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A Life in Verse: Ann Fisher-Wirth Appointed State Poet Laureate Award-winning poet, professor embraces new role to celebrate and elevate poetry statewide

A lover of poetry since childhood, retired University of Mississippi English professor Ann Fisher-Wirth has been named the new Mississippi poet laureate.

Gov. Tate Reeves appointed her as the official state poet for a four-year term.

"I am confident that Ann will represent our state with grace and dedication, fostering a deep appreciation for poetry and literature throughout Mississippi," Reeves said.

She has always been enamored with poetry; as a teenager, her favorite poets were T.S. Eliot, e. e. cummings and Robinson Jeffers. That love was fostered following the death of her father. "Poetry and literature in general became a great source of companionship for me," Fisher-Wirth said. "Great literature—poetry as well as fiction—has to be truthful about things like suffering and death as well as happy things. And I don't think that our culture is generally very truthful about those things."

After graduating from Pomona College in 1968, she taught English at the International School of Liège, Belgium, for three years. In 1988, she and her husband, Peter Wirth, moved to Oxford, where she taught at the University of Mississippi for 34 years. Until retiring in 2022, she directed the undergraduate minor in environmental studies and taught workshops and graduate seminars for the master's program in creative writing.

Fisher-Wirth is a senior fellow of the Black Earth Institute, a group of poets and scholars whose work focuses on environmental and social justice and matters of the spirit.

She is the 2023 Governor's Award for Excellence in Literature and Poetry recipient and has received various awards, including three Mississippi Arts Commission poetry fellowships and the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Poetry Award.

by Marisa C. Atkinson



However, it wasn't until sitting in on Aleda Shirley's poetry workshop around 1990 at Ole Miss that Fisher-Wirth knew that she wanted to be a poet.

"I had always kind of wanted to write poetry, and I wrote some poems when I was supposed to be writing my dissertation because you'll do anything to keep from writing that," she said.

"I said to her (Shirley), 'One day, can I sit in on your class?' I did that, and I left class that day saying, 'OK, this is what I'm doing from now on.'"

Fisher-Wirth stopped working on a scholarly monograph about Willa Cather and began seriously writing poetry. Her first book of poetry, *Blue Window* (Archer

Books), was published in 2003.

"And since then, it's been what I've done."

She has published eight books of poetry, four chapbooks, and—with coeditor Laura-Gray Street—two anthologies of ecopoetry, most recently *Attached to the Living World: A New Ecopoetry Anthology* (Trinity University Press, 2025). She also collaborated with Mississippi photographer Maude Schuyler Clay on *Mississippi* (Wings Press, 2018), a book that showed her love for the state.

"The poems in *Mississippi* enlarge, and challenge, and deepen the photos," said Beth Ann Fennelly, Mississippi poet laureate from 2016 to 2021. "Our state's people are her muses, and she's not interested in repeated tired, negative perceptions of Mississippi. Her love for the people and land comes through in everything she writes."

"The first poet that I really loved was T.S. Eliot," she said. "In high school, I especially loved his 'Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,' one of the greatest poems about self-consciousness ever written."

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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 (7 pm)
- Old Henry: LIVE BAND (7:30–10 pm)

Fridays

- 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)

Weekend Brunch

- Big Bad Breakfast: Sat & Sun: 8 am–2:30 pm
- Kingswood: Sat & Sun 9 am–2 pm
- 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 6.12.2025

- Booth's BBQ: MAC MACINTIRE (5 pm)
- Old Henry: LIVE BAND (7 pm)
- Proud Larry's: LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM
- The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)
- GMFS Mortgage: Chamber After Hours (5–7 pm)
- Lafayette County Arena: FARM MARKET (3–6 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Art with Animals / ANDI LEHMAN (10 am); Check It Out Book Club & Swap (11 am); Build-a-Bouquet w/ Farmstead Florals (noon & 5:30 pm); Teen Giant Game Day (2 pm)
- Oxford Conference Center: Oxford Pitch Competition (1–6 pm)

FRIDAY 6.13.2025

- The Library: JT MCCAFFREY (9 pm)
- Rafters on the Water: CARSON PRINCE (7–10 pm)
- The Coop: CHRIS GALES (8–10 pm)
- Lafayette Co. & Oxford Public Library: Construction Storytime (10:30 am); Construction Equipment Carnival (11 am)
- Proud Larry's: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (9 pm)

SATURDAY 6.14.2025 - FLAG DAY

- The Library: JT MCCAFFREY (9 pm)
- Rafters on the Water: DON WARD (1–4 pm), JASON WIGINTON (7–10 pm)
- The Coop: JOHN MOHEAD (8–10 pm)
- Oxford City Hall: NO KINGS PROTEST hosted by Lafayette Co. Dems (11 am–noon)
- Lafayette Co. & Oxford Public Library: Dr. Wacky Science (10 am); Shadows & Smoke: A Film Noir screening feat. *Detour* w/ WILLIAM BOYLE (2 pm)
- Yokna Bottoms Farm: An evening with THE WINESKINS (7 pm)

SUNDAY 6.15.2025 - FATHER'S DAY

- The Grove (University): Summer Sunset Series: SHANE KING (6 pm)
- The Powerhouse: ANUBIS IMPROV presents HOUSE RULZ (7 pm)
- Rafters on the Water: OPIE (5–8 pm)
- The Coop: KYLE KITE (3–5 pm)

MONDAY 6.16.2025

- Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): PYLON REENACTMENT SOCIETY, RICHARD BARONE (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Math & Music (2–4 pm); Spellebration all-ages spelling bee (5:30 pm)



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TUESDAY 6.17.2025

- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Draw-a-thon (2 pm)
- Proud Larry's: THE CHADWICK BAND (7 pm)

WEDNESDAY 6.18.2025

- The Lyric: PAVEMENTS film screening (doors 6:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: BEING DEAD, ARNIE BRENN (9 pm)

THURSDAY 6.19.2025 - JUNETEENTH

- City Hall Pocket Park: JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION w/CJS MUSIC BOX (5 pm)

- Lafayette County Arena: FARM MARKET (3–6 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: First Responders Fair (10 am–noon); Dungeons & Dragons 101 (2 pm)
- Plein Air (Taylor): CHARLIE MARS (7 pm)
- Proud Larry's: MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & THE SMOKES

FRIDAY 6.20.2025

- The Library: JUSTIN HOLT (9 pm)
- The Coop: RODELL MCCORD (8–10 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Barks & Books (9:30–10:30 am); Barks & Books Storytime (10:30 am); Chapter Champs Bookclub (2 pm)
- Proud Larry's: COLE CHANEY, ABBY HAMILTON



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SATURDAY 6.21.2025

► **The Library: JUSTIN HOLT** (9 pm)
The Coop: JODY ROSS (8–10 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: COMMIT TO CARE - An event by Leadership Lafayette to support families through awareness and action (10 am–1 pm)
Proud Larry's: CHRIS DUARTE GROUP

SUNDAY 6.22.2025

The Grove (University): Summer Sunset Series:
THACKER MOUNTAIN RADIO MUSIC SHOWCASE (6 pm)
The Coop: BRIAN BLAKE (3–5 pm)

MONDAY 6.23.2025

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Once Upon a Palette w/ Runaway Puppet Theater (10 am); Pokemon PLayerdate (2 pm); Boro Mending w/ ANDI BEDSWORTH (5:30 pm)

TUESDAY 6.24.2025

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Sew Pizza Pillows w/ ANDI BEDSWORTH (2–4 pm)
Proud Larry's: DAVIS COEN

WEDNESDAY 6.25.2025

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Conversation Cafe: PABLO CORONA of Caffecitos (10 am)



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THURSDAY 6.26.2025

Lafayette County Arena: FARM MARKET (3–6 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Photography Basic Talk & Walk w. ERIN AUSTEN ABBOTT (2–3:30 pm); Piecing Together Family History through Quilts w/ Sowing Threads of Memories (5:30 pm)
Oxford Conference Center: Veteran Outreach Event (9 am–4:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: ROCKET 88 (7 pm)(10:30 am)

FRIDAY 6.27.2025

NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC (see section B for info)
► **The Library: LOGAN LOGUE** (9 pm)
Ford Center: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (7:30 pm)
The Coop: GIA WELCH (8–10 pm)
Lafayette Co & Oxford Public Library: Storytime with UM Museum (10:30 am)

SATURDAY 6.28.2025

NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC (see section B for info)
► **The Library: LOGAN HOGUE** (9 pm)
Ford Center: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (7:30 pm)
The Coop: BRIAN BLAKE (8–10 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Puppet Power! With NANCY OPALKO (10 am); Tiny Stacks Concert w/ MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH (2 pm)
Proud Larry's: THOSE PRETTY WRONGS

SUNDAY 6.29.2025

► **The Grove (University): Summer Sunset Series w/ KINGDOMOLOGY** (6 pm; bring a chair!)
The Coop: BO ADAMS (8–10 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Everything is Strawsome! (2 pm);
Live animals with Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center (5:30 pm)

THURSDAY 7.03.2025

► **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)

FRIDAY 7.04.2025 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

► **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
MTrade Park: 4th of July fireworks (9 pm)

SATURDAY 7.05.2025

► **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
► **Rafters on the Water: Fireworks Extravaganza!**
The Lyric: Oxford Uncorked Wine Festival (2–5:30 pm)

