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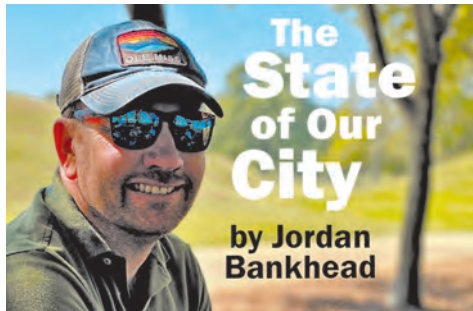
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## Growth with a Big “G”

The elements of a city’s growth are based on individual decisions to move to a certain place, but ultimately, growth is determined decades earlier.

The University of Mississippi plays an outsized role in Oxford’s growth, as its founders intended. Naming the city after the famous English university, they succeeded in getting the state to charter the University in 1844 and doors opened to the first students in 1848. This led to Oxford’s first growth spurt.



In recent years growth has sped up, seeing university enrollment double in the past twenty years and projected to increase by another 6,000 in the next five years. Moving to Oxford in 2002 when the town had a population of 12,000 and the University about the same, I was fortunate enough to see the tail end of small-town Oxford. At that time, housing was less expensive and traffic light, but we lacked many of the amenities we now enjoy.

Without a large budget, the city could not afford the activities and services it does today. Yet, when you speak

to long time Oxonians, most reflect positively on the past and wish some of the things that made Oxford unique remained. Watering holes like **The Gin** and **The Hoka** come to mind as places locals old enough to remember still think of fondly. Sadly, I missed these legendary places,

but I did get to see a much smaller town with a special charm that welcomed outsiders despite their differences. This made for a special environment that seeded the town for the growth it enjoys today—that, along with progressive leaders who made far reaching decisions some of them would not even see. **Coach Howell** comes to mind, a dear friend and neighbor who I had the privilege to know on MLK when I bought a house there for \$45,000

growth but also on maintaining a high quality of life. These values play out in Aldermen, Planning, and other Commission meetings every month. And if you can’t attend in person, the city broadcasts and records their meetings on YouTube. This transparency is important and is a hallmark of good leadership.

I remember when **Richard Howorth** was mayor, and he could be found in one of two places: Square Books or in his office at City Hall. The same could be said for **Mayor Pat Patterson**, who welcomed strangers and



University Avenue roundabouts being constructed in Oxford, Mississippi. Photograph by Matt Nichols, April 14, 2025.

epitomized Southern hospitality. These days, the mayor’s office is on the second floor and there are more staff, which means it may be harder to run into an elected official. But they can still be reached, and that is vital for good governance. In that spirit, two recent city meetings highlight your

government at work. One Board, the Aldermen, are elected officials and receive a paycheck for their work. The other boards are filled with volunteers who are unpaid, but their diligence and knowledge are incredible. If you don’t believe me, sit in on a Planning Commission or another City meeting sometime.

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APR 26 @ 5 PM, APR 27 @ 1:30 PM (Oxford)  
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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)
- Rafters: DJ DRUMM (9 pm)

### Saturdays

- Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (8 pm-midnight)
- Rafters: 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 4.17.2025

- ▶ The Library: COWBOY MARIO & THE ELECTRIC BULL
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author NATE DIMEO for *The Memory Place*, music by CASH'S JUKE JOINT, CRYST MATTHEWS (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: ROCKET 88 + crawfish boil (6 pm)

### FRIDAY 4.18.2025 - Good Friday

- ▶ The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Melodies & Monologues: "A Magical Night of Music" with magician STEVE THOMAS and ex-DJ STEVE VASALLO (7 pm)
- ▶ Quack's: LIVE DJ
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)
- Proud Larry's: MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & THE SMOKES

### SATURDAY 4.19.2025

- ▶ Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH; HUNT & THE HOWLERS (3-6 pm)
- ▶ Funkys: CRAWFISH
- ▶ The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
- ▶ Quack's: DJ RYBAK-ATCHA

### SUNDAY 4.20.2025 - Easter

- ▶ Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH
- The Grove at Ole Miss: Easter in the Grove hosted by The Orchard Oxford and Ole Miss Wesley (11 am)

### MONDAY 4.21.2025

- ▶ Nutt Auditorium: LOW BRASS ENSEMBLES (7:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 4.22.2025 - Earth Day

- ▶ Off Square Books: Early morning book release party for *Great Big Beautiful Life* by EMILY HENRY (8-9 am)
- ▶ Oxford Skate Park: Oxford Skateboarding Association Earth Day Event (4-7 pm)
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Big Bad Business Workshop - How to Protect Your Big Ideas (6-8 pm)
- Avent Park: 3rd Annual Roll & Read (3-6 pm)
- Ford Center: INDIA NIGHT (5 pm)
- Proud Larry's: UNI, YAZOO



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### WEDNESDAY 4.23.2025

- Exploradora Coffee: Reading the Room (6 pm)
- The Lyric: MARCUS KING BAND
- Proud Larry's: ARNIE BRENN, THE PINK SHEETS, FOSTERFALLS

### THURSDAY 4.24.2025

- ▶ The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP + THE ELECTRIC BULL
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author LANDON BRYANT for *Bless Your Heart*, music by THE GREAT DYING, DAMEIN WASH (doors 5:30, show 6 pm)
- Danvers Lot (University): Glass Recycling Drive (2-6 pm)
- Ford Center: HADESTOWN (7:30 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: Oxf. Garden Club's Annual Butterfly Release (3-5 pm)
- Proud Larry's: IZZY ARTHURS, THE PINKSHEETS

### FRIDAY 4.25.2025

- DOUBLE DECKER FESTIVAL (see pages 9-12 for info)
- Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. VANDERBILT (6:30 pm)
- ▶ Funkys: Open at 9 am; OLDIES NIGHT
- ▶ The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)
- ▶ Quack's: BEDLXM DJ GROUP
- Nutt Auditorium (University): SAXOPHONE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
- OHS Performing Arts Center: Side by Side Concert (6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: KUDZU KINGS



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### SATURDAY 4.26.2025

**DOUBLE DECKER FESTIVAL** (see pages 9-12 for info)  
**Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. VANDERBILT (5 pm)**  
 ▶ **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**  
 ▶ **Funkys: Open at 9 am; CRAWFISH OLDIES NIGHT**  
 ▶ **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)**  
 The Lyric: Latin Party Dance Night  
 Proud Larry's: GARRY BURNSIDE (9:30 pm)

### SUNDAY 4.27.2025

**Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. VANDERBILT (1:30 pm)**  
 ▶ **Booth's BBQ: CRAWFISH**  
 ▶ **Funkys: CRAWFISH**  
 Nutt Auditorium: Trumpet Ensemble Concert (5 pm)

### MONDAY 4.28.2025

Paris-Yates Chapel (University): Choral Concert (noon)

### TUESDAY 4.29.2025

Ford Center: UM Concert & Symphonic Band Concert (7:30 pm)  
 The Lyric: JULIEN BAKER & TORRES  
 Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs AUSTIN PEAY (6:30 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 4.30.2025

▶ **Off Square Books: JAZ BRISACK in conversation with JOE ATKINS for Get on the Job and Organize (5:30 pm)**  
 Lafayette County Arena: Spring Carnival - rides, games, treats (4-10 pm)  
 Nutt Auditorium: OXFORD STRING PROJECT, LOU Youth Symphony Concert (6:30 pm) **TV**

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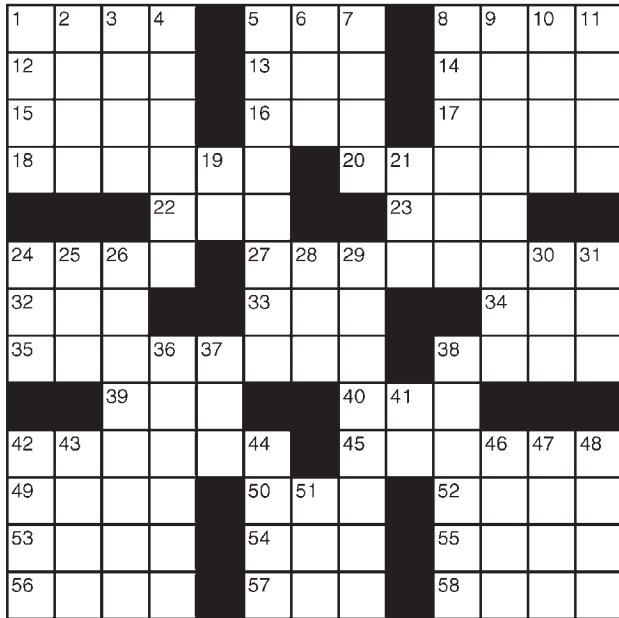
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### ACROSS

- 1 Barn birds
- 5 Snooze
- 8 Humdrum
- 12 Nerd's kin
- 13 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 14 Green land
- 15 Hindu royal
- 16 "My word!"
- 17 Taxi alternative
- 18 Allow
- 20 Peace
- Nobelist Lech
- 22 Poetic contraction
- 23 Armed conflict
- 24 Melville captain
- 27 Shortly
- 32 — canto
- 33 Nonpro sports org.
- 34 DDE's opponent
- 35 Parts
- 38 L-Q bridge
- 39 Moray, for one
- 40 Attempt
- 42 "Rats!"
- 45 Actress Phylicia
- 49 China setting
- 50 "The Greatest"
- 52 Empty truck's weight



- 53 Male deer
- 54 Meadow
- 55 Inventor's inspiration
- 56 Sharpen
- 57 Family
- 58 "Brian's Song" star
- DOWN**
- 1 Shrek, for one
- 2 Gradually withdraw
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Winter vehicle
- 5 Resident of Lagos
- 6 Enzyme suffix
- 7 "That was close!"
- 8 Biondi in "It's a Wonderful Life"
- 9 Resident of Monrovia
- 10 War god
- 11 Wife of Zeus
- 19 French article
- 21 "Adorbs!"
- 24 Sit-up targets
- 25 Haw preceder
- 26 Resident of Oran
- 28 D.C. baseballer
- 29 Resident of Vienna
- 30 Summer sign
- 31 Mentalist's gift
- 36 Household
- 37 Yale grad
- 38 Spiritualist
- 41 Egyptian sun god
- 42 Sprint
- 43 Regarding
- 44 Chat
- 46 "Mary — Little Lamb"
- 47 Bailiwick
- 48 Campus big-wig
- 51 Island garland



1. Name the theme song from the film "Same Time Next Year."
2. The Supremes had five No. 1 songs in 1964. What were the songs?
3. Which Lady Gaga song was used in the 2011 animated film "Puss in Boots"?
4. Who was the first to release "What a Fool Believes"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "People put me down cause that's the side of town I was born in."

### Answers

1. "The Last Time I Felt Like This," by Johnny Mathis and Jane Olivor in the 1978 film.
2. "Back in My Arms Again," "Baby Love," "Come See About Me," "Stop! In the Name of Love," "Where Did Our Love Go?"
3. "Americano." The song was used at the end of the film when Puss and Kitty Softpaws are dancing across rooftops and then through the credits.
4. The Doobie Brothers, in 1978. The song ended up with a Grammy for Song of the Year and was later inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.
5. "Down in the Boondocks," by Billy Joe Royal, in 1965. Royal's version was meant to be a demo to be sent to Gene Pitney, but the song was good enough for a record company to promote it.

