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## 'Only a Pawn in Their Game' Panel to Discuss Legacy of Medgar Evers in Free Public Event October 8

Three threads of Mississippi and civil rights history – Medgar Evers, Bob Dylan and Jerry Mitchell – will be woven together in a public conversation October 8 at the **University of Mississippi**.

The free, public event is set for 5:30 pm in the **Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics** auditorium. It will feature a panel discussion about Dylan's "Only a Pawn in Their Game," performed at the 1963 **Delta Folk Jubilee** in **Greenwood**, and the assassination of Evers just weeks earlier.

The event also marks the 100th anniversary of Evers' birth.

"The more I researched Dylan's 1963 trip to Greenwood, the more I realized this was a significant event in the trajectories of both Dylan's career and in the Mississippi civil rights movement," said **R.J. Morgan**, associate professor of journalism and resident Dylan scholar whose research into the Greenwood event has evolved into a book project.

"This was Dylan's first trip to the segregated South, and it took a lot of courage to come perform in Mississippi at that time. This was the **Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's** first attempt at bringing in white outsiders to open the state's 'closed society,' a strategy that would ultimately grow into Freedom Summer the following year."

Besides Morgan, panelists include **Reena Evers-Everette**, Medgar Evers' daughter and executive director of the **Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute**; and Jerry Mitchell, **Mississippi Today** investigative reporter whose cold case reporting helped bring Evers' killer to justice in the 1990s.

The panel will also share the life and legacy of Evers, who fought injustice his entire life as a World War II veteran and NAACP field secretary.

by Marisa C. Atkinson

Evers is a patriot, Mitchell said.

During World War II, Evers fought on the beaches of Normandy and was later part of the group of soldiers called the Red Ball Express who provided fuel and food to troops routing German forces.

"After defeating the Nazis, Evers returned home to fight racism all over again in the form of Jim Crow, which barred Black Mississippians from restaurants, from restrooms and from voting booths," Mitchell said.

Evers applied to the **Ole Miss School of Law** in 1954 but was rejected because of his race.


"NAACP officials considered appealing his case, but they were so impressed with him, they offered him a job instead," Mitchell said. "Evers became the first field secretary for the Mississippi NAACP, and for the next decade, he continued to fight until an assassin gunned him down in the driveway of his home in Jackson."

And because of this, according to Dylan, Evers was only a pawn in their game.

A new generation has an awareness about Dylan and how he became a spokesperson for a generation, and for a generation of change, said **Tony Pederson**, Overby Center managing fellow.

"One of the main ideas at the Overby Center is to emphasize free speech and freedom of expression and the positive impact that it has on a society," he said. "Music that was written in the '60s that was a call for change and for activism; that resonates today just as well as it did 60 years ago."

Pederson and Morgan hope audience members realize the significance of Evers, Dylan, and Mississippi in the past and present.

"Freedom songs were a powerful cultural movement in the 1960s," Morgan said. "This program is an opportunity to learn some Mississippi history and to reflect on the power of song." 



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- **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 Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)**
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)**

### Thursdays

- **Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)**
- **Rhythm & Rye: KARAOKE (5 pm)**

### Fridays

- **The Balcony: DJ**
- **Booth's BBQ: Line Dancing (9 pm)**
- **Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)**
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM (9 pm)**

### Saturdays

- **The Balcony: DJ**
- **Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)**
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- **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**
- **Old Henry: Sun 11 am–3 pm**
- **Quack's: Friday noon–3 pm; Sat–Sun: 11 am–3 pm**
- **Saint Leo: Sat & Sun: 10:30 am–3 pm**
- **Tallahatchie Gourmet: Sat & Sun 11:30 am–3 pm**

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

### THURSDAY 10.02.2025

- ▶ **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)**
- ▶ **The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author SUSAN GREGG GILMORE with *The Curious Calling of Leonard Bush*, music guests ALLY DURR, SECRET MONKEY WEEKEND (6 pm)**
- ▶ **Square Books, Jr.: CHAPTER CAPTAINS BOOK CLUB (6 pm)**  
Bryant Hall (University): UM Music presents Noontime Music Series feat. ADRIENNE PARK, piano & MICHAEL ROWLETT, clarinet (12:15 pm; free)  
Oxford Public Library: Mid-Day Meetup Game & Puzzle Play & Swap (11 am); Afterschool Zone - Creative Writing with UM MFA (3:45 pm)  
Proud Larry's: RATTLESNAKE MILK (9 pm)

### FRIDAY 10.03.2025

- ▶ **The Library: LENNOX HILL BAND (9 pm)**
- ▶ **Off Square Books: TWILIGHT's 20th anniversary celebration (6:30 pm, costumes encouraged)**
- ▶ **Quack's: DJ RYBACK-ATCHA**
- ▶ **Rhythm & Rye: TONY BOYD (7 pm)**  
Ford Center: UM Theatre presents OUR TOWN (7:30 pm)  
Gillom Center (University): OLE MISS VOLLEYBALL vs. KENTUCKY (6 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime: Soup (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone - Creative Writing with UM MFA (3:45 pm)  
Proud Larry's: MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & THE SMOKEs (8 pm; free)

### SATURDAY 10.04.2025

- ▶ **Circle & Square: OXTOBERFEST**
- ▶ **The Library: LENNOX HILL BAND (9 pm)**
- ▶ **Quack's: DJ RYBACK-ATCHA**  
Ford Center: UM Theatre presents OUR TOWN (2 pm & 7:30 pm)  
Lafayette County Arena: FALL FESTIVAL (11 am–4 pm)  
MSU Extension Office: Lafayette County Master Gardeners' Fall Lecture with DR. EDDIE SMITH on "Fall and Winter Gardening" (10 am)  
Proud Larry's: THE GREAT DYING (9 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LITTLE ROCK (1 pm)



### SUNDAY 10.05.2025

- ▶ **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (11:30 am)**
- ▶ **Quack's: ANDREW DELMASTRO (noon–2 pm)**  
Ford Center: UM Theatre presents OUR TOWN (2 pm)  
Gillom Center (University): OLE MISS VOLLEYBALL vs. AUBURN (6 pm)  
The Lyric: GREENSKY BLUEGRASS (6 pm)  
Ole Miss Soccer Stadium: OLE MISS SOCCER vs. TENNESSEE (2 pm)

### MONDAY 10.06.2025

- ▶ **Circle & Square: Thrills & Chills Book Club (7 pm)**
- ▶ **Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): Monday Social Club w/ ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART, CAM KIMBROUGH, DJ SWARTHY MENACE + Afrissippi food truck (6 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (3:15 pm)

### TUESDAY 10.07.2025

- ▶ **Off Square Books: PAULA SANDERS for *Starting from Here*, in conversation with LEE DURKEE (5:30 pm)**  
Ford Center: UM WIND ENSEMBLE (7:30 pm)  
Lafayette-Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Craft & Connect: Trick or Treat Yo-self Tote Bags (11 am & 5:30 pm)  
The Lyric: THE HEAD AND THE HEART (8 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 10.08.2025

- Chicory Market: Happy Hour music SHANE PREWITT (4 pm)
- The Depot (University): UM Dept. of English presents SAMYAK SHERTOK reading and signing (6 pm)
- Overby Auditorium (University): Only a Pawn in Their Game: Bob Dylan, Medger Evers, and the Delta Folk Jubilee of 1963 (5:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: BEN SOLLEE (9 pm)

### THURSDAY 10.09.2025

- ▶ **Off Square Books: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author PAUL BURCH with *Meridian Rising*, music guests OAKWALKER, EDNA NICOLE & REV. SLIM (6 pm)**  
Lafayette-Oxford Public Library: Mid-Day Meetup - Color Club (11 am)  
The Lyric: PANIC STRICKEN (8 pm)  
Proud Larry's: COLE GOODWIN (9 pm)

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### FRIDAY 10.10.2025

- **Oxford Square: OLE MISS HOMECOMING PARADE** (5 pm)
- **The Library: BARSTOOL COWBOYS** (9 pm)
- **Quack's: BEDLXM**
- Chicory Market: Football Friday Supper Club (7 pm)
- Lafayette Co. & Ox. Public Library: Storytime: Fall Puppet Show (10:30 am)
- Ole Miss Soccer Stadium: OLE MISS SOCCER vs. KENTUCKY (7 pm)
- The Powerhouse: CASSIE BONNER (7 pm)

### SATURDAY 10.11.2025 Game Day

- Vaught-Hemingway: OLE MISS VS. WASHINGTON STATE** (11:45 am)
- **The Library: BARSTOOL COWBOYS** (9 pm)
- **Quack's: DJ RYBACK-ATCHA**

### SUNDAY 10.12.2025

- **Foxfire Ranch: Sunday Blues Series TBA** (5 pm)
- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC** (11:30 am)
- Gillom Center (University): OLE MISS VOLLEYBALL vs. TENNESSEE (2 pm)
- Tom Beckbe: Golden Hours Concert Series: Garden Party concert (6:30 pm)

### MONDAY 10.13.2025

Lafayette-Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm); A.H. JERRIOD AVANT reading & signing *Muscadine* (5:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 10.14.2025

- **Circle & Square: Pumpkins & Pints** (1-3 pm)
- **Off Square Books: ALICIA WRIGHT** for *You're Called by the Same Sound* & **CODY-ROSE CLEVIDENCE** for *This Household of Earthly Nature* (6 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 10.15.2025

- **Off Square Books: ANDREW DONNELLY** in conversation with **ANNE TWITTY** for *Confederate Sympathies* (5:30 pm)
- Lafayette-Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone w UM Museum (3:45 pm)
- Proud Larrys: **STEPHEN DAY** (9 pm)
- Ava H. Bonds Auditorium (OHS): UM Music presents **GLEES CONCERT** (7:30 pm; free)

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27 Russian horsemen	54 Fan's cry	6 "Caught ya!"	31 Fr. holy woman
32 "Breaking Bad" network	55 Wicked	7 Leslie Caron role	36 Orchestral strings
33 Ad —	56 Unfavorable votes	8 California's — Beach	37 Goof up
34 Smack	57 Journalist	9 Spandex-like	38 Website invader
35 Seller	Nellie	10 Rara —	41 Downing Street VIP
38 Ballyhoo	58 Coral formation	11 Recipe amts.	42 Shortly
39 Put on TV		19 Exist	43 Juanita's home
40 Ecol. watchdog	<b>DOWN</b>	21 Petrol	44 Belgrade resident
42 Oscar contenders	1 Couturier	24 Light touch	46 Roof edge
45 Roast hosts	2 "Break My Heart" singer	25 Big bird of Australia	47 Writer Wiesel
49 Salt formula	Dua	26 Sore, as a throat	48 Ego
50 PC key	3 Calif. neighbor	28 Odometer start	51 Pitcher Maglie
52 Hardy cabbage	4 Diamond	29 Like some owls	
53 Fed. workplace monitor	sides		
	5 Mottled	30 Half a ton	



- Which artist wrote and released "Together Again"?
- Who released "We Are the Champions"?
- Alan O'Day is best known for which song?
- Which Beatle wrote and released "All Those Years Ago"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I want you to tell me why you walked out on me, I'm so lonesome every day."