TUESDAY 7.08.2025

Proud Larry's: SPARROW BLUE w/ THE PINKSHEETS

THURSDAY 7.10.2025

Proud Larry's: LAID BACK COUNTRY PICKER

FRIDAY 7.11.2025

The Library: BORETTI EXPERIENCE (9 pm)

SATURDAY 7.11.2025

The Library: BORETTI EXPERIENCE (9 pm)
Chicory Market: Tomatofest (4 pm)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7.18–19.2025

The Library: THE SMOKE (9 pm)
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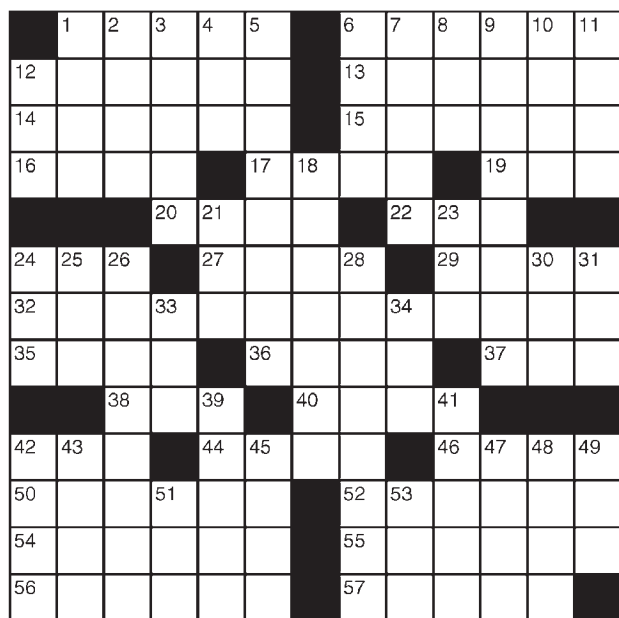


King Crossword

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

ACROSS

- 1 Bog
- 6 Sidesteps
- 12 Net defender
- 13 Swiss metropolis
- 14 "The Joy Luck Club" author
- 15 Porter
- 16 Cuban money
- 17 Despot
- 19 Mormon church, for short
- 20 "Shoo!"
- 22 Hot tub
- 24 Egyptian cobra
- 27 Curved molding
- 29 Ethereal
- 32 2002 Aerosmith single
- 35 Lamb alias
- 36 Salt formula
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 38 "Ain't — Sweet" (classic song)
- 40 Memorandum
- 42 Halloween mo.
- 44 "Star Wars" actor
- 46 Bulletproof garment
- 50 Enter



- 52 Asian capital
- 54 Expired
- 55 Roast hosts
- 56 Off the hook
- 57 Indulgent nana, e.g.
- 9 Captures again
- 10 Tube spot
- 11 Chumps
- 12 Hiatus
- 18 Pop rocker Gwen
- 21 Lettuce variety
- 23 Shriver of tennis
- 24 Mature
- 25 Part of RSVP
- 26 Immaculate
- 28 Accompanied
- 30 Classic car
- 31 Cen. parts
- 33 — -di-dah
- 34 Last (Abbr.)
- 39 Devour
- 41 Kick out
- 42 Folklore monster
- 43 Cajole
- 45 Abolitionist
- 47 "En garde" weapon
- 48 Crystal gazer
- 49 Poetic contraction
- 51 — de plume
- 53 I love (Lat.)

DOWN

- 1 Not all
- 2 Methods
- 3 Choir members
- 4 Ms. Farrow
- 5 Military headquarters
- 6 Taj Mahal city
- 7 Swerves
- 8 Finale



- 1. Who wrote and released "We've Got Tonight"?
- 2. Which group performs in costumes such as cowboy, soldier, construction worker, police officer and Indian chief?
- 3. Baron von Richthofen was immortalized in which Royal Guardsmen songs?
- 4. Which group released "Cloud Nine"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Guess mine is not the first heart broken, My eyes are not the first to cry."

Answers

- 1. Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band in 1978. Because it was his mother's favorite song, Seger always includes it in live concerts in memory of her.
- 2. The Village People. The group's "Y.M.C.A." was designated a "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant" song and was added to the National Recording Registry in 2020. It was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame that same year.
- 3. "Snoopy vs. the Red Baron" in 1966 and "Snoopy's Christmas" in 1967. Von Richthofen, aka the Red Baron, was a German Air Force flying ace during World War I.
- 4. The Temptations, in 1968.
- 5. "Hopelessly Devoted to You," by Olivia Newton-John, in 1978, in the film "Grease." The song received an Oscar nomination for Best Original Song and topped charts in numerous countries around the globe.

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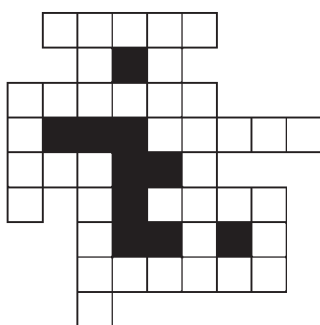
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: BEEHIVE LIQUID

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- OPLIS
- PCAL
- AXTIRM
- ♥ EAP
- LODL
- CRYME
- ♥ PSA
- DOXACE
- UMPEL
- ♥ TIEM



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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CROSS

- 1 "Toosie Slide" rapper
6 "Top Chef" host Lakshmi
11 Mardi Gras city, for short
15 Wine vessel
19 French city
20 Web vending
21 With, in Paris
22 Margarine
23 1996 2Pac album with the hit "California Love"
25 Flo — ("Low" rapper)
26 Sainly ring
27 Mayhem
28 1986 Beastie Boys album with the hit "Fight for Your Right"
31 Equine beast
34 "Paper Planes" rapper
35 Unit of corn
36 1988 N.W.A album with the hit "Express Yourself"
47 "— my case"
48 Ed of "Radio"
49 Golfer's drive
51 Gotten along adequately
53 50 — ("In da Club" rapper)

- 54 Reagan-era mil. project
56 Boxing great
57 "Let Me Blow Ya Mind" rapper
58 Solar beams
60 1992 Dr. Dre album with the hit "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thang"
64 Strengthens
67 How some food is fried
69 Des Moines natives
70 2020 Juice Wrld album with the hit "Come & Go"
74 Novelist Elizabeth George —
77 Battle-ready
78 — Typhoon Lagoon (water park)
82 2010 Nicki Minaj album with the hit "Super Bass"
84 Strong — ox
86 Six plus four
87 Half of dos
88 Statute
89 R&B singer Erykah
91 1980s jeans brand
94 Fee for the use of a pier
98 Wastewater
100 Kin of keno

- 101 2000 Eminem album with the hit "Stan"
105 Court divider
106 Charged bit
107 Actor Liotta
108 1993 Salt-N-Pepa album with the hit "Shoop"
115 Child poet Stepanek
121 Napoleon exile locale
122 "Gold Digger" rapper Kanye
123 1986 Run-D.M.C. album with the hit "Walk This Way"
126 Bridle strap
127 — part (portray someone)
128 Meat jelly
129 Artist's stand
130 Russian news agency
131 Pro votes
132 Moisture, as a turkey
133 "Work It" rapper Elliott

DOWN

- 1 Colorless
2 Part in a play
3 — lang syne
4 Ship's spine
5 Irish New Age singer
6 Candy from a dispenser

- 7 From — Z
8 Pioneer Boone, briefly
9 Actress Rogers of "Bosch"
10 Actor Baldwin
11 Magical land of C.S. Lewis
12 Egg capsule
13 Bury the — (omit the key part of a story)
14 College life
15 Companions
16 Jai —
17 Peddle
18 DJ — Herc (founder of hip-hop in 1973)
24 Online 'zine
29 CPR pros
30 Masking —
32 "Quiet!"
33 Actor Keach
36 Back of a 45
37 Treasure pile
38 Hollywood's Zellweger
39 Enzyme suffix
40 Skater Midori
41 Mine metals
42 Tea vessel
43 — for tat
44 Suffix with narc- or neur-
45 Extended family, to Hawaiians
46 Actress Gena Lee —

- 50 Twitches
52 "Troy" actress Diane
54 Hood's knife
55 Nixing mark
59 Big primate
60 Two- — sloth
61 Taking cover
62 French for "kings"
63 Actor Wilson
65 Strong criticism
66 Feudal toiler
67 "Your wish — command!"
68 LA-to-MI dir.
71 Zilch, in Peru
72 Do a sketch
73 Nutrition std.
74 Tater
75 — noir (wine)
76 Cain's eldest
79 Les — -Unis
80 Streisand film of 1983
81 — Dogg ("Drop It Like It's Hot" rapper)
83 Robert of "The Sopranos"
84 Singer Levine
85 — Hill Records ("Rapper's Delight" label of 1979)
89 "The Fresh Prince of — Air"
90 Poking tool

- 92 Suffix with project
93 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
95 Nairobi natives
96 "Preach it!"
97 Portal
98 Without, in Paris
99 Greek vowel
102 Noon nap
103 Lilylike garden plants
104 Church song
108 Lil Uzi — ("Futsal Shuffle" rapper)
109 Zeno of — (philosopher)
110 Hitting stats
111 R&B singer Winans
112 Omani, e.g.
113 Tabula —
114 Sharp barks
116 "What —!" ("How precious!")
117 Spicy cuisine
118 Actress Harper
119 Bits of land in la mer
120 TV's — May Clampett
124 Create a lap
125 — T ("O.G. Original Gangster" rapper)