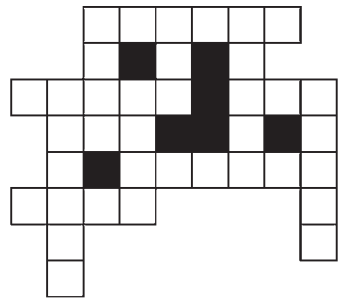
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### IN, ON OR AT

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: THE SAILOR SPENT YEARS —

- |          |           |             |             |
|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| At first | In a week | In stock    | On Monday   |
| At large | In France | In the car  | On that day |
| At will  | In love   | In the past | On time     |
| At work  | In May    | On cue      |             |



- TJO
- JENTIC
- HBTOC
- ISRT
- TCBJOE
- ♥EBN
- ♥ROYG
- HUTGA
- EYL
- ♥SURLET
- ♥ANCEO
- ♥ERHI

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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C	A	M	E	E	C	Y	T	O	I	I	R	C
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H	E	O	T	V	R	U	H	S	E	W	F	E
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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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- ACROSS**
- 1 Taunt in fun
  - 5 Pinball fouls
  - 10 Tram loads
  - 14 Raisin, at first
  - 19 \$5/hour, e.g.
  - 20 Maker of the RDX SUV
  - 21 Leading man
  - 22 Greased
  - 23 "Pardon me"
  - 24 — One (vodka option)
  - 25 Suspenseful situations
  - 27 Test giving information about red and white cells
  - 30 Throws
  - 31 Actor Chaney
  - 32 Country west of Uru.
  - 33 — Lanka
  - 36 Triscuit or Ritz tidbit
  - 43 Faint streak
  - 47 Clean air gp.
  - 48 Comet's path
  - 49 "Us" director Jordan
  - 50 Gamut
  - 54 Remitted
  - 55 Wiped away
  - 56 — -cone
  - 57 Carell of "Date Night"
- DOWN**
- 3 Agenda parts
  - 4 Office subs
  - 5 Listens carefully
  - 6 "Law & Order: SVU" actor
  - 7 Guitar's kin
  - 8 High-pitched
  - 9 Sickly yellow
  - 10 "This is bad!"
  - 11 Part of ROM
  - 12 "Layla" singer Clapton
  - 13 Single-person show
  - 14 Freaking out
  - 15 "Norma Rae" director Martin
  - 16 Bristol brew
  - 17 Part of rpm
  - 18 Mag VIPs
  - 26 Hamilton's duel rival
  - 28 "Holiday" actor Ayres
  - 29 Like a stove burner turned way up
  - 33 Does a rough plan of
  - 34 Mend the inner layer of
  - 35 Castle and Cara
  - 37 Intel missions, e.g.
  - 38 Backslides
  - 39 Is mistaken
- ACROSS**
- 59 Clearasil or Stridex target
  - 60 Jobs at hair salons
  - 61 Roomy car
  - 63 Doctors' gp.
  - 65 "— So Fine"
  - 66 Sun-hiding phenomenon
  - 72 Suffix with lemon
  - 74 — -Blo (fuse type)
  - 75 Beauty in "Beauty and the Beast"
  - 76 Stuns with a charge
  - 79 "There, I did it!"
  - 81 "By gar!"
  - 85 Whoop-de- (fuss)
  - 86 Like sweethearts
  - 87 Not at all dense
  - 89 Withholding of no relevant facts
  - 92 "Bam!"
  - 93 Pitcher — Nomo
  - 94 Subj. for U.S. immigrants
  - 95 "Back —!" ("Ditto!")
- DOWN**
- 96 Larger version of a dictionary, say
  - 101 Article in Essen
  - 102 Bill for services: Abbr.
  - 103 Scientist — Ho Lee
  - 104 Triceps, e.g.
  - 109 What you are giving when you contemplate this puzzle's theme?
  - 115 Like some canvassing
  - 118 Orem native
  - 119 Eager
  - 120 Wise truism
  - 121 Article in Essen
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  - 43 Sob
  - 44 As to
  - 45 Provoked major fighting
  - 46 California's — Beach
  - 51 Respite
  - 52 Root canal performer, informally
  - 53 Either of Frosty's eyes
  - 54 Hauling truck
  - 58 Hollow between hills
  - 61 Plod heavily
  - 62 Snag
  - 64 Abbr. in many urban addresses
  - 67 Not aweather
  - 68 Actor Foxx
  - 69 Race created by H.G. Wells
  - 70 Storeroom
  - 71 Taco topping
  - 72 Offered for breeding, as a horse
  - 73 Niles' wife on "Frasier"
  - 77 "Climb — Mountain" ("The Sound of Music" tune)
  - 78 "— penny, pick it up ..."
  - 80 Saudi, e.g.
  - 82 Not worth —
  - 83 Guy
  - 84 Arctic vehicle
  - 86 Inauspicious
  - 88 Rapid runner
  - 90 "Camelot" composer Frederick
  - 91 "—: Vegas" (CBS series)
  - 93 Sharp TV images, e.g.
  - 97 — -Chinese
  - 98 Subtract, as an expense
  - 99 Like "three men" of kids' verse
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## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

### RIDDLE SEARCH – IT'S EASTER!

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: **Why should you never tickle an Easter egg?**

- APRIL
- BRUNCH
- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CHOCOLATES
- DYED EGGS
- EGG HUNT
- FLOWER
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- HAT
- HOLIDAY
- LAMB
- MEAL
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- SPRINGTIME
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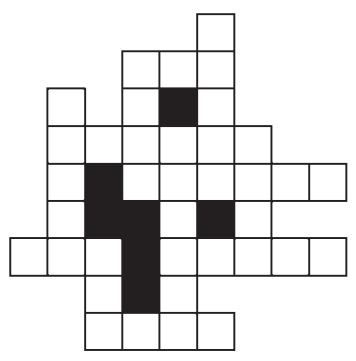
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Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ITB
- DISMOW
- HOBRA
- HWSI
- ♥ADSBEE
- TWA
- ♥AMET
- MAWIS
- BEW
- DREHLA
- EMABA
- ♥EHTW



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.

## Five Spot™

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- Popular fabric
- Like the SATs
- Pronouncement
- Way of living
- Gain an unfair advantage
- Alternative to pills or injections

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Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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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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| 2. Defeated one      | ___ S ___ | Hermit           | ___ N ___ |
| 3. Household task    | ___ R ___ | Selected         | ___ S ___ |
| 4. Concierge         | ___ R ___ | Wanted sign      | ___ S ___ |
| 5. Movement          | M ___     | Idea             | N ___     |
| 6. Smallest amount   | ___ T ___ | Fido's rope      | ___ H ___ |
| 7. Bates of "Psycho" | ___ N ___ | Customary        | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Persuade          | ___ J ___ | Tapestry creator | ___ R ___ |
| 9. Acquire knowledge | L ___     | Ache for         | Y ___     |
| 10. Rupture          | ___ S ___ | Charred          | ___ N ___ |

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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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**TODAY'S WORD**  
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"Why don't you run along home while I do some \_\_\_\_\_?"

**SQUARE BOOKS**  
**Wednesday, April 30**  
 5.30pm @ Off Square Books

**Jaz Brisack**  
 in conversation with Joseph Atkins

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# BADGE UNBROKEN:

## A Story of Prejudice, Injustice, and Redemption

Join the authors for a book signing and reading at Off Square Books on May 2, 2025.

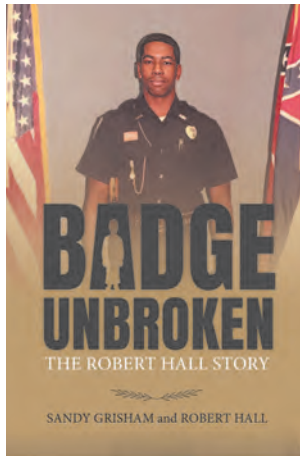
Robert Hall, who had dreamed of being in law enforcement since he was a child, was sworn into the **Tupelo Police Department** in 1987. Hall excelled, rising to the rank of deputy chief (and even graduating from the **FBI National Academy**). Hall earned the respect of both White and Black citizens of Tupelo, and he appeared to be the heir apparent to the chief of police.

But in 2006, a swift decision was twisted to suit his persecutors' ends, and Hall found himself suspended from the force and charged with obstruction of justice and perjury.

*Badge Unbroken: The Robert Hall Story* by **Sandy Grisham** and **Robert Hall** (Nautilus Publishing, 2025)

explores the turbulent events that played out in the Tupelo Police Department in 2006 and beyond. For the first time, Robert tells his side of events, laying bare a reality of racism, lies, and injustice. Sandy Grisham masterfully gives voice to Robert's story, from his early days of working as a dispatcher

to the 2007 trial where he stood before a judge and declared, "I don't believe I have a chance in a court of law because everything has been denied me. This cannot be a fair case!"



Hall's career in law enforcement was shattered. But Hall persevered. He started over, building a new life for himself and his family. In 2010, when new leadership emerged at the police department, Hall was asked to rejoin the force. Once again, he wrestled within a system that would not accept a Black man in a position of power.

**Jack Reed, Jr.**, former mayor of Tupelo and owner of **Reed's Gumtree Bookstore**, praised the book.

"Robert Hall has never been given the opportunity to tell his side of the story in the controversial roller coaster ride of his tenure at the Tupelo Police Department — until now. With the expert assistance of Sandy Grisham, this is a blow-by-blow account of the ups and downs and final ascent of one man's battle to end up on top."

As Robert's story unfolds, it illuminates the racial politics that have shaped the South since the Civil War — and that are still at work today.

*Badge Unbroken* is available at bookstores everywhere. A signing event with authors Robert Hall and Sandy Grisham is scheduled for **Off Square Books** on May 2, 2025. To order, or for more information, visit your local independent bookseller.

### About the Authors

**Sandy Grisham** was a nontraditional student who got hooked on learning at age 38. She is a former secretary, community college teacher, partner to her husband in community development and leadership training, writer, photographer, and world traveler. Chief among her favorite careers are wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

**Robert Hall** was a police officer for 20 years, during which time he became the deputy chief of the Tupelo Police Department and attended the FBI National Academy. He and his wife, Melissa, have three children, Robert Terrell, Brandon, and Marissa. 🏠



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Ward 1 has been home to our family for the past 25 years.

I met Jill in this Ward, we married here, have run two successful businesses here, became first-time homeowners here, and continue to raise our son and daughter here. Our entire life is in Beautiful Ward 1: our past, our present, and our future. We are all stakeholders in the success of our shared community.

I invite you to join our campaign to serve the interests of our Ward 1 neighbors. The decisions we make over the next four years will determine the culture of our children's hometown, and require a strong and independent voice dedicated to public service.

I am informed and ready to go on day one. With pride and purpose, I seek the privilege of your vote on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

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- Prioritize Ward 1 residents by communicating future city initiatives and development plans.
- Establish a monthly 'public input' agenda item and Neighborhood Alliance Representatives to enhance citizen engagement.
- Ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability of taxpayer dollars and development plans.
- Advocate for the economic well-being of Oxford's working families.
- Champion local businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Foster strategic partnerships to drive community growth.
- Support community-led efforts to reduce reckless driving.

Vote on Tuesday, June 3rd at Oxford Conference Center

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This message is approved and paid for by Drew Stevens, Candidate Ward 1 Alderman, Oxford

# DOUBLE DECKER ARTS FESTIVAL 2025



Thousands are expected to come to the historic downtown Square for the festivities, as the community will be reminded yet again what makes Oxford such a special place to live, beyond just being a charming college town.

The Visit Oxford MS tourism association organizes the event, which is also presented by Ole Miss Athletics, Rowan Oak, and University of Mississippi Museum, but it's not done without the invaluable help of scores of volunteers and a myriad of sponsorship support.