### Answers

- Singer-songwriter Buck Owens, in 1964. The song was later covered by several others, including Ray Charles, Emmylou Harris and Vince Gill.
- Queen, in 1977, as the A-side to "We Will Rock You." The song, written by Freddie Mercury, is often played at sports arenas to celebrate home team wins.
- "Undercover Angel," in 1977. But O'Day is mostly known for writing hits for other artists. Among many others, he penned "Angie Baby" for Helen Reddy.
- George Harrison, in 1981. The lyrics were complete, but Harrison rewrote it as a tribute to John Lennon after Lennon was murdered in 1980.
- "Walk Right Back," by The Everly Brothers, in 1961. The song was recorded before it was finished being written. Anxious to get it released, they sang the first verse twice.

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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: QUARTER —

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1 Slogan  
6 Like horses offered for breeding  
12 "You played well!"  
20 Knot on a tree branch  
21 Like Lowell's "day in June"  
22 Anomalous  
23 Creature in the Philip-pines' capital?  
25 Former British prime minister Benjamin  
26 Geronimo or Cochise  
27 Voting "no"  
29 Final inning, usually  
30 Best Picture of 2012  
32 "El —" (1961 epic film)  
33 Horse-drawn carriage in Angola's capital?  
37 Sobieski of the screen  
39 — Plaines  
40 Olympic swimmer Tom  
41 Skating couples in France's capital?
- 44 Like charged atoms  
45 Pear variety  
49 Melodramatic  
50 Privy to  
51 Massey of old movies  
52 Affliction for some war vets  
56 Mineo of old movies  
57 Pollen-bearing organ from a flower in Iran's capital?  
60 Golfer Hale  
62 Insect's egg capsule  
64 Boise loc.  
65 "State Fair" actor Ayres  
66 Ring thrown at a peg in Ecuador's capital?  
69 Public square in Bolivia's capital?  
72 Abbr. on a navy vessel  
73 Website ID  
74 Showed up at  
76 Narratives  
77 Feudal lords in Greece's capital?  
80 TV captain Jean- — Picard  
83 Big shindig  
84 Has to have  
85 Like a desert
- 86 Workforce newcomer  
88 Harper of "No Country for Old Men"  
89 Doughnut-shaped  
91 Small parasite in South Korea's capital?  
96 Primitive-based kind of diet  
97 "OB-viously!"  
98 Striped stinkers  
99 Comedian in Lesotho's capital?  
104 — Fridays (eatery chain)  
106 "Fancy —!"  
107 Flared dress  
108 Feudal toiler  
109 "Who — thunk it?"  
111 Said "OK" to silently  
115 Gym sweat-boxes in the Bahamas' capital?  
119 Intimate chat  
120 The second "S" of KISS  
121 Prez Roosevelt  
122 Back spot for a rider  
123 Madrid's land, to its natives
- 124 "It's nobody — business"  
**DOWN**  
1 "Gigi" studio  
2 — roll (hot)  
3 Scarlet bird  
4 Libyan port  
5 Cantina pot from Japan  
7 Not flabby  
8 — Lanka  
9 Mexican meat dishes  
10 Ariel's planet  
11 Letter before epsilon  
12 Rove (about)  
13 Kimono sash  
14 Clip- — (some ties)  
15 1996 presidential hopeful Bob  
16 Bit of salt  
17 Modify  
18 Island south of Sicily  
19 Nobelist Root  
24 Says "OK" to  
28 Tabby not leaving the house  
30 Swiss peak  
31 Singer Chris  
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61 They often precede verbs  
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68 Final: Abbr.  
70 Target of the Salk vaccine  
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89 Letter before epsilon  
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91 "Time to ride the waves!"  
92 Beat in a mano-a-mano  
93 Releases from one's grasp  
94 Jamaican music genre  
95 N.J. hours  
96 Gussies up  
97 Removes some rodents  
99 Stately home  
100 Solitary  
101 Album's first half  
102 Ewoks' forest moon  
103 Detect  
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105 Dutch cheese  
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO PIGLETS DO AFTER SCHOOL?

ANTLER    —    LEARN    SHAVES    —    VASES

INCHES    —    SINCE    DARING    —    GRIND

ALIENS    —    SNAIL    MODERN    —    DRONE


UNTIED    —    TUNED    —    —    —

ROBOTS    —    BOOST    BAWLED    —    BLADE

ROASTS    —    STARS

SENIOR    —    NOISE

DOCKED    —    CODED



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(December 5, 1901 – December 15, 1966)

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

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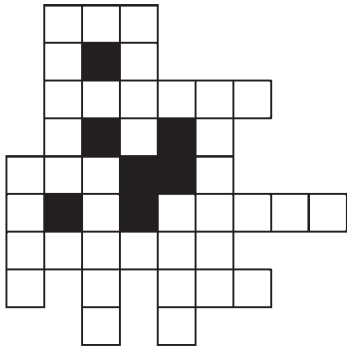
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH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

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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.

1. Graph                    — — — — T      Bracelet bauble                    — — — — M

2. Pesto herb             — — — — L      Sink                                 — — — — N

3. Physical well-being   — — — — L — —      Fireside                         — — — — R — —

4. Snow segment        — — — — K — —      Blaze of fire                    — — — — M — —

5. Take out a loan        — O — — — —      Rabbit hole                      — U — — — —


6. Underage              — — — — O — —      Gold digger                      — — — — E — —

7. Ante                    W — — — —      Fervent, like a beaver        E — — — —

8. Subtract from        — — — — — T      Construe                         — — — — — E

9. Mom or Dad           — — — — R — —      Inventor's document         — — — — T — —

10. Coastline            — H — — — —      Stockpile                        — T — — — —



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Bob Schwetzer

"You got a notice for jury duty? I can't picture you spending two weeks just \_\_\_\_\_."

SCRAMBLERS

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

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# Cool Dog Sound: The Indie Book Label Where Literature Rocks

by Davis Coen

The greater Oxford area has long been a creative crossroads—a place where the ghosts of William Faulkner and Barry Hannah linger alongside the sounds of guitars spilling out from bars on the Courthouse Square. It's a place where words and music have always shared the same stage. In that spirit, Cool Dog Sound, a small but ambitious publishing outfit based in Water Valley, is blurring the line between the written page and the rock-and-roll stage.

Founded by Tim and Susan Lee, Cool Dog Sound calls itself “a rock-and-roll book label,” and the name fits. Their authors are almost all musicians, many with deep local roots, and the books—like the music that inspired them—refuse to be confined by category.

## Born from the Pandemic

Cool Dog Sound's origin story begins during the pandemic, when live music stopped cold. Tim Lee—a veteran musician, and recently the production director for Thacker Mountain Radio Hour—channeled that downtime into writing his memoir, *I Saw a Dozen Faces and I Rocked Them All*. Susan, an accomplished graphic designer, handled the visual side. Together, they discovered a love for the process of bringing a book to life.

Then came the turning point. Oxford rocker Tyler Keith reached out to Susan for a hand in designing the cover for his debut novel, *The Mark of Cain*. The Lees read the manuscript and eventually began to play with the idea of publishing it themselves. With that, Cool Dog Sound began its evolution from a personal project into a full-fledged publishing house.

## A Unique Roster of Writer-Musicians

What makes Cool Dog different from other indie



presses is that its authors live in two separate worlds. They're storytellers and songwriters, equally at home with pen or guitar. The lineup includes:

Tyler Keith, whose gritty Southern noir mirrors the raw honesty of his music, has released over a dozen albums with multiple groups and received a master's degree in Southern Studies at University of Mississippi. Keith's first novel was nominated for the award in fiction from the Mississippi Institute for Arts and Letters in 2023.

Max Hipp, a literature and creative writing teacher at University of Mississippi, also alum and

former student of Barry Hannah, distinctly blends literary craft with a musician's rhythm. Hipp's collection of short stories won the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters award for Fiction this year.

Sherry Cothren, a lifelong writer and longtime musician, brings lyrical depth to the page, and has taken opportunities to convert written works into songs for her various bands.

Sean Kelly is a music journalist, musician, and the author of a definitive biography on the cult-favorite band The Continental Drifters,

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# COOL DOG SOUND

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a project that opened doors from Louisiana to Southern California.

The catalog spans novels, memoirs, short stories, poetry, and band biographies—each infused with the voice of someone who knows what it means to create art from experience.

## Grassroots Growth, One Event at a Time

Running a small press means learning on the fly. To avoid warehouses full of unsold books, Cool Dog Sound relies on presales, gauging demand before ordering prints. That model has helped the label stay lean and sustainable.

Events are central to Cool Dog's identity, often blending music and literature into something more dynamic than the typical book reading. **Square Books** in Oxford has been a key partner, alongside **Lemuria Books** in Jackson and music-minded venues like **Goner Records** in Memphis and **T-Bones Records & Café** in Hattiesburg.

"When we do an event, we try to make it special," Tim said. "Sometimes that means a reading, sometimes it means music, and sometimes it's both. It keeps it interesting."

That multimedia approach paid off for Sean Kelly's *Continental Drifters* biography, which led to a **New Orleans** book event and even a stop in **Los Angeles**, drawing fans from the band's heyday.

## The Cool Dog Name and Its Future

The name Cool Dog Sound might sound like a record label, and that's not far from the truth. It began as Susan's design brand, **Cool Dog Creative**, and carried over to some of the Lees' self-released music projects. "We laugh about a book label having 'Sound' in the name," Tim admits. "But

given that most of our writers are musicians, it works."

As far as what's next, 2026 will mark Cool Dog's fifth anniversary, and the Lees are already planning a celebratory anthology featuring all their writers—and maybe a few new ones. There's also talk of a book by Mississippi musician **Will Griffith** (a.k.a. **The Great Dying**), blending poetry and lyrics.