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A 15x15 crossword puzzle grid. The grid is composed of white squares for letters and black squares for empty space. The black squares are arranged in a complex, non-symmetrical pattern. The grid is labeled 'G' in the top-left corner and 'L' in the bottom-left corner.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

1. Donald Duck's gal	__	__	__	S	__	7-days-a-week paper	__	__	__	L	__
2. Hair stylist	__	A	__	__	__	Carpet style	__	E	__	__	__
3. Take small bites	__	__	B	__	__	Flexible	__	__	M	__	__
4. Act of pity	__	__	__	C	__	In a joyous mood	__	__	__	R	__
5. Mad Hatter's friend	__	__	__	C	__	Similar	__	__	__	K	__
6. Reverie	__	__	__	__	M	Be anxious about	__	__	__	__	D
7. Most peculiar	__	D	__	__	__	First born	__	L	__	__	__
8. Ford's goof	__	D	__	__	__	Art stand	__	A	__	__	__
9. Bea's character	__	__	__	D	__	Soft purplish pink	__	__	__	V	__
10. Ping pong racket	__	A	__	__	__	Small pool of water	__	__	__	U	__

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ACROSS

- 1 Woes
- 5 Doubtfire's title
- 8 Italian wine region
- 12 Blaster's stuff
- 15 Young wolf
- 18 Italian "Bye!"
- 19 "Well now!"
- 20 Demonstrate
- 21 "Yuk" relative
- 22 Enzyme name suffix
- 23 Black gem
- 24 Absolutely won't
- 26 Player of Lou Grant
- 28 Jill Biden, — Jacobs
- 29 Definition of homophone #1
- 31 Name on a thesaurus
- 33 Merkel of "Twin Beds"
- 34 How goods are sold in most stores
- 35 Wearing a disguise, in brief
- 37 Gallery works
- 38 "Ben- —"
- 40 Halts
- 41 Definition of homophone #2

- 48 Bloomie's or Barneys rival
- 49 Hi-tech address
- 50 Tint
- 51 Nobles, collectively
- 56 Had a bite
- 57 "Insecure" network
- 58 Personal manner
- 60 Ore
- 61 Definition of homophone #3
- 64 Sponge gently
- 67 Suffix with Ecuador
- 68 Give the title
- 69 600 minutes after noon
- 70 Definition of homophone #4
- 76 Find an owner for, as a cat
- 77 Veers suddenly
- 78 Suffix with rocket
- 79 GPs, e.g.
- 82 Car washers, at times
- 83 Drink daintily
- 84 ETA part: Abbr.
- 85 Hoops tourney org.

- 86 Definition of homophone #5
- 91 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 95 Label
- 96 Garden tool
- 97 Writer Nin
- 98 Will certifier, e.g.
- 102 Bro or sis
- 103 Trail mix muncher, maybe
- 105 Definition of homophone #6
- 109 However, for short
- 112 Sounding off
- 113 Pesky annoyance
- 114 Little setback
- 115 Petting zoo female
- 116 "Annabel Lee" writer
- 117 Great joy
- 118 Petting zoo female
- 119 Homophone #1
- 120 Homophone #2
- 121 Homophone #3
- 122 Homophone #4
- 123 Homophone #5

- 124 Homophone #6
- DOWN
- 1 PC symbol
- 2 Script part
- 3 Sweet treat that's tied
- 4 Chicago White —
- 5 Telegraphic code creator
- 6 Scarlett's Butler
- 7 Large couch
- 8 Accedes
- 9 Brand of cat food
- 10 Lug around
- 11 Victorious cry
- 12 Robbery
- 13 Lowest point
- 14 Mere hint
- 15 Biblical name of Palestine
- 16 Log-on name
- 17 Green gem minerals
- 25 Road 180
- 27 Location
- 29 Big name in waffles
- 30 Noble Brit
- 32 "My mistake!"
- 35 "Insecure" co-star Rae
- 36 Clutter-free
- 37 Feel poorly
- 38 Elvis Presley hit
- 39 4x4, for short

- 42 — Goldberg machine
- 43 Horse's gait
- 44 "Mask" star
- 45 On — with
- 46 Novice, in slang
- 47 Goddess of agriculture
- 52 Allude
- 53 Oodles
- 54 "The World According to —"
- 55 Like a K-6 school: Abbr.
- 57 Top seller
- 58 Feigned kissing sound
- 59 Producing charged particles in
- 60 Film prefix with "Cop"
- 61 Insect feelers
- 62 Aug. follower
- 63 Hubbub
- 64 Sweetheart
- 65 "The King —"
- 66 Weed — (lawn product)
- 71 Short-billed rail
- 72 Corn coverer
- 73 Fat-removal job, for short
- 74 Inca's home
- 75 Basil, for one

- 79 "Band on the Run" singer
- 80 Surrealist Salvador
- 81 Speaks
- 83 Kin of reggae
- 84 Mimic
- 85 Three trios
- 87 To be, to Henriette
- 88 More apt to complain
- 89 "Check," at a poker table
- 90 Dam creation
- 91 — Tar Pits
- 92 Like some huts or hats
- 93 Penitent sort
- 94 Safari shelter
- 99 Michael of R.E.M.
- 100 Singer such as Pavarotti
- 101 "Shucks!"
- 102 "Yes, —!" ("Indeedy!")
- 103 Vietnam's capital
- 104 Bury
- 106 Latvia's capital
- 107 Paris hub
- 108 Actress — Pinkett Smith
- 110 Barbers cut it
- 111 Ugly beast
- 114 Sow or cow

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Award-winning singer/songwriters Ashley Cleveland, Karen Staley, Pam Tillis, and Tricia Walker—the four original Women in the Round—will come together for a special evening of songs and stories at GRAMMY Museum® Mississippi on Wednesday, July 2, at 7 pm.

Cleveland, Staley, Tillis and Walker will perform “Bluebird Cafe style” for **Big Night: Women in the Round**. This annual special event will raise funds to support the music education initiatives of GRAMMY Museum Mississippi.

“We are thrilled to welcome back to the Sanders Soundstage the four original Women in the Round—Ashley Cleveland, Karen Staley, Pam Tillis, and Tricia Walker—for a memorable evening of songs and stories,” said **Emily Havens**, Executive Director of GRAMMY Museum Mississippi.

“These four incredibly talented women have made significant contributions to the American music landscape with the hit songs they’ve written for artists such as Faith Hill, Patty Loveless, Taylor Swift, and more, and we can’t wait to celebrate these amazing artists and their careers on July 2.”

“At SouthGroup, we’re proud to once again sponsor ‘Women in the Round’ at GRAMMY Museum Mississippi,” said **Brett Boykin**, President and Owner of SouthGroup Cleveland.

“This event is truly one of my favorites every year—not only because of the amazing talent it brings together, but because it allows us to support music education in our community. It’s an honor to be part of something that inspires and uplifts through the power of music.”


Tickets for the fundraiser will be available to GRAMMY Museum Members during a presale ending June 11 for \$100 each. After the presale ends, tickets will be open to the public and will be \$125 regardless of membership status. The ticket includes a pre-event reception starting at 6 pm. Funds raised from the event will go directly to support the education programs of GRAMMY



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In 1985, four successful songwriters—**Thom Schuyler**, **Fred Knobloch**, **Don Schlitz**, and **Paul Overstreet**—performed the first “in the round,” moving from the Bluebird’s stage to a circle in the middle of the room, taking turns playing each other’s songs. The format was instantly popular. In 1988, four female songwriters, Tricia Walker, Karen Staley, Ashley Cleveland, and Pam Tillis, decided to see if they could conjure the same magic.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Science room
4 Novelist Waugh
8 Baby carriage
12 Mode lead-in
13 "Break My Heart" singer Dua
14 Deserve
15 Most spiteful
17 Erte's style
18 Naval rank
19 Director DuVernay
21 Hosp. workers
22 Frasier's ex-wife
26 Hay bundles
29 Transcript no.
30 Dr. of hip-hop
31 Spanish cheers
32 Espionage org.
33 Close
34 "Diamonds" singer
35 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
36 Paper packs
37 Severe

39 Great Expectations

lad
40 Hosp. areas
41 Dodges
45 Fresh
48 California island
50 March Madness gp.
51 Skater's leap
52 Dijon denial
53 Undecided
54 Legendary loch
55 Donkey

DOWN

1 Lingerie trim
2 Cumming or Bates
3 Cave creatures
4 Sets straight
5 Property claims
6 Mini-albums, for short
7 Tree with pods
8 Bicycle part
9 "Norma --"
10 Lob's path

11 L-P link

16 Corvette quartet
20 By means of
23 Notion
24 Streetcar
25 Towel word
26 Employer
27 Landed
28 Jet type
29 Baseball's Hodges
32 MRI's kin
33 Neighbor of Tibet
35 TiVo precursor
36 Foes
38 Hawkeye
39 "For -- sake!"
42 Actress Merrill
43 Eve's grandson
44 Without
45 Busy insect
46 Sgt., for one
47 Corn spike
49 Chopper