Nicholas Air private jet services will be a Co-Stage Sponsor, and RiverLand Roofing, which has served Oxford and surrounding communities for more than a decade, will present this year's Sponsor Tent.

The Oxford Police Department has added a new safety feature for this year's festival, introducing a clear bag policy for attendees entering the North Lamar Main Stage area beginning at 5 pm both Friday and Saturday nights. The measure was designed to encourage a safer, more enjoyable, family-friendly environment.

"Double Decker Arts Festival attracts repeat visitors, including art vendors from across the country, and draws new attendees to Oxford each year," said Kinney Ferris, Executive Director at Visit Oxford MS. "A dedicated team at Visit Oxford works year-round to plan and execute the event, ensuring its success and growth.

2025 Double Decker Arts Festival music headliner Grace Potter.



The festival has become a beloved tradition, drawing over 100,000 visitors from 35 states to experience the best of food, music, and the arts. In its 28th year, the festival continues to grow, with a \$17.8 million economic impact from visitor spending, benefiting the local community last year. We expect similar numbers from this year's festival."

The last weekend of April is Oxford's time to shine again, as the annual Double Decker Festival marks its 28th year as the city's largest spring event celebrating food, music, and the arts.

The season is in full bloom, as over 20 local food vendors will surround the Courthouse Square for the two-day celebration on April 25 and 26, including favorites like Taylor Grocery Special Events Catering, Casa Mexicana, Blind Pig Pub, Moe's Original BBQ, Sno Biz, Fergndan's Wood Fired Pizza, Living Foods Café, The Grille at Ole Miss Golf Course, and Oxicles.

Also, over 100 unique art vendors come from near and far to display original items like handmade jewelry, paintings, and home decor.

A buzz is in the air for weeks before, as locals anticipate the free concert and forecast the release of its lineup. Past festivals have hosted world class artists like Dr. John, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Maggie Rose, Mavis Staples, St. Paul & The Broken Bones, and The Funky Meters.



### IMPORTANT SAFETY UPDATE FOR FESTIVAL ATTENDEES:

To enhance the safety and experience of all guests, we are introducing a clear bag policy for this year's festival. We encourage all attendees to use clear bags when entering the North Lamar Main Stage area beginning at 5pm. This measure is designed to create a safer and more enjoyable environment for everyone. We value your cooperation in this important initiative.

Please plan accordingly and bring a clear bag to the festival. As we introduce this new policy, we appreciate your patience and support as we work together to make this event safe and fun for all!

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

The Double Decker Team

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**BAG POLICY**

## SCHEDULE

From 10 am–5:30 pm on April 26, the Oxford Courthouse Square will contain over 100 booths representing art from a range of disciplines. Food vendors for the 2025 Double Decker Arts Festival will be located around the Courthouse Square from 10 am–5:30 pm on Saturday, April 26.

### MUSIC

Nicholas Air Stage (North Lamar)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 5:00 pm THE GREAT DYING
- 6:15 pm BAND OF HEATHENS
- 7:30 pm OLE 60
- 9:00 pm CHARLEY CROCKETT

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- 10:00 am RUST COLLEGE A'CAPELLA CHOIR
- 11:30 am CEDRIC BURNSIDE
- 1:00 pm SERATONES
- 2:00 pm WATER LIARS
- 4:00 pm CIMAFUNK
- 5:30 pm THE RECORD COMPANY
- 7:00 pm HOUNDMOUTH
- 8:30 pm GRACE POTTER

### SHUTTLES

- \$5 Round trip, cash only
- SATURDAY, APRIL 26 (10 am–10 pm)**
  - Oxford High School (101 Charger Loop)
  - University of Mississippi South Oxford Center Parking Garage (2301 South Lamar Avenue)

### GRADUATE OXFORD & DELTA BLUE JEANS KID ZONE

**SATURDAY APRIL 26 (10 am–6 pm)**  
Chancery Building Parking Lot  
\$20 wristband

### BEST DRESSED PET CONTEST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – 10:30 am**  
Courthouse South Lawn, sponsored by Oxford Animal Resources Center

### DOUBLE DECKER SPRING RUN

- SATURDAY, APRIL 26**  
Midtown Shopping Center (N. Lamar)
- 7:30 am 10K Run/Walk
  - 7:45 am 5K Run/Walk
  - 9:00 am Kids' Fun Run

### FESTIVAL MERCH TENT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25 – 11 am–9 pm**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 – 9 am–9 pm**  
Corner of Jackson Ave. E & North Lamar

# DOUBLE DECKER ARTS FESTIVAL

## The Big Show

Since Oxford imported the Double Decker bus from England back in 1994, the festival has continued to grow year after year, and welcomes a perfect crosscut of touring musicians, along with some local ones.

“I’m really looking forward to two killer days of music on the Square,” said **Proud Larry’s** owner **Scott Caradine**, who also books the festival’s musical acts. “I am as excited about this lineup, top to bottom, as I have been for years!”

As if last year’s spectacular lineup wasn’t hard enough to beat, 2025 headliners include critically acclaimed country star **Charley Crockett** at 9 pm on Friday. Crockett recently signed with **Island Records** and released a new album in March, *Lonesome Drifter*.

Music fans will also be excited to welcome Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter **Grace Potter** to the stage, which will cap off Saturday at 8:30 pm. Potter has enjoyed numerous sold-out tours and highly revered albums, and co-signs from rock royalty like **The Rolling Stones**, **Robert Plant** of Led Zeppelin, and **Bonnie Raitt**.

Other big names include Austin, Texas, rock ‘n’ roll group **The Band of Heathens**, known for their boldly independent approach to music-making; Grammy-nominated Afro-Cuban dance/electronic artist **Cimafunk**, who’s gained a reputation for fusing funk and hip-hop; alternative blues/rock band **Houndmouth** out of New Albany, Indiana; and Los Angeles, California-based band **The Record Company**, which also blends blues and rock and just released their latest album, simply titled *The 4th Album*.

Also to appear is **Ole 60**, a band that celebrates being “not your father’s country band,” and hails from Hawesville, Kentucky. The group quickly rose to success after their debut EP, *three twenty four*, released in 2023.

There will also be **The Seratones**,



based out of Shreveport, Louisiana, who are known for their riveting performances and an unusual sound that defies a genre distinction.

## Local music also shines

As always, the 2025 music line-up showcases a vast variety of artists. Caradine has said that although he sets out to have something different every year, the main goal is to have “some diversity for musical styles,” and “something that appeals to all demographics and represents our city.”

Although the festival always strives to draw big national acts to the community, there is always the goal of representing homegrown Mississippi talent. “We like to pull some local Oxford people when we can,” he said.

Kicking off the Friday line-up at 5 pm is local favorite **The Great Dying**, which is the project of Cleveland, Mississippi-native **Will Griffith**, and blends sinister, lyric-based country with alternative rock. Singer-songwriter Griffith, who accompanies himself on acoustic guitar and often with other band personnel, recently put out his second album release *A Constant Goodbye*, which was produced at **Dial Back Sound** in Water Valley, Mississippi, and has received shining reviews.

“Growing up in the Delta I had really only wanted to one day play Proud Larry’s in Oxford,” said Griffith. “When I was 17 years old, I attended my first Double Decker and saw Wilco, and R.L. Burnside. I got to meet R.L. for the first time that day. The stage was outside Larry’s at that time. I remember saying After Larry’s, I’m gonna play Double Decker!”

Speaking of Hill Country blues legend **R.L. Burnside**, his grandson **Cedric Burnside** has Saturday’s 11:30 am slot and will deliver his unique modern twist on traditional country blues. Cedric won a Grammy award in 2022 in the Best Traditional Blues Album category for his record *I Be Trying* and was again nominated for his 2025 release *Hill Country Love*.

“Every time I write an album, it’s always different,” Burnside said. “I’m always looking to express myself a little bit better than I did on the last one and talk about more things that happen in my life. I think that every day that you’re able to open your eyes, life is gonna throw you

# TLV's 2025 Cover Artist Spotlight: OLIVIA POWERS

**Artistic Style:** I would say my style includes and looks very black, bold, mixed media, impactful, textured, grainy, with a street twist.

**Hometown:** Southaven, Mississippi, and Memphis, Tennessee

**How long have you lived in Oxford?** About three years

**Early art experience:** From an early age, I've been drawing and doodling, trying to mimic still life and get good at realism. I even had a little business going on drawing for people whether it was for a project or personal drawings in middle school.

**Favorite visual artists:** Kerri James Marshall, Brad Mead, Wendy Barrett, Werner Bronkhorst, Anthony Hurd ... I could go on honestly.

**Art school?** I'm currently a student at the University of Mississippi for Graphic Design.

**Favorite book or author:** Talia Hibbert's *The Brown Sisters Trilogy*

**Favorite quote:** "Pledge" by Jehanne Dubrow. It's a beautiful poem that reminds me of my partner and a reminder to keep choosing your love everyday!

**Do you work out of a studio?** I have a home studio and access to the school studio.

**How many hours do you spend in your studio daily?** The question is, how many hours don't I spend in the studio. It's honestly my home.

**Most productive hours?** I'm a night owl/early bird. When the world is asleep, that's when you can catch me awake!

**Favorite project you've completed:** My most recent painting included graffiti, which I LOVED!

**What are three ideas you want to explore in art:** The Black Experience, Queerness, and Feminism

**Where can we see some of your art on display?** I try to put my art on Instagram, but I haven't been the best at consistently posting on it though. @Dablueprintstudios

**Do you have a "day job"?** If so, where? I work on Campus at the IdeaLab

**Favorite music/bands:** Right now, NeoSoul and R&B have been my go-to, so Erykah Badu, Jill Scott, Alex Isley, Lucky Daye.

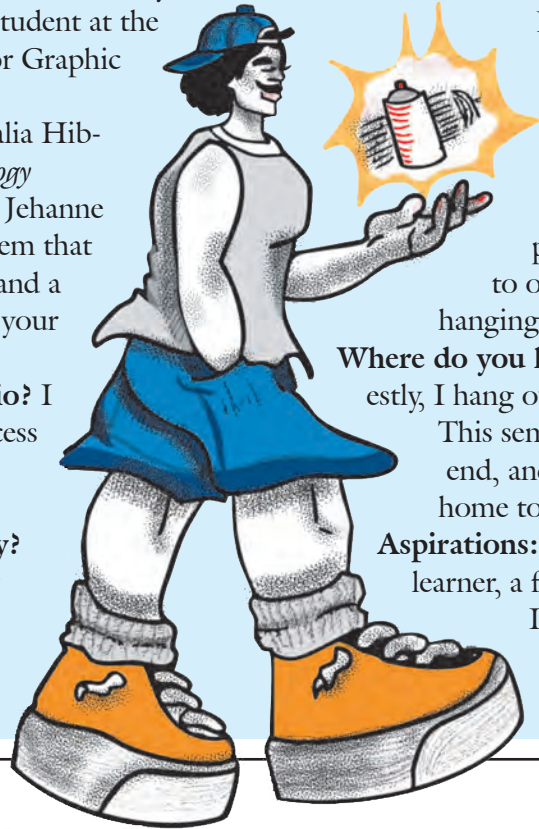
**What are some of your other hobbies?** Going to the park, the gun range, traveling to other cities for a quick getaway, hanging with my partner and friends.

**Where do you hang out in Oxford?** Honestly, I hang out at Lamar Park or at home. This semester has been kicking my rear end, and I like to be in nature or at home to ground myself or just relax.

**Aspirations:** I aspire to be a lifelong learner, a futures trader, and a creative! I just want to live free without the pressures of capitalism.