And while the label remains proudly regional, its most recent release, *Sagamore*, may soon find a national audience thanks to a promising publicity push from a close friend of the book's late author **Jack Sonni**.

For now, Cool Dog Sound is proving that Mississippi's creative crossroads can still produce something fresh—where music and literature meet, mingle, and make noise together.

For updates and a look at their titles, visit Cool Dog Sound online ([CoolDogSound.com](http://CoolDogSound.com)) or stop by Square Books to discover what happens when Oxford's literary tradition plugs into an amplifier.

## Cool Dog Sound Catalog

- Tim Lee - *I Saw a Dozen Faces ... and I Rocked Them All (Diary of a Never Was)* - memoir, 2021
- Tyler Keith - *The Mark of Cain* - novel, 2022
- Tyler Keith - *The Outlaw Biker* - play, 2023
- Max Hipp - *What Doesn't Kill You Opens Your Heart* - short stories, 2024
- Sean Kelly - *White Noise & Lightning, The Continental Drifters Story* - band bio, 2024
- Sherry Cothren - *Gadfly: A Lifetime of Writings* - poetry, lyrics, prose, 2025
- Jack Sonni - *Sagamore* - novel, 2025

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# Don't Replace Prayers with Pitchforks

by Taylor Baker

With a reverence typically reserved for trash talking whatever weekend team is in town, many Oxford residents have unified en masse against a target within their own community.

After the assassination of **Charlie Kirk** on September 10, hordes of messages flooded the town's most notable (and at times infamous) Facebook pages. One post in particular began to popularize immediately—amassing hundreds of comments and reshares within the first few hours of publishing. The content of the post featured a screenshot taken from the personal instagram page of **Lauren Stokes**, her professional headshot, and a demand that people both boycott her restaurant and make calls to the University in attempt to get her fired.

Kirk, who had been scheduled to speak at the University in October, clearly has many devout followers willing to go to bat. The pressure from the people worked. Within hours, the University released a statement making bold strokes, citing the importance of honoring a commitment to “civility, fairness, and respecting the dignity of each person.” Stokes was now the former Executive Assistant for the Vice-Chancellor at **Ole Miss** and her restaurant, **Tarasque Cucina**, immediately closed its doors (but has since reopened).

While some returned to their keyboards with a simple and smug “she had it coming,” there were many community members, seemingly unaware at their rapid bypassing of hypocrisy, that began making death threats towards Stokes and her husband. Hundreds of photos of Stokes, with captioned insults ranging from mean-spirited to downright cruel and imposing, have flooded the internet.

Notably, there has also been some outpouring of support for Stokes. People began sharing the facts of her original post, most importantly highlighting that Stokes herself not only did not write it, but that there was no actual celebration of the violence surrounding Kirk's death. Many statements point out the shame that should be felt by the University, for citing “fairness” in regards to the act of firing someone for a personal opinion shared on social media. However, the scale of support versus enragement is certainly far from balanced. The town is divided in a way that seems not only malignant, but driven by emotional, torch-wielding keyboard warriors. However, one question seems to be asked over and over with little suitable, consistent answers—what would Charlie Kirk think?

For someone so outspoken and direct, Kirk's message seems to be now lost among his most devout followers. “You should be allowed to say outrageous things,” Kirk said, just earlier this year. He shunned the idea of “hate speech,” believing that, like deaths caused by gun violence in regards to the Second Amendment, “ugly speech,” “gross



speech,” and “evil speech” are all necessary to upholding the First Amendment.

Kirk, while being intentionally provocative, divisive, and at times harmful, was at least clear on where he stood regarding the ability of freely and openly expressing opinions, no matter how vile. He did not mince his words. So where has the message been lost for those who are supporting him?

For someone who, in the week after his assassination, has been nearly culturally sainted, it could be argued that his followers—including the closest among him like the President—are missing the mark in regards to upholding Kirk's loudly stated beliefs. People should not be losing their jobs over their personal opinion; Kirk would have supported this statement. He may have debated them at one of his “Prove Me Wrong” tables, but the very nature of silencing them would have been fundamentally opposed by what he represented. Call him a racist, homophobic, white nationalist (he would not have disagreed on many of these points), but he was consistent. To put it frankly, there should be no differing view points, no matter where you fall on the political spectrum, on where Charlie Kirk would fall regarding this issue and the question asked above. Assuming he continued to follow every opinion he had previously ever expressed: he would view the mass firings and other means of attack regarding statements of his death as a direct attack on the First Amendment.

Is it horrible to ever openly express support at someone getting murdered? Absolutely. Would Kirk, in fact, *has* Kirk done just that in order to protect the various Amendments of the county? Absolutely.

There is immense power in a community banding together. The firing of Stokes (and other notable figures) shows the impact of a modern day witch hunt. More than removal from their workforce and

routine, Stokes and folks like her now face the upheaval of trying to find new employment and make ends meet during an incredibly expensive and tumultuous time. For enacting the very thing Kirk was proud to fight for, people expressing their concerns over his most extreme views now face threats to their own survival. A restaurant, known for creating warm, cozy food and building community structure, potentially may be lost to the town.

Is this how the community wants to utilize its power? In this moment of shocking videos, violence, and the continued bombardment of divisive finger pointing, how can we see one another as people attempting to survive together, rather than tear each other apart? Witch hunts historically end with innocent people being hurt, killed, and entire communities facing haunting consequences—is this lesson worth revisiting?

These are the questions, I believe, that now deserve some thought and consideration. Stop questioning what Kirk would feel when he spent his entire life spelling it out, and take a moment to ask yourself: am I joining a hypocritical hunt because I am scared of being on the outside? 🗣️

## Do You Have One? (An opinion, that is)

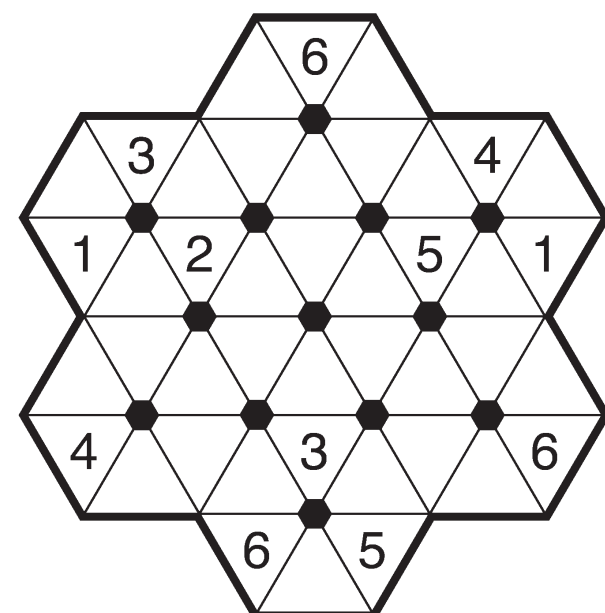
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# SNOWFLAKES

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.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

ANH ZTNG, ANH YNT'W  
OSXJ WN MJ ESPNHI, ANH  
CHIW OSXJ WN PSZJ ANHD  
PNWOJD STY ESWOJD VDNHY

## 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: **K** equals **F**

IVMB NVYZCL AYZ OMCC MQ  
MDFA YKKXOHD IVY CXEHN  
OYDQ FYDH BVMQ MQA YBVHD  
KYYL? CXHZBHQMQB EHDQHC

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION:** What was the name of the dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
- U.S. CITIES:** Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located?
- HISTORY:** Where did the Renaissance begin?
- MOVIES:** What is the nickname of the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the 20th president of the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many amendments are in the United States' Bill of Rights?
- ASTRONOMY:** What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?
- MUSIC:** Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"?
- LITERATURE:** What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?

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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## Rebel Wine & Spirits

Remember the Party Starts Here!

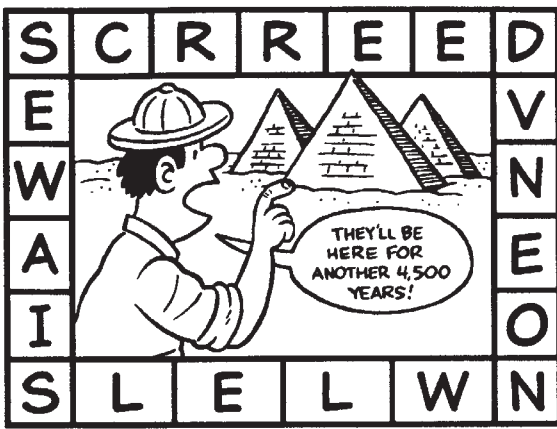
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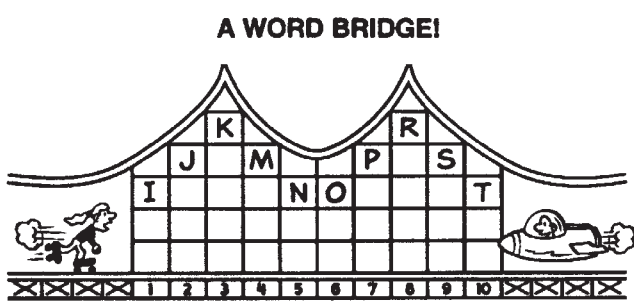
**STICKELERS** (sic)  
by Terry Stickels

Can you unscramble the letters below to form a word?

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L E S T I

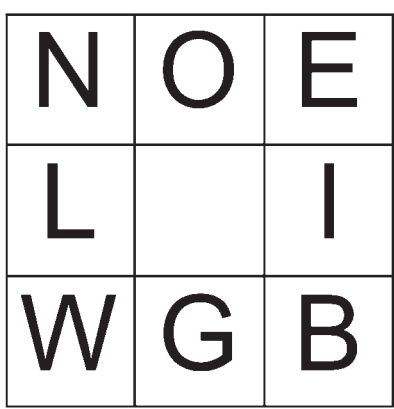


**Junior Whirl**  
by Charles Barry Townsend



The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We have given you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints.

## 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.

**HIDDEN IN THE ABOVE FRAME** is a famous proverb. Find it by reading every other letter as you go around it counterclockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "W" in the bottom rail: "Wonders will never cease."

**A COIN CONUNDRUM!** Jimmy has a bag that contains 50 coins. The total value of these coins is \$1. Can you tell how many quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies are in the bag?

Answer: 1 quarter, 2 dimes, 2 nickels and 45 pennies. (.25 + .20 + .10 + .45 = 1.00).