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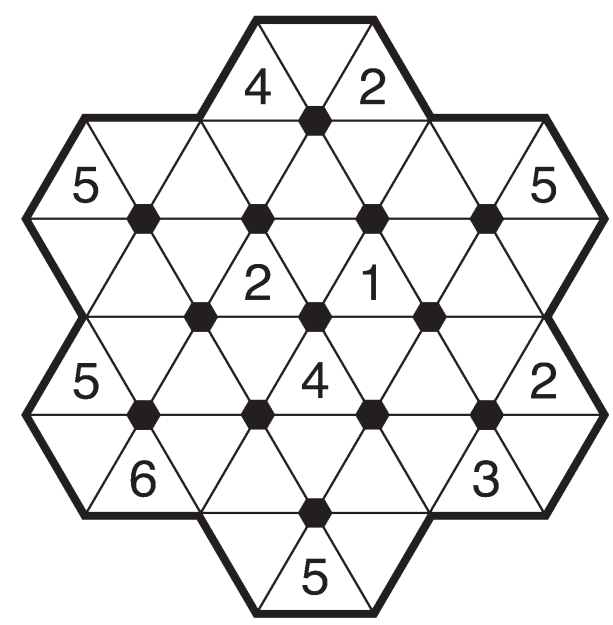
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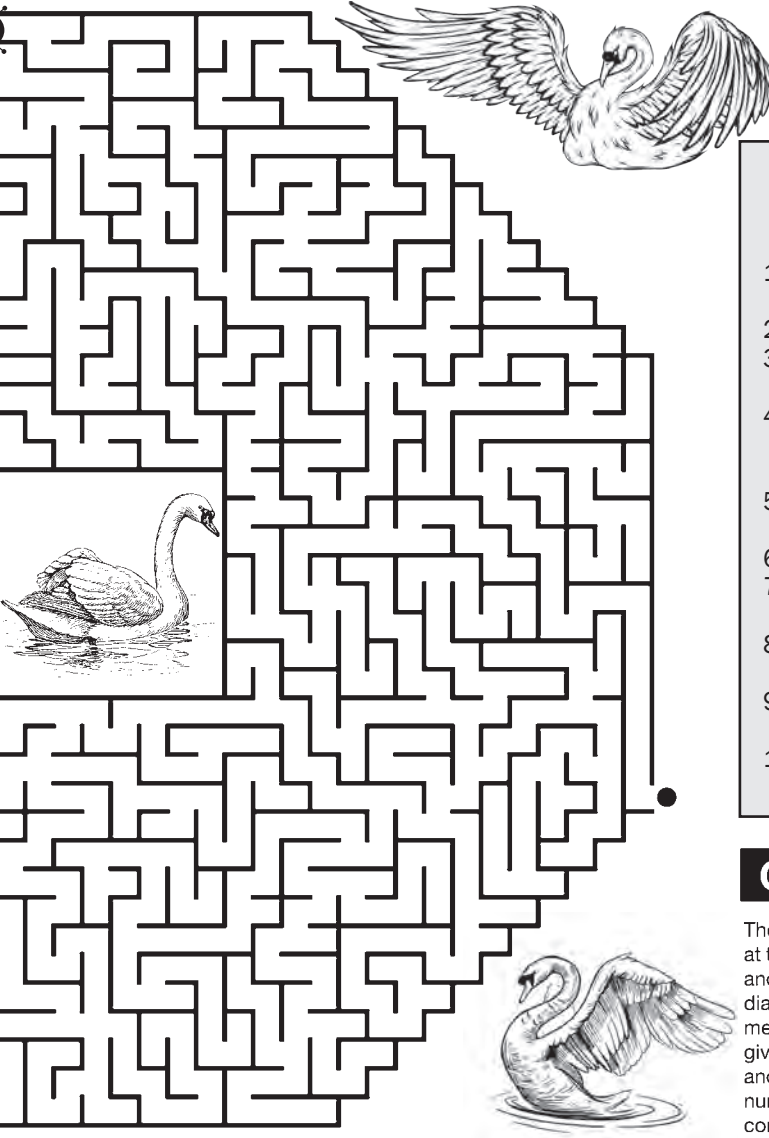
SNOWFLAKES

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS:** Which retail chain urges consumers to "Expect More. Pay Less"?
- MATH:** What is an obelus?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was the last to own slaves?
- LITERATURE:** Author Ian Fleming's Jamaican estate has the same name as which James Bond movie?
- TELEVISION:** How many seasons of "Wheel of Fortune" did Pat Sajak host?
- SCIENCE:** What are cordyceps?
- MOVIES:** Which actor/comedian/filmmaker made his film debut in the movie "Donnie Darko"?
- ACRONYMS:** What does the acronym BBC stand for?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the only bird that can fly backward?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is a mirepoix?

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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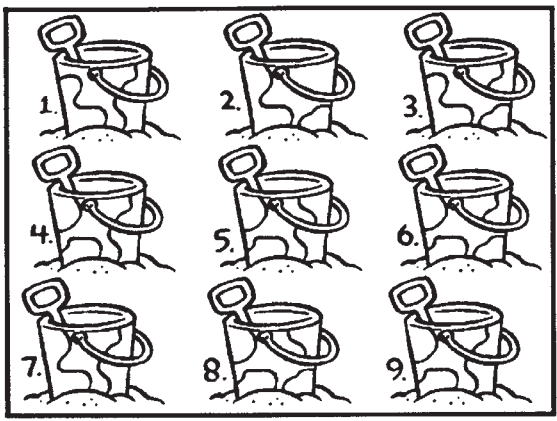


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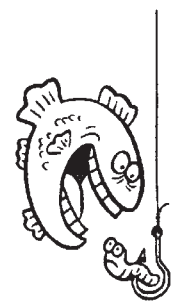
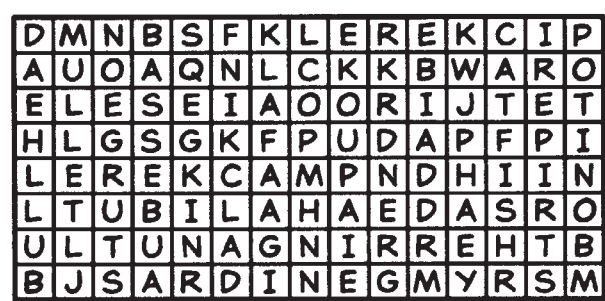
How many times does the letter "F" appear in the above paragraph?



TRY "DIGGING" UP the answer to this one in 30 seconds. Can you spot the two pails and shovels that look exactly alike?

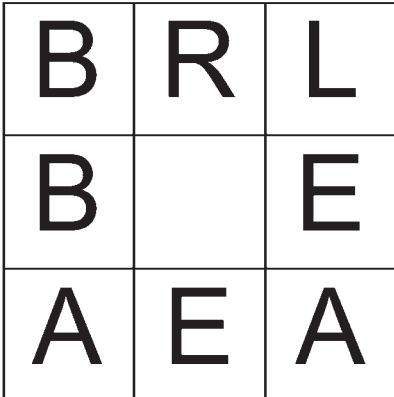
Answer: Numbers 4 and 9 are the ones.

A FISHY PROBLEM!



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KNIGHT MOVES



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

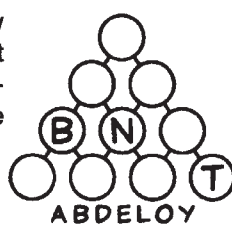
PROFESSOR FLUNKUM IS IN A "VOWEL" MOOD!

One of his students claimed that he had found four words in the dictionary that didn't contain a single vowel, and he challenged the professor to find them. Can you help him?

Answer: We found tsrk, shh, h'm and nfh. Did you find any others?



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



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Baby, babe, bane, band, bone, bond, bold, bolt.

Hidden in the above diagram are the names of 20 freshwater and saltwater fish. They can be found by reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the fish that you are trying to catch.

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| Bass | Hake | Sardine |
| Bluegill | Halibut | Shark |
| Bonito | Herring | Snapper |
| Bullhead | Mackerel | Striper |
| Catfish | Mullet | Sturgeon |
| Flounder | Pickrel | Tuna |
| Haddock | Pike | |

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Club is longer. 2. Tree trunk is thinner. 3. Vest neckline is different. 4. Cap is larger. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Leaves are missing from tree.

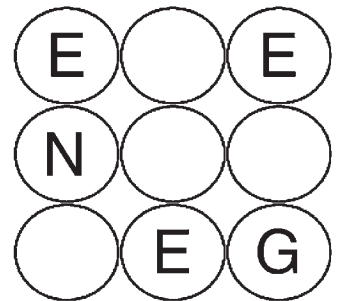
Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

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| 1. Field gun | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Arizona's Grand | ___ _ _ _ _ Y _ _ _ |
| 2. Oasis attraction | ___ _ _ T _ _ _ | Place a bet | ___ _ _ G _ _ _ |
| 3. Thread | ___ T _ _ _ _ | Planting season | ___ P _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Pavlova act | ___ A _ _ _ _ | Ammunition | ___ U _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Within reach | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Laurel's partner | ___ _ _ R _ _ _ |
| 6. Knee or elbow | ___ _ _ _ N _ _ | Roof beam | ___ _ _ _ S _ _ |
| 7. Customer | ___ _ _ _ _ _ N | Walk a beat | ___ _ _ _ _ _ L |
| 8. Runway walker | M _ _ _ _ _ | Swiss song | Y _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Of late | ___ _ _ C _ _ _ | Confess | ___ _ _ P _ _ _ |
| 10. Gold digger | ___ _ _ N _ _ _ | Skinflint | ___ _ _ S _ _ _ |

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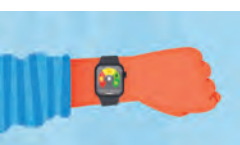


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Sea Cucumbers Could Hold Key to Stopping Cancer Spread

University of Mississippi-led study explores how sea cucumber sugars could be used in cancer therapy

Sea cucumbers are the ocean's janitors, cleaning the seabed and recycling nutrients back into the water. But this humble marine invertebrate could also hold the key to stopping the spread of cancer.