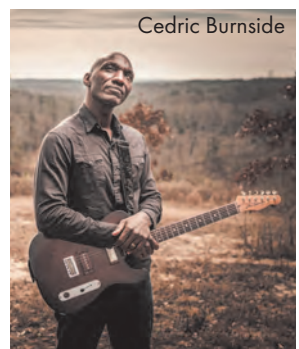
The Local Voice's 2025 Double Decker Arts Festival edition cover artist Olivia Powers. Submitted photo.



something to write about and to talk about."

Although now he mainly accompanies himself on guitar or plays with a full band, Burnside as a very young man recorded and toured with his grandfather on drums and also won the Best Blues Drummer category at the Blues Music Awards multiple times.

Cedric will follow the celebrated vocal ensemble, **The Rust College A'Capella Choir**, based in **Holly Springs, Mississippi**, which starts Saturday at 10 am. The choir has been the anchor for Rust College's cultural heritage since the early 1900s and showcases the amazing talents of its student vocalists.



Water Valley indie-rockers **Water Liars** are another local band included on the schedule, led by longtime collaborators **Justin Kinkel-Schuster** (vocals, guitar) and **Andrew Bryant** (drums, vocals). Known for their intimate live performances and for creating an immersive experience with alluring storytelling, they also have a strong and supportive local fanbase. Water Liars will hit the stage at 2:30 pm on Saturday.

We try to pick and choose who's touring, who's got new albums, or who's kind of up and coming," said Caradine. "We obviously have a budget and it's a free festival, which always brings a bit of a challenge."

Over half of the festival's budget is spent on the musical acts, which makes the selectivity of the process understandable.

"We've seen the festival slowly grow in the last few years," Caradine said. "There's a lot of moving parts to the music community and entertainment industry in Oxford, from all the different venues and local musicians, but Double Decker has been there building, supporting, advocating, and endorsing regional and local music—and bringing national music to Oxford all for free to the public—better than just about any city in America."

Additional sponsorships include Faulkner-level sponsors **Specialty Orthopedic Group** and **NE**

**SPARC**, and Kid Zone sponsors are **The Graduate of Oxford** and Tupelo-based **Blue Delta Jean Co.** Some Square sponsors include **My Michelle's**, **Starry**, **The Inn at Ole Miss**, **Elizabeth Heiskell Catering**, **Vivian Mae**, **C Spire**, and **BankPlus**.

Shuttle sponsors are **Cutco**, and the **Come Together Brands of Rafter's**, **The Old Henry**, and **Ajax Diner**, and Oxonian sponsors to join Double Decker include **Lucky Elephant Social**, **Phillips Pediatric**, **Pause Pain & Wellness**, **Premier Pools and Spa**, **Samuels Construction**, **Shell Plastic Surgery**, **The Aqua Club**, **FNB Oxford**, **Room 2 Room Movers**, **Take it to the Grove**, **Thompson Machinery**, and others. **TLV**





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# Words, Werds, & Wurds



## VIEW FROM THE BALCONY

by Randy Weeks

I love word play in all its different forms. It's fascinating that the slightest alteration in spelling can change one word to a completely different word. Case in point: if you insert an "h" in the word "wine" it becomes "whine." To take it up a notch, using the same methodology, brand new words can be created. That's what this column is about. So let's get on the word train and take a ride!

**Epiphany:** An especially enlightening, most often a spiritual, experience that results in deep insight leading to one's examination of their life for clarity and direction.

**Epissany:** The sublime ecstasy one feels upon emptying one's extremely full bladder.

**Psychotherapist:** One who practices the art of helping distressed people navigate through the vicissitudes of life.

**Psycho therapist:** A psychotherapist who is more screwed up than the clients they serve.

**Breaking News:** Important information regarding happenings in a community, state, nation, or world.

**Braking News:** When an auto mechanic tells you that you need new brakes on your vehicle and it will cost close to \$1,000.

**Woodpecker:** A bird that is known for pecking on wood.

**Peckerwood:** What my father used to call me when I did something stupid or crazy, but not rising to the level of a felonious act. Often used interchangeably with the term "knuckle head" and sometimes accompanied by a noogie.

**Butterfly:** A beautiful winged creature that flies among flowers and fields seeking nectar.

**Butter fly:** A butterfly that constantly lights on your butter, creating the conundrum of "Should I throw out the butter or should I keep eating it?" Just eat it.

**Stool:** A chair-like piece of furniture with three or four legs that is used for sitting and is usually taller than a chair.

**Stool:** A deposit in a bowl-shaped porcelain seat for the disposal of human waste, often accompanied by an epissany. Also a water bowl frequently used by felines.

**Computer:** An electronic device that facilitates one in research, personal activities and interests, and communication with others.

**Compooter:** A computer that has just crashed.

**Toupee:** A hairpiece used to cover a bald spot on one's head.

**Two Pay:** When a couple goes to dinner and they split the bill.

**Fireworks:** Low intensity explosive, incendiary pyrotechnic devices used for aesthetic and entertainment purposes.

**Fireworks:** What happens at home when men don't put the toilet seat down after an epissany.

**No mas:** Spanish for "Enough already!"

**No mass:** Catholic worship services have been cancelled.

**Boar:** An especially dangerous wild hog with tusks that would just as soon kill you and eat you than pass you by.

**Bore:** A person who speaks incessantly about things that do not matter, most often about themselves, that makes you wish you were being gored and killed by a wild boar.

**Special:** Someone or some thing that is exceptional in some way, shape, or form.

**Spatial:** One who has no gray matter between their ears or is drunk or high.

**Covet:** To want someone or something that does not belong to you.

**Covert:** Scheming to abscond with that someone or something for oneself.

**Convent:** A religious community, typically made up of women (nuns), for those who have covertly coveted to no avail and have given up hope that that which they have coveted will ever come their way.

**Alter Ego:** A secondary personage representing a desire to be someone else, i.e., Bruce Wayne's alter ego is Batman, Clark Kent's alter ego is Superman, and the alter ego of Leon J. Walker, an inciteful man, is Barney Fife.

**Altar ego:** A way of being when one is in a sacred space, as in "He was as drunk as a skunk on Saturday night but on Sunday morning he laid his ego on the altar."

**Tulips:** A flower typically associated with the Netherlands but actually originating from Central Asia.

**Two lips:** A physical feature of the mouth that is, if one is fortunate enough, used to kiss and convey a message of affection. Varieties of kissing range from a peck on the cheek to what is commonly known as a "French kiss," an open-mouthed kiss in which the participants insert each other's tongues into each other's mouths and, if endowed abundantly, down each other's throats.

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

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Mediocre
- 5 Church seat
- 8 Greenish blue
- 12 Tora --, Afghanistan
- 13 Noshed
- 14 PETA concerns
- 15 Slight criticisms
- 17 Pear-shaped fruits
- 18 Step
- 19 Hot dish holder
- 21 Oodles
- 24 Log chopper
- 25 Mandatory coll. courses
- 28 Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- 30 Zodiac animal
- 33 Chit
- 34 Concepts
- 35 Swelled head
- 36 Singer DiFranco
- 37 Proscribes
- 38 Eve's mate
- 39 Born

- 41 Entryway
- 43 Dress designation
- 46 Ignited again
- 50 Shake -- (hurry)
- 51 Dropouts
- 54 Portnoy's creator
- 55 Coffee vessel
- 56 Barrel part
- 57 Fine spray
- 58 Sort
- 59 Curry and Reinking

**DOWN**

- 1 Cookouts, briefly
- 2 LummoX
- 3 Met solo
- 4 Customs
- 5 Bud
- 6 Bordeaux summer
- 7 Left on a map
- 8 Tack on
- 9 Trembled
- 10 Desire
- 11 Celeb's aide

- 16 Buddy
- 20 "Phooey!"
- 22 Zilch
- 23 Shell out
- 25 Estuary
- 26 A gazillion years
- 27 Groups of five
- 29 El --, Texas
- 31 Turkish title
- 32 Oft-tattooed word
- 34 "A likely story!"
- 38 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
- 40 Skating figure
- 42 Scrap
- 43 Italian cheese, for short
- 44 Sci-fi race
- 45 Iso-
- 47 Boxer Spinks
- 48 Press
- 49 Recipe amts.
- 52 Web address
- 53 Squid squirt

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
- HISTORY:** When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
- MOVIES:** Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
- U.S. STATES:** In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
- TELEVISION:** Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
- MEASUREMENTS:** How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
- CHEMISTRY:** A diamond is composed of which single element?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
- ANATOMY:** What is another name for the condition called "piloerection"?

ANSWERS BELOW

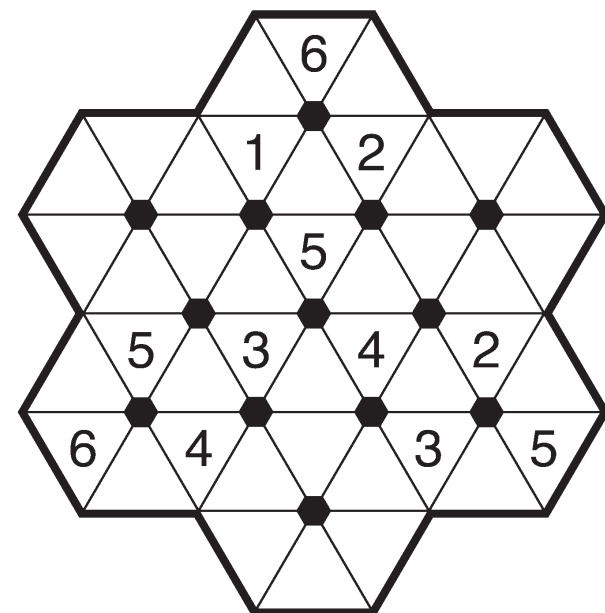
## GO FIGURE!

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

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	+		-			= 7		
=		=		=				
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

# SNOWFLAKES

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



## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

RSGF ZOQS RSQ OCI GRIX  
CGG JTVBRIBXF CMRTX XOQ  
DTXTVQ OCI RSQ VQCJOQW  
XOQ CAQ XR ZVBXQ CS  
CTXRMBRAVCNOF.  
- QPQGFS ZCTAO

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals L

TZFS YZNHUE XNH YFX TZMV  
F XNHVR BZGUE CFGUY FS  
CFYSMVGVR ZGY YZNMUFBMY?  
"SGM, SGM FRFGV."



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Answers: 1. A centenarian. 2. Jan. 2, 1971. 3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro). 4. New York. 5. "Murder, She Wrote." 6. 1.5 feet. 7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions. 8. Carbon. 9. Canada. 10. Goosebumps.



