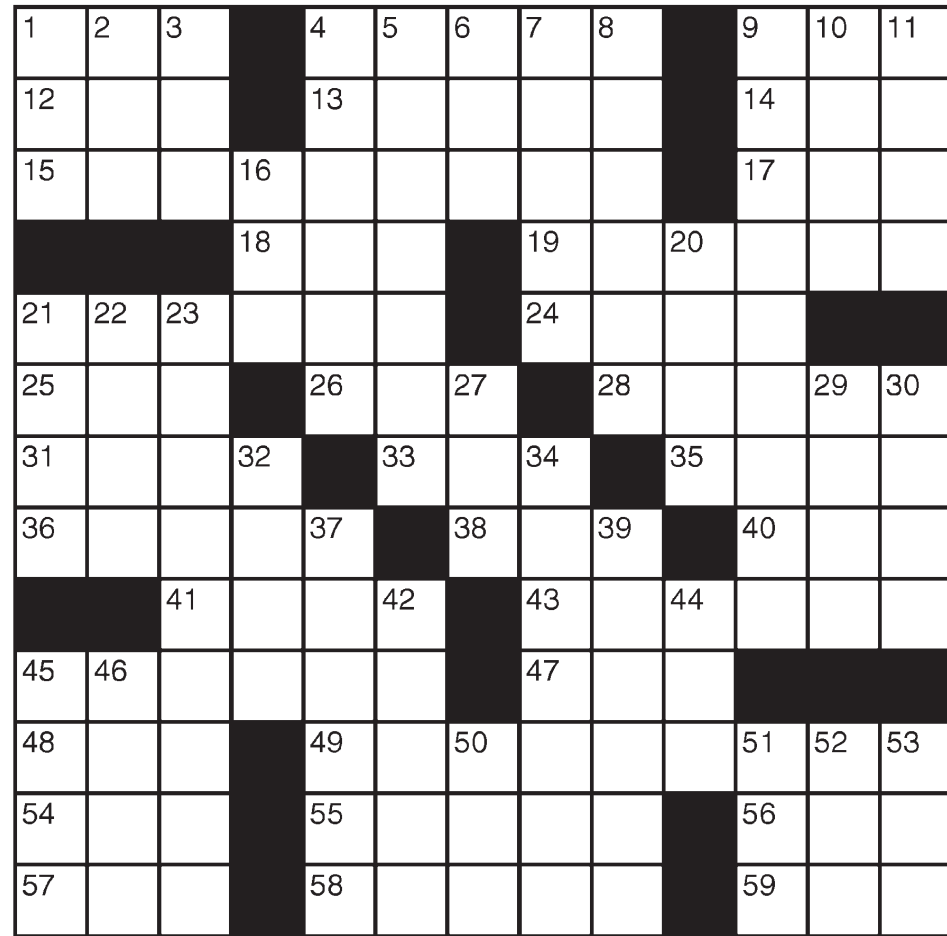
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1. **TELEVISION:** In the sitcom “Modern Family,” Gloria is from which country?
2. **LITERATURE:** Which author wrote “The Kite Thief” and “A Thousand Splendid Suns”?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the deepest lake in the world?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which first lady’s nickname was Lady Bird?
5. **ASTRONOMY:** How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
6. **MOVIES:** Which famous Hollywood couple played lead roles in the film version of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf”?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of skunks called?
8. **GEOMETRY:** How many sides does a decagon have?
9. **ART:** Which American artist focused on women and children in her paintings?
10. **ANATOMY:** What substance gives skin its color?

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels
Here's a jumbled quote by funnyman Groucho Marx. Can you put the words in the correct order to make a typically wry remark?
"the educational find it go I book read into somebody minute turns and I a on library very the television good."

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.

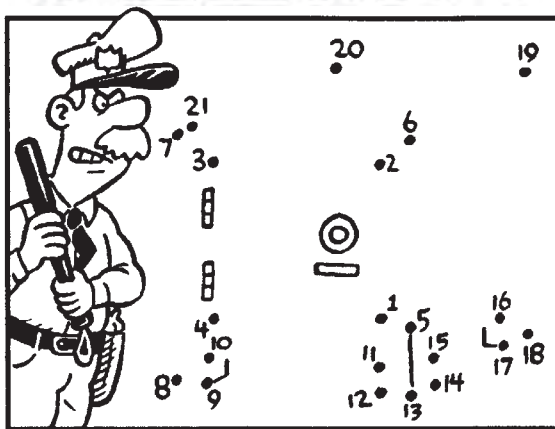
HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Plank is missing. 2. Pencil is moved. 3. Paper is added. 4. Screwdriver is longer. 5. Pan is smaller. 6. Box is missing.



CONNECT THE DOTS and find out what is the least dangerous kind of robbery.

Answer: A safe robbery.

HIDDEN ANIMALS! Can you find the three animals hidden in these three sentences.

1. Her gift was a bronze bracelet.
2. The wall was covered with graffiti geraniums.
3. We must abolish or set aside these unjust laws.

Answers: 1. Zebra. 2. Tiger. 3. Horse.



BECOME A "GIANT" BY SOLVING THIS IN ONE MINUTE!