Support Your College Student Without Swooping In

New dorm bedding, check. Suitcases to pack, check. Become a jerk to parents, check?

Summers Chair of Physics Established at Ole Miss

The late Donald Summers wrote his first research paper during spring break in junior high school, conducting the research at the University of California Astronomy Observatory Library where he worked during the day and camped in the observatory's post office lobby at night.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Learn to Read Your Yard" by Ginny Cheek

You look out on your lawn and you see weeds cropping up. What is your yard trying to tell you?

University of Mississippi Research Indicates Stuttering Is More Than a Speech Disorder

Many people consider stuttering just a simple speech disorder. But University of Mississippi professor Gregory Snyder and a team of student researchers are working to upend that thinking and develop new ways of treating it as a complex central nervous system disorder.

Morgan Freeman's Symphonic Blues Experience Set to Launch

Mississippi's storied blues tradition takes center stage with the launch of Morgan Freeman's Symphonic Blues Experience, a first-of-its-kind national concert series that merges the emotional depth of Delta blues with the power of a live symphony orchestra.

Oxford's Ward 1 Elects New Alderman in Tuesday's Municipal Election by Newt Rayburn

Oxford's Municipal Election was the lowest voter turnout in many years, possibly ever. The city had a total of 14,371 registered voters eligible to vote in the election but only 987 votes were cast. This means only 6.87% of voters participated in the election.

Explore the Backyard Like Never Before

The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science invites visitors to discover the hidden world of science in your backyard.

University of Mississippi Study Examines How Well Wearable Tech Tracks Fitness Metrics

Many Americans rely on their Apple Watches or similar devices each day to count their steps, track workouts, and measure how many calories they burn. But are those wearable devices accurate?

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Interactive Website Maps Religious Diversity Across Mississippi

Local Crime:

Oxford, Mississippi Man Arrested for Stolen Trailer on Monroe Avenue

Two Lafayette County Residents Charged with Felony Child Abuse

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Strange BUT TRUE

- The longest road in the **United Arab Emirates** is the **Sheikh Zayed Road**. It stretches more than 300 miles, from **Abu Dhabi** through **Dubai**, and is home to **Burj Khalifa**, the tallest building in the world.
- Americans** spend more than a year of their lives flipping channels.
- Jazz musician **Louis Armstrong** wore a **Star of David** necklace even though he wasn't **Jewish**. Armstrong grew up in severe poverty but found a loving second home with the Jewish **Karnofsky** family, who employed him in the family business. In their honor, he decided to wear a Star of David for the rest of his life.
- From 1869 until her death in 1906, **Susan B. Anthony** petitioned Congress annually for a women's suffrage amendment.
- Students, take note: Studies have found that comfortable clothing can have a strong effect on academic performance, with a correlation between formal/uncomfortable clothing worn during exams and lower than expected grades.
- The wood frog can hold its urine for up to eight months.
- Piet Mondrian's** abstract masterpiece "New York City I" hung upside down in a museum for 77 years before experts finally noticed the error. However, they opted to keep it in that position for fear of damaging the piece.
- The TV series **30 Rock** was known for its fast-paced writing. In 2014, one reporter calculated that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.
- In 1998, a **Georgia** student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Day."
- Tobacco use kills more people than the total number killed by AIDS, alcohol, motor vehicles, homicide, illegal drugs and suicide combined.

Thought for the Day: "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." – **William Arthur Ward**

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Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm

WED: TRIVIA 7 pm

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5-9 pm

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Sat: 11 am-1 am

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

Happy Hour 3-7 pm

Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

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

Wed: COMEDY OPEN MIC

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Sun: Kids 12 & under eat free

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1002 East Jackson Ave

Thu-Fri: 5 pm-1 am

Sat: noon-1 am

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Rafters on the Square

1006 E Jackson Ave

Mon-Sat: 5 pm-1 am

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Wed-Fri: 5-11 pm

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122 Courthouse Square

Mon-Thu: 4 pm-close

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Fri: noon-1 am; Brunch noon-3 pm;

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small plate & oyster specials

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401 S Lamar Blvd

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Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$6 fresh

Margaritas

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Sun: Oyster Shooters!

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Sun: 11 am-9 pm

late night menu Thu-Sat

Happy Hour 3-6 pm: \$3 tacos; \$6

house Margaritas (\$20 pitchers); 2-for-1

domestics; 1/2-off appetizers

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Sat: \$5 Frozen's & \$20 pitchers

Sun: Service Industry Sunday

Volta Taverna

710 N Lamar Blvd

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Fri-Sat: 11 am-9:30 pm;

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1/2-price Margaritas & Mojitos

Mon, Thu & Sat 🚚



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Pizza Paradise
Pizza Shop



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Ruminations

Anyone who regularly reads my column knows that I'm a *huge* fan of the works of the 13th century Persian poet, Rumi. In this column I want to take some of Rumi's most salient words and add a wee bit of commentary.

Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

In these days and times so very many are downright terrified of both the future and the present. I've never had so many therapy clients say, "I'm just waiting for the other shoe to drop," or "I don't know what I can do that'll even matter anymore." Be the best version of yourself you can be. Change yourself and you will change your world, and your changed world will change the worlds of others.

A friend once said to me, "The first step in change is misery." Rumi wrote:

These pains you feel are messengers. Listen to them. The moment you accept what troubles you've been given, the door will open.

One of the great mythological themes is called "the hero's journey." It is the common struggle of all to eat our way out of our cocoons and soar on our butterfly wings or fall lifelessly into the abyss. It is the choosing of our paths, as Robert Frost wrote:

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the road less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

There is no one universal prototype for living. In the movie, *Rust*, Alec Baldwin's character, Harland Rust, said, "Every man chooses what he is." Every choice we make determines who we become and I believe that the spirit within us knows if our choices are the best for us or not, and when we make poor choices that same spirit says to us, "That probably wasn't the best choice you could have made, but now that you've made it, let's see what we can do with it."

Rumi wrote:

I have been a seeker and I still am, but I stopped asking the books and the stars. I started listening

to the teaching of my Soul.

Your heart knows the way. Run in that direction. If light is in your heart, you will find your way home.

We carry inside us the wonders we seek outside us.

We explore the universes of the stars. We dive deeply under the waters of the oceans and seas in search of new wonders. Do you, do I, give enough of our energy searching within? There are vast galaxies just waiting, yea, pleading to us to be known.

One Rumi quotation I love so much that I had it tattooed on the inside of my right forearm is

What you seek is seeking you.

Those words ring deeply in my soul. They bring me hope in my darkest days and serve as a North Star to me.

It's your road and yours alone. Others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.

This Rumi quotation reminds me of the old spiritual: "Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves." (Public Domain)

One of Rumi's primary spiritual influencers was another Persian poet, Ibn Arabi, who wrote, "I follow the religion of Love: whatever way Love's camels take, that is my religion and my faith."


Finally, Rumi wrote:

Be drunk with love, for love is all that exists.

Love is the bridge between you and everything.

Fellow travelers, John Lennon was right. All you need is love. Love is the most powerful force in all of creation. You want to change the world? Love yourself and love others—even your enemies. That's how we change the world.

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

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Poet Laureate

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But then I discovered the poetry of William Carlos Williams in graduate school, and that opened my awareness of whole new possibilities for writing."

From Williams, she realized that the process of creativity can be a way of living—"The dream is in pursuit," Williams write—and that poetry is very much part of life.

"It's just noticing what lies around you and working with language to create beauty, feeling, and memorability and to honor the powers of our life and death and everything in between."


As poet laureate, Fisher-Wirth will share her enthusiasm and love for poetry throughout the state.

She plans to continue supporting the Mississippi Poetry Project for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, started by previous poet laureate Catherine Pierce. She also hopes to begin a podcast for classroom use called *The Beloved Poem Project*, where fellow poets and teachers will discuss their favorite poems.

Additionally, she wants to develop a community-based poetry project. "This would be place-based and would invite people to come together and write about things in their community," she said. "It would then take fragments of what different people wrote and become the poem of Coffeeville, or Iuka, or Ocean Springs or wherever the community may be located."

"Her enduring participation in environmental and poetry communities brings Mississippi to others, and during her career she earned also a well-deserved national and international reputation," Caroline Wigginton, chair of the Department of English said. "All who will read or hear her verse will say, 'This is a woman who loves Mississippi, and who revels in its power and beauty, but who is also not afraid to write also about how we can do better, in part through the sharing of poetry.'"

Fisher-Wirth wants people to look at the other-than-human world around them and learn to value it and therefore take better care of it.

"Poetry can't make people do things, but it can give them pleasure, give them comfort, increase their awareness of beauty, awaken the heart, awaken the imagination," she said. "It can make us live more abundantly." 