Illustrated by David Coulson

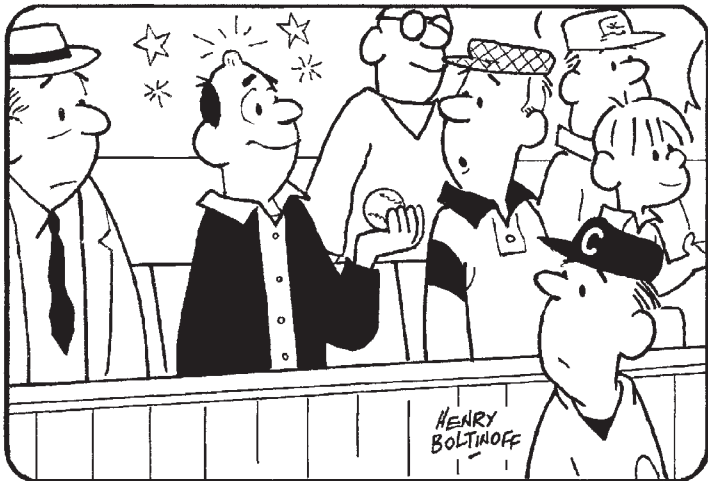
**THE "C" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 100.
2. Symbol for calcium.
3. A metal container.
4. Peruvian native.
5. Making a hole in one.
6. Type of chair repair.
7. Moving rhythmically.
8. Examining eggs for freshness.



1. Anger; wrath.
2. Brewed coffee (sl).
3. Small, covered newsstand.
4. Found in all restaurants.
5. Zero, or nothing.
6. To make a choice or decision.
7. Top of the head.
8. A large, black bird.
9. A large, flat-bottomed boat.
10. A type of hat.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



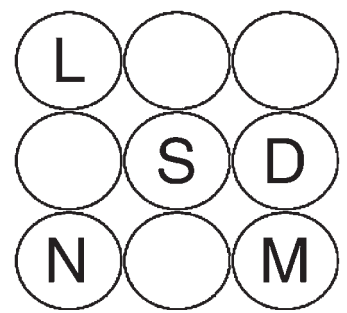
Differences: 1. Bump on head is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Player is moved. 6. Cap is larger.

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1. Babysitter	___ N ___	Mrs. Reagan	___ C ___
2. Travolta movie	G ___	Pleat	C ___
3. The very edge	___ N ___	Refreshing	___ S ___
4. Hardy's buddy	___ L ___	Supermodel Hutton	___ N ___
5. Echo	___ P ___	Cook in the microwave	___ H ___
6. Norris or Connors	___ H ___	Chicken coop sound	___ L ___
7. Perforate	___ C ___	South Dakota capital	___ R ___
8. Let down	L ___	Lawn cutter	M ___
9. French city	___ I ___	Hair divisions	___ T ___
10. Sweepstakes	___ A ___	Tousle one's feathers	___ U ___

## 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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## Mississippi State Parks Director Honored with National Award

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks is proud to announce that the Canadian Bear Trap Award has been presented to Andre Hollis, State Parks Director, in recognition of his 28 years of dedicated service to Mississippi State Parks.

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On Thursday, Sept. 25, the Museum celebrated the grand opening with an unforgettable event featuring iconic special guests Dee Snider, Eddie "Fingers" Ojeda, and Jay Jay French of Twisted Sister, who shared stories and insights about their careers and the incredible impact of 80s rock. The program was moderated by Alan Hunter, original MTV VJ, with contributions from celebrated rock photographer Mark Weiss.

## Oxford School District Achieves Highest Accountability Score in History

The Oxford School District has achieved the highest accountability score in its history for the 2024-2025 school year, earning 749 points on the state's accountability model. This record-setting performance surpasses the district's previous high score of 745 points in the 2015-16 school year, reflecting OSD's ongoing commitment to excellence as well as the extraordinary efforts of its students, teachers, and staff.

## Belhaven University Offers Aspiring Writers a Full Ride Scholarship

Belhaven University is once again searching for aspiring writers to award a full-ride scholarship. In honor of well-known author and alumna Angie Thomas, the University will present the Angie Thomas Writers Scholarship to one incoming creative writing major.

## Ole Miss Business School Honors Ten Alumni

Dean introduces second class of Hall of Fame inductees

The School of Business Administration at the University of Mississippi has honored business giants and innovators by inducting them into the second class of its Hall of Fame.

## Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Spider lily"

by Bronwynne Bailey

Each September something almost magical happens across the South when red spider lilies pop up and surprise everyone.

Photo of the Week:

## "J. G. Hurdle & Son store, Taylor, Mississippi, 1950s"

by John Cofield

Shirley Hollowell posted: Taylor, Mississippi, J. G. Hurdle and Son store, ca. 1950s, now housing Taylor Grocery and Restaurant.

## More Headlines

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## Local Crime:

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# Strange BUT TRUE

- In a remote area of **Colombia** called **Los Pinos**, some students have to get to school on a zipline up to 800 meters long.
- A teaspoon of a neutron star would weigh over a trillion tons.
- **Chock Full o' Nuts** coffee does not contain nuts. It's named for a chain of nut stores that the founder converted into coffee shops.
- During the **Middle Iron Age**, spears were placed into the graves of some young men. The reason isn't clear, but some think it may have been a military send-off similar to the modern 21-gun salute.
- While worms make up the majority of their diet, robins won't mind if you leave out a dessert tray. In fact, they're partial to pastry dough, fruit cake and coconut cake.
- In 1998, a **Georgia** student was suspended for wearing a **Pepsi** shirt to "Coke in Education Day."
- American cheese was invented in **Switzerland** in 1911 by **Waltz Gerber** and **Fritz Stettler** to lengthen the shelf life before being shipped overseas.
- According to **Guinness World Records**, **Veronica Seider's** eyesight was so keen that she could recognize people from more than a mile away.
- In 2010, a man became stranded for days near **Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan**. With no way to call for help, he cut down four wooden power poles with an ax, causing an outage to the nearby community, and **SaskPower** sent a helicopter crew to investigate. They found the man and escorted him back to safety.
- When **Joel Burger** married **Ashley King** in 2015, **Burger King** paid for the ceremony.
- In **India**, escalators in **Delhi** metro stations feature "sari guards" to prevent women's long garments from getting trapped.
- **Thought for the Day:** "It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." – **Confucius**

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ALL DAY

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# Shakespeare Speaks

William Shakespeare, The Bard, was in town for the Ole Miss-LSU game. He sauntered up the stairs at City Grocery and ordered a pint of mead. Astonished that mead was not served there, he settled for a glass of pinot noir. The Balcony was crowded as it always is on game weekends, so seeing that I had an empty chair at the table where I was sitting, he asked if he could join me. Of course I said yes. Conversation ensued.

"My name is Randy."

Hello, Randy. Are you randy, Randy?

Uh, sometimes. (We laughed.) And you are?

William. William Shakespeare. But you can call me Willie.

(Laughing) Well, Willie, a lot of people call me Willie, too, so let's not get confused!

Ah . . . Confusion now hath made his masterpiece!"

So you're William Shakespeare?

In the flesh.

Yeah. Sure.

Our doubts are traitors. Doubt thou the stars are fire; doubt that sun doth not move; doubt truth to be a liar?

Uh, no.

Then doubt not I am who I sayest I am.

Ok, Willie. What brings you to Oxford?

Good company, good wine, good welcome can make good people.

That's from Henry VIII.

I know. I wrote the thing.

Of course you did. Have you ever heard Herman's Hermits song about that?

Why, yes! (Singing) I'm 'enery the eigth I yam. 'enery the eighth I yam I yam. Now, I must say, this is not the Oxford of my home country.

How so?

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy—rich, not gaudy, for the apparel oft proclaims the man, or the woman in this case. That being said, this might be the best balcony scene since my Romeo and Juliet. Watching all the loveliness from this



crow's nest, why, I am King Lear! (Slaps his knee and laughs)

No doubt. Are you here to see the Rebels play the Tigers?

Yes. And I am for the Rebels. I've written many rebels into my plays—Brutus and Cassius, Hotspur and Prince Hal, and Katherine, for instance.

Ah. Makes sense.

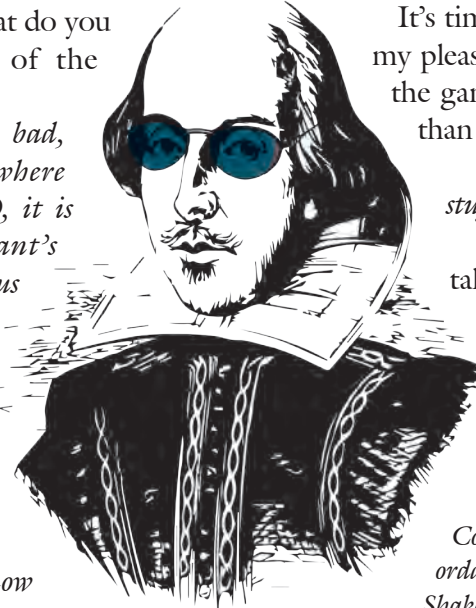
As you like it.

Serious question: What do you think about the state of the world today?

The world is grown so bad, that wrens make prey where eagles dare not perch. O, it is excellent to have a giant's strength; but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant. There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat. And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures.

That sounds quite ominous. Certainly not much ado about nothing.

Not at all, Randy Willie.



More like a tempest.

I couldn't have said it better.

What about censorship? I know you framed many what some would call "subversive" messages in your work. Lately two of our most famous comedian/satirists have temporarily lost their shows because of things they've said that angered the powers that be.

Yes, I did that and I got away with it. So did Jonathan Swift in Gulliver's Travels, as did others. You have the freedom of speech in your Constitution, so I'm guessing that tyranny must be at foot at the highest levels.

I agree. Then what are we to do?

One cannot protest too much, methinks. Fear kills action, but action kills fear.

You speak a high and lofty truth.

Ah. That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

It's time for me to go, Willie. It was beyond my pleasure to meet and talk with you. Enjoy the game. If the Rebels win it will be more than a midsummer's night dream.

To sleep, perchance to dream. We are such stuff as dreams are made on.

I bow to thee, Great Bard. Now I take my leave.

Fare thee well, Randy Willie; thou art a valiant old fart.

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

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Most of Shakespeare's words in this column were taken from the plays Macbeth, Henry VIII, Hamlet, King Richard III, Measure for Measure, Julius Caesar, and As You Like It. Other parts were bastardized by Randy Willie.