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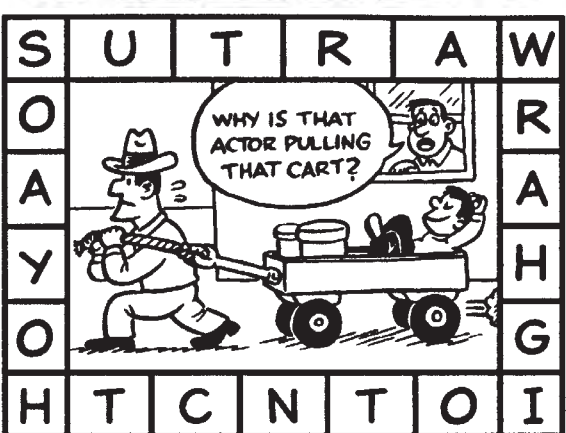
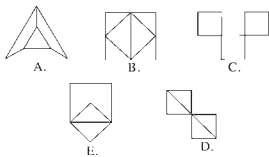
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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

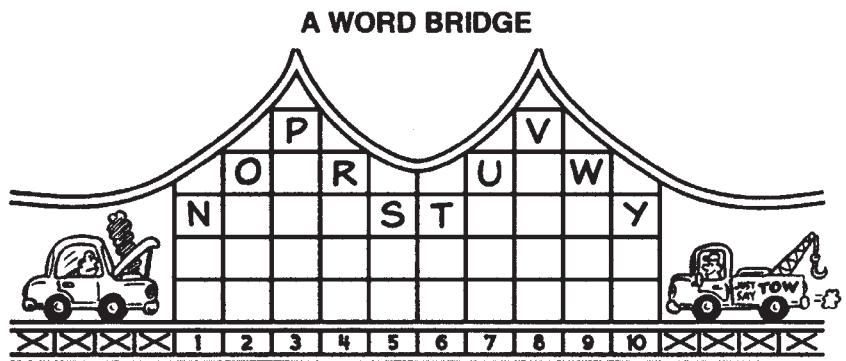
### STICKELERS

Four of the five figures below can be created without lifting the pencil or retracing any lines. Which one cannot?



**WHY INDEED?** Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around the frame clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter

Answer: Starting with the "H" in the right rail. "Hitch your wagon to a star."



Illustrated by David Coulson

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

- To scold constantly.
- Long lyric poems.
- Worn in winter.
- A scraping tool.
- A pair of foot warmers.
- A male turkey.
- To exhort or impel to action.
- Courage and boldness in battle.
- To join together.
- A strong desire

### "AGE" WORDS!

- Find the following words that end with "age."
- What is a forest's age?
  - What age does a car hate?
  - What age is a bull in a china shop?
  - What age is an unplugged refrigerator?

Answers: 1. Foliage. 2. Mileage. 3. Rampage. 4. Spoilage.



**IT'S MAGIC!** Use the numbers 8 through 17 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row, and vertical column, and even the four corner squares, must total 65. We've fill in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use the trial-and-error method-- and a good eraser!

	18	24	
23			19
	26		
			25

Answers: First row: 15, 18, 24, 8. Second row: 23, 9, 14, 19. Third row: 10, 26, 16, 13. Fourth row: 17, 12, 11, 25.

### KNIGHT MOVES

A	H	E
R		P
P	S	I

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

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pot is moved. 2. Box is larger. 3. Apron is different. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Curtain is different. 6. Nose is smaller.

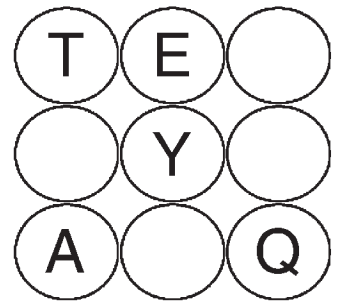
## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

- |                        |           |                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Pearl collector     | ___ I ___ | White Cliffs location  | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Plain Scrabble tile | ___ ___ K | Tasteless              | ___ ___ D |
| 3. Make public         | ___ V ___ | Overturn in Congress   | ___ P ___ |
| 4. Toast topping       | ___ E ___ | Like St Nick           | ___ O ___ |
| 5. Door decoration     | W ___     | Intake of air          | B ___     |
| 6. Bullwinkle, e.g.    | ___ ___ S | Mandy or Roger         | ___ ___ R |
| 7. Halloween gifts     | ___ ___ S | Peace pact             | ___ ___ Y |
| 8. Wisconsin mascot    | ___ D ___ | Grocery store employee | ___ G ___ |
| 9. Arms and legs       | ___ ___ S | Caribbean dance        | ___ ___ O |
| 10. At no time         | ___ V ___ | More recent            | ___ W ___ |

### 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.



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Before 1928 when Oxford began paving The Square and main arteries, North Lamar was a muddy mess. **TV**



# Strange BUT TRUE

- Every unborn baby grows a mustache in the womb, which then spreads to cover the entire body. The baby then consumes this fine hair, called lanugo, and excretes it after birth with its first bowel movement, which is a substance called meconium.
- In 2013, "Star Wars" was dubbed in Navajo, making it the first major motion picture to be dubbed in a Native American language.
- Your brain sees the world upside down. When the rods and cones of your retina send an image to the brain – say, you're looking at a tree – the image that gets transmitted to the brain is upside down. The brain automatically rotates the image in its visual cortex.
- Researchers at Oregon State University patented a strain of seaweed that's not only rich in protein, but tastes remarkably like bacon when cooked.
- The term "pipe dream" is a reference to the crazy dreams people have while smoking opium.
- Death rates in boxing exploded after the introduction of the boxing glove. Almost nobody ever died bare knuckle boxing because head punches often resulted in broken hands, so nobody used them.
- A typical piano has about 12,000 parts, 10,000 of which are moving.
- The shooting of JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald was the first known human killing seen on live television.
- Nylon replaced silk as the most common dental floss material following silk's increased price during the second World War.
- Studies show that 88% of women wear shoes that are too small for their feet.
- After Korean soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan scored the goal that eliminated Italy from the 2002 World Cup, the Italian club where he played canceled his contract for "ruining Italian soccer."

**Thought for the Day:** "Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself." —George Bernard Shaw **TV**



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Sun: 1/2-price Bloody Marys & Mimosas + Crawfish  
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Sat: noon-1 am  
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Live music 11:30-2:30  
Happy Hour 6-8 pm Thu:  
1/2-priced cocktails & wine

### Moe's BBQ

311 S Lamar Blvd  
Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm  
Penny Bar open 3 pm  
Happy Hour 3-6 pm:  
Mon-Fri 1/2-price apps,  
2-for-1 wells, wines & domestics  
Mon: \$2 domestics  
Tue: TRIVIA + \$25 High Noon buckets  
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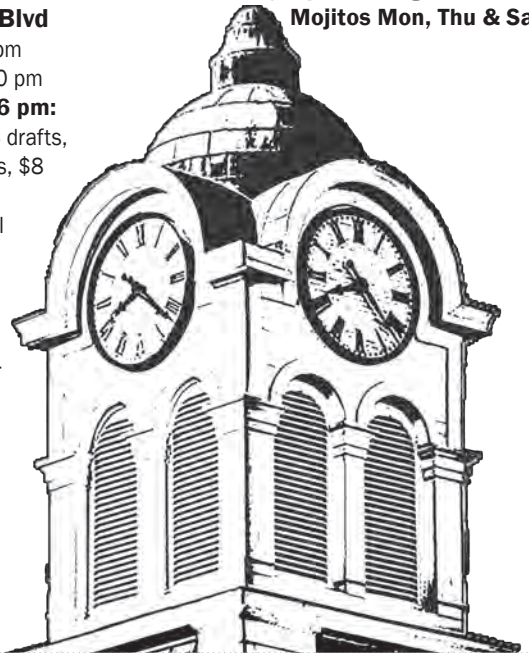
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Chicken Salad Chick  
Connie's Chicken  
Guthrie's Chicken  
Ole Coop  
Southern Coop  
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Checkers  
Dairy Queen  
Mugshots Grill  
Beacon  
Phillips Grocery  
Oxford Burger Co.

Fergndan's  
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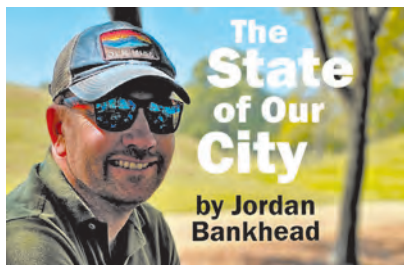
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# Growth with a Big "G" ...continued from page one

At the April 14th Planning Commission meeting, one could see evidence of the tremendous growth on the horizon. Case 3211 focused on a Site Plan approval for Patterson Place, a 145-unit development on approximately 19 acres on Anchorage Road. According to engineer Shane Caldwell, the development will include 450 parking spaces and be similar in appearance to South Grove and Meadow Crest. After a short discussion, the Board approved the site plan.

Cases 3184 and 3175 concerned a special exception and site plan approval for the **Landing at Oxford Farms**, which is a mixed use (residential and commercial) development on **South Lamar** featuring doctor's offices, retail stores, and townhomes. Many locals will remember the land where Oxford Farms is as woodland, which acted as a buffer between the old hospital district and residential neighborhoods like **South Oaks**. Today it offers space to support the medical and student communities in Oxford that require additional housing and medical services.

Case 3212 concerned a developer's request to build a large 100+ unit four-story building at 1113 **Jackson Avenue**. Three special exceptions were granted, including exceptions to the height



limit, front setback requirement, and commercial-only rule for the ground floor. Case 3213 also allowed ground-floor residential for a 42-acre development on Anderson Road for student housing and greater density, including additional four- and five-bedroom units to accommodate students.

Finally, **Case 3215** granted a special exception to the **Crossing at Oxford Commons**, a 59-acre development not in the **PUD** (Planned Unit Development). Over 200 single-family homes are planned for this area, and the exception was approved. As the meeting ended, one commissioner asked if traffic had been adequately planned for in this area given the size of the development. The engineer stated a Master Traffic Plan for the Commons was designed to handle this additional traffic.

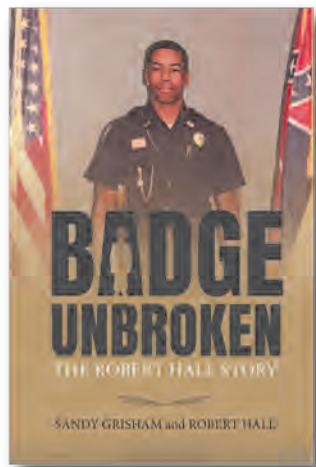
Ultimately, growth does not come without pain. But it doesn't come without opportunity either. Oxford is blessed to have the opportunity for its current and future growth based on the investments made in the community for generations. But ultimately how this growth is managed will be the test of current and future leaders. Hopefully our leaders will rise to the challenge and Oxford's residents will care enough to stay engaged. The future is up to all of us.

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## FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

5:30 PM • OFF SQUARE BOOKS

CHRISTOPHER POWELL in conversation with SANDY GRISHAM and ROBERT HALL

"Badge Unbroken reads like an intriguing novel set in the Mississippi world of lingering racial prejudice."  
Mary Ann Strong Connell, Author, *An Unforeseen Life*

"This story deserves a national voice, it is a painful journey shared by many in all fields of work, hope and life."  
Tonea Stewart, Actor, Author, and former dean, Alabama State University

"... a blow-by-blow account of the ups and downs and final ascent of one man's battle to end up on top."  
Jack Reed, Jr., Mayor of Tupelo 2009-2013

"Robert Hall's story is—above all—a story of remarkable strength of character, perseverance and serenity."  
Richard "Dickie" Scruggs, Founder, *Second Chance Mississippi*

"The two things that are most apparent in Robert Hall's life are his courage and his willingness not to return evil for evil. His resilience and faith are as unwavering as this book is compelling."  
The Reverend Christopher Powell, Retired Episcopal priest

*Badge Unbroken: The Robert Hall Story* (Nautilus Publishing)

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# TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

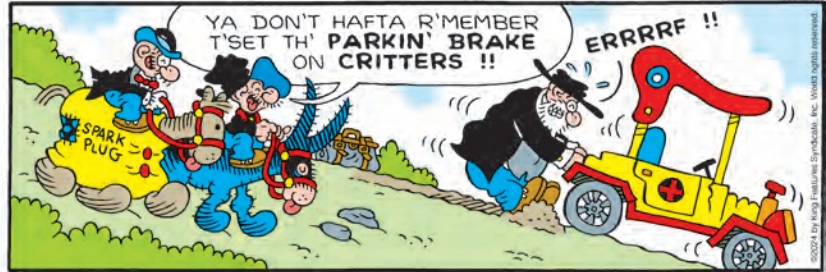
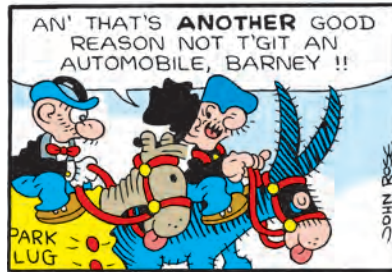
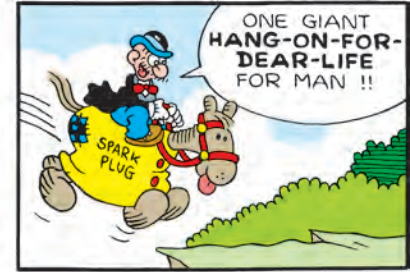
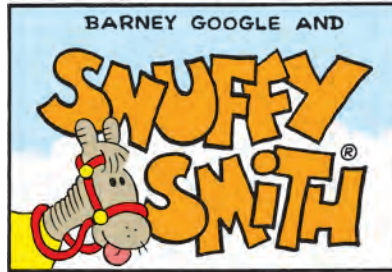


## GRIN and BEAR IT



"You can't file jointly with your dog, Mr. Figby."