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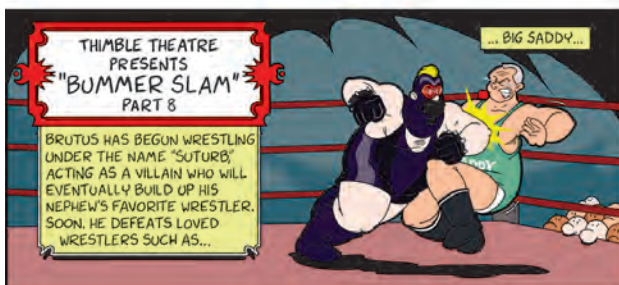
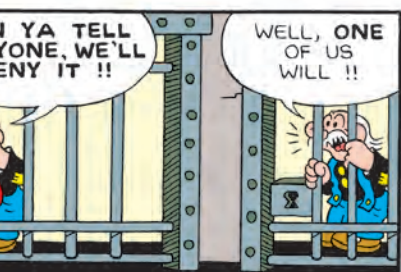
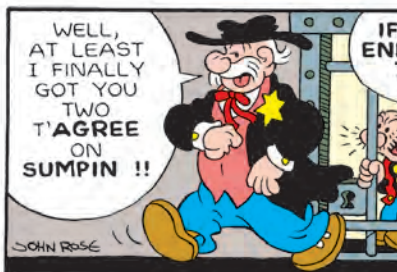
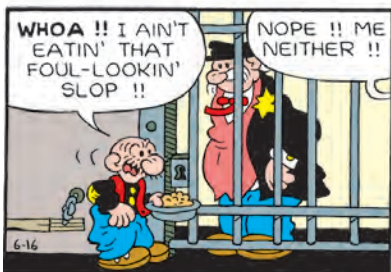
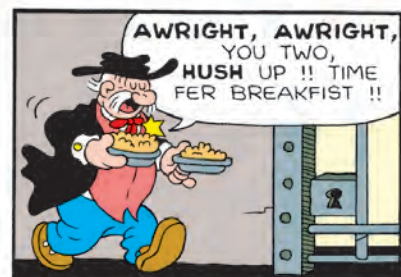
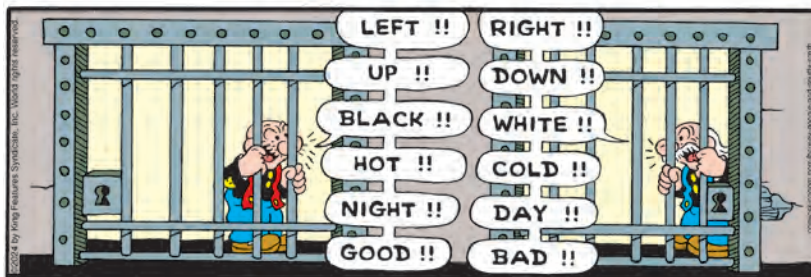
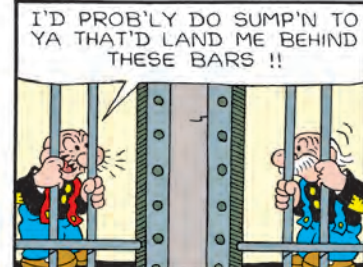
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GRIN and BEAR IT Wagner



"I'll do the talking, Roscoe!"



Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

A MYSTERIOUS LONE SIREN, ZULFA, HAS OFFERED TO LEAD VAL AND HIS COMPANY TO SAFETY ABOVE THE DEADLY TIDE. THEY FOLLOW HER UP A NARROW PATH, WELL HIDDEN IN THE ROCKY CUTS LINING THE SHORE.

THROUGH TWISTING CAVES THEY CLIMB, WATCHED BY BALEFUL EYES AND SCUTTLING SHAPES. "THIS ISLAND HOLDS MANY STRANGE CREATURES," OFFERS ZULFA, "BUT THEY ARE ALL NATURAL THINGS- AND MAKE GOOD EATING."

AT LAST THEY COME TO A CHAMBER WARMED BY THERMAL SPRINGS. "STAY HERE FOR THE TIME," SAYS THE GUIDE. "I WILL FETCH FRESH WATER AND..."

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BUT VAL REMAINS WARY. "YOU GO NOWHERE UNTIL YOU TELL US WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT- WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?"

FOR THE FIRST TIME ZULFA LOOKS FRIGHTENED: "PLEASE-I- WE ARE SIMPLE COURTESANS- SLAVES WHO ONLY WISH TO BE FORGOTTEN..."

NEXT:
The Sirens' origin

Americanisms

"A father's love is forever imprinted on his child's heart."
— Jennifer Williamson

Amber Waves

KIDS, TODAY WE ARE GOING TO READ OUR SHORT STORIES AND SHARE WHAT INSPIRED US.

MY STORY IS CALLED "NIGHT OF SHOOTING STARS." I WAS GAZING WITH MY TELESCOPE.

MY STORY IS CALLED "SUNNY MEADOW IN THE MORNING." I FOUND THE SCENERY INSPIRING.

MINE IS CALLED "DOES THE BUS DRIVER HAVE TO HIT EVERY POT HOLE?" I WAS SHORT ON TIME.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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The Spats

GRANDPA, WHAT IS AN OXYMORON?

RUB RUB RUB

A MORON WHO BREATHES AIR.

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by Jeff Pickering

AND THE MEDIA WERE LIED TO ABOUT BIDEN'S MENTAL ACUITY FOR 4 YEARS. THE END.

CARE FOR ANOTHER FAIRY TALE?

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MY BIKE ISN'T RIDING RIGHT, HUGO

I THINK IT NEEDS WORK

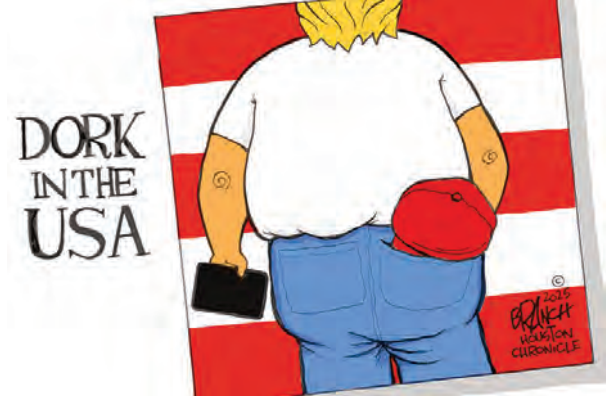
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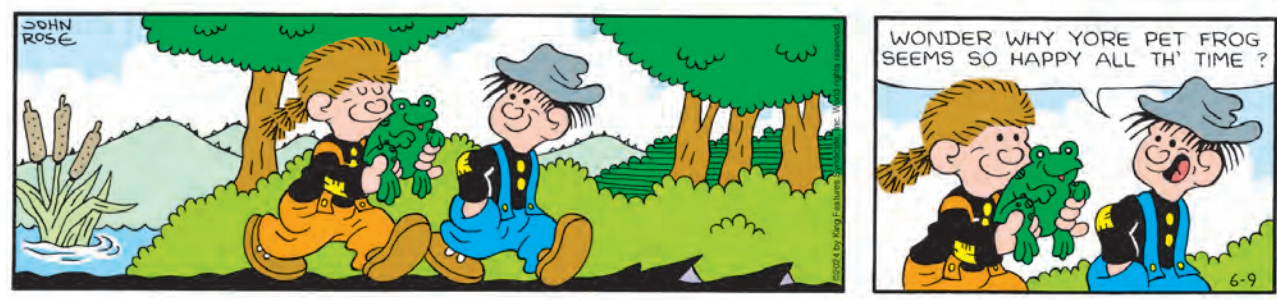
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by BUD BLAKE





"We got that once-in-a-lifetime offer again!"



Americanisms

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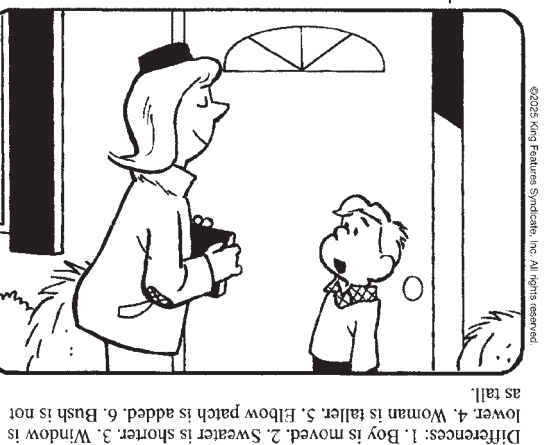
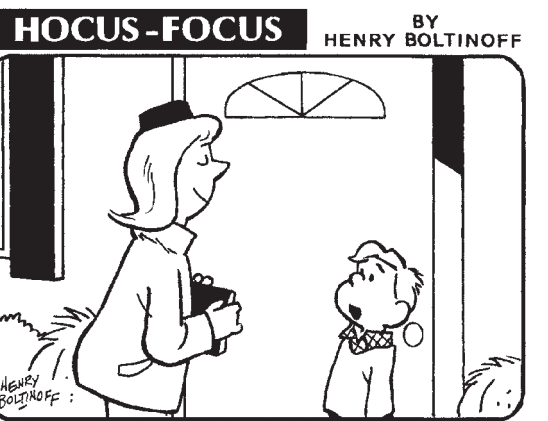




The Garden Bug

Landscape architecture is the analysis, planning, design, construction and stewardship of natural and built environments such as conservation areas, historic gardens and monuments, institutional and recreational settings, transportation corridors, private homes, etc. It requires advanced training and licensing.