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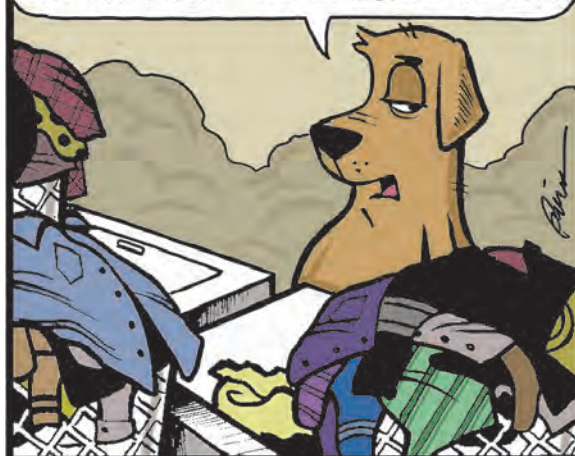


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WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY DIDN'T I DO ANY LAUNDRY WHILE YOU WERE GONE?" I STILL HAD 3 SHIRTS AND YOU CAME BACK IN 2 DAYS.

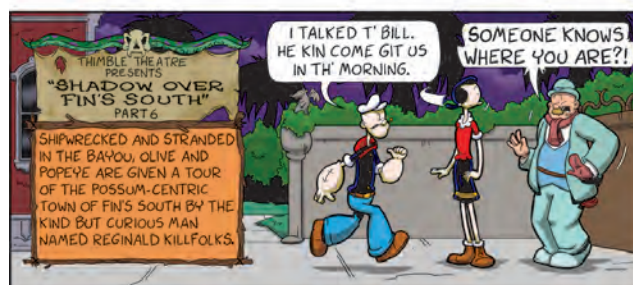
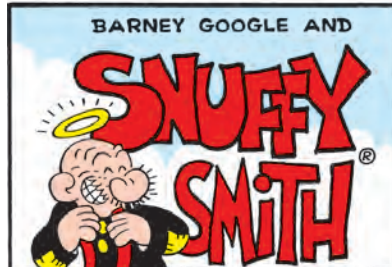


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"Forget about last week's upset. ... Concentrate on this week's upset!"

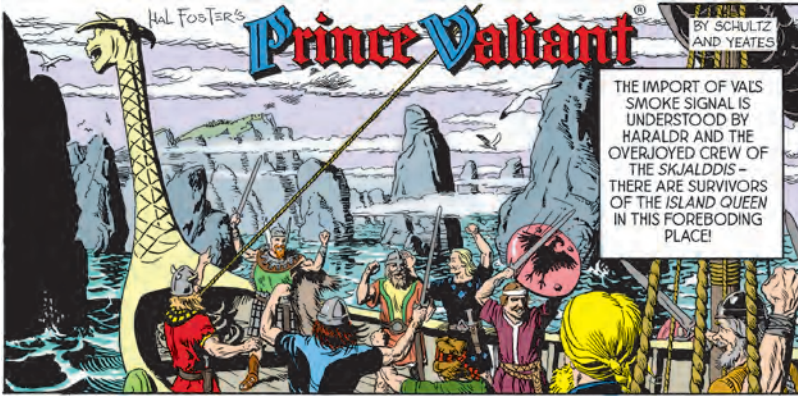
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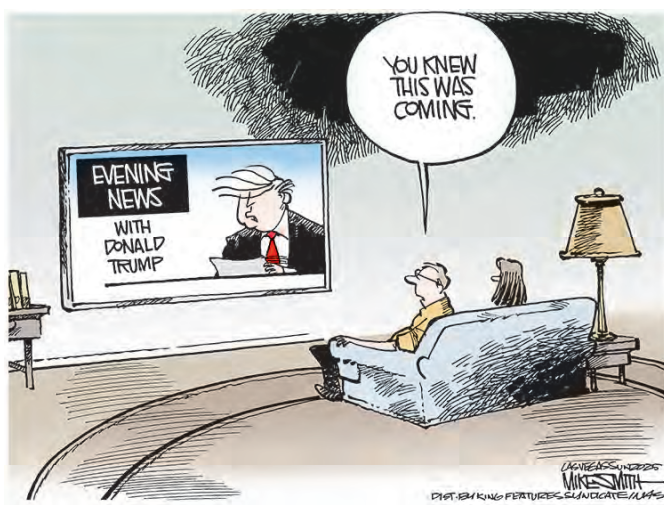
# Americanisms

"A crown, if it hurts us,  
is not worth wearing."  
— Pearl Bailey



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## The Spats

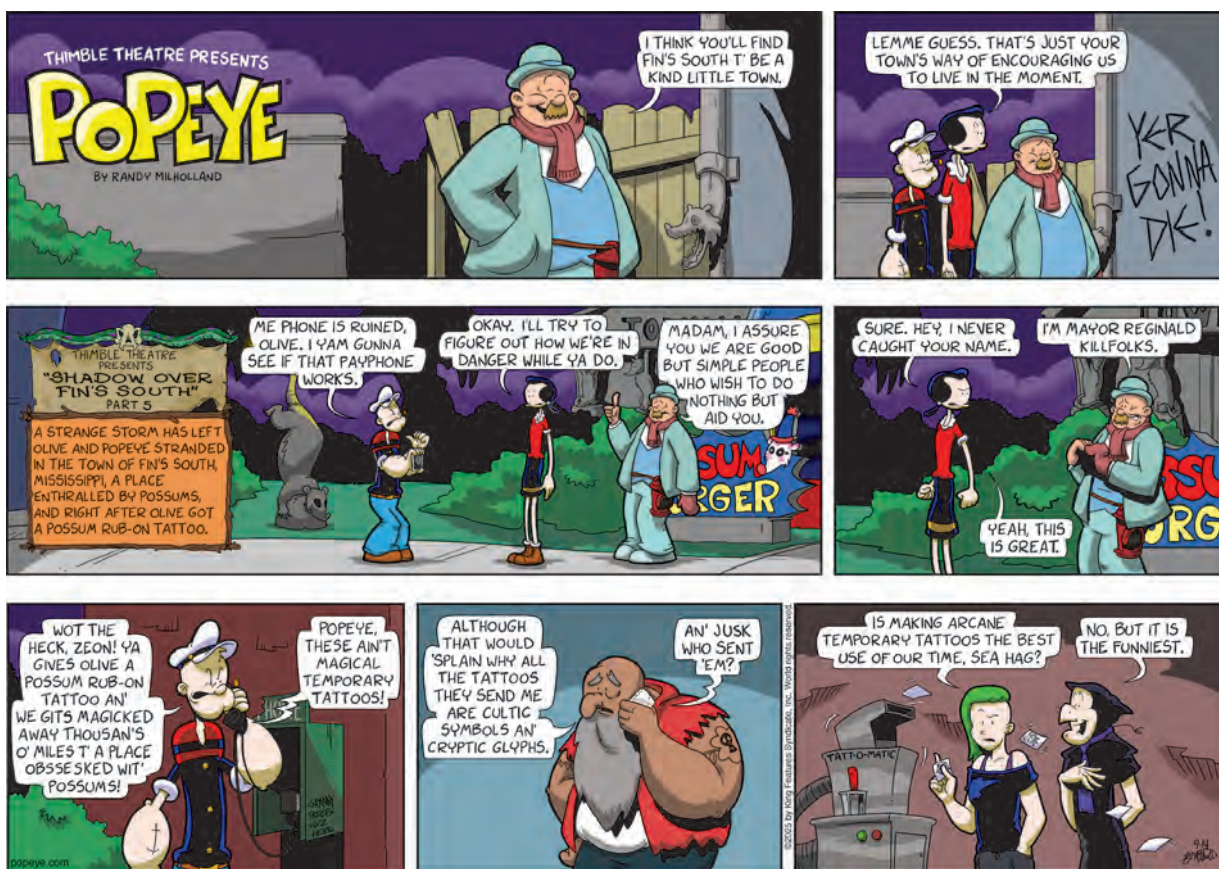
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"BUT CHARLIE KIRK'S GUN DEATH IS A TRAGEDY."

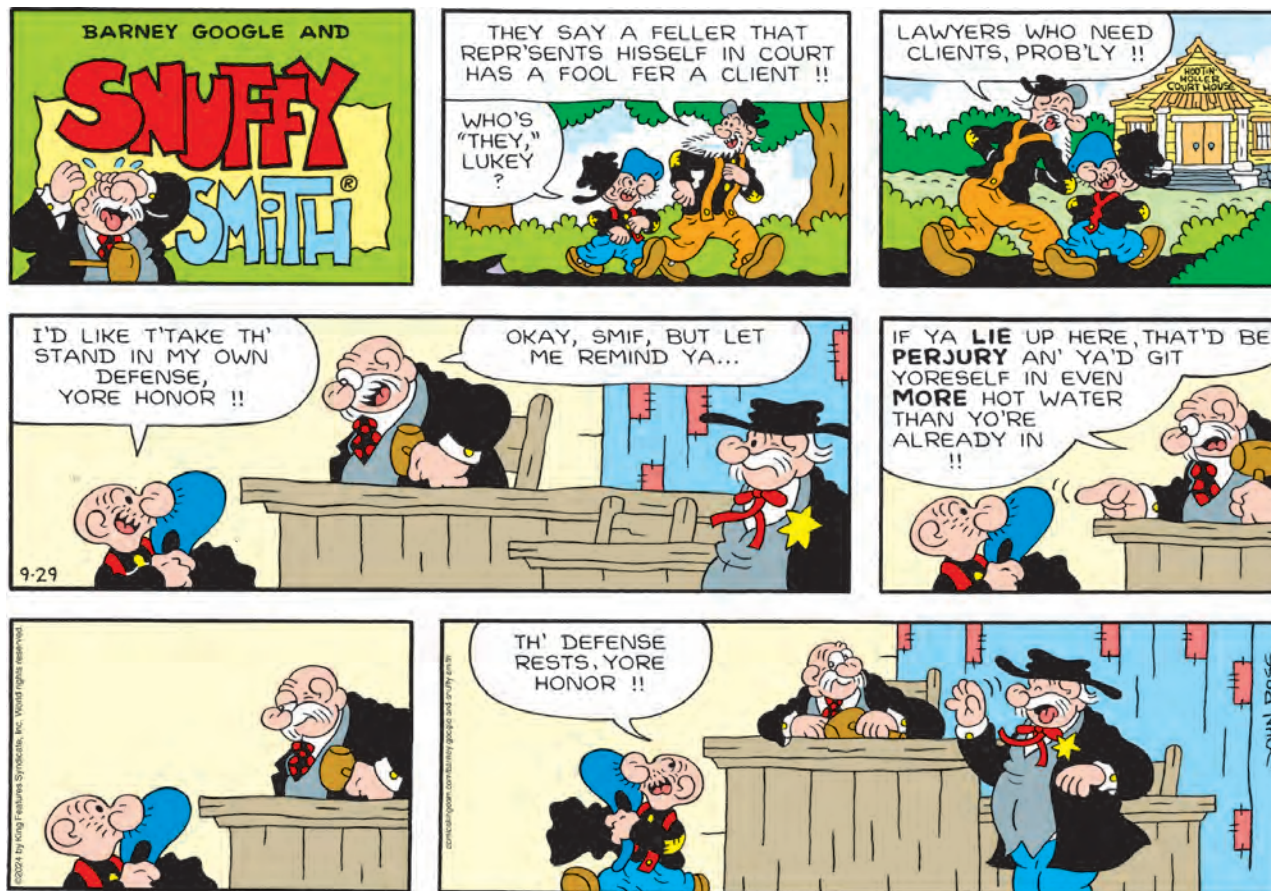
Charlie Kirk did what editorial cartoonists do: express opinions that some people will hate.