See if you can find the four five-letter words needed to fill in the word square at the right. All words must read the same across and down. A few hints are:

1. A large person (given).
2. Dome-shaped dwelling.
3. Type of clock.
4. Relating to Scandinavia.
5. Very large books.

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Answers: 1. Giant. 2. Igloo. 3. Alarm (clock). 4. Norse. 5. Tomes.

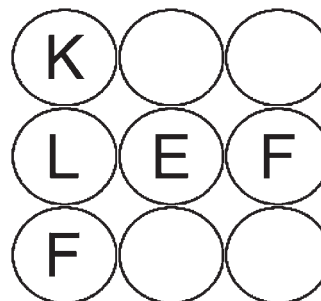
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| 1. Wedding star | ___ _ _ D _ _ | Salt water | ___ _ _ N _ _ |
| 2. Top of the wave | ___ _ E _ _ _ | Loaf's outer layer | ___ _ U _ _ _ |
| 3. Second of two | ___ A _ _ _ _ | Highway debris | ___ I _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Relax, will you? | ___ _ _ _ L _ _ | Tex-Mex stew | ___ _ _ _ I _ _ |
| 5. Chatterbox | ___ _ L _ _ _ | Oil ship | ___ _ N _ _ _ |
| 6. Fill with joy | E _ _ _ _ _ | Blue-gray color | S _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. 5-cent piece | ___ _ _ _ _ L | Scratched | ___ _ _ _ _ D |
| 8. "Oh, ___ boy" | ___ _ _ N _ _ | Fine and ___ | ___ _ _ D _ _ |
| 9. Kiln | ___ _ _ G _ _ | Power, strength | ___ _ _ C _ _ |
| 10. Texas capital | ___ _ _ _ I _ _ | Novelist Jane | ___ _ _ E _ _ |

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Are you "sharp" enough to solve this one is less than five minutes? Starting with the given word LATHERING at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

1. Soaping up.
2. A small musical instrument.
3. A spirally curled lock of hair.
4. A prickly, stinging sensation.
5. A small amount of.
6. Found on a pitchfork.
7. A type of container.
8. A type of crowd.
9. The symbol for nitrogen.

Answers: (from the bottom up): Lathering, triangle, ringle, tingle, time, tin, in, N.



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From young lovers on their first date to widowed oldsters who meet at a funeral, *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is a rollicking, fun-filled exploration of the relationship of man and woman at every conceivable angle, all the highs and lows and a lot of the in-betweens.



(L to R): Briana Brown, Justin Wadkins, Susan Bradley, Bill Taylor, Jean Gispén, Kapani Kirkland, and Andrew Robertson. Photo by Ashley Charles.

Directed by stage veteran **Rene Puliam** with music direction by **Justin Wadkins**, the musical will be shown Friday, April 11, at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 12, at 2 pm and 7:30 pm. Performers include **Bill Taylor, Justin Wadkins, Briana Fac Brown, Ellie Black, Tori Hutchinson**, and more.

This is Theatre Oxford's final production for the 2024–2025 season, and

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Tickets for the performances will be \$15 for Theatre Oxford members, \$18 for students and seniors and \$25 for non-members. Tickets will be sold online, closing two hours prior to show time. Tickets will be sold at the door if available. For more information, visit theatreoxford.org. **TV**



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Strange BUT TRUE

- The **Climbing Gourami** is a fish that can climb out of water, breathe oxygen and even walk for short distances.
- **India** has 454 living languages and 16 official ones.
- During her 1982 restoration, the **Statue of Liberty's** head was accidentally installed 2 feet off-center.
- General **George S. Patton** believed he was reincarnated from either a military leader from **Napoleon's** army or a **Roman** legionary, claiming to have seen combat multiple times in previous lives, and also believed that after he died he would return to again lead armies onto the battlefield.
- Only deceased people can appear on **American** currency.
- When put under a microscope, tears produced by grief, hope or onions were unique in form from each other.
- Viking names included such gems as "desirous of beer," "able to fill a bay with fish by magic," "lust-ho-stage" and "the man who mixes his drinks."
- **North Korea** accidentally hit one of its own cities during a 2017 failed missile test.
- In 1916, a proposed amendment to the **U.S. Constitution** would have put all acts of war to a national vote. Anyone voting "yes" would have to register as a volunteer for army service.
- Dynamite was originally going to be called "Nobel's Safety Powder."
- Singer **James Brown** was such a strict bandleader that he had signals arranged with his manager to let him know if a musician made a mistake during concerts. After a performance, band members' errors were deducted from their paychecks.
- Ostriches are the only birds with a bladder.
- In 1872, sitting president **Ulysses S. Grant** was pulled over and fined \$20 for exceeding the **Washington** speed limit ... on a horse.
- **Aristotle** believed that plants had souls.