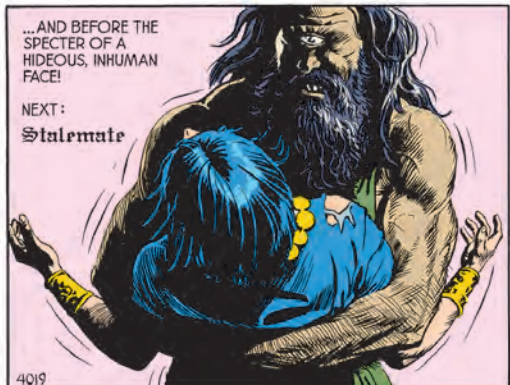
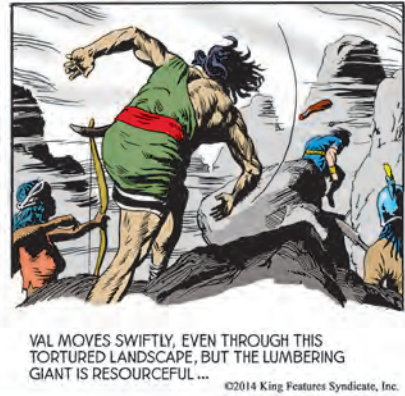
THERE ARE NO ATHEISTS IN FOXHOLES



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas





# Americanisms

"Easter is the soul's first taste of spring."  
 — *Richelle E. Goodrich*

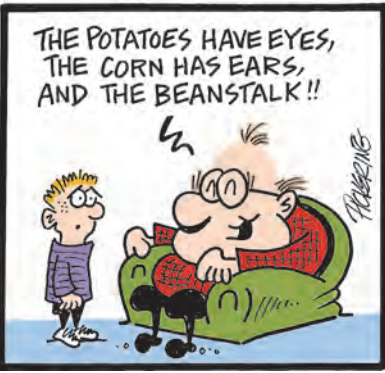
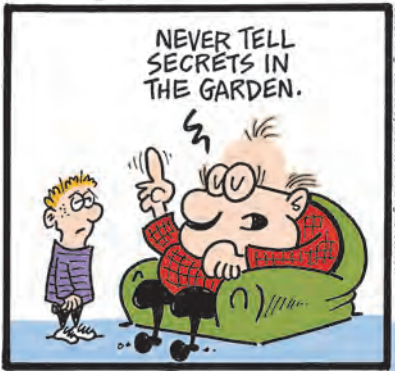
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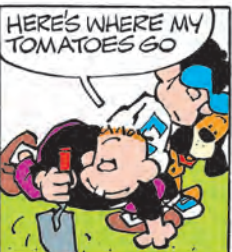
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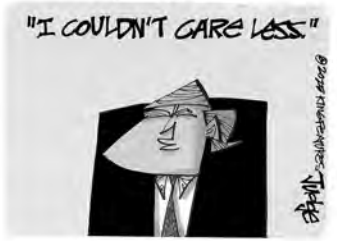


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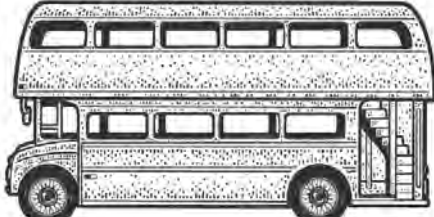
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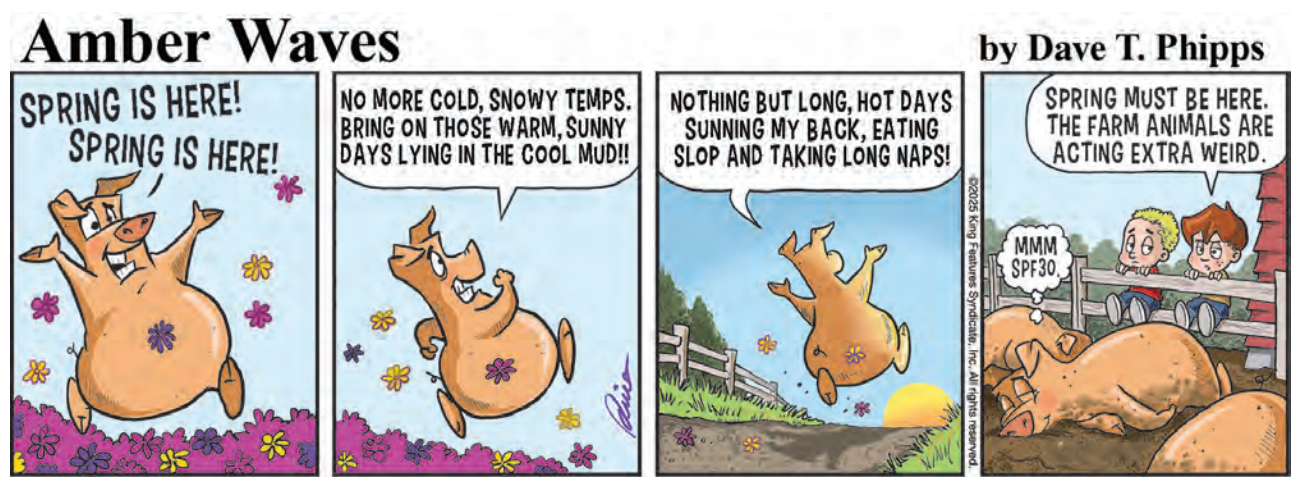
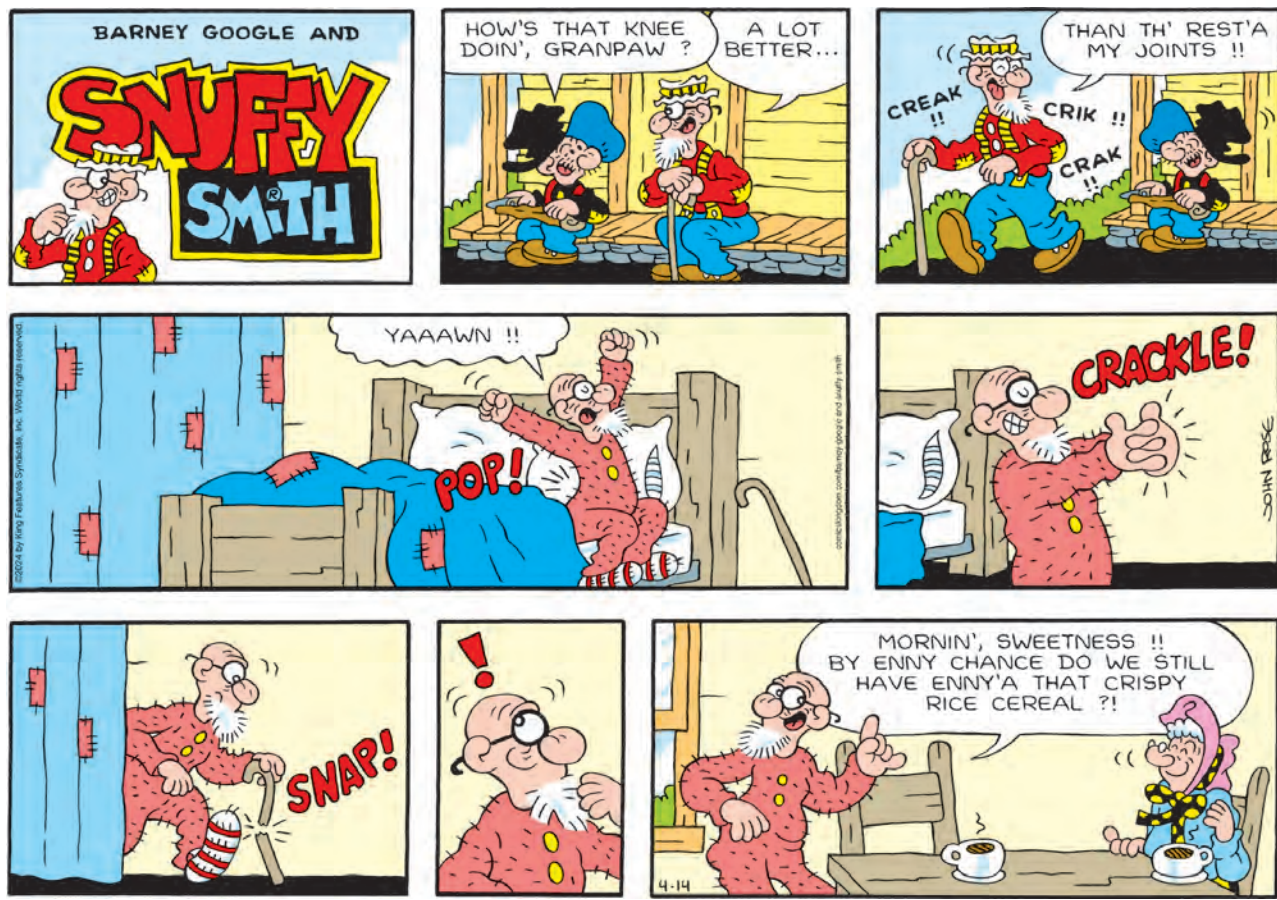


## MEMORABLE PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES...

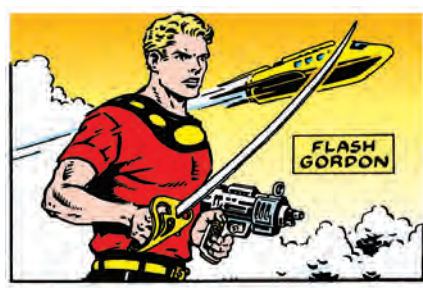


DOUBLE DECKER ARTS FESTIVAL





I'M ALWAYS FOLLOWING ORDERS, CONSTANTLY UNDER PRESSURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS, AND USED TO SUBPAR FOOD. I'M TELLING, YOU I'M YOUR GUY!



## FLASH GORDON

3-23 By JIM KEEFE  
www.keefestudios.com

PRESENTING A QUICK LOOK BACK AT THE WAY IT BEGAN...

...WHEN A NEWLY DISCOVERED PLANET HERALDED EARTH'S IMMINENT DESTRUCTION!

NARROWLY ESCAPING FROM THEIR AIRCRAFT BEFORE IT'S TORN FROM THE SKY BY A METEOR SHOWER...