The difference is cartoonists can go home at the end of the day and hug their loved ones.

Charlie can't.



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"None of the other dads had the nerve to try that, Pop!"

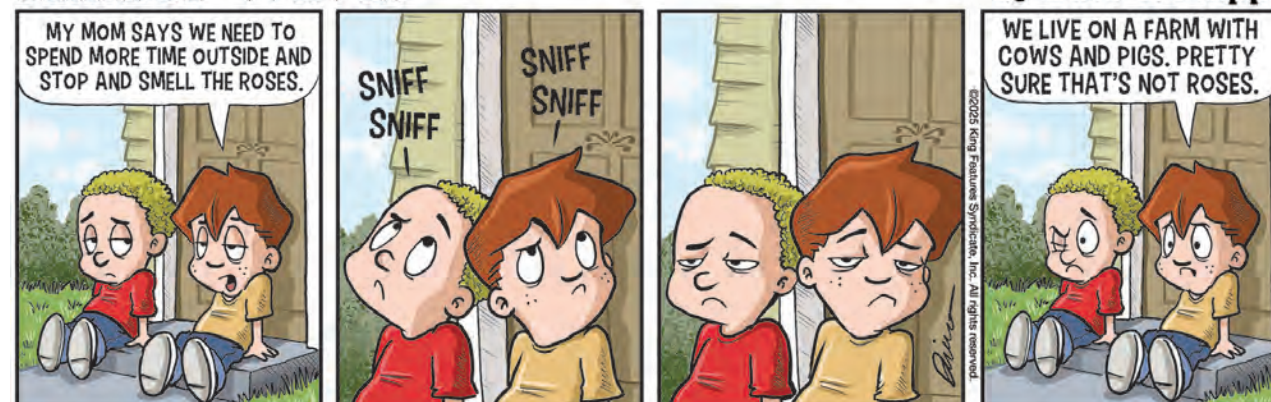
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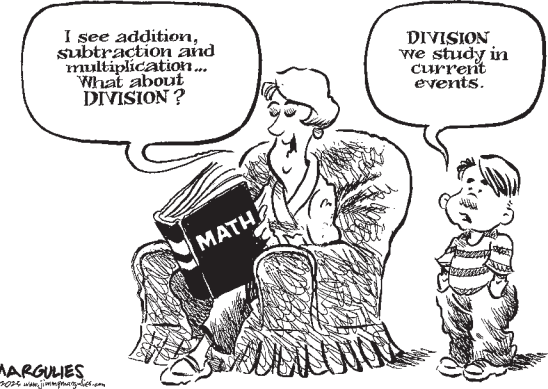


"If you can't be kind, at least be vague."  
— Judith Martin

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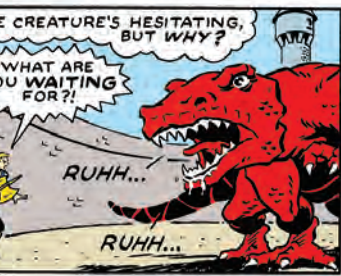
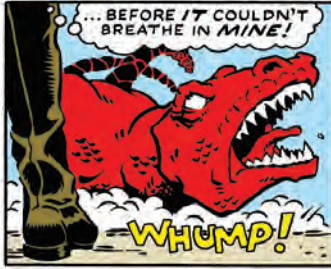
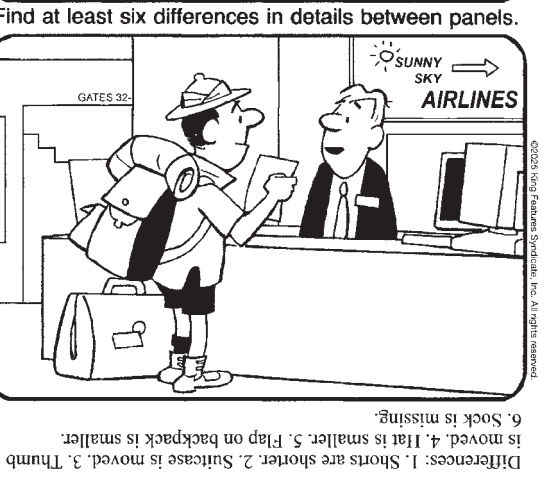
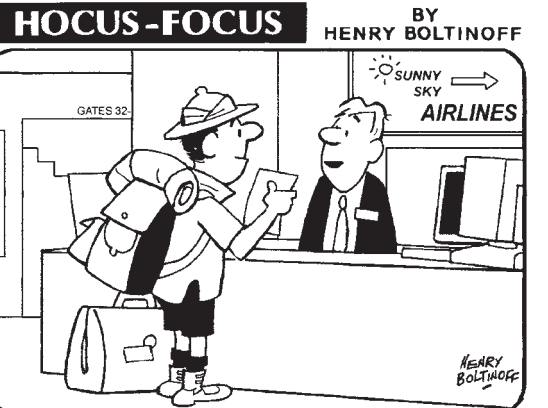


**The Garden Bug**

Sometimes called roly-poly or woodlouse, *Armadillidium vulgare* are more closely related to shrimp and crayfish than insects. They are nocturnal, feeding on algae, fungus, moss, bark and all kinds of decaying plant and animal material. The females lay 100-200 eggs per brood, typically having 1-3 broods per year. The eggs are carried in a pouch on her belly. The babies hatch after 3-4 weeks, and may stay in the pouch for 2 more weeks to grow a little more. A pill bug can live up to 2 years.

**Pill bugs**

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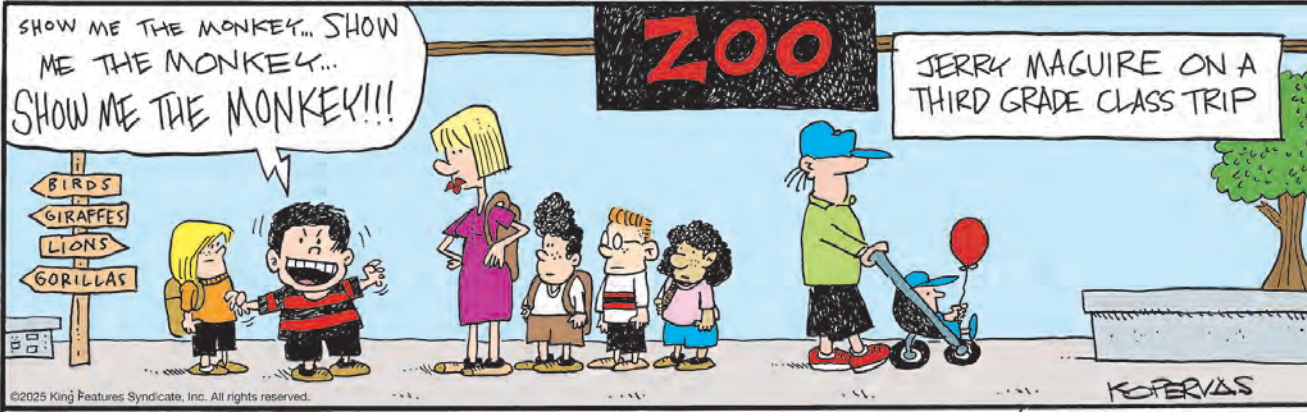


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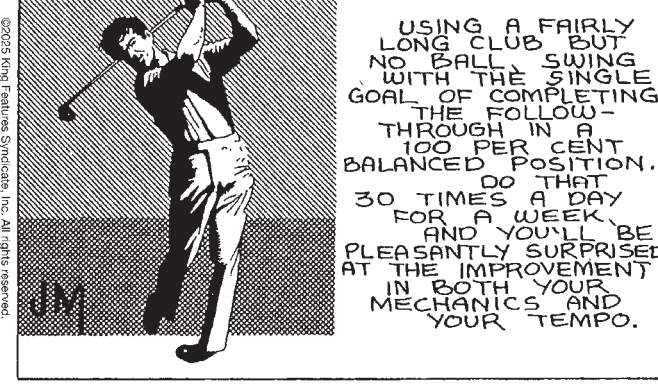
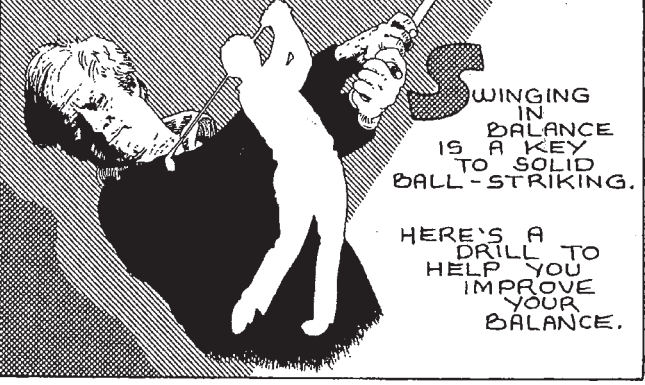
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## BEST BITES



### Simple Cheese Fondue Scores for Supper

My best cheese fondue memory goes back to a summer in Switzerland, the country of its origin. After hours of hiking trails in the Alps with a French family, we arrived at a charming mountain-top chalet where we dipped chunks of fresh, rustic bread into a classic cheese fondue to cap off a perfect day.