— Brenda Weaver
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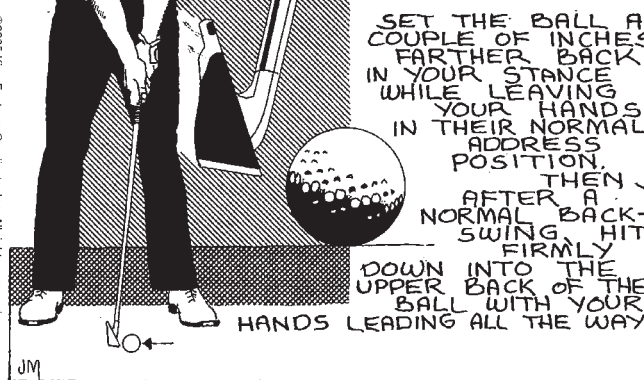
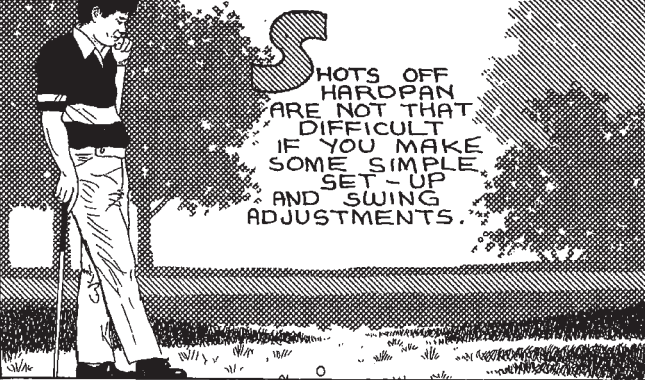
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Try This Mighty Fine Family Chili

Just as a tasty bowl of chili is a mixture of flavors and ingredients, the origins of “chili” are a blend of influences from cultures across the Atlantic, south of the border, and in our own country — primarily Texas.

Throughout the years, pride in stirring up the best recipe has led to community chili cook-offs from coast to coast, with entrants vying for the title of tastiest bowl of chili. Although I’ve never entered a contest, I’ve certainly enjoyed being a taste tester, including at “Frontier Days,” an outdoor event I attended in the mountains of Northern California.

The winner was a family recipe cooked up by Alyssa and David West using lean ground turkey and sausage, then topped with crisp chopped celery and diced ripe avocado, rather than scallions and sour cream. The turkey adds a different take on beef or bean chili, and the creamy green of the avocados is a nice balance to the spice.

For a prep shortcut, they used Bear Creek Darn Good Chili Soup Mix. While chili chefs are known for strong opinions about the right ingredients for a “true” chili, don’t let this get in the way of your creativity as you make a batch for friends and family. If you think you have a winner, you might bring your creation to a potluck or enter it in a chili

mighty fine family chili

Serves 8

- 1 package Bear Creek Darn Good Chili (available in grocery stores)
- 7 cups water
- 1 6-ounce can tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar (optional)
- 1 14-ounce can petite diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 15.5-ounce can small white beans, drained
- 1 8.3-ounce can Bush’s Baked Beans
- 1/2 pound ground turkey, browned and drained
- 1/2 pound ground sausage, browned and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Loosely chopped celery for topping
- Diced avocado for topping



Bring water to boil, then add in dry mix and tomato paste. Simmer for 20 minutes. Add in remaining chili ingredients. Simmer for an additional 10 minutes. Keep hot until serving.

Ladle chili into bowls. Top with celery and avocado. Serve with corn muffins, if desired.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.



1. **Lilo & Stitch**
(PG) Maia Kealoha, Sydney Agudong
2. **Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning**
(PG-13) Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell
3. **Final Destination: Bloodlines**
(R) Kaitlyn Santa Juana, Teo Briones
4. **Thunderbolts***
(PG-13) Florence Pugh, Sebastian Stan
5. **Sinners**
(R) Michael B. Jordan, Miles Caton
6. **The Last Rodeo**
(PG) Neal McDonough, Mykelti Williamson
7. **Friendship**
(R) Tim Robinson, Paul Rudd
8. **A Minecraft Movie**
(PG) Jason Momoa, Jack Black
9. **The Accountant 2**
(R) Ben Affleck, Jon Bernthal
10. **Hurry Up Tomorrow**
(R) The Weeknd, Jenna Ortega



THIS WEEK’S CATEGORY: Top-Charting True Crime

True crime is arguably the most popular podcast genre, but it’s not everybody’s cup of tea. Most people want a good mystery to feel like they’re solving a case along with the detectives, leaving no stone unturned. Currently, these five podcasts are captivating audiences week after week, according to the latest Apple Podcast charts:

“What Happened to Holly Bobo?”

— It’s been 15 years since a young nursing student named Holly Bobo disappeared into the woods near her home in small-town Tennessee. Her brother, who was still in a fog from sleep, saw his sister with a man who he mistook for her boyfriend, but instead, he was actually witnessing a crime. Three men are currently in prison for her murder, but there have been accusations of coerced confessions by detectives. Tune in to this series and decide for yourself if the facts add up. (ABCAudio.com)

“Deep Cover: The Truth About Sarah”

— This is a podcast about people living double lives. In its newest season, we meet a heroic veteran named Sarah Cavanaugh who was facing a new kind of battle: cancer. (Or so she claimed.) Hosted by Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist Jake Halpern, this troubling mystery isn’t about kidnapping and murder. It’s about deception and “stolen valor.” Explore

Deep Cover’s past seasons, too, where it delves into drug wars, organized crimes and, most recently, the rise and fall of Republican Congressman George Santos. (DeepCoverPod.com)

“Serialously With Annie Elise”

— This true-crime podcast was created by a host who is “one of us” — someone who desires all of the overlooked details that everyone else seems to miss, a fact checker with mad Googling skills. Host of the popular YouTube channel “10 to Life,” Annie Elise brings you all the details on the latest viral cases, current trials, and true-crime news. Recent episodes cover the Diddy Trial, Karen Read, and the upcoming “Idaho Four” murder case. (AnnieElise.com)

Don’t Forget These Gems

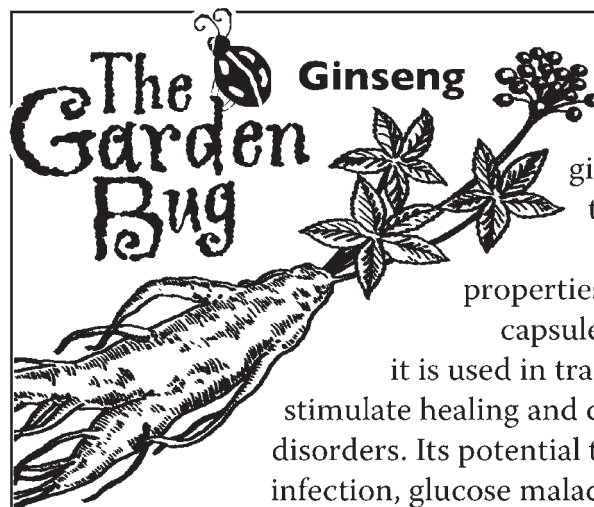
“**Blood Vines**” — This true-crime series about a 1991 murder takes place in California’s Central Valley during the “rose craze.” Few people are aware of White Zinfandel’s connection to a multimillion-dollar fraud case and the murder of a crucial witness. Also, don’t be surprised if this podcast gets adapted into a scripted series someday in a “Falcon Crest” meets “Goodfellas” style. (Wonderly.com)

“Clues with Morgan Absher and Kaelyn Moore”

— If you suffer from a short attention span and a long, drawn-out true-crime serial is too much of a commitment, this podcast is the perfect compromise. Hosts Absher and Moore give their unique but well-researched takes on different notorious criminal cases. Each episode is clearly defined by its title, so you can easily scroll through the library and listen to coverage of the infamous D.B. Cooper skyjacking case, followed by an entirely different one about the Golden State Killer. There’s also less-known mysteries like the disappearance of the Martin family in the 1950s. (PAVEstudios.com)

Fun Fact

In a study published by the enormously popular mattress brand Saatva, the majority of people interviewed prefer to NOT face their partner when going to sleep at night. A definitive 64 percent roll over before drifting off.



The root of this plant contains ginsenosides, thought to be responsible for the herb’s medicinal properties. Made into tablets, capsules, extracts and teas, it is used in traditional medicine to stimulate healing and control various body disorders. Its potential to treat chronic lung infection, glucose maladies and Alzheimer’s is being studied. - Brenda Weaver

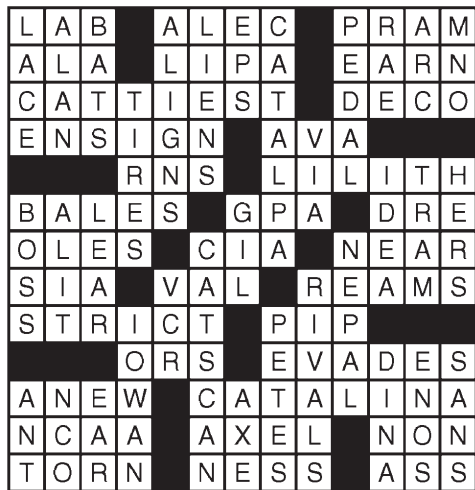
Source: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ornate
2. Purse;
3. Actual;
4. Shame