...FLASH GORDON AND FELLOW PASSENGER DALE ARDEN PARACHUTE TO SAFETY.

SETTING DOWN, THEY'RE CONFRONTED AT GUNPOINT BY A DISHEVELED FIGURE...

...DR. HANS ZARKOV!

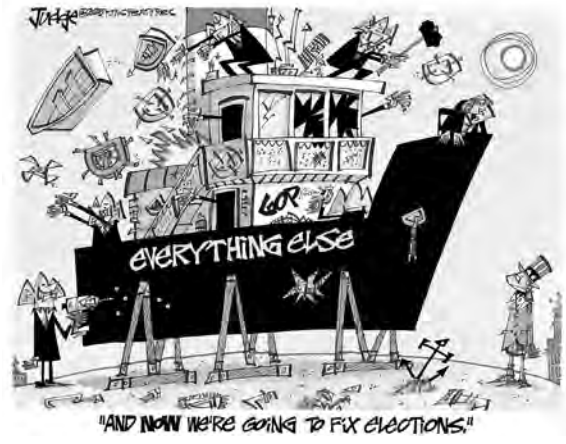
DRIVEN MAD BY THE INTENSITY OF HIS EFFORTS TO SAVE THE EARTH, HE TAKES THE YOUNG COUPLE CAPTIVE!

WITH A DEAFENING ROAR, THE TRIO TAKE OFF IN A ROCKET SHIP OF THE SCIENTIST'S DESIGN--THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTING ON THEIR SHOULDERS!

UP THROUGH THE HEAVENS THEY SOAR, UNTIL, MIRACULOUSLY, THEY REACH THEIR OBJECTIVE...

...THE PLANET MONGO!

NEXT: MING THE MERCILESS!



### The Garden Bug

#### Germination

Place potting soil in a small container. Moisten the soil well, but do not soak. Place seeds just below the surface of the soil, and cover the container with clear plastic, or insert it into a plastic bag, without letting plastic rest directly on the soil. This helps the soil retain moisture and heat. Place under a lamp for warmth, and keep the soil moist by "misting." As your sprouts appear and grow, remove plastic. Mist daily and keep sprouts warm until you are ready to transplant into your garden.

HEAT  
Plastic  
Seeds  
Moist soil

- Brenda Weaver  
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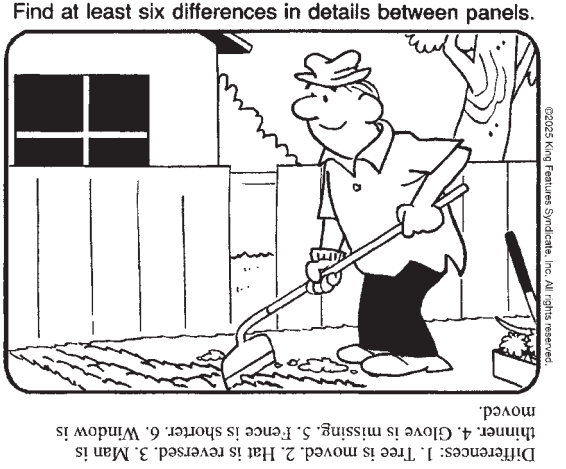
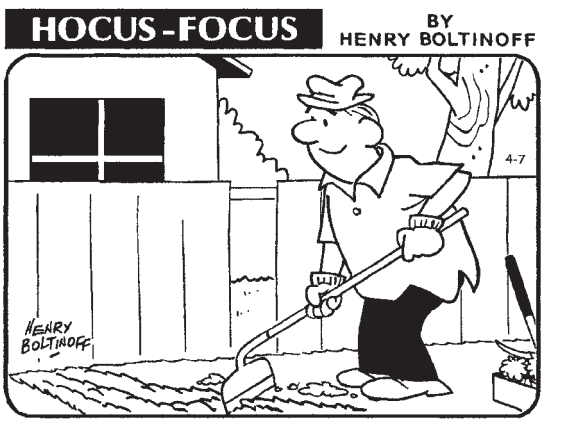
### Out on a Limb



LARRY MINKUS:  
THE CENTAUR  
MENTOR

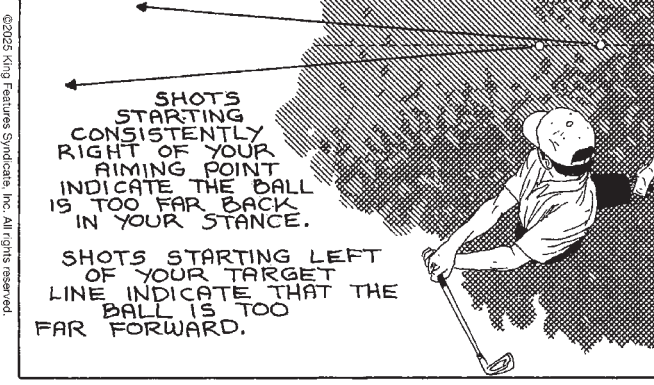
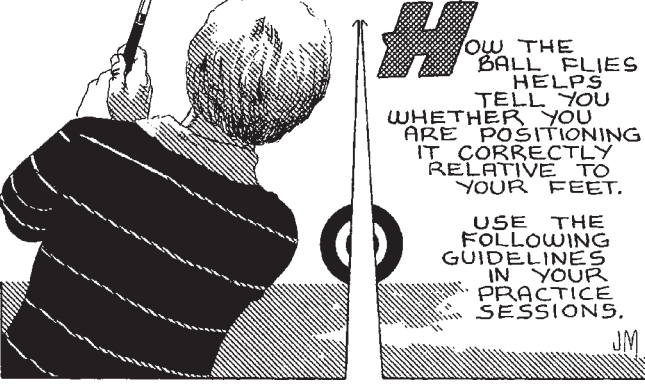
KOPERVAS

by Gary Kopervas



Differences: 1. Tree is moved. 2. Hat is reversed. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is shorter. 6. Window is moved.

### Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS





## Hit the Road With Baked Mini Knapsack Treats To Make the Miles Fly By

Whether you and your family are off for a day trip or traveling across the country, everyone looks forward to the first car snack when you hit the road. These mini meat-and-cheese melts gathered up in crescent-dough pockets are yummy, and they're easy to make before you go.

When you are ready to leave, pack the cooled "knapsacks" along with small plastic containers or bags filled with bite-sized grape tomatoes, fresh fruit, and trail mix. For a new healthy treat, boil, drain and cool edamame (fresh soybeans). Freeze bottled water (pour some water out first to allow for expansion as it freezes) to keep food fresh and cool until picnic or snack time.

We transport our treats in a plastic tote that we've used for years. The kids can draw symbols and write the names of your favorite destinations with paint pens around the outside.

Here's the kid-friendly knapsack recipe:

- Makes 6 servings
- 1 package prepared crescent dough (in the dairy section of the grocery store)
- 6 mini rounds of Gouda or Edam cheese, red wax removed
- 6 mini slices of Canadian bacon or pepperoni
- Mustard (optional)

Let your child unroll the dough, pinch together the perforations, and cut it into 6 equal squares. An adult should slice each round of cheese in half. Place meat between the halves to look like a sandwich.

Place a cheese-and-meat stack in the center of each dough square. Top with mustard if you wish, and draw up the four corners of the dough to form a sack. Pinch the dough together to close.

Bake at 350 F on a cookie sheet for 15 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool and refrigerate.



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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).*



1. **A Working Man**  
(R) Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng
2. **Snow White**  
(PG) Rachel Zegler, Emilia Faucher
3. **The Chosen: Episode #5.1**  
(NR) Shahar Isaac, Ali Alsaleh
4. **The Woman in the Yard**  
(PG-13) Danielle Deadwyler, Okwui Okpokwasili
5. **Death of a Unicorn**  
(R) Jenna Ortega, Paul Rudd
6. **Princess Mononoke**  
(PG-13) Yoji Matsuda, Yuriko Ishida
7. **Captain America: Brave New World**  
(PG-13) Anthony Mackie, Harrison Ford
8. **Black Bag**  
(R) Michael Fassbender, Gustaf Skarsgard
9. **Mickey 17**  
(R) Robert Pattinson, Steven Yeun
10. **Novocaine**  
(R) Jack Quaid, Amber Midthunder

## THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



### THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: The Taxman

The Beatles once sang a catchy song about "The Taxman," but if you are elbows deep in receipts and W-2s, tax season is nothing but a big headache. These five podcasts can help educate you without making your eyes glaze over (or at least they try to):

**"Taxes for the Masses"** — Hosted by "friends, professors and tax nerds" Lisa De Simone and Bridget Stomberg, this is the ideal podcast about taxes for people (like me) who need advice in terminology that they can understand. They started off this year of their biweekly show by sharing the latest tax research presented at the Hawaii Accounting Research Conference of 2025. In another episode, they discuss the hot topic of tariffs and what the consequences could be for individual Americans as well as businesses. Just in case you run into some trouble, "Episode 49" discusses the processes involved in the dreaded IRS tax audit. (Taxes-for-the-Masses.com)

**"Talking Tax"** — This podcast produced by Bloomberg Tax features weekly discussions from professionals like federal regulators, lawmakers and journalists. "From the courts to Capitol Hill to the IRS, 'Talking Tax' has it covered," boasts the podcast. Topics of discussion include how the government's transition to the Trump administration has affected the Corporate Transparency Act, the United States Audit Board, and the Treasure Equity Hub. Still haven't filed

your taxes? If they're fairly simple, be sure to listen to the podcast episode from March 2024 titled "New IRS Tool for Free Tax Return E-Filing," and you can file directly online to the IRS. (News.BloombergTax.com)

**"Talking Expat Taxes"** — Thinking about moving abroad? This podcast with host Alex McGowin offers essential advice designated to simplify the financial complexities of relocating to a new country. He'll help you make informed decisions while optimizing your tax strategies. Because of his experience as a tax advisor "conversing daily with expats," he has a "unique perspective on the most pressing financial issues facing those living abroad." Specific episodes focus on settling on properties in New Zealand, Mexico and Costa Rica, as well as discussions on self-directed IRAs and U.S. investment visas, no matter what destination you're considering. (McGowinTax.com)

### Don't Forget These Gems

**"WSJ Your Money Briefing"** — If you're self-employed or a "gig" worker (think Uber driver), be sure to download the March 18, 2025, episode of this podcast. Wall Street Journal reporter Ashlea Ebeling joins host Julia Carpenter to discuss how business deductions, estimated taxes, 1099s and more are affecting these workers a little differently this tax season. (WSJ.com)

**"Today in History with The Retrospectors"** — In a departure from the usual dry content of tax podcasts, an episode from Jan. 8, 2025, examines how income tax was introduced by a British prime minister after the national debt doubled during the American Revolutionary War. Also in the episode, the podcast's charming hosts (Arion McNicoll, Rebecca Messina and Olly Mann — aka The Retrospectors) "marvel at how taxation was used to target the wealthy rather than the poor."

## Fun Fact

Along beaches and shorelines, we are bombarded by **ions**, which are negatively-charged particles in the air produced by the pounding surf. A beach can have as much as 2,000 negative ions per cubic centimeter, as opposed to a crowded city that may have less than 100. Some research indicates that exposure to negative air ions is linked to reduced depression, lowered anxiety and improved feelings of well-being.