The memory of the edible trek lives on when I prepare fondue on my home turf. While authentic Swiss Emmentaler and Gruyere cheeses are available stateside, they can be quite pricey, so I've Americanized and simplified the traditional recipe using condensed cheddar cheese soup as the base.

Bring out your fondue pot, stir up this easy recipe, and warm up with friends and family on a chilly fall evening. Or serve it as a novel supper! A tossed green or fruit salad makes a nice accompaniment.

#### MILD CHEESE FONDUE

Make 4-6 servings

— 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cheddar cheese soup, such as Campbell's

— 1/4 cup dry white wine or apple juice

- 1 cup Swiss cheese, grated
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- Tabasco (optional)
- Salt and white pepper
- 1 clove garlic, halved
- French bread, cut into bite-sized chunks, each with some crust on

Heat soup, wine or apple juice, and cheeses over medium heat, stirring constantly until cheeses are melted. Add a drop or two of Tabasco and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Rub the insides of a fondue pot with garlic. Pour the smooth cheese mixture into the fondue pot and keep warm. Serve yourself by spearing bread chunks with fondue forks and dip completely into the sauce.

**Extra Idea:** For preschoolers, dipping a long pretzel or bread stick topped with a chunk of French bread into their own bowl of the gooey cheese mixture is just as fun. Try veggies and apple slices for healthy dunkers, too.



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9. **Spinal Tap II: The End Continues**  
(R) Christopher Guest, Michael

## THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



### THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Killer Docs

If you already don't like going to the doctor, read no further. However, if your interest in true crime extends to the minds of those who have mentally shredded the Hippocratic Oath, then these five podcasts are for you:

**"Dr. Death"** — The most frightening thing about this true-crime podcast following doctors who kill is that it's lasted three seasons. Well, four actually, but it focuses on three different murderous M.D.s: a Texas neurosurgeon whose botched surgeries have injured and killed patients, an oncologist who prescribed chemotherapy to those who didn't need it, and a charismatic doctor who claimed to have revolutionary cures for cancer and HIV. The fourth season circles back to the story of the charlatan from season three but with more stories about fake cures and resultant murders. (Wondery.com)

**"Medical Murders"** — These infamous killer docs once took an oath to save lives but instead "developed more sinister specialties." This podcast examines the formative years and motives of these homicidal quacks, dissecting their medical backgrounds with expert analysis from Dr. David Kipper. Not all the murderers' identities are known, like the infamous Jack the Ripper who terrorized London in the late 1800s and who some theorize was a doctor. Other nefarious subjects include an Australian psychiatrist who put patients in sleep-induced comas, a

medical student who prescribed lethal headache medicine to his wife, and a dialysis nurse who administered bleach in addition to an anticoagulant. (Spotify)

### "The Psychology of a Serial Killer"

— In this weekly podcast hosted by forensic psychiatrist Dr. Andrew Johns, listeners get to learn about the deviant minds of Drs. Harold Shipman and John Bodkin-Adams. Shipman was estimated to have murdered 250 victims over 30 years but was only convicted of killing 15. The podcast also zeroes in on another Brit, Bodkin-Adams, who was investigated after 163 of his patients died in comas. The two were polar opposites, with

g his way into the lives of locals who subsequently bequeathed him their fortunes. Both stories are captivating, but only one of them got away with murder! (TheCrimeDesk.com)

### Don't Forget These Gems

**"Good Nurse Bad Nurse"** — This podcast is hosted by a registered nurse who invites a special guest to swap medical tales — "one dark and mysterious and the other uplifting and inspirational." In an episode titled "Good M.A. Bad O.B./G.Y.N.," a medical assistant discusses the disturbing case of a doctor who secretly recorded his patients. In "Good ER Doctor Bad ER Doctor," one physician is charged with murder while another performs a heartwarming act of service. (GoodNurseBadNurse.com)

**"Criminal"** — This award-winning podcast hosted by Phoebe Judge released an episode in August 2023 about notorious murdering nurse Charles Cullen. His friend and fellow nurse, Amy Loughren, was approached by detectives after they suspected Cullen of poisoning his patients. The true story was adapted into a movie called "The Good Nurse," starring Jessica Chastain and Eddie Redmayne. (ThisIsCriminal.com)

## Fun Fact

In 2025, social networking sites will reach **5.42 billion** users.

**Facebook** has more than **3 billion** users. Its closest competitor **Youtube** has more than **2.5 billion** users.

Other popular sites are Instagram, WhatsApp, TikTok, WeChat and Telegram.

Source: [www.statista.com](http://www.statista.com)



All parts of the dandelion, including its flowers, roots and stems, are edible. Dandelion tea is full of nutrients such as vitamins A, C and K, folate, calcium and potassium. It is

**Dandelion tea** known to be beneficial for digestion and for detoxing the liver and bile systems, which can help clear acne and other skin problems. It also contains beta-carotene, which protects against cell damage, and polyphenols, which are anti-inflammatory, which help the heart. - Brenda Weaver

Source: [health.clevelandclinic.org/dandelion](http://health.clevelandclinic.org/dandelion)



# PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS SOLUTIONS



## Super Crossword

### Answers

MOTTO	ATSTUD	GOODGAME
GNARL	SORARE	ABNORMAL
MANILA	ANIMAL	DISRAELI
APACHE	ANTI	NINTH
ARGO	CID	LUANDALANDAU
LEELEE	DES	DOLAN
PARISPAIRS	IONIC	BOSC
STAGY	INON	ILONA
PTSD	SAL	TEHRANANTHER
IRWIN	OVISAC	IDALEW
QUITOQUOIT	LAPAZ	PLAZA
USS	URL	CAMETO
TALES		
ATHENSTHANS	LUC	BASH
NEEDS	ARID	HIREE
TESS	TORIC	SEOULLOUSE
PALEO	DUH	SKUNKS
MASERUAMUSER	TGI	THAT
ALINE	SERF	WOULDA
NODDEDAT	NASSAUS	AUNAS
ONEONONE	STUPID	TEDDY
REARSEAT	ESPANA	ELSES

## HAVE A BURGER

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NWHATABURGER
FATBURGER
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BUG
JUMBOJACK
GROTANOCAB
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## Even Exchange

### answers

- Nanny, Nancy
- Grease, Crease
- Brink, Brisk
- Laurel, Lauren
- Repeat, Reheat
- Chuck, Cluck
- Pierce, Pierre
- Lower, Mower
- Paris, Parts
- Raffle, Ruffle

## Go Figure!

### answers

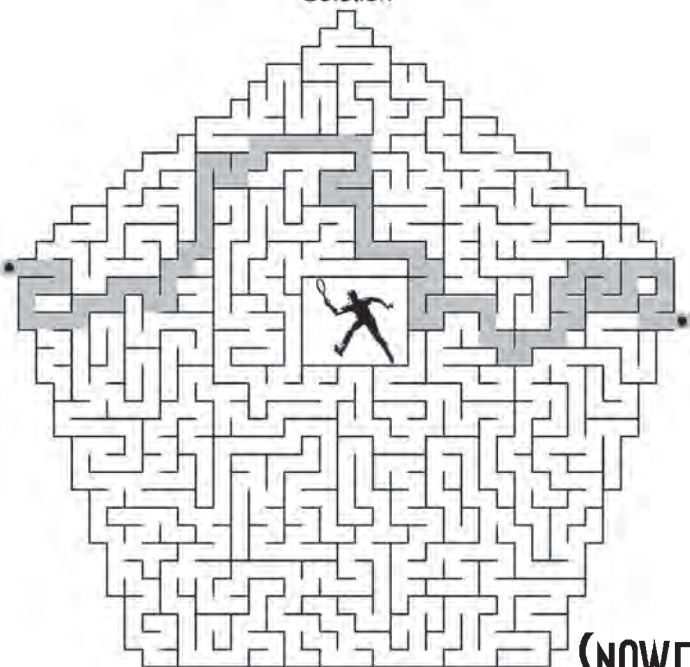
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## Stickelers Answer

The answer is  
ELECTROMAGNETISM.

## Mega Maze

### Solution



## SNOWFLAKES

### solution

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## Five Spot™

### Solution

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## FEAR KNIGHT

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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## CryptoQuip

### answer

What should you call an army officer who likes corn more than any other food? Lieutenant Kernel.

## CryptoQuote

### answer

You know, you don't have to be famous, you just have to make your mother and father proud of you. — Meryl Streep

## King Crossword

### Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

OLAF	SAG	LSAT
LIRA	PHI	ATVS
EPIC	LAG	GRIP
GAZEBO	IGUESS	
TET	ANT	
TESS	COS	SACKS
AMC	HOC	HIT
PURVEYOR	HYPE	
AIR	EPA	
ACTORS	EMCEES	
NACL	ESC	KALE
OSHA	RAH	EVIL
NAYS	BLY	REEF

## Word Spiral

### Answer

## LANDMINES

N	O	E
L		I
W	G	B

## ELBOWING

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

A	G	E	R		T	I	S		A	B	C	D
N	A	S	A		A	M	O		P	U	R	E
D	U	S	T	M	O	P	S		I	S	E	E
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S	A	D	E		R	I	D		S	I	L	O

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Mutant; 2. Tingle;
3. Novice; 4. Demise

Today's Word  
**LISTENING**

## Even Exchange

answers

1. Chart, Charm
2. Basil, Basin
3. Health, Hearth
4. Flake, Flame
5. Borrow, Burrow
6. Minor, Miner
7. Wager, Eager
8. Deduct, Deduce
9. Parent, Patent
10. Shore, Store

## Puzzles4Kids

Answer

ANTLER	T	LEARN
INCHES	H	SINCE
ALIENS	E	SNAIL
UNTIED	I	TUNED
ROBOTS	R	BOOST
SHAVES	H	VASES
DARING	A	GRIND
MODERN	M	DRONE
BAWLED	W	BLADE
ROASTS	O	STARS
SENIOR	R	NOISE
DOCKED	K	CODED

## FEAR KNOT

answer

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C	L	I	E	N	T							
H		L										
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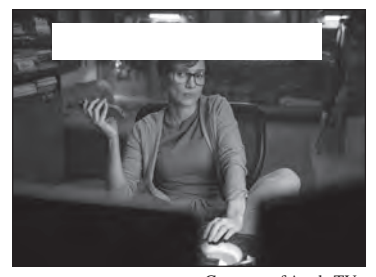
**"The Fantastic Four: First Steps"** (PG-13) — Marvel Studios had a good start with the first film in Phase Six of their Marvel Cinematic Universe, bringing in \$518.8 million at the box office after an over \$200 million cost. It also became the ninth highest-grossing film of the year. Led by Pedro Pascal ("The Last of Us"), Vanessa Kirby ("Napoleon"), Joseph Quinn ("Gladiator II"), and Ebon Moss-Bachrach ("The Bear"), "First Steps" picks up as the Fantastic Four as they celebrate their fourth anniversary as a superhero team. In addition, Reed Richards, aka Mister Fantastic, and Sue Storm, aka Invisible Woman, are expecting a child and are left to wonder about their child's future and superpower capability. The cherry on top is a threat to Earth from the planet-devouring Galactus, who has selected Earth as his next meal. Rent it now! (Fandango at Home)

**"Hotel Costiera"** (TV-MA) — Jesse Williams ("Grey's Anatomy" and "Station 19") found his latest starring role as Daniel "DD" De Luca in this action-drama series that hits streaming on Sept. 24. DD is a former Marine and half-Italian, so he decides to return to Italy, "the land of his childhood," and takes on a new job as a luxury hotel "fixer." Since DD acts as half-concierge and half-bodyguard, he's immediately tasked with finding the hotel owner's daughter

after she suddenly gets kidnapped. Known more for using his fists than his words, DD is more than up to the task and even has an eccentric team behind him to help him save the day. (Amazon Prime Video)

**"The Savant"** (TV-MA) — This new crime-thriller series is inspired by a story that ran in Cosmopolitan and featured a woman nicknamed "The Savant," who attempted to infiltrate hate groups online to prevent domestic terrorism attacks. In the eight-episode series, the title character is portrayed by Academy Award winner Jessica Chastain ("George & Tammy"), who goes by the name of Jodi Goodwin. During the day, Jodi is the average suburban mom to most, but by night, she's diving deep into the "darkest corners of the internet" to scour information from people who are actively planning attacks. A hunch drives Jodi to track down a man named Jason (Pablo Schreiber), who seems to be orchestrating something more major than her previous cases. But infiltrating further might lead Jodi down a dark road that comes with horrible sacrifices. The first episode premieres Sept. 26, with new episodes dropping every Friday. (Apple TV+)

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Jessica Chastain stars in "The Savant."



## Bananas on the Counter? Don't Toss Them — Turn Them Into Healthy Snacks You'll Love!

We've all been there: bananas left a little too long on the counter, spotted, soft and threatening to be tossed. But before you reach for the compost, know this — those overripe bananas are actually a gift. They're naturally sweeter, super soft and perfect for whipping up quick, versatile snacks that can fuel busy mornings, after-school hunger pangs or lunchboxes on the go.

Whether you prefer classic banana bread or handy muffins, this recipe hits all the right notes: frugal, fabulous and healthy. A little tweak here — like swapping in whole grain flour, cutting down the sugar or sneaking in chopped nuts — makes your snack smarter without sacrificing flavor. The result? A treat that's portable, kid-approved and a win for your wallet.

Think of it as a back-to-school hack. Muffins in lunchboxes? Check. A slice of bread for a grab-and-go breakfast? Check. A wholesome snack while running errands? Double check.

The best part? They keep well, so you can make a batch ahead of time and have a steady supply of snacks ready for the week.

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cupcake liners.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set it aside.

In a large bowl — or the bowl of your stand mixer — stir the bananas

until smooth. Beat in the melted butter, egg, brown sugar, vanilla and milk until everything is well combined.

Gradually pour the dry ingredients into the wet, stirring gently until just mixed. If you're adding nuts or chocolate chips, fold them in now.

Spoon the batter into the muffin liners, filling each one nearly to the top. Pop them in the oven for 21-23 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Let the muffins rest in the pan for 5 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to cool.

**To make banana bread:** Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease a 9"x5" loaf pan with cooking spray. Prepare batter same as for muffins above. Fill pan with batter. Bake for 45-55 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 15 minutes before turning on a wire rack to cool.

**To make mini muffins:** Bake for 12-14 minutes at 350 F.

These treats stay fresh covered at room temperature for a few days — or pop them in the fridge for up to a week, or wrap and freeze for four months.

Next time your bananas get too ripe, don't panic — bake! Rally the kids or enjoy a quiet moment for yourself, and turn them into treats that are healthy, budget-friendly and wonderfully versatile. That's frugal living in action: simple, nourishing and smart in the kitchen.

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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**“Caught Stealing” (R)** — The way Austin Butler (“Eddington”) continues building on his career with stand-out leading roles is quickly propelling him into one of the top movie stars of our decade. Although his latest film has an incredible supporting cast (Zoe Kravitz, Regina King, Liev Schreiber and more!), Butler’s performance as baseball-star-turned-bartender Hank Thompson is pivotal in this vibrant crime thriller. Still carrying trauma from a car crash that injured him and killed his friend, Hank is a shell of who he once was as he battles an alcohol addiction and emotional unavailability. When his British punk neighbor, Russ (Matt Smith), abruptly leaves for London, he leaves Hank his cat to care for. Having to shuffle in between their apartments for the cat, Hank is then greeted by a pair of Russian mobsters who are looking for Russ and won’t take “no” for an answer. The aftermath that ensues is chaos upon chaos that not a single viewer could predict. You can rent the film when it releases digitally on Sept. 30! (Amazon Prime Video)

**“Monster: The Ed Gein Story” (TV-MA)** — Ryan Murphy’s “Monster” anthology series generated a large viewership (as Murphy’s series always do) with its seasons about serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer and the murder case involving the Menendez brothers. His next season is gearing up for its premiere on Oct. 3, with eight episodes detailing the life of suspected serial killer Ed Gein. Charlie Hunnam (“Sons of Anarchy”) portrays the killer who was nicknamed “The Butcher” of Plainfield, Wisconsin, in the 1950s. Laurie Metcalf (“Lady Bird”) plays his

mother, Augusta, who had a haunting effect on her son, while Tom Hollander (“The White Lotus”) transforms into film director Alfred Hitchcock (“Psycho”). Somewhat surprising is the inclusion of pop singer Addison Rae in the cast; she landed her first TV role as teenager Evelyn Hartley. (Netflix)

**“Weapons” (R)** — This comedy-horror film, led by Josh Brolin (“Brothers”) and horror aficionado Julia Garner (“Wolf Man”), pulled in \$264 million worldwide after a \$38 million cost, making it quite the success financially. It also received rave reviews from horror fans and film critics, so it might be the perfect watch for you if you’re looking for something more terrifying than the other suggestions! The film follows a third-grade class of 17 children who go missing in a very eerie way. All the children escaped from their houses at exactly 2:17 a.m. and ran to an unknown destination, where they’re nowhere to be found. The teacher of the third-grade class, Justine (Garner), becomes the primary suspect behind their disappearances. But when no evidence points to her, and the police prove to be lackluster, one of the parents, Archer (Brolin), starts conducting his own investigation. The story is told in a nonlinear way, leaving viewers to wonder if Justine and Archer will put the pieces together quickly enough to find and save the missing kids. Rent it now. (Fandango at Home)

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From left, Liev Schreiber, Austin Butler and Vincent D’Onofrio star in “Caught Stealing.”



## The Humble Cauliflower Gets a Golden, Goopy Makeover

Quick! Before we get swept away! While pumpkins, apples, squash and cranberries are stealing the spotlight this time of year, I’d like us to pause for a moment and give cauliflower a little love.

This humble, versatile cruciferous vegetable is often taken for granted, but it deserves a standing ovation. Roasted, riced, mashed or pizza crusted, cauliflower plays just about any role you ask of it, and today it’s stepping into the starring role in a creamy, cheesy gratin that will win over even the pickiest of eaters.

What does “au gratin” mean? Literally, it translates from French as “with a crust.” In cooking, it refers to a dish topped with a golden, bubbly layer, usually made of cheese or breadcrumbs, or both. For this cauliflower gratin, the rich, velvety cheese sauce melds with tender florets and browns lightly in the oven, creating a luscious, flavorful topping that’s as appealing to the eyes as it is to the palate.

### CAULIFLOWER AU GRATIN

Tender cauliflower florets are smothered in a creamy, savory sauce, baked until golden and bubbly, making a comforting side dish that’s simple, elegant and utterly irresistible.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings  
Total Time: 35 minutes

- 1 head cauliflower, in bite-size florets
- For the cheese sauce:
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk (or milk of choice)
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme, plus extra to sprinkle on top
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch freshly ground nutmeg
- 1 cup (4 ounces) sharp cheddar cheese, white or yellow, shredded, plus extra for topping



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**Creamy, cheesy and golden-baked — this cauliflower au gratin turns a simple side into a showstopper.**

Preheat your oven to 375 F. Spray a 2-1/2-quart baking dish or 9-x9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray, or grease with olive oil or butter.

Bring a big pot of water to boil and cook cauliflower until just barely tender, about five minutes. Drain thoroughly and place into a medium-size casserole.

In a medium-size saucepan over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add flour and whisk a minute or two until flour starts to look a little dry but hasn’t browned. Whisk in milk, bring to a boil and stir until thickened enough to coat the back of a spoon and not fill in the line when a finger is run across it.

Remove from heat and add cheese, in small handfuls, stirring after each until each addition is well incorporated. Add most of the thyme, salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Pour the sauce over the cauliflower, using a spoon to stir the florets, if necessary, so all are coated. If desired, top with a little additional cheese and sprinkle the top with the remaining pinch of thyme. Bake for 20 minutes or until lightly browned in spots.

**Cheese Variations:** For a different flavor profile, try white cheddar (pictured), Gruyère, Swiss or smoked Gouda — each will give the gratin a unique richness. You can even mix two cheeses for a more complex flavor.

**Optional Mix-Ins:** Cooked bacon or pancetta bits for a smoky touch. Sautéed mushrooms for earthy depth. Finely chopped caramelized onions for a hint of sweetness. A handful of cooked spinach or kale for extra color and nutrients.

So, the next time you’re caught up in the swirl of pumpkins and pies, remember the quiet brilliance of cauliflower. This creamy gratin proves that even the humblest vegetable can take center stage when given a little love (and a lot of cheese). Serve it alongside your favorite fall mains and watch it disappear — because sometimes the supporting cast deserves a standing ovation.

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