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Sarahfest Celebrates a Decade of Art, Music and Community

Festival welcomes artist Jon Langford back to Oxford for concerts, workshops and events

The Sarah Isom Center's Sarahfest turns 10 in October, marking a decade of bringing art, music and scholarship together to celebrate creativity and community at the University of Mississippi.

Since 2015, Sarahfest has grown into a signature program of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies, bringing together artists, scholars, students and the community through residencies, concerts and cross-disciplinary collaborations.

"Ten years later, we're proud to see how it has flourished into a festival that brings together internationally renowned artists and our own university talent," said Theresa Starkey, instructional professor of gender studies and the center's associate director.

This year's festival welcomes back Jon Langford, the inaugural Sarahfest artist. A Welsh-born, Chicago-based musician, writer and visual artist, Langford is best known as a founding member of the influential punk band The Mekons. He is also known for his work with The Waco Brothers, Pine Valley Cosmonauts and John Hiatt.

Langford is the fifth Sarahfest artist-in-residence, a research collaboration between Starkey and Nancy Maria Balach, chair of the Department of Music. Through research, listening, conversations and hands-on experience, the selected artist-in-residence cohort will explore ways to connect visual art and music through printmaking during the weeklong program.

The goal of the artist-in-residence program is to provide a unique opportunity to learn from working professional artists, Balach said.

"Sarahfest was built on the idea of cross-discipline polination, connecting the classroom to the world through music, visual art, literature and creative activity," she said. "This year will be an epic celebration of this mission."

"We look forward to celebrating what has been, where we are, and where we are headed at the University of Mississippi."

In collaboration with the community, The End of All Music will host a film screening of *Revenge of the Mekons* at 7 pm October 22, 2025, at The Lyric Theatre. Free tickets for Ole Miss students are available through the Institute for the Arts on a first-come, first-served basis. To claim a ticket, email the music department at music@olemiss.edu.

The festival will conclude with a celebration concert. The performance will feature Langford and friends at the Ford Center at 7:30 pm October 25. Tickets are \$10 and available at the UM Box Office.

Kelly Hogan, who served as the first Sarahfest artist-in-residence five years ago, returns to perform alongside Langford. Known for her solo career as well as her long-time collaborations with Neko Case, Hogan has a soulful voice and genre-crossing style that make her a vital part of this year's celebration.

"Music is great when it can be enjoyed with other people," Starkey said. "That's what makes having Langford and Hogan coming back so special. We want the anniversary concert at the Ford Center to be just as joyous an experience as that celebratory moment at Rowan Oak a decade ago."

For more info:, visit www.sarahfest.rocks/events. 📺

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Mondays

- Quack's: MARIO KART
- Blind Pig: Trivia (7:30 pm)

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)
- 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
- 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 10.16.2025

- The Library: MECHANICAL BULL (9 pm)
- The Old Henry: GUY VINCENT (7:30–10:30 pm)
- The Hendricks Bldg. (Water Valley): Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author RICK JERVIS with *The Devil Behind the Badge*, music guests CHARLIE MARS, GHALIA VOLT (6 pm)

City Hall Pocket Park: Third Thursday feat. THE DOO-VAYS (5–7 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
The Lyric: SOUTHALL, TAYLOR HUNNICUTT (8 pm)
Ole Miss Soccer Stadium: OLE MISS SOCCER vs. LSU (2 pm)
Oxford Conference Center: City of Oxford TRUNK OR TREAT (5–7 pm)

FRIDAY 10.17.2025

- The Library: HORSESHOE KITTY (9 pm)
- The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford presents SPLIT IN THREE (7:30 pm)

Chicory Market: Craft Night w/ Virginia Mikell
Duff Center (University): SPOOKY PHYSICS NIGHT (6–8:30 pm)
Ford Center: TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL (7:30 pm)
Kingswood: Oxford Mahjong League Social Play (12:30–2:30 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime: Squirrels (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm)
Oxford Middle School: OHS Community Tailgate (5 pm; Pep Rally 6 pm)
Proud Larry's: AUSTIN WILLIAMS, GUY VINCENT (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: LIVE MUSIC (&–10 pm)

SATURDAY 10.18.2025

- The Library: HORSESHOE KITTY (9 pm)
- The Old Henry: Dueling Pianos (7 pm)
- The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford presents SPLIT IN THREE (2 pm & 7:30 pm)
- Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): MARCELLA SIMIEN w/ INFINITY STAIRS

Ole Miss Rebel Football @Georgia (2:30 pm)
Mississippi National Guard: Shred Day (10 am–2 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT (8:15 pm)
Swayze Field (University): OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. TULANE (TBA)
UM Field Station: FIELD FEST (all day)
Wall Doxey State Park: Halloween Festival (6–9 pm)
Water Valley: 4th Annual CITY-WIDE YARD SALE DAY (7 am–1 pm)

SUNDAY 10.19.2025

- The Old Henry: GUY VINCENT (11:30 am)
 - The Powerhouse: Anubis Improv HOUSE RULZ (7 pm)
- Ford Center: SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR - PEACE (7:30 pm)
Greenfield Farm: Plein Air Invitational (4–5:30 pm)
Paris-Yates Chapel (University): WILL FRASER (3 pm; free)
Proud Larry's: SUNNY SWEENEY (6:30 pm)

MONDAY 10.20.2025

Courthouse Square: SQUARE JAM (6 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Chapter Champs (3:15 pm); Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)

TUESDAY 10.21.2025

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm); MAHJONGG for Beginners with SUSAN KELLY (5:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: UM JAZZ COMBOS (7 pm)
Stone Center: Meet the Candidates District 2 Election Commissioner (6 pm)

WEDNESDAY 10.22.2025

- Off Square Books: SAM TANENHAUS in conversation with BRUCE LEVINGSTON for Buckley (5:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)
- The Lyric: END OF ALL MUSIC presents film screening of REVENGE OF THE MEKONS (7 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium: UM Music presents VALENTIN BOGDAN & JUKIA MORTYAKOVA (7:30 pm)
- The Powerhouse: MAKERS' MEETUP: Spooky Bites & Creative Nights (6–8 pm)
- Proud Larry's: THISTLE RIDGE, THE PINKSHEETS (8:30 pm)

THURSDAY 10.23.2025

- The Library: MECHANICAL BULL (9 pm)
- Old Henry: GUY VINCENT
- The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author ELIANA RAMAGE with *To the Moon and Back*, music guests DRUNKEN PRAYER, CAMERON KIMBROUGH (6 pm)
- Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): ALVA LEIGH w/ CALL ME SPINSTER

Fleet Feet: Halloween Costume Fun Run (6:30 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Mid-day Meetup: Color Club (11 am); Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)
The Lyric: CAMERON WHITCOMB, JONAH KAGEN (8 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (University): Guest Artist Recital: VALENTIN BOGDAN & JULIA MORTYAKOVA, pianists (7:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: IZZY ARTHURS, GOLDEN TEACHER SOCIETY (Sarahfest; 9 pm)

FRIDAY 10.24.2025

- The Library: CLAY BARKER (9 pm)
 - Oxford Activity Center: Not So Spooky Halloween (5–7 pm)
 - Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): DRUNKEN PRAYER w/ TALBOT ADAMS
- Gillom Athletic Center (University): OLE MISS VOLLEYBALL vs. TEXAS (7 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: BULL BASH & BBQ (6:30 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime: Ghosts (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (University): UM Opera Theatre presents CURTAINS UP! Scenes of Scandal and Intrigue (7:30 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: Magnolia Montessori HISTORICAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL (6–9 pm)
Proud Larry's: JAMMY BUFFET (9 pm)