Sources: eoleaf.com  
bmcpyschiatry.biomedcentral.com  
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The Garden Bug

### Attracting pollinators

Bee balm

Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators are dusted loosely with pollen grains each time they feed on a flower's nectar or gather pollen from it. The grains are then transferred to each flowering plant the pollinators visit as they continue to feed, and these plants become fertilized. The more pollinators are attracted to your garden and protected from hazardous conditions while there, the more they will visit, and help your plants to reproduce. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: extension.umd.edu, seedsavers.org, www.xerces.org, usda.gov



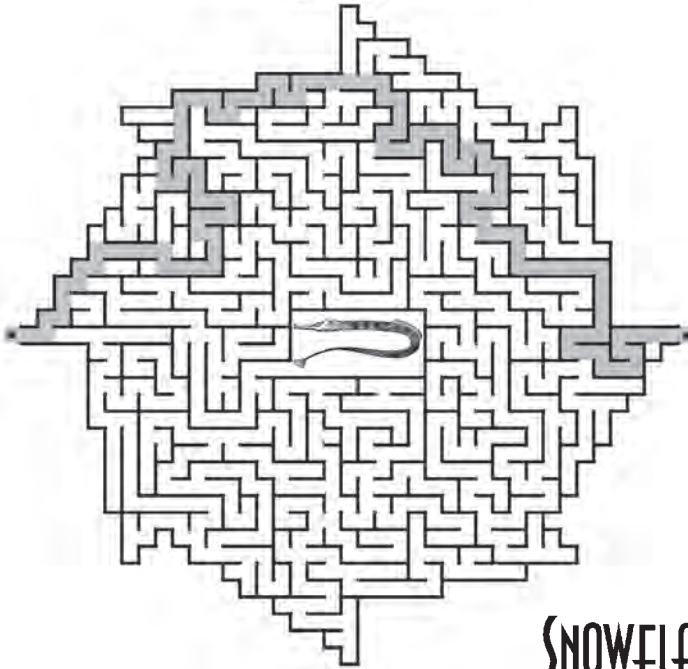
## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Mega Maze

Solution

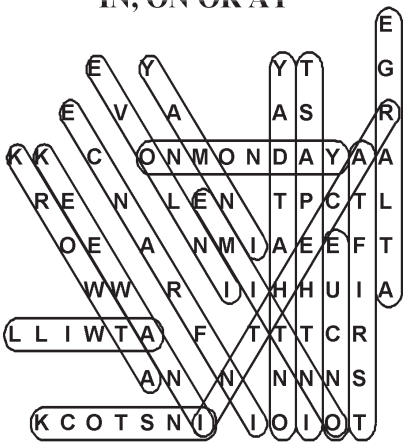


## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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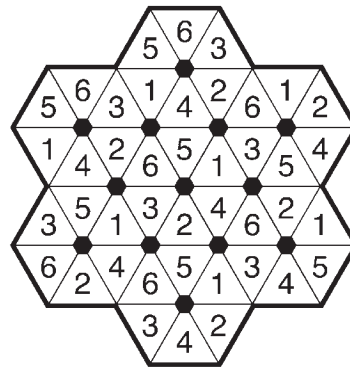
## Even Exchange

answers

1. Diver, Dover
2. Blank, Bland
3. Reveal, Repeal
4. Jelly, Jolly
5. Wreath, Breath
6. Moose, Moore
7. Treats, Treaty
8. Badger, Bagger
9. Limbs, Limbo
10. Never, Newer

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## CryptoQuip

answer

What should you say when a young child fails at fastening his shoelaces?  
"Tie, tie again."

## CryptoQuote

answer

Only when one has lost all curiosity about the future has one reached the age to write an autobiography.

## Go Figure!

answers

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## FiveSpot™

Solution

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## FEAR KNIGHT

answer

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## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## Word Spiral Answer

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## KNIGHT MOVES Answer

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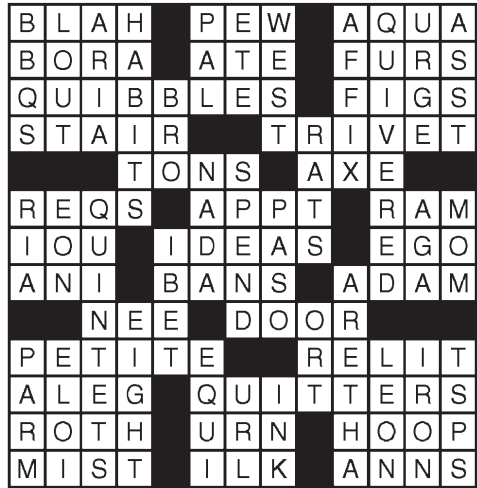
SAPPHIRE



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Repeat
2. Routine;
3. Traipse;
4. Aught

Today's Word

SHOPPING

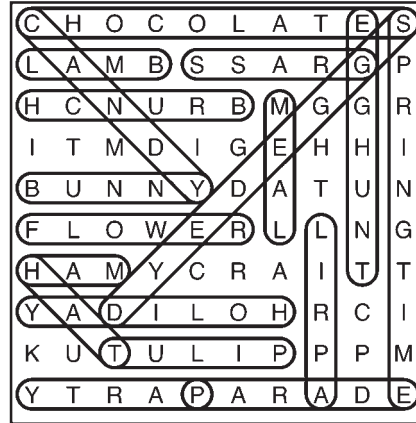
Even Exchange

answers

1. Battle, Bottle
2. Loser, Loner
3. Chore, Chose
4. Porter, Poster
5. Motion, Notion
6. Least, Leash
7. Norman, Normal
8. Cajole, Carole
9. Learn, Yearn
10. Burst, Burnt

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



Riddle Answer:

It might crack up.

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



**“Black Mirror: Season 7”** (TV-MA) — Fans of the longtime Netflix anthology series “Black Mirror” will be pleased to binge the next mind-bending season on April 10! The British sci-fi series brings six new stories to viewers, one being a continuation of a previous season four episode titled “USS Callister.” Cristin Milioti, a Golden Globe nominee for her recent work on “The Penguin,” will reprise her main role as Nanette Cole. Other faces to look out for are comedy actresses Issa Rae and Awkwafina, as well as Rashida Jones (“Sunny”) and Academy Award nominee Paul Giamatti (“The Holdovers”). Buckle up for a trippy ride! (Netflix)

**“Pets”** (G) — Bryce Dallas Howard is mostly known for acting in franchises like the “Twilight” saga and “Jurassic World,” but she also doubles as a director, having spearheaded a documentary film called “Dads,” as well as several episodes of “The Mandalorian.” This year, she’s back with another documentary focusing on the furry friends we hold near and dear to our hearts. Starring real people from around the world and their dogs, cats, pigs, goats and birds, this doc showcases the bond that makes our relationships with animals so special and irreplaceable. Premieres April 11. (Disney+)

**“Magpie”** (R) — Daisy Ridley (of the “Star Wars” sequel trilogy) is captivating as the lead in this neo-noir thriller film, co-starring Shazad Latif (“Star Trek: Discovery”). Don’t let

the previous sci-fi credits of these two actors fool you into thinking that they can’t deliver gritty performances; they are incredibly palpable as Annette and Ben (respectively), a couple with two young children who reach a shattering moment within their marriage. When their daughter gets the opportunity to star alongside a popular actress in a major film, Ben chaperones her on set while Annette stays at home with their newborn. But Ben’s priority shifts from watching his daughter to bonding with the actress, leaving Anette’s picture-perfect life to crumble before her. Premieres April 11. (Hulu)



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From left, Viola Davis and Antony Starr star in “G20.”

**“G20”** (R) — Academy Award winner Viola Davis will never stop being a badass as long as the grass is green and the sky is blue, and she continues to prove why with entertaining action films like “G20.” Out on April 10, the film follows U.S. President Danielle Sutton (Davis) as she prepares for the G20 summit in Cape Town, South Africa. Thinking this will be a great experience for her rebel daughter, Serena (Marsai Martin), Danielle brings her entire family to Cape Town with her. Little does she know that an educational experience for her kids does not await them; instead, what awaits is a terrorist plot to hijack the summit. Luckily for them, Danielle’s previous military training comes in handy — very handy! (Amazon Prime Video)



Spring Bliss in a Bowl: Roasted Carrot Coconut Soup

As we happily say goodbye to winter’s chill and welcome the warmth of spring, nothing complements the season quite like a bowl of Roasted Carrot and Coconut Soup. Whether enjoyed as a hearty lunch, a starter for your Easter table or a light dinner, this recipe captures the essence of freshness and comfort.

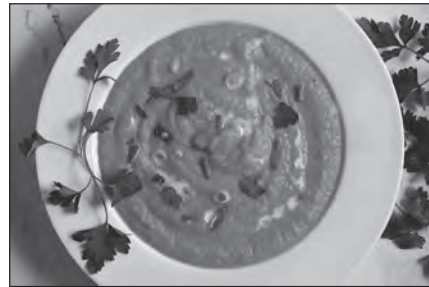
Fresh carrots are key. Unlike frozen, they bring caramelized sweetness and robust flavor to every spoonful. Roasting them until golden intensifies their natural sugars, infusing the soup with a depth that watery frozen carrots can’t match.

The secret to any truly exceptional soup lies in building layers of flavor. Begin by caramelizing onions to a golden perfection, then add smashed garlic and freshly grated ginger. These aromatic ingredients not only elevate the soup’s fragrance, but also enhance its complexity. Remember, the key is to season generously and let each ingredient shine.

Once the vegetables are tender and fragrant, blend them into a velvety smooth consistency. Coconut milk adds luxurious, dairy-free creaminess that complements the earthy sweetness of roasted carrots. A touch of apple cider vinegar and optional maple syrup achieve a perfect balance of subtle tanginess and deep sweetness, harmonizing the flavors. Garnish with green onions and fresh

herbs like parsley or cilantro for a vibrant, visually appealing finish that enhances the soup’s deliciousness. You could garnish with green peas for color and extra protein.

Perfect for busy schedules, this soup can be prepared ahead of time and reheated gently to preserve its flavors. Whether enjoyed steaming hot or refreshingly chilled on warmer days, it’s a versatile addition to any meal plan.



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Enjoy the flavors of spring with every spoonful of Roasted Carrot and Coconut Soup.

ROASTED CARROT AND COCONUT SOUP

- Yield: 4 servings
- Total Time: 50 minutes
- 2 pounds carrots, peeled and chopped into 1-inch pieces
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Kosher salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 heaping tablespoon fresh ginger, grated or finely minced
- 3 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 (14 ounce) can coconut milk, divided
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup (optional)
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced, for topping
- Parsley or cilantro for garnish (optional)

Preheat the oven to 425 F. Place

the carrots on a baking sheet and toss with 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 25 minutes, until golden and delicious.

While the carrots are roasting, heat the remaining olive oil in a stockpot set over medium-high heat. Add the onions and saute for 5 minutes, until softened. Lower the heat to medium-low, add garlic and ginger with a pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for 5-6 minutes, until fragrant.

Once the carrots are done, add them (along with any oil from the roasting sheet) to the pot. Pour in the stock and bring to a boil. Reduce it to a simmer and cook, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

Remove from heat and cool for a few minutes. Either use an immersion (stick) blender to blend or carefully transfer the mixture to a blender. Puree until smooth (use caution with hot liquids).

Return the soup to the pot and place over low heat. Stir in most of the coconut milk (reserve some for garnish), the apple cider vinegar and maple syrup, if using. Heat through. Taste and adjust seasoning with as needed.

Serve hot, warm or cold, garnished with a drizzle of reserved coconut milk, sliced green onions and chopped parsley or cilantro.

With its nourishing blend of flavors and health benefits, Roasted Carrot and Coconut Soup bridges the gap between seasons with every spoonful, a gentle reminder that good food can be both simple and sublime.

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