Thought for the Day: "Life is painting a picture, not doing a sum."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. **TV**

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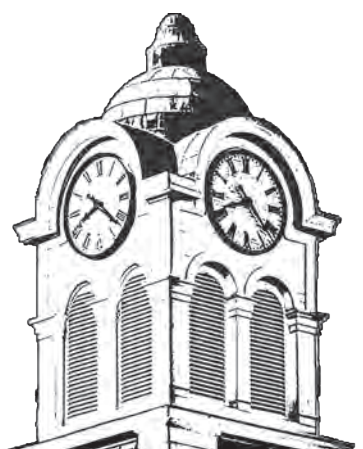
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

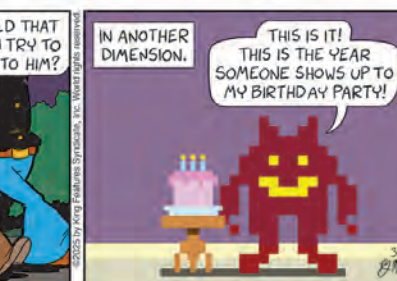
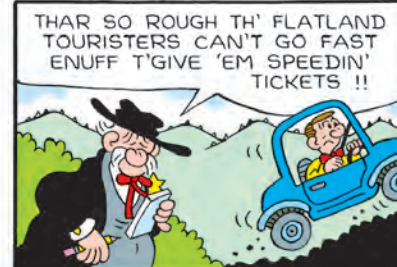
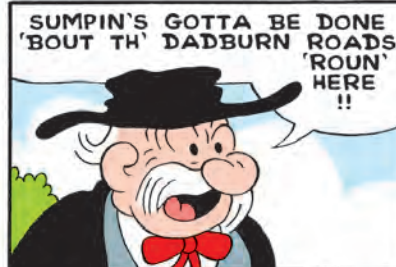


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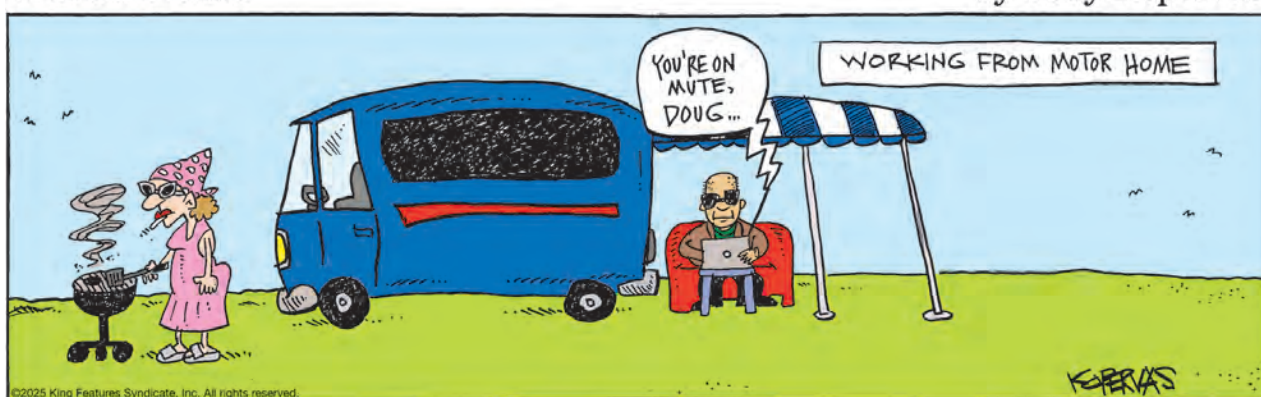


"Wait 'til you see how much you saved today!"



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



HAL FOSTER'S **Prince Valiant**
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VAL, CAPTURED AND CLAIMED BY THE LEADER OF THE MYSTERIOUS SIRENS, RECEIVES A DISCIPLINARY SMACK WHEN HE OBJECTS.

"NO, YOU ARE MINE!" A FEVERISH LIGHT BLAZES IN HER FIERCE EYES: "YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE GODDESS QUEEN - CALYPSO? SOON YOU WILL REMEMBER, MY BRAVE ULYSSES..."

"...ONCE ALL YOUR COMPANIONS HAVE PERISHED!" AND ON THE BEACH BELOW, ALETA AND THE SURVIVORS OF THE WRECKED ISLAND QUEEN FACE THE HORRID DENIZENS OF A RISING TIDE.

Americanisms

"I may be helping to bring harmony between people through my music."
— Nat King Cole

ALETA BY HAPPENSTANCE STILL HOLDS VALS SINGING SWORD. BUKOTA MAKES DO WITH THE FLOTSAM AT HAND...

...AND KAREN'S TWO GUARDS WIELD THEIR SWORDS BRAVELY - BUT THE ODDS ARE AGAINST THEM.

VAL HEARS THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE AND FEARS THE WORST. HOW CAN HE GET TO HIS FAMILY?
NEXT: Polyphemus!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY, LITTLE FELLA, WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?
OH MY, JUST LOOK AT YOU. YOU'RE SO SHINY, VIBRANT AND COLORFUL!
I'LL BET YOU'RE JUST AS AMAZING ON THE INSIDE.
I WAS WRONG.
BURP!

MARCH MADNESS
DEPORT THEM.
JUDGES ISSUE DECISIONS

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUSH ALL OF HER BUTTONS
I WAS JUST TRYING TO HIT "MUTE"

CIVICS QUIZ

WHO DECIDES WHAT'S LAWFUL?