SATURDAY 10.25.2025

- Ford Center: JOHN LANGFORD & FRIENDS SARAHFEST Concert (7:30 pm)
 - The Library: CLAY BARKER (9 pm)
 - Old Armory Pavilion: Fall Family Wellness Festival (9–11 am)
 - Ole Miss Motel: ONE NIGHT STAND Art Show (5–9 pm)
- Ole Miss Rebel Football @ Oklahoma (11 am)
Chicken Salad Chick: Halloween with Bluey & Bingo (10 am–noon)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Shadows & Smoke: A Film Noir Screening Series feat. The Killing w/ JOE ATKINS (2 pm)
Lafayette Elementary School: County Carnival (3–5 pm)
Oxford Skate Park: Free skateboarding clinic
Proud Larry's: THE RUNAROUNDS, WILLIAM WILD (9:30 pm)
University Museum: Family Activity Day: The Case of the Mysterious Masterpiece (10 am–noon)



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SUNDAY 10.26.2025

- **Foxfire Ranch (Waterford):** Sunday Blues series feat. **JESSE COTTON STONE** (5 pm)
- **The Old Henry:** **GUY VINCENT** (11:30 am)
- First Baptist Church: Kids' Carnival & Trunk or Treat (4–6 pm)
- Gillom Athletic Center (University): UM VOLLEYBALL vs. TEXAS A&M (2 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: Orchard Oxford FALL FESTIVAL (11 am–2 pm)
- Proud Larrys: **NICK SHOULDERS** (5 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): UM Opera Theatre presents **CURTAINS UP!**
Scenes of Scandal and Intrigue (3 pm)

MONDAY 10.27.2025

- **The Library:** **HAUNTED HOUSE** (\$5 entry; \$10 unlimited)
- **Off Square Books:** **JOHN JACKSON MILLER** for **Batman: Revolution** (5:30 pm)
- Lafayette Co. & Ox. Public Library: Afterschool Zone: **Feel Factor** (3:45 pm)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Oxford **WITCHES RIDE** for The Pantry (6:30 pm)

TUESDAY 10.28.2025

- **The Library:** **HAUNTED HOUSE** (\$5 entry; \$10 unlimited)
- Coleman Funeral Home: 8th Annual Trunk or Treat (4:30–6:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am);
Afterschool Zone: **Feel Factor** (3:45 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): Sonic Explorations Concert 11 (7:30 pm)
- The Powerhouse: **OXFORD NIGHT OF GENIUS: Big Bad Business Workshop** (6–8 pm)

WEDNESDAY 10.29.2025

- **Off Square Books:** **ADAM JOHNSON** for **The Wayfinder** (5:30 pm)
- **Oxford Square:** **HALLOWEEN PARADE** (5:30–7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Conversation Cafe: **Charlie Buckley** (11:30 am); Afterschool Zone: **Feel Factor** (3:45 pm)
- North Oxford Baptist Church: **FALL FESTIVAL** (6 pm)
- Proud Larry's: **THE DROPTINES, ZACH DAY** (9 pm)

THURSDAY 10.30.2025

- **The Library:** **NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
- The Powerhouse: **Thacker Mountain Radio** feat. author **DELANEY NOLAN** with **Happy Bad**, music guests **TWURT CHAMBERLAIN, KODY SHADE HARRELL** (6 pm)
- Lafayette & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: **Feel Factor** (3:45 pm)
- Lafayette County Arena: Halloween Spooktacular Safestop (5 pm)
- The Lyric: **CODE PINK - FANGBANGER** (8:30 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): **LOW BRASS ENSEMBLES** (7:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: **GRACE BOWERS** (9 pm) **TV**

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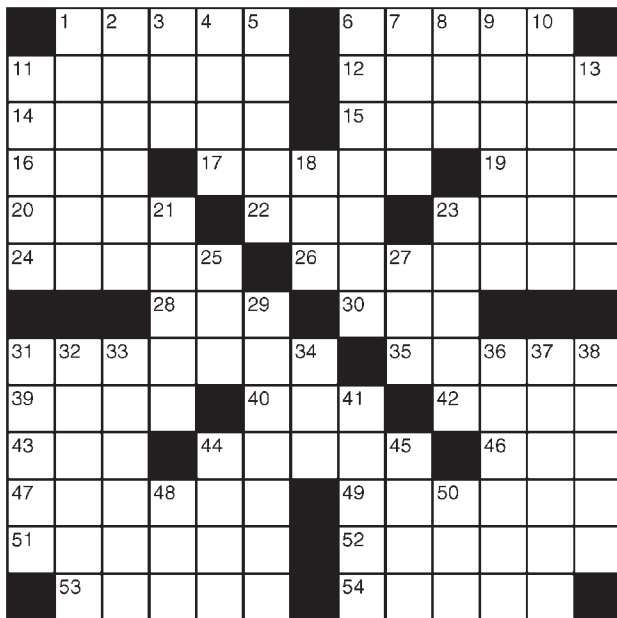
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- 1 Bulgaria's capital
- 6 Tub toys
- 11 Bacon pieces
- 12 Mistakes in print
- 14 Serengeti howlers
- 15 Pre-Easter
- 16 Swiss canton
- 17 Univ. divisions
- 19 Toll rd.
- 20 Lincoln in-law
- 22 "No seats"
- 23 Spring
- 24 Entangle
- 26 Surpassed
- 28 Tic-tac-toe win



- 30 Roofing goo
- 31 Indy 500 skid
- 35 Singer Norah
- 39 Marathoner's stat
- 40 Recipe abbr.
- 42 Humorist Sahl
- 43 Chang's brother
- 44 Unadorned
- 46 Kanga's kid
- 47 Asian peninsula
- 49 Designer Pierre
- 51 Van Gogh's "— Night"

- 52 How chicken may be served
- 53 Juan's farewell
- 54 Puccini opera

DOWN

- 1 "Sophie's Choice" author
- 2 Frozen fries brand
- 3 Shark feature
- 4 Apple tablet
- 5 Ninnies
- 6 Sing loudly
- 7 Unrefined metals
- 8 Prince Valiant's son
- 9 Body art
- 10 Intervene
- 11 Closes
- 13 Bracelet site
- 18 Expert
- 21 Unmanned plane
- 23 PC drive insert
- 25 Bathroom, to a Brit
- 27 — Mahal
- 29 Expenditures
- 31 Rose parts
- 32 Target at a fiesta

- 33 "That makes me happy!"
- 34 Airport screening org.
- 36 Type of skiing
- 37 Beethoven's Third
- 38 Sculptor's material
- 41 Loop of lace
- 44 Arsonist
- 45 iPod model
- 48 Onassis nickname
- 50 Train lines (Abbr.)



- 1. What does "P.Y.T." stand for, and who sang the song?
- 2. Who had a hit with "Sink the Bismark"?
- 3. How did ABBA get their start?
- 4. Who wrote "Funny How Time Slips Away"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You give your hand to me and then you say, 'Hello.' And I can hardly speak, my heart is beating so."

Answers

- 1. "Pretty Young Thing," a song by Michael Jackson in 1982. It was one of seven singles released on his "Thriller" album.
- 2. Johnny Horton, in 1960. The Bismark was a German battleship the United States sank in 1941. The song was inspired by the British film "Sink the Bismarck!" in 1960.
- 3. They won the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest for their song "Waterloo."
- 4. Willie Nelson, in 1961. It was first released by country artist Billy Walker and has since been covered by several artists, including Lyle Lovett and Al Green.
- 5. "You Don't Know Me," most notably by Ray Charles, in 1962. It was first released by singer-songwriter Eddy Arnold in 1955, and then by dozens of artists over the years, most recently this year by Irish artist Brigid Mae Power.

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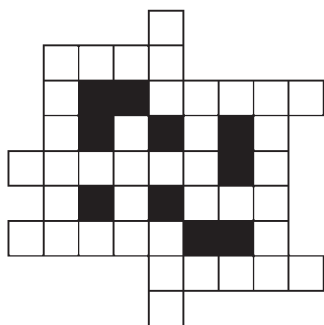
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: SOMEONE'S KNOCKING — MY —

- Be wife
- By side
- Drag feet
- Gets goat
- Bit tongue
- Catch drift
- Dyed hair
- Go way
- Blew cool
- Cut hair
- Face fears
- Hold hand
- Broke heart
- Do thing
- From heart



- WME
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- ♥RYALE
- ORZE
- UNLERN
- ETY
- ♥REEW
- ♥MAWSR
- ♥NWO
- SEARN
- RATSZ
- ♥EMRA



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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- ACROSS**
- 1 Direct applause toward
8 Finder's cry
11 April follower
14 Mimic a bird
19 Singer Patti
20 Take by force
22 Capital on the Red River
23 Art studio
24 Phases
25 "Tiny Dancer" singer John
26 Start of a riddle
29 Booming jet of old, in brief
30 Inseparable
31 Spike of corn
32 Olive bugged by Bluto
33 Prefix with light or night
35 Part of AOL
39 Thing with rungs
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Zac of 2017's "Baywatch"
49 German linking word
50 Org. for teachers
51 "Sure, we should do it!"
52 Desperate, as a situation
54 Syrian president
- 58 Auto racer's warm-up circuit
61 Riddle, part 3
64 In-vogue thing
65 Brand of fuel additives
66 Forearm bone
67 Crew tool
68 "You folks," in the South
70 West of "Diamond Lil"
73 "General" of Chinese cuisine
74 Riddle, part 4
78 Museum overseer
82 Golfer Sam
83 Eighth parts of circles
84 Redding of soul
85 Sly laugh sound
87 Gp. with merit badges
89 On a cruise
90 End of the riddle
97 "Strut" singer Easton
98 Affirm strongly
99 Flying geese formation
100 High peak: Abbr.
- 102 "No more details!" in texts
103 Sushi tuna
105 Archer's skill
108 Riddle's answer
116 Really virile
117 Apollo 7 astronaut Wally
118 Annuls, as a law
119 Resilient strength
120 Certain support group for adolescents
121 Lay out for printing
122 Gather bit by bit
123 Ad- — (improvise)
124 Zig's reverse
125 Rind-shaving tools
- DOWN**
- 1 Feline nails
2 Trellis strips
3 Skip — (flutter, as the heart)
4 Bombard
5 French policeman, informally
6 Butterlike product of beef fat
7 Air again
8 Many a prep sch.
9 Star of the past
10 Shows up
11 Part of 102-Across
12 Johnson of old comedy
13 Simple kind of question
14 Place with beakers, in brief
15 Disease-free
16 Engrossed by
17 Building top
18 Wrestling win
21 Game of falling shapes
27 Find out
28 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
33 Rosebush sticker
34 Hurricane hazard
36 Win gold, say
37 Rice of Bush's Cabinet, informally
38 Prop- or hex- ender
40 Meted
41 Mano-a-mano fight
42 "At Last" singer James
43 Filing tool
44 In progress
45 Common baby ailment
46 Scheduled to arrive
47 Interval
48 Ice cream brand
53 Inuit dwelling
55 Feel faint from ecstasy
56 Divide up
57 Vital blood line
59 Insurer with a duck icon
60 Sch. with a Fresno branch
62 Univ. dorm supervisors
63 Thesaurus word: Abbr.
69 Score — (earn some points)
70 Minister's residence
71 Modify
72 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
73 Eat a bit of
75 "Poppycock!"
76 "Sounds likely to me"
77 Unglossy photo finish
78 Simple beds
79 Neighbor of Colorado
80 Initiation, e.g.
81 Pi-sigma link
86 Very bad grades
88 Scandinavian "Salut!"
91 1986 #1 hit for 19-Across and Michael McDonald
92 Vow
93 Revel at a really hoppin' party
94 "Carlos" star Edgar
95 Neighbor of Ethiopia
96 Sinister gaze
101 Like some congestion
104 Rival of Avis
105 Demean
106 Lazybones
107 Ship spars
108 Postmarked pieces
109 Zapzyt target
110 Perlman of "Cheers"
111 Roman 651
112 "Moby-Dick" captain
113 Zingy flavor
114 Smartphone games, often
115 Cross paths
116 Soup flavor enhancer, for short

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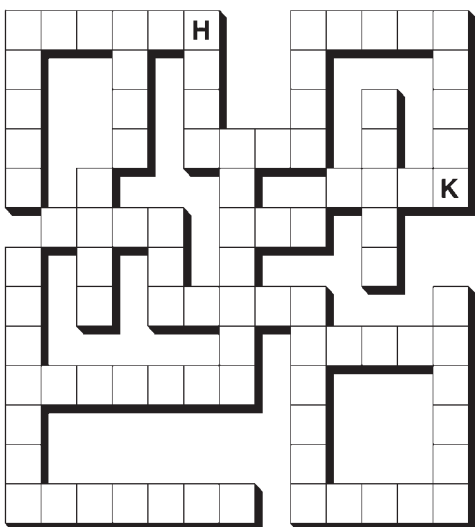
Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – BE AN EXPLORER

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 3 Letters
ASK
DIG
- 4 Letters
FIND
HUNT
READ
SEEK
SIFT
TEST
VIEW
- 5 Letters
GRILL
ORDER
QUERY
SCOUT
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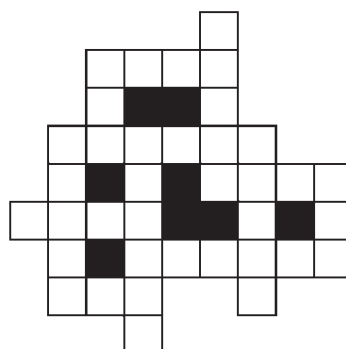


FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- IGG
- PIDANK
- DRUNO
- ♥ NSGI
- GREEDI
- UDD
- ♥ OPRM
- ♥ ESPRI
- PPA
- KOGGIN
- NEGIK
- ♥ RPDO



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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Cogitate

That which belongs to thee

Just sitting there

Earn

Key role in old-time circuses

Type of job or house

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

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

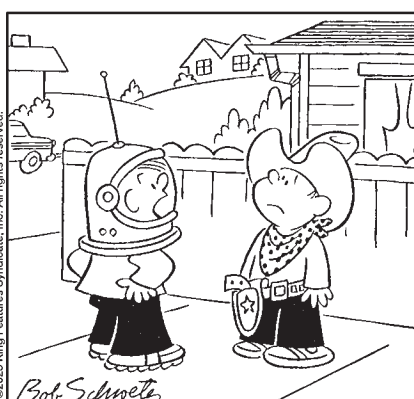
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| 2. Creek | ___ ___ K | Witch's transportation | ___ ___ M |
| 3. ___ dioxide | ___ ___ B | Milk container | ___ ___ T |
| 4. Beauty's admirer | B ___ | Banquet | F ___ |
| 5. Appropriate | ___ ___ R | Power forward | ___ ___ L |
| 6. Scare | ___ R ___ | Air journey | ___ L ___ |
| 7. Similar | ___ ___ K | Have being | ___ ___ V |
| 8. Inn's guest | ___ D ___ | Forest worker | ___ G ___ |
| 9. Harmony | ___ E ___ | Come in second | ___ L ___ |
| 10. Up and about | ___ ___ K | Cognizant | ___ ___ R |

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!

- Filth
MIRGE
- Grasp
HALEND
- Find
ELTACO
- Expire
RESHIP

TODAY'S WORD



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Rebel Hoops Returns to the Oxford Square


Annual Tip-Off Event is Monday, October 20

As fall is in the air and with college basketball drawing closer, the Ole Miss Men's and Women's Basketball teams are set to partner with the City of Oxford to host the Square Jam powered by Ashley Furniture on Monday, October 20, 2025. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm from the historic Oxford Square.

A court will once again be set up on the east side of the Square in the parking lot in front of City Hall. Fans will have the opportunity to catch both teams in action with various competitions, including three-point contests, skills challenges, and more. Both teams will be available for autographs at the conclusion of the event.

Both programs will host an exhibition doubleheader on Sunday, October 26 with the men hosting St. Mary's at 11:30 am and the women taking on Southern Arkansas at 2 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Ole Miss Women's Basketball will open its regular season on Monday, November 3 from the SJB Pavilion for its annual Kids' Day versus Norfolk State at 11 am.

Men's Basketball tips off its 2025-26 campaign against Southeastern Louisiana on November 3 at 7 pm from Oxford as well. Season tickets are on sale for both basketball teams by visiting OleMissSports.com. 



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Locals Speak Out Against Location of Proposed Asphalt Plant

This is what's happening:

I encourage each of you to take a scenic drive (or bike ride) down 328 this weekend and see for yourself if this riverbank property looks like the ideal spot for an asphalt plant (+ a future full scale industrial park, if this enormous rezoning effort from "agricultural" to "heavy industrial" is approved).

What you will see on this stretch of land between Taylor and Hwy 7 is relatively tranquil. You'll pass cows, chickens, some beautiful homes up on the north hillside, children playing in their yard, neighbors on their front porches and a lovely tree lined drive leading into Falkner Farms.

There's a reason this land was zoned "agricultural". This is farmland, family land, and community land — not industrial land.

Don't get me wrong, no one is against a new asphalt plant — but it needs to be built where it belongs and it sure doesn't belong next to fragile floodplain land along the Yocona River.

The current Industrial Park is only half full and was paid for with our tax dollars. That's the logical place for industry. If there needs to be improvements to the current park for a new asphalt plant, there is federal money for that.

Here's the reality: accidents happen, flooding happens & WHEN they do (if this plant goes on this site) Falkner Farms will be destroyed and the Yocona River will be dangerously poisoned with chemicals, putting our county residents at risk, Enid Lake fishing at risk, and even the Mississippi River.

Our five elected Lafayette County Supervisors will vote in about 2 weeks on what's best for Lafayette County. What's best for Lafayette County? Protecting our land & our people that are 99% opposed to this rezoning, or the alternative???

Let's stand together to protect our land, our water, our community, and our families. Speak up. Show up. This matters to all of us. Join us on October 20th at 9am in the Lafayette County Courthouse on North Lamar across from Heartbreak Coffee. If you don't, the character of our county will forever change.

— Leighton Wilkie McCool

Hey y'all, what's up?

A typical greeting from someone who grew up in Oxford, Mississippi.

I'm Reed Falkner. I was raised here in Oxford and I operate Falkner Farms.

Growing up, I was raised on a farm filled with livestock. The responsibilities and hard work required to care for these animals instilled a backbone of accountability in me. The same backbone that all farmers rely on. No matter the circumstance, we feel obligated to provide for our livestock and our community.

I have talked with numerous members of community during my time in this role. From Rotary Clubs to Kindergarten classes to College Professors and more. I have spent time in the pastures and the classrooms. Field days and farmers markets. All to educate and inform people of the practices and products our farm provides.

Falkner Farms is a regenerative farm, focused on the well-being of our livestock and our soil. We raise the healthiest products we can, for

the people in our community to enjoy. Our farm consists of over 1,000 laying hens and over 50 head of cattle. We provide grass fed and grass finished beef and pasture raised eggs to several restaurants, grocery stores, farmers markets, and individuals in Lafayette County. We are stewards of both the land and the livestock. For the past 12 years we have worked tirelessly to improve our soil without the use of chemicals. The idea of having 40.1 acres of Heavy Industry on the other side of the road from us is disheartening. Every practice we have implemented to promote animal and soil health would be in jeopardy.

Heavy Industry brings pollution. Heavy industry brings noise. Heavy industry brings problems to Falkner Farms and detrimental impacts that we won't be able to withstand. Ask yourself this, how many regenerative farms operate a couple hundred yards away from an asphalt plant? I'll wait. . . .

We have talked to multiple experts in our field, and each has expressed concern for animal health and overall quality of our beef and eggs. Whether it's air quality, animal stress due to noise, or physical particles that blow over onto our blades of grass, all have negative impacts on "our side of the fence." Not to mention the river. The Yocona River has risen above her banks twice in the past six years. Both times bringing with it deadly and devastating waters that not only affect our fields, but hundreds of acres to the south and west of us, before emptying into Enid Lake. I can't wrap my mind around having 40.1 acres of Heavy Industry, including an asphalt plant, on the banks of the Yocona River. The risks associated with this proposed idea are far too many to mitigate.

Times have really changed around here since I was a kid, I know that. Y'all know that, too. But has time changed so much that this town will sacrifice a local farm for asphalt? Agricultural land for Heavy Industrial? Again, farmers are the backbone of Mississippi, and we pray y'all can help us keep it that way.

Make your voice heard and contact your supervisor or all supervisors for that matter. Expressing your concerns about rezoning 40.1 acres of farmland, in a 100-year flood plain, to I-2 Heavy Industrial.

If you've gotten know me, my family, enjoyed some of our beef or eggs, or just support local farmers, please show up Monday, October 20, at 9 am at the Lafayette County Chancery Court Building and oppose this rezoning.

We have been overwhelmed with the support this community has shown our family and our farm, and we cannot thank you enough. Please continue to stand up for the "little man" and fight for the farmers.

With love, Reed Falkner



Illustrations by Meg Wolfe, from the October 2, 2025 town hall meeting in Paris, Mississippi by Lafayette County District 5 Supervisor Greg Bynum.



A letter from Dr. Ken Macklin, Department Head and Professor at Department of Poultry Science, Mississippi State University, addressing concerns about the proposed asphalt plant near our pasture-raised poultry operation.

It highlights that noise could reduce egg production by 10-15%, and dust from the plant may harm poultry health and pasture quality.

While recognizing community needs, the letter urges relocating the plant farther from livestock to protect local farms, food safety, and rural livelihoods.

– Elizabeth Falkner

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Sept. 15, 2025

The Honorable Ley Falkner

I am writing to express my concerns about the potential impacts of the proposed asphalt plant on your pasture-raised poultry operation. While some of the specific effects of emissions from the plant are uncertain, there are several well-established risks that deserve serious consideration.

One of the most immediate concerns is noise. Poultry are highly sensitive to sudden or continuous loud sounds, and research has shown that elevated noise levels can directly reduce egg production. It would not be surprising to see a decrease in egg yield of 10–15% once the plant is in operation. For a business that relies on steady production, even this level of reduction could have serious economic consequences.

Another issue is air quality. Dust and particles from petroleum by-products may settle onto pastures, feed, and water sources. While offhand I do not know the exact effects on poultry and livestock health, the potential for contamination raises legitimate concerns about the animal's well-being as well as the long-term quality of your pastureland.

I fully understand that progress and infrastructure are important, and that an asphalt plant may indeed serve a broader community need. However, placing such a facility near an animal agriculture operation introduces unnecessary risks that could be avoided if the plant were sited on land farther from livestock and food production areas. Selecting a more suitable location would allow the plant to serve its purpose without jeopardizing local farms, food safety, and rural livelihoods.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage you to reconsider siting this facility so that it does not put poultry and other agricultural operations in harm's way.

Sincerely,

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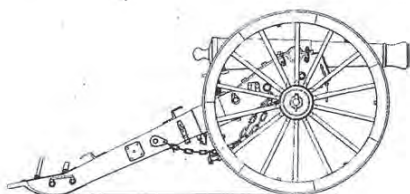
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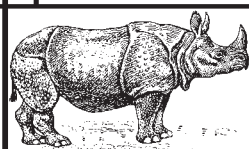
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22 — -garde
23 Kamala Harris is his veep
24 Guys in the petroleum industry
25 San Diego major leaguer
26 Clearasil may clear it up
27 Hands-on program for law students
30 Highest point
31 Vowel sound in "tent" or "peg"
33 Made efforts to come from behind
36 Bieber who co-hosted "Drop the Mic"
39 Put on a musical staff
40 Measure of temperature plus humidity
44 Exaggerated tales
49 Passing reference
50 Get nude
51 Cargo weight units
52 Heartbeat frequency
53 ALF et al.
56 Tahitian wrap
57 Alabama speedway city
58 "I Am —" (reality show starring Jenner)
59 Bluish form of oxygen
60 People plundering
61 After a while
62 Frilly fabric
63 Tightrope walkers, e.g.
64 Kind of chimpanzee
65 Mork's planet
66 1955 doubled die pennies, e.g.
67 16th-century Spanish ship
68 Restoration to factory defaults
69 "Yes, I'm 100% for it!"
70 They may follow right jabs
73 Deterrents to auto thefts
74 Balcony cry from Juliet
75 "The Scarlet Letter" protagonist Hester
76 Early 1940s, politically
82 Draws a bead on
87 Part of i.e.
88 Bulbs controlled with phone apps
91 Acronym comparable to "carpe diem"
92 Irritated
95 Storm into
96 Dog food brand
98 Each
99 Less original
100 Full of life
101 John of farm equipment
102 Esteems
103 Some pastries

DOWN

- 1 Indian rulers
2 Cain's eldest son
3 Pro at transcription
4 Rome's river
5 Yellowfin 90-Down, in Hawaii
6 Apt to vote Republican
7 It has limbs
8 Aria, e.g.
9 Like sheep
10 Writer Jong
11 Actress Meg or Jennifer
12 Mrs. Eisenhower
13 Nonstop
14 Fail to stay calm
15 Salary ceiling
16 Eggs, formally
17 Asian noodle dish with peanuts
18 On the way
19 Central Asian plains
28 Highest point
29 Many a Bach choral work
32 The thing right here
34 Actor Peter O'—
35 PC key abbr.
37 Vows heard at weddings
38 "Mexico Set" novelist Deighton
40 Boba Fett captured him
41 Aaron's son, in the Bible

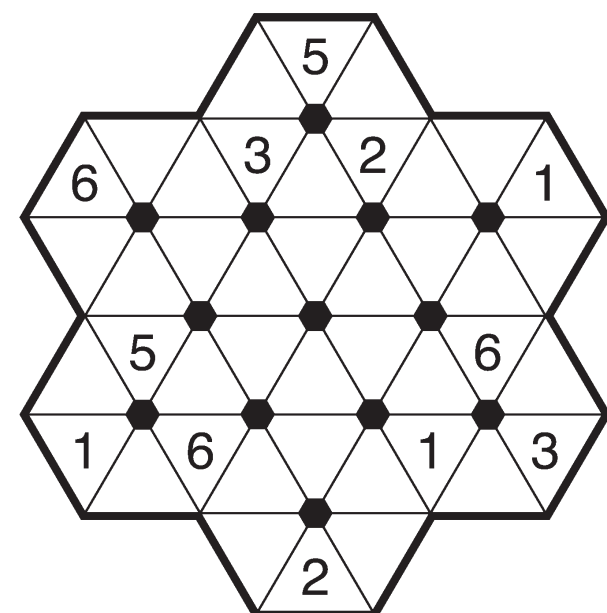
- 42 Genre for Beck and Nirvana, in brief
43 Tommy — (power pop band)
44 Mistaken beliefs
45 Official doing taxing work
46 Sowing machines
47 They fill job positions
48 Does' mates
50 Rounded edge, as on a staircase
52 Royal homes
53 Dine at a friend's house, say
54 Transverse rafter-joining timber
55 Easy walks
57 Many bathroom floor installers
58 Locale of Hudson Bay
60 Don of TV announcing
61 Legendary Rhine siren
63 Single-wheel load carriers
64 Peel that changes from green to yellow
66 Sprinted, e.g.
67 Polenta grain
68 WWW page code
69 Calendar box
70 Decreased
71 Tending to cause wear
72 New Jersey city opposite Manhattan
73 Jagged cliff
75 Meddling sorts
77 Sect in "Witness"
78 Made a dash for
79 1991 Daytona 500 winner Ernie
80 Novelist Calvino
81 Earlier-born
83 Avian mimics
84 Part of ESE
85 "The Sandbox" dramatist Edward
86 Some tadpoles, in time
89 Hat's place
90 Sushi staple
93 Drop the ball
94 Coloring stuff
97 Buddy, in Burgundy

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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.



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans?
- LITERATURE:** Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the national animal of France?
- MATH:** What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
- HISTORY:** Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
- ACRONYMS:** What does the computing acronym API stand for?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
- MUSIC:** Which musical instrument has 88 keys?
- TELEVISION:** Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"

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.

	+	7	÷		= 13			
+		-		+				
	+		+		= 15			
÷		÷		÷				
	-		×		= 27			
=		=		=				
2		2		1				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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.

OLGZR PKO EMZUOHH ZV
RZTM HOJMUKE FBPKZTP
HTUUTNXBLW PZ PKO
EMOHTMO ZV PKO MOHTQP.
- FBQQ VOMMOQQ

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: O equals G

BUKB OQF UKL KR ZHCBSCRKV
WUKMKWBZM CEEVF LSHSVKM
BC K FCQRO HKVZ UCMLZ.
UZ'L LC WCVB-UZKMBZE.



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Answers: 1. Alaska; Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean.
2. Stephen King. 3. The Gallic rooster. 4. 180 degrees.
5. Theodore Roosevelt. 6. Incan. 7. Application Programming Interface. 8. Brainer. 9. Piano. 10. Steve Urkel.



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the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

STICKELERS (sue)
by Terry Stickels

Can you find the letter that comes between the letter just above the letter that comes before the letter just below B and the letter just before the letter that comes just above the letter that comes after H?

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O

A SIP-N-SOLVE STUMPER!

See if you can remove 3 straws from the above drawing so that you will be left with 7 triangles.

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

A FILL-IN PUZZLE

KNIGHT MOVES

L	N	B
O		E
W	L	R

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.

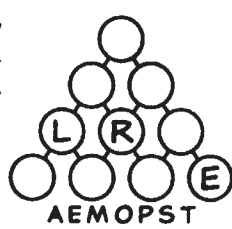
Answer: Remove straws 3, 11 and 14. You now have: 1 large triangle (3 straws to a side), 3 medium triangles (2 straws to a side), and 3 small triangles (1 straw to a side).

AN INTERESTING PROBLEM! Do you notice anything out of the ordinary about what this workman has to say?

Answer: As you read the sentence, left to right, each word contains one more letter than the previous word.

I AM CUT FROM USING CABLES ASSUMED HARMLESS!

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 begin with the letter in the top circle.

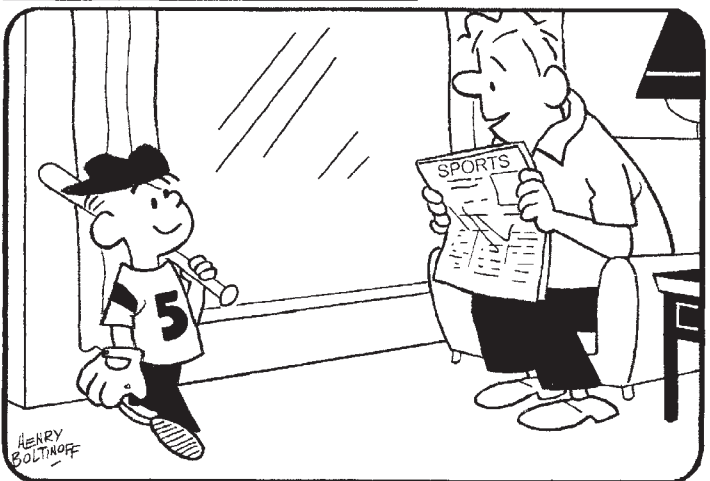


Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the 16 words that you'll need to complete the puzzle using the trial-and-error method. Keep an eraser handy!

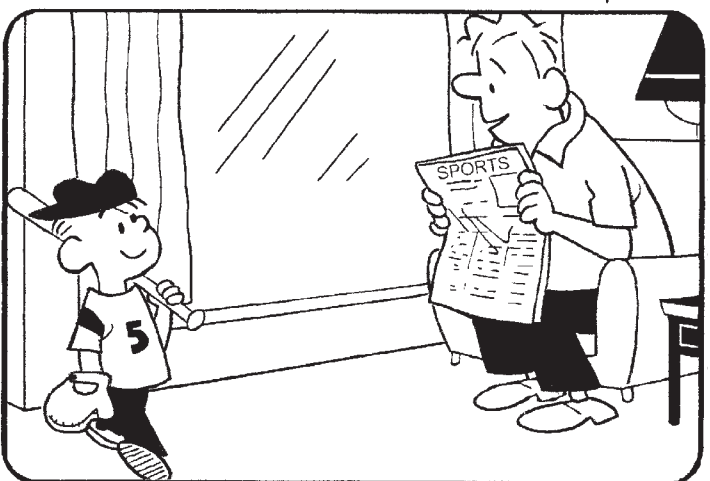
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|-------|-------|-------|
| BAND | DENIM | TABOO |
| BEECH | DREAM | TACKY |
| CANE | MEANT | TOTEM |
| CHEST | NOMAD | UMBER |
| CRIMP | OUTDO | YAHOO |
| DAZE | | |

Answers: (Across) 1. Taboo, 4. Cane, 7. UMBER, 10. Chest, 11. Meant, 12. Denim, 13. Yahoo, 14. Dream, (Down) 1. Tacky, 2. Beech, 3. Outdo, 4. Crimp, 5. Nomad, 6. Totem, 8. Band, 9. Daze.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



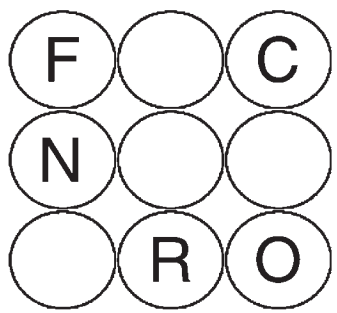
Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Table is smaller. 3. Newspaper is longer. 4. Glove is a catcher's mitt. 5. Number on shirt is smaller. 6. Curtain is wider on left side.

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. More than enough | ___ M ___ | Granny Smith, e.g. | ___ P ___ |
| 2. Veranda | ___ R ___ | Kangaroo's pocket | ___ U ___ |
| 3. Lag behind | ___ I ___ | Extended | ___ O ___ |
| 4. Hay measure | ___ L ___ | Completely worn out | ___ D ___ |
| 5. Model Crawford | ___ I ___ | Gum drop or licorice | ___ A ___ |
| 6. Span | ___ H ___ | Respond | ___ T ___ |
| 7. Realm | E ___ | Baseball referee | U ___ |
| 8. Coldplay singer | ___ T ___ | Singer Gaye | ___ V ___ |
| 9. Theme | ___ P ___ | Gin and ___ | ___ N ___ |
| 10. Brag | ___ O ___ | Explosion | ___ L ___ |

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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Bruce Levingston Establishes Rowan Oak Fund for Faulkner Home

Faulkner family piano restored with renovation fund, featured in sunset concert event

Internationally acclaimed concert pianist Bruce Levingston has made a substantial financial gift to establish a conservation and preservation fund dedicated to protecting and restoring Rowan Oak.

Longest Gift Funds Transfer Scholarships

Longtime Ole Miss professor aimed to help make four-year degrees possible for community college students

"Doc" Bill Longest, of Oxford, a U.S. Air Force veteran and UM professor of biology for 24 years, died in January 2024. The William D. Longest Scholarship Endowment helps transfer students who otherwise may not have the financial means to complete four-year degrees. First preference goes to students from Calhoun County, where Longest grew up.

Photo of the Week:

"Shaw & Sneed Hardware, 1959" by John Cofield

Shaw & Sneed Hardware on The Square at 114 Courthouse Square in 1959. In 2025, the building is Oxford Grillehouse restaurant and The Balcony at The Grillehouse bar.



Jurors from Madison County to be selected for Murder Trial

The Lafayette County court has granted a motion for an out-of-county jury selection to Timothy Herrington Jr., the suspected murderer of Ole Miss student Jimmy "Jay" Lee.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Thriving in the Deep South: A Guide to Louisiana Irises" by Bronwynne Bailey

The vibrant Louisiana iris, with its exotic, orchid-like blooms and lush foliage, is a native treasure of the American South.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "October Garden Calendar" by Bronwynne Bailey

Get outside and enjoy the nice weather by spending some time working on your lawn!

Dana Criswell: "Homeschooling: The Old Way That Still Works"

Let's start with a simple truth we've forgotten: parents educated their children long before the government built a building. For most of history, kids learned at the kitchen table, at church, on the farm, or as an apprentice. Compulsory, one-size-fits-all schooling is the new idea. Parents teaching their own children is the old idea—and in many cases, the better one.

More Local Headlines

Ole Miss Professor Earns National Fellowship for Leadership in Physics

Ole Miss Students and Faculty Mark 40 Years of Chancellor's Leadership Class

National Publication Recognizes University of Mississippi Chemist as Trailblazer

Ole Miss Fans Have Chance to Beat Georgia Off the Field

Visit Oxford and Partners Earn Top Recognition with Five Mississippi Tourism Awards

Water Valley City-Wide Yard Sale

Ole Miss School of Pharmacy Launching Sports Pharmacy Education Program

Local Crime:

Oxford Man Arrested After Victim Reports Stolen Phone and Missing Money

Oxford Woman Arrested for Burglary After Disturbance on Private Road 3151

Oxford Man Arrested for Felony DUI 4th After Attempting to Fight People at South Lamar Gas Station

New Jersey Credit Card Fraud Totaling \$61,035 Leads to Arrest of Oxford, Mississippi Man

Oxford Woman Arrested After Attacking Police Officer on Heritage Drive

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Strange BUT TRUE

- In **Birmingham, England**, 2.5 million **Mills & Boon** books were pulped to create the top layer of the **M6** toll road.
 - A dog that had been kicked by a driver returned with a bunch of its friends and proceeded to trash the man's car chewing up the fenders and wipers.
 - Charles Joughin**, the chief baker on the **Titanic**, allegedly treaded water for two hours before being rescued from the sunken vessel. He later claimed that the copious amounts of whiskey he consumed before the ship went down kept his body warm enough to survive the subfreezing ocean temperature.
 - Arnold Schwarzenegger** once eloquently said: "I love Thanksgiving turkey. It's the only time in Los Angeles that you see natural breasts."
 - Alcatraz** holds an annual **Indigenous Peoples' Thanksgiving Sunrise Gathering**, also known as **Unthanksgiving Day**, to commemorate the 1969 occupation of Alcatraz and to protest the colonialist history of **Thanksgiving**.
 - Instead of saying something like "the cat's pajamas" or "the bee's knees," the **French** say "the baby Jesus in velvet shorts."
 - The red parasol moss **Splachnum rubrum** grows only on moose poop.
 - In 2013, an **American** man named **Ashrita Furman** took the title of "the most bananas sliced with a sword on a slackline in one minute" by slicing 36 of them in 60 seconds.
 - Some birds change the size of their brain every winter.
 - In the 1970s, the **NFL** team now called the **Seattle Seahawks** opened a competition in which the public could suggest and vote on a name for them. About 1,750 suggestions and 20,000 entries were received.
 - "Subdermatoglyphic" is the longest word without duplicate letters.
- Thought for the Day:** "Being the richest man in the cemetery doesn't matter to me. Going to bed at night saying we've done something wonderful, that's what matters to me." – **Steve Jobs** 📺

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Fri: 2-for-1 wells ALL DAY;

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1012 E Jackson Ave

Mon-Thu: 2 pm-1 am

Fri: noon-1 am; **Sat:** 11 am-1 am

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

Mon: \$5 Octanes

Tue: \$5 Grape Gatorade

Wed: LADIES' NIGHT: \$5 Skinny Bitches

Thur: \$4 domestics

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Mon-Wed: 4-9 pm; **Thu:** 4-10 pm

Fri: 11 am-2 pm; 4-10 pm

Sat & Sun: 9 am-2 pm; 4-10/9 pm

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Moe's BBQ

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Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm

Penny Bar open 3 pm

Happy Hour 3-6 pm:

Mon-Fri ½-price apps,

2-for-1 wells, wines & domestics

Mon: \$2 domestics; 50¢ wings

Tue: TRIVIA + \$25 High Noon buckets

Wed: OPEN MIC (starting Sept. 3)

Thu: BINGO + \$5 Bushwhackers

Sun: Kids 12 & under eat free

(6 pm-close)

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Quack's

122 Courthouse Square

Mon-Thu: 4 pm-close

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

Sat & Sun: Brunch 11 am-3 pm;

Mimosas & \$9 Espresso Martinis

Sun: 11 am-9 pm; \$1 off cocktails 3-9pm

Happy Hour:

Mon: \$1 off drafts ALL DAY

Tues: \$1 off drafts ALL DAY, \$1 off bottles & cans (4-6 pm)

Wed: \$1 off drafts, bottles & cans ALL DAY

Thur & Fri: \$1 off drafts, bottles & cans (4-6 pm)

Delivery: Take A Break

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Sat: noon-1 am

Sun: Brunch 11 am-3 pm

Happy Hour 6-8 pm Thu:

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1006 East Jackson Ave

Tue-Fri: 5 pm-1 am

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Mon: INDUSTRY NIGHT

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401 S Lamar Blvd

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Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$6 fresh

Margaritas

Wed: Spaghetti + \$5 wine

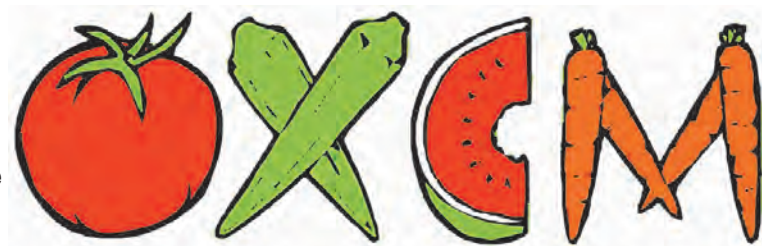
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Down Home Jesus Answers Your Questions

If Jesus were alive today and a Southerner to boot, this might be how he would answer a few of our questions.

Dear Jesus, If Cain and Abel were the sons of Adam and Eve, who did they marry and have children with? Signed, Truthseeker

Dear Truthseeker, I guess they musta married each other! You prob'ly also wanna know how many angels can dance on the head of a pin! Look, *Genesis* ain't as much about *how* the world got made, it's more about *who* made it! If you can get that, then you ain't gotta get all twisted up in figurin' out all that stuff. It don't matter. It's theological pretzelism. Takes you away from my message and causes fussin'.

Dear Jesus, how much longer will humanity waller in sin before you call us home? Signed, Puzzled.

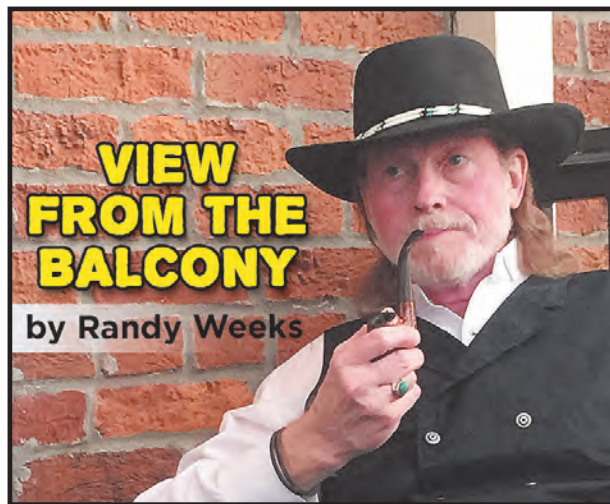
Dear Puzzled, I guess you'll waller in sin long as you wanna waller. Don't wanna waller in sin? Then don't. It's easy as that, Jigsaw.

Dear Jesus, how do you reconcile Christianity with politics an' government? Signed, Fox News Junkie.

Dear Foxy, as I have said, render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto G_d the things that are G_d's. Taxes are Caesar's. The spirit belongs to G_d. Just 'cause a person claims to follow me don't mean they do. So if their politics ain't helpin' the least of these, then you need to throw the bastards out. I don't know 'em. Is that fair and balanced enough for you, Foxy?

Dear Jesus, did you really mean we should pray for our enemies?

Yep. Cain't pray, really pray, for somebody and keep on hatin' 'em, Eventually you're gonna start seein' that other person as somebody else who needs G_d's good grace. Once you see 'em as sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers, it gets harder to hate 'em an' they cain't be your enemy anymore.



Dear Jesus, what do you think about the WWJD bracelets? Signed, Trinkets.

Dear Trinkets, I think they're pretty cool. In fact, I wear one myself. And when I find myself in a dilemma, wond'rin' what to do about this or that, I often ask myself the question, "What would Jesus do?" and I go do the thing.

Now if that don't work, I got this close friend named José. He's got beaucoups of good, ole fashioned horse sense. So if "What Would Jesus Do?" don't work, I'll ask, "What Would José Do?" Never had a problem figurin' that out.

Dear Jesus, will my child in Heaven know me when I cross over Jordan? Signed, Lonely.

Dear Lonely, your precious child alreay knows you are his mother. Always has, always will. He cain't wait to see you again. He's got a secret fishin' hole on the Jordan River up here and he's gonna take you there to catch a mess of fish as soon as you walk through the pearly gates.

And for the record, Heaven ain't a place like West Virginia, which is *almost* heaven. Heaven's in you and around you. Anytime you feel close to me, anytime you feel love, anytime you reach out and help somebody, well, that's what heaven is. And hell? Hell's just the opposite. I cain't think of nothin' more miserable than a clogged up heart.

Now, I'm really tired, so I'm done for today, but I'll leave you with a little ditty I wrote:

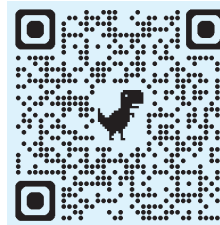
*If I could do it all over again
I'd come back as a dog,
'cause dog spelled backwards comes out god
and it's hard to hate a dog.
'cause a good dog'll love you when you're up or down
or somewhere in between,
and that's the same way I love you,
black, white, red, yellow and green.*

*If I could do it all over again
I'd come back as a child
and I'd play in the laps of all the mean folks
until I made 'em smile,
then I'd tickle 'em till they laughed so hard
that they might even cry,
then I'd kiss their tears and calm their fears
and make 'em sweet as pie.*

*If I could do it all over again
I might come back as you,
or you, or you, or you, or you.
Yeah, that's just what I'd do.
And with me deep inside you,
you'd have a brand new heart,
and you'd love your neighbors as your selves.
That'd be a real good start.*

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

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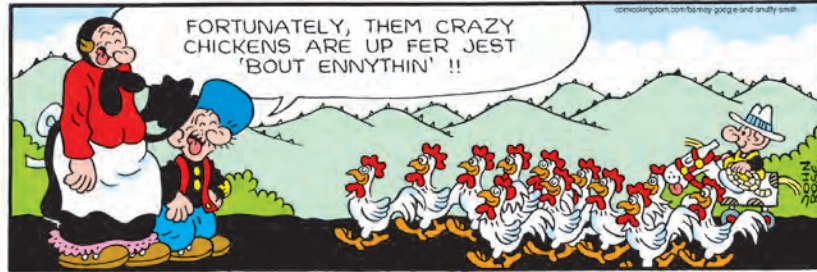
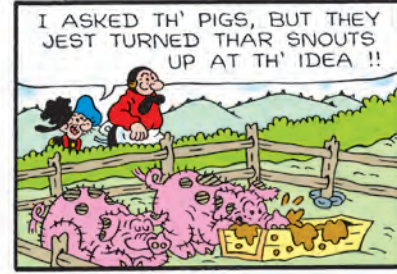
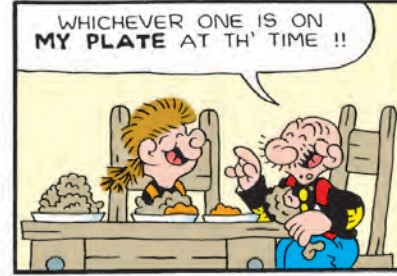
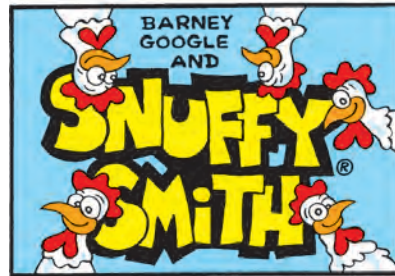
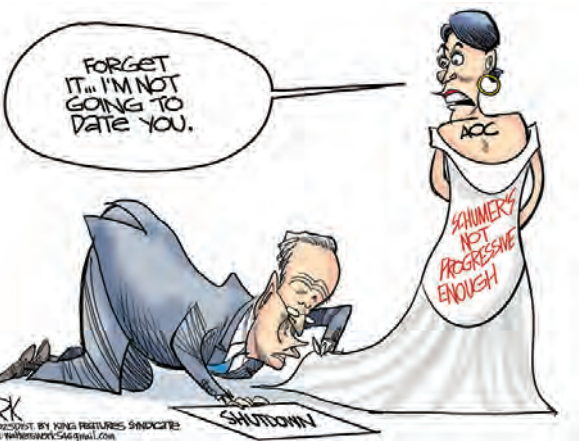
OK, HOW ABOUT THIS... IN ORDER TO GET THIS LOAN LET'S DISREGARD MY WIFE'S DEBT AND I'LL PRETEND I DON'T KNOW HER?



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

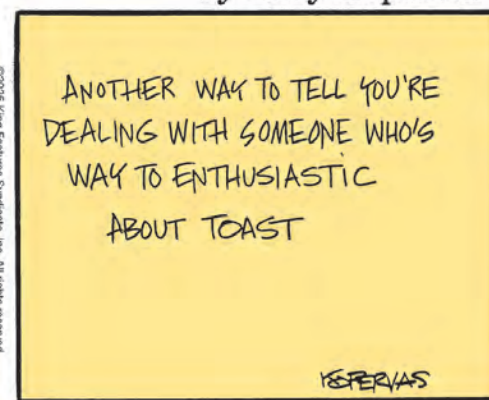


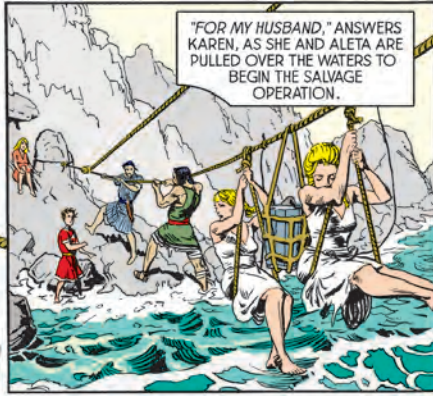
"I have a list of things for you to do if you ever get out."




Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



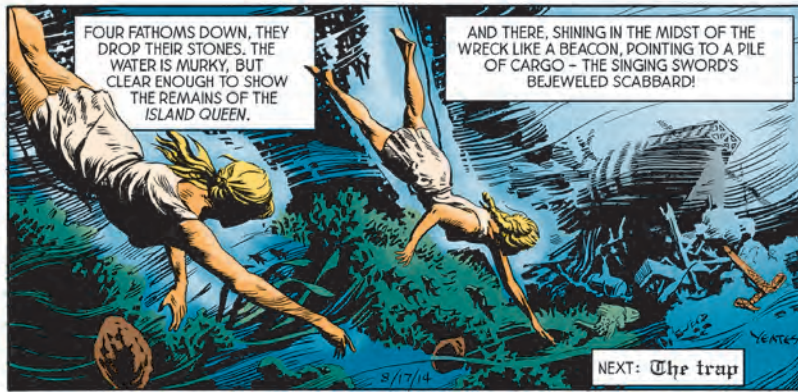


Americanisms



"The farther one gets into the wilderness, the greater is the attraction of its lonely freedom."

— Teddy Roosevelt



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



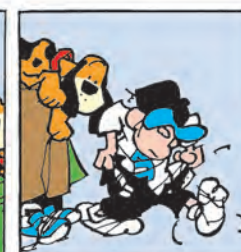
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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