Today's Word

CRASH

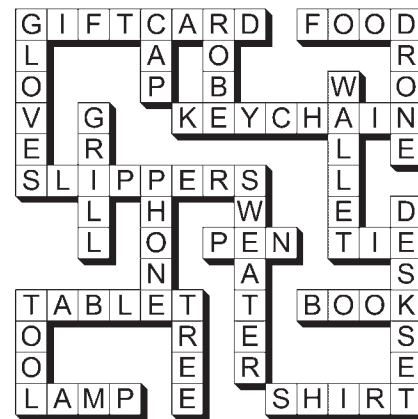
Even Exchange

answers

1. Daisy, Daily
2. Barber, Berber
3. Nibble, Nimble
4. Mercy, Merry
5. Alice, Alike
6. Dream, Dread
7. Oddest, Oldest
8. Edsel, Easel
9. Maude, Mauve
10. Paddle, Puddle

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



FEAR KNOT

answer





Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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



“Sinners” (R) — This supernatural horror flick from director Ryan Coogler (“Black Panther: Wakanda Forever”) has become one of the biggest film releases of the year, hopefully making it one to watch during next year’s award season. Taking place in 1932 Mississippi, the film follows twin brothers Smoke and Stack Moore, as well as their cousin Sammie, as they start up a local juke joint for the Black community in their town. Despite a pastor’s warnings that the blues can summon supernatural spirits, Sammie and other local musicians perform blues songs during the juke joint’s opening night. Little do they know that their entrancing tunes beckon a vampire clan closer and closer, and a massacre is sure to follow. Michael B. Jordan stuns in the dual role of Smoke and Stack, and Ludwig Goransson’s soundtrack is the perfect finishing garnish to this incredible film. Available to rent on June 3. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Straw” (R) — Tyler Perry’s films are often centered around telling underrepresented Black stories that often evoke intense emotions in their characters and their audience. His latest release, which is available to stream on June 6, puts this same formula to work with Taraji P. Henson being a force to reckon with in the lead role. She portrays single mother Janyiah, who is at her wit’s end after

a series of events cause her to lose out on money for her daughter’s medical bills. With nowhere left to turn, Janyiah heads to the bank, preparing to commit a robbery. Once she’s there and in the thick of the action, cooler heads like bank manager Nicole (Sherri Shepherd) and Detective Kay Raymond (Teyana Taylor) attempt to talk Janyiah out of making a terrible mistake. (Netflix)

“Stick” (TV-MA) — Owen Wilson takes on his first leading role since the trainwreck that was “Haunted Mansion” (2023), and this time, it seems like this role is a bit more his speed. Wilson plays Pryce Cahill, a “long washed up” professional golfer who lacks a purpose after both his golfing career and marriage went south. While teaching golf basics to the elderly, Pryce encounters a teen boy named Santi (Peter Dinklage), whose golf swing shows serious potential. So, Pryce decides to take Santi under his wing and sign him up for an amateur championship tournament to see if Santi can win it all! The first three episodes premiere June 4, with subsequent episodes releasing every Wednesday. (Apple TV+)



Courtesy of Netflix
Taraji P. Henson stars in “Straw.”



Meet Your New Meal Prep Hero: The Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad

If you’re looking for a meal prep wonder that works as hard as you do, this Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad is here to save the day!

Made with pantry-friendly ingredients, this colorful salad keeps beautifully in the fridge for up to five days and offers endless ways to enjoy it. Whether you’re adding it to a bed of mixed greens, tossing it into quesadillas or serving it as a hearty taco or wrap filling, it’s a versatile addition to your meal rotation.

It also makes a delicious topping for baked or sweet potatoes and pairs perfectly with grilled chicken or fish for a light, refreshing side. With so many options, this salad is your secret weapon, and it’s easily doubled or tripled to ensure stress-free, flavorful meals all week long.

SOUTHWESTERN BLACK BEAN & CORN SALAD

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 15 minutes

For the Dressing:

2 tablespoons olive oil
Juice and zest of one lime
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon table salt

For the Salad:

1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1/2 cup red onion, diced
1/2 cup red pepper, diced
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

In the bottom of a salad bowl, whisk together all dressing ingredients to emulsify. Add the salad ingredients, tossing to combine. This gets better as it sits, so I recommend refrigerating this at least two hours before serving.

This salad is delicious when made into hearty quesadillas. They are a great choice for a quick weeknight dinner or a delicious snack. The combination of black beans, sweet corn and melty cheese wrapped in a crispy tortilla is the perfect comfort food.



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Golden, crispy quesadillas — perfectly crisp on the outside and melty on the inside!

SOUTHWESTERN BLACK BEAN & CORN QUESADILLAS

Yield: 4 servings
Total Time: 15 minutes

1 recipe black bean and corn salad
2 cups shredded Mexican blend, or cheddar cheese
8 (8-inch) flour tortillas
Cooking spray or oil and/or butter, as needed

Preheat a skillet over low heat and

coat with cooking spray or melt a mix of 2 teaspoons each of olive oil and butter. The blend of oil and butter gives the quesadillas a rich, golden crisp that makes them extra satisfying.

Stir the shredded cheese into the black bean and corn mixture so you get that perfect gooey filling with each bite of quesadilla.

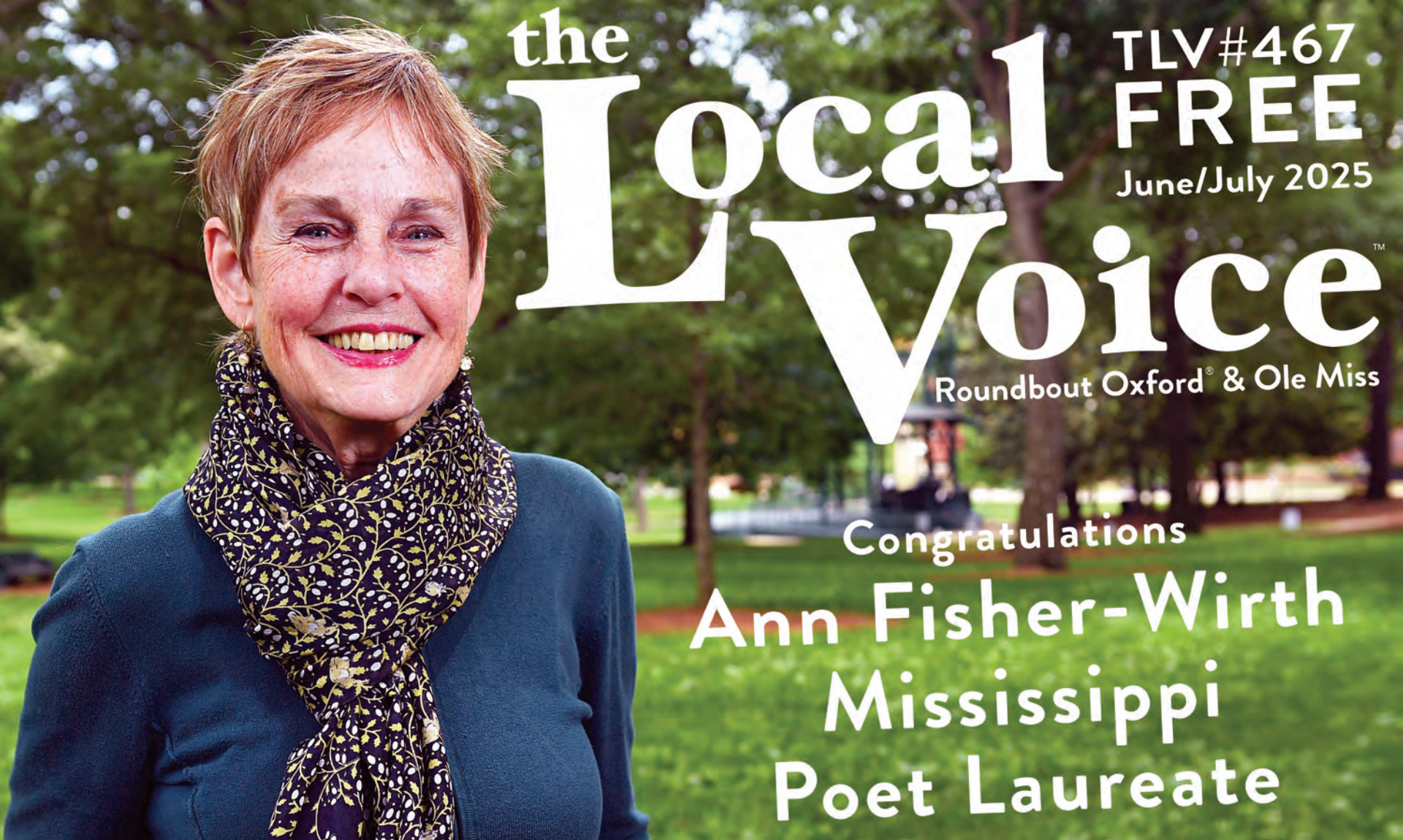
Increase the heat to medium and cook each quesadilla one at a time until golden brown and crispy, and the cheese is fully melted. You want the tortillas to have that satisfying crunch, with just the right amount of crispiness.

Place one tortilla in the skillet at a time. Place 1/2 cup of the bean and cheese mixture over the tortilla and spread it evenly to the edges. Once the cheese has melted, fold this tortilla in half, making a half-moon shape, pressing down gently to help seal. Repeat with the remaining tortillas and bean mixture adding butter and oil as needed.

Slice into triangles and serve immediately. These quesadillas are fantastic on their own, but feel free to serve them with your favorite dipping sauce, like salsa, sour cream or guacamole.

Whether you’re meal prepping for the week or looking for a quick, satisfying meal, this Southwestern Black Bean & Corn Salad is a game-changer. So go ahead, whip up a batch and enjoy stress-free, healthy meals all week long!

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