☐ THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

☐ THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

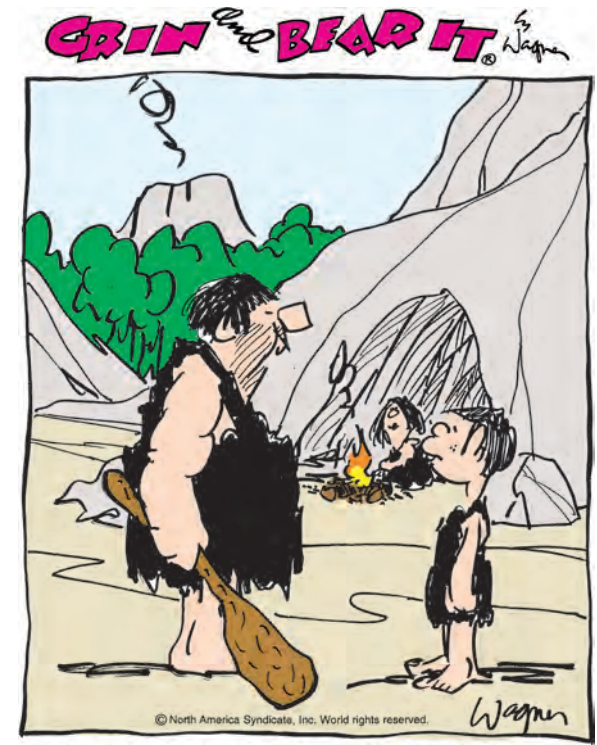
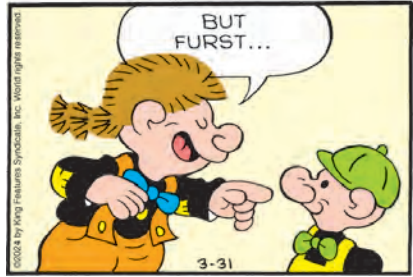
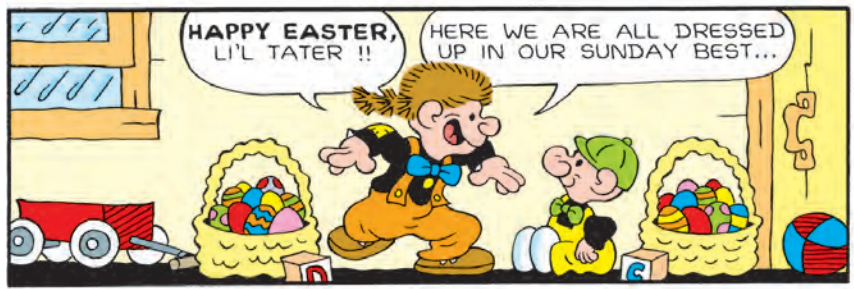
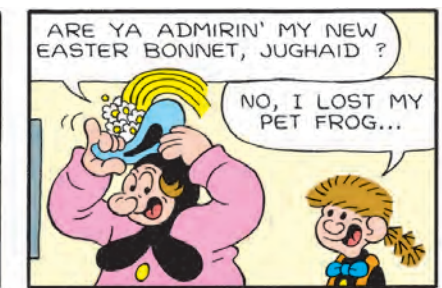
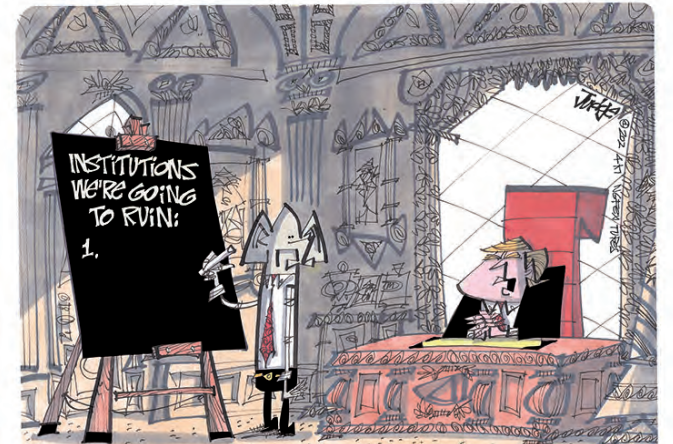
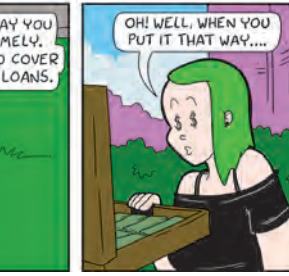
MARGOLIES

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

C'MON, YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH EXERCISE!

These college protests remind me of the 1960s!!
We aren't that old, but we still like to protest!
FREE Mahmoud Khalil
REPLACE SCHUMER WITH AOC!
LET TRANSGENDERS PLAY WOMEN SPORTS!
DOWN WITH ISRAEL!
DOWN WITH TRUMP!
ANTI-SEMITISM AND RADICALISM SPREADS TO COLLEGE CAMPUS!



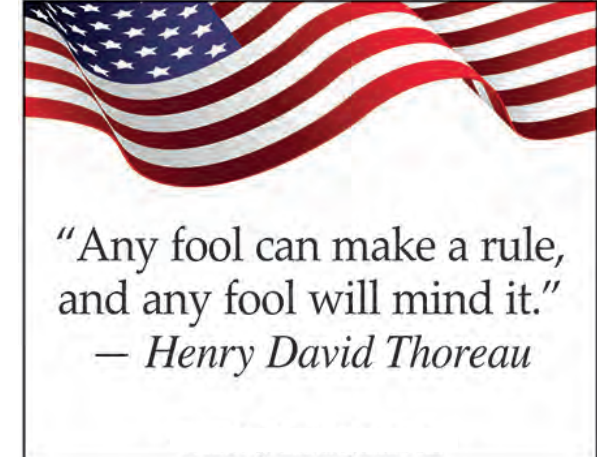
"I think we need to have that chat, son ... now that we can talk."

Amber Waves

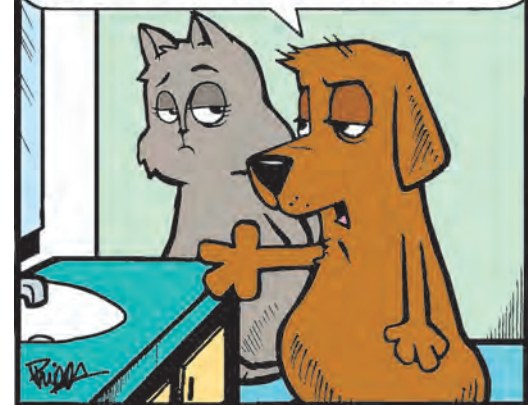


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Americanisms



IN MY TWENTIES I LOOKED SO MUCH BETTER! NOWADAYS MY REFLECTION LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IN A FUNHOUSE MIRROR.



LOWLAND STATION.

A STORM HAS TRAPPED A GROUP OF TRAVELERS IN THE KOMOK'S BRIDE PUB...

...WHERE SIX STRANGERS SHARE THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ALIEN WARRIOR

FLASH GORDON

ONE'S JUST BEEN LISTENING SO FAR... AND NOW STANDS...

THIS IS WILDA -- AND FOR YEARS NOW, SHE HASN'T HURT A FLY.

NOT SINCE SHE MET FLASH GORDON.

DAN SCHIKADE
ART JORDAN
BY GIBSON
3-25-25

BUT SHE USED TO BE A FLAGMAN FOR MING THE MERCILESS.

SHE STOOD AND WATCHED AS HE TORTURED HIS OWN DAUGHTER--

--THE REBEL PRINCESS AURA.

WHO TOLD WILDA THAT A BETTER LIFE WAS POSSIBLE. A LIFE FREE OF MING'S EVIL...

BUT WILDA WAS STILL A FLAGMAN.

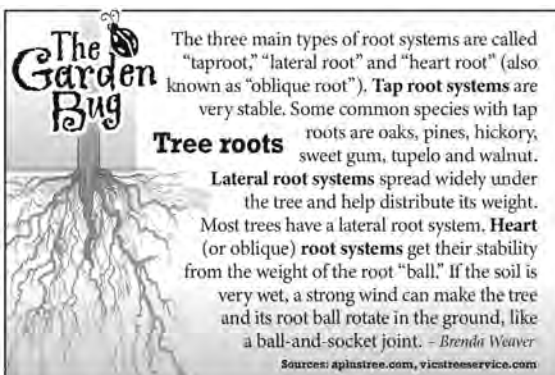
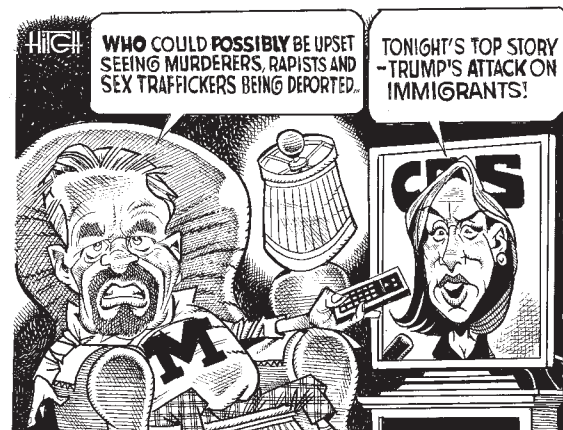
AND THAT PLACED HER IN THE PATH OF FLASH GORDON'S JAILBREAK.

SET UP TO FALL, LIKE SO MANY BEFORE HER--

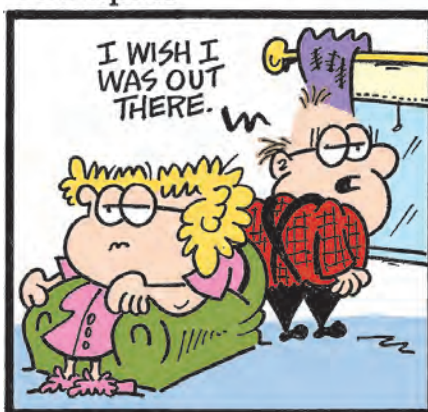
--BUT FLASH AND AURA, THEY'RE IN THE LIBERATION BUSINESS.

THEY SPARED HER LIFE. AND NOW SHE LIVES IT RIGHT.

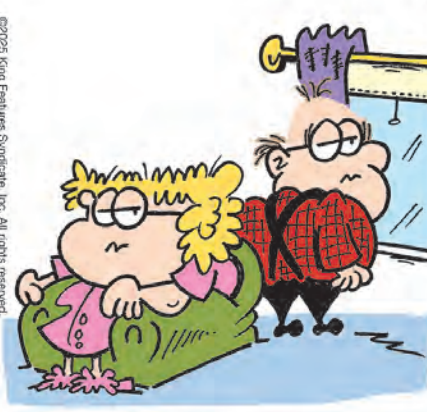
NEXT: THE SIXTH STRANGER



The Spats



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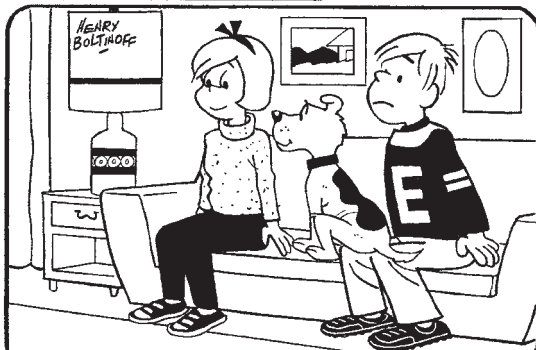
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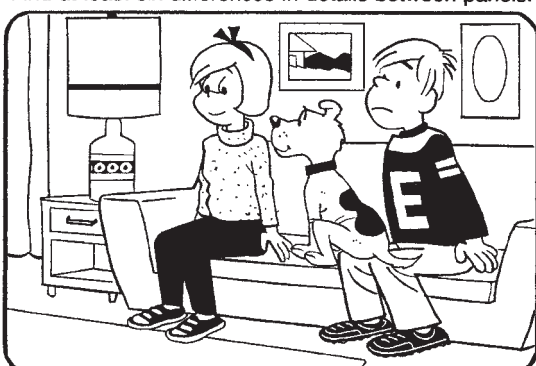


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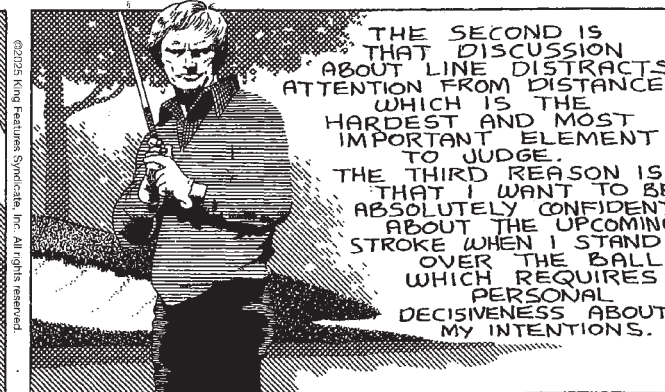
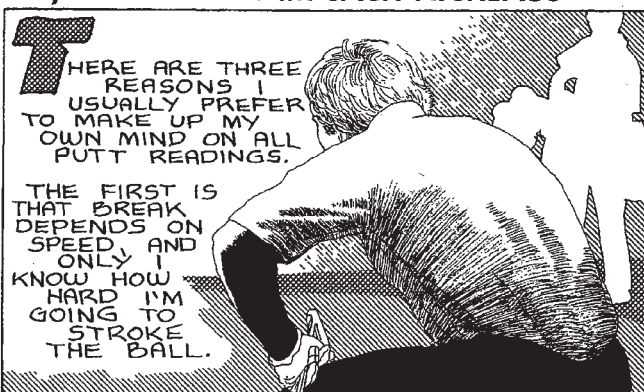


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

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Create an April Fool's Marzipan Potato Surprise

The French are famous for their *trompe l'oeil*, or "trick of the eye" cuisine, where one food is made to look like another. A famous example is the candy truffle made of chocolate in the shape of a mushroom-like root.

This marzipan potato is another *trompe l'oeil* you can make easily with your kids for an April Fool's Day caper. The "skin" of this potato is marzipan almond candy dough, made with ground almonds. The body of the potato is a scrumptious chocolate cake mixture.

Once made, serve the small trick potatoes with verve! Place them in a small basket or bowl and present them as a surprise dessert. After confusing everyone, slice them into 1/2-inch-thick servings and place on dishes accompanied by a triumphant "ta-da!" Or should we say, "Fooled ya!"

APRIL FOOL'S MARZIPAN POTATO SURPRISE

Yields 6 "potatoes"

— 2 1/2 cups crumbled chocolate cake (no frosting)

— 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

— 1/4 cup apricot preserves

— 1 roll (7 ounces) almond marzipan candy dough or marzipan paste, which is stickier (in the baking section of the grocery store)

— 1/4 cup cocoa powder

— 1/4 cup slivered almonds

Here's the fun: In a large bowl, lightly combine the cake crumbs, walnuts and preserves with a fork. Shape approximately a 1/4 cup of the mixture into irregular, stubby, oval "logs" with your hands. Wash your hands to remove all the crumbs when you're done with the shaping.

Cut the roll of almond paste into six equal, medallion-type pieces. Place one piece at a time between two sheets of waxed paper and roll out into a 5-inch disk with a rolling pin.

Remove the waxed paper and wrap each disk around the oval-shaped cake logs. Fold in all edges and press together to seal the cake mixture inside. Trim away any extra "skin" to use on another "potato." The finished shape should resemble a small russet potato, which typically has an imperfect skin. Little bumps and dents make it look more realistic.



Roll lightly in the cocoa powder, or brush it on with a pastry brush. Insert a few slivered almonds to resemble slightly sprouted potatoes.

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Moments in time

• On **April 7, 1961**, President John F. Kennedy sent a letter to Congress endorsing America's participation in an international campaign to preserve ancient temples and historic monuments in Egypt's Nile Valley. The campaign was initiated by UNESCO with the aim of saving sites threatened by the construction of the Aswan High Dam.

• On **April 8, 1994**, the body of grunge rocker Kurt Cobain was discovered at his home in Seattle by a workman. The heroin-addicted, troubled artist had died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, leaving behind fellow rocker Courtney Love, his wife, who had reported him missing, and toddler daughter Frances Bean Cobain.

• On **April 9, 1859**, 23-year-old writer Samuel Langhorne Clemens received his steamboat pilot's license. He navigated his own boats for two years until the Civil War put a halt to steamboat traffic, and in 1861 penned a humorous travel letter signed "Mark Twain," a pseudonym he would continue to use as a popular author for nearly five decades.

• On **April 10, 1975**, 41-year-old Lee Elder became the first Black golfer to play in the Masters, considered the sport's most prestigious event. The Professional Golfers' Association, organizer of the main professional tours played by men in North America, hadn't approved participation by African Americans in events it cosponsored until 1952.

• On **April 11, 1979**, Ugandan dictator Idi Amin fled the capital of Kampala as Tanzanian troops and forces of the Uganda National Liberation Front began to close in. Two days later, Kampala fell and a coalition government of former exiles took power. Amin, who was notorious for his brutality, escaped to Libya and eventually settled in Saudi Arabia, where he died in August 2003.

• On **April 12, 1861**, the American Civil War began after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina.

• On **April 13, 1360**, a hailstorm killed an estimated 1,000 English soldiers in Chartres, France. One survivor described it as "a foul day, full of mist and hale, so that men died on horseback."



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS SOLUTIONS



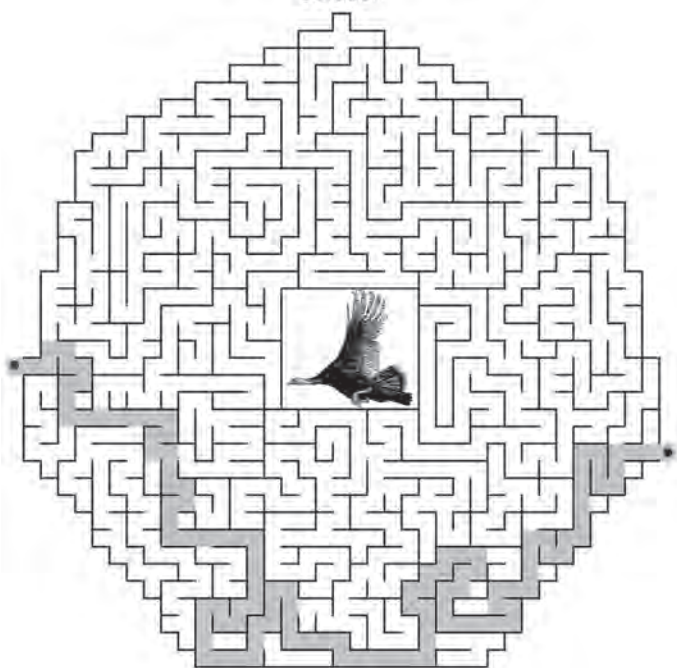
Super Crossword

Answers

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Mega Maze

Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

After an opponent prevented me from getting even one point, I had to give him a shutout shout-out.

CryptoQuote

answer

Tale bearers are as bad as the tale makers — tis an old observation and a very true one. — Richard Sheridan

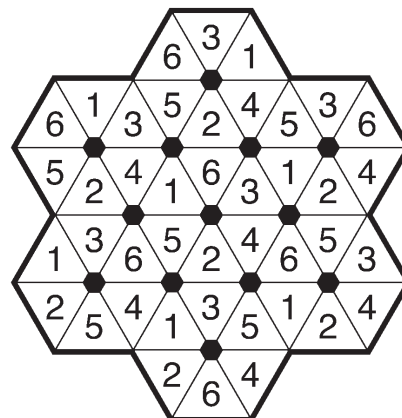
Even Exchange

answers

1. Bride, Brine
2. Crest, Crust
3. Latter, Litter
4. Chill, Chili
5. Talker, Tanker
6. Elate, Slate
7. Nickel, Nicked
8. Danny, Dandy
9. Forge, Force
10. Austin, Austen

SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

2	+	1	+	5	=	8
+		+		+		
3	+	7	×	9	=	90
-		×		+		
4	+	6	+	8	=	18
=		=		=		
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Sticklers Answer

"I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go into the library and read a good book." — Groucho Marx

FEAR KNOT

answer



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

C	A	P	P		E	L	K		G	O	N	G
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L	I	E	V		U	N	O		A	E	R	O
E	S	M	E		L	E	G		N	E	E	D

Word Spiral

Answer

KERFUFFLE

I	T	W
I		R
E	A	S

WISTERIA



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

Z	O	O		M	O	L	E	S		P	B	S	
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A	N	N		S	L	O	G	S		D	A	B	

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Deify 2. Gaunt;
3. Pique; 4. Adorn

Today's Word

PENNY

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

What holiday is celebrated at a gas station?
April Fuel's Day.

Even Exchange

answers

1. Robin, Rosin
2. Waltz, Walts
3. Entice, Entire
4. Short, Shirt
5. Chick, Click
6. Middle, Fiddle
7. Fellow, Follow
8. Tryst, Trust
9. Shell, Shelf
10. Hunter, Hunger

FEAR KNOT

answer

		H	U	M	E	R	I	
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"Y2K" (R) — In his directorial debut, Kyle Mooney ("Saturday Night Live") brings back 2000s-style comedy in full force. This film deemed an "apocalyptic sci-fi comedy horror" follows a group of high school students in 1999 who crash a New Year's Eve party. Expecting a night full of the usual teenage angst and antics, these kids receive the shock of their lives when the power goes out at midnight and technological chaos ensues! As pieces of technology from VCRs to Tamagotchis to microwaves begin to murder the partygoers, our group of unsuspecting high schoolers must fight to make it through the night. Jaeden Martell ("Mr. Harrigan's Phone"), Rachel Zegler ("The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes"), and even The Kid LAROI co-star in "Y2K," out on April 4. (Max)

"Pulse" (TV-MA) — Fans of "Grey's Anatomy" and medical dramas, look no further than this new series set to premiere on April 3. Taking place in a trauma center in Miami-Dade County, the show centers around Danny Simms, a third-year resident in emergency medicine. When her personal relationship with the chief resident gets him suspended, Danny receives a promotion so that she can prove herself. With a hurricane on its way to Miami and new responsibilities on her shoulders, Danny faces the biggest challenge of her entire career. Luckily, she has the help of a great staff, played by Colin Woodell ("The Flight Attendant"), Justina Machado ("The Horror of Dolores Roach"), and Jessie T. Usher ("Smile"). (Netflix)

"The Bondsman" (TV-MA) — Kevin Bacon ("Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F") has been enjoying thrilling roles as of late, and his latest role as the titular character in this eight-episode miniseries continues to add to his repertoire in the horror genre. Premiering April 3, "The Bondsman" stars Bacon as Fred Herbert, a bounty hunter whose last mission didn't go too well and resulted in a gruesome death. However, Fred eventually wakes up and realizes that he's been resurrected ... with just a small catch. Lucifer only let Fred escape from hell on the condition that he continues his bounty-hunting job — but this time, he'll be catching demons. (Amazon Prime Video)



Courtesy of MovieStills3D
From left, Rachel Zegler and Jaeden Martell star in "Y2K."

"Classified" (R) — Most notably known for his role as Harvey Dent/Two-Face in Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight," Aaron Eckhart leads this action thriller out on April 4. Eckhart plays Evan, a hitman who has been getting his mission instructions from the CIA through the classified section of newspapers. His MI6 analyst daughter, Kacey (Abigail Breslin), tracks him down to tell him that these coded instructions haven't been coming from the CIA and that his boss has been dead for years. Desperate to find out who he's been killing for, Evan pairs his combat skills with his daughter's analyst skills to follow this lead. Tim Roth ("Poison") co-stars. (Hulu)



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SLOW COOKER BATCH-COOKED GROUND BEEF

Yield: 12 cups
Total Time: 3 to 5 hours (mostly unattended)
5 pounds ground beef (85% lean / 15% fat)
1 cup beef broth or water
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon granulated garlic
2 tablespoons dried minced onion

Place ground beef in slow cooker, breaking into chunks. Pour broth or water over meat, sprinkle evenly with

adjust the seasoning later when using the beef in specific recipes to suit your taste preferences.

Cover; cook on high 2 1/2 to 3 hours or on low 4 to 5 hours. Once cooked through, carefully drain excess fat and liquid. Break meat into crumbles.

Cool before portioning into airtight containers or freezer bags. Refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Now that you've got all this delicious, precooked beef, you might be wondering — what tasty meals can I create with it? Here are some easy, crowd-pleasing recipes to get you started.



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Delicious pasta sauce comes together quickly with batch-cooked beef.

SPAGHETTI WITH QUICK MEAT SAUCE

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 20 minutes
12 ounces spaghetti
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
8 ounces mushrooms, sliced, optional
2 cups cooked ground beef
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 jar (24 ounce) marinara sauce
Grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish

Cook spaghetti according to package directions; drain and set aside. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Saute onion for 3 min-

grant, about 1 minute. Saute mushrooms with the onion mixture. Add cooked ground beef to the skillet; heat through. Season with salt and pepper and Italian seasoning. Pour in marinara sauce; stir to combine. Simmer for 5 minutes. Toss the cooked spaghetti with the meat sauce. Serve topped with Parmesan cheese.

MEXICAN BEEF AND RICE CASSEROLE

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 25 minutes

2 cups cooked ground beef
3 cups cooked rice
1 can (15 ounce) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup salsa
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon cumin
Salt and pepper, to taste
Sour cream and chopped cilantro, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 F (175 C).

In a large bowl, combine ground beef, rice, black beans, salsa, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Transfer mixture to a greased 9-x-13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle cheese on top.

Bake for 20 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve with sour cream and chopped cilantro.

What else can you make? Use precooked beef in tacos, sloppy Joes, chili, pizza toppings, quesadillas or hearty salads. Quick meals just became effortless! Enjoy your extra free time. Until next time — keep it fabulous, keep it frugal and savor every bite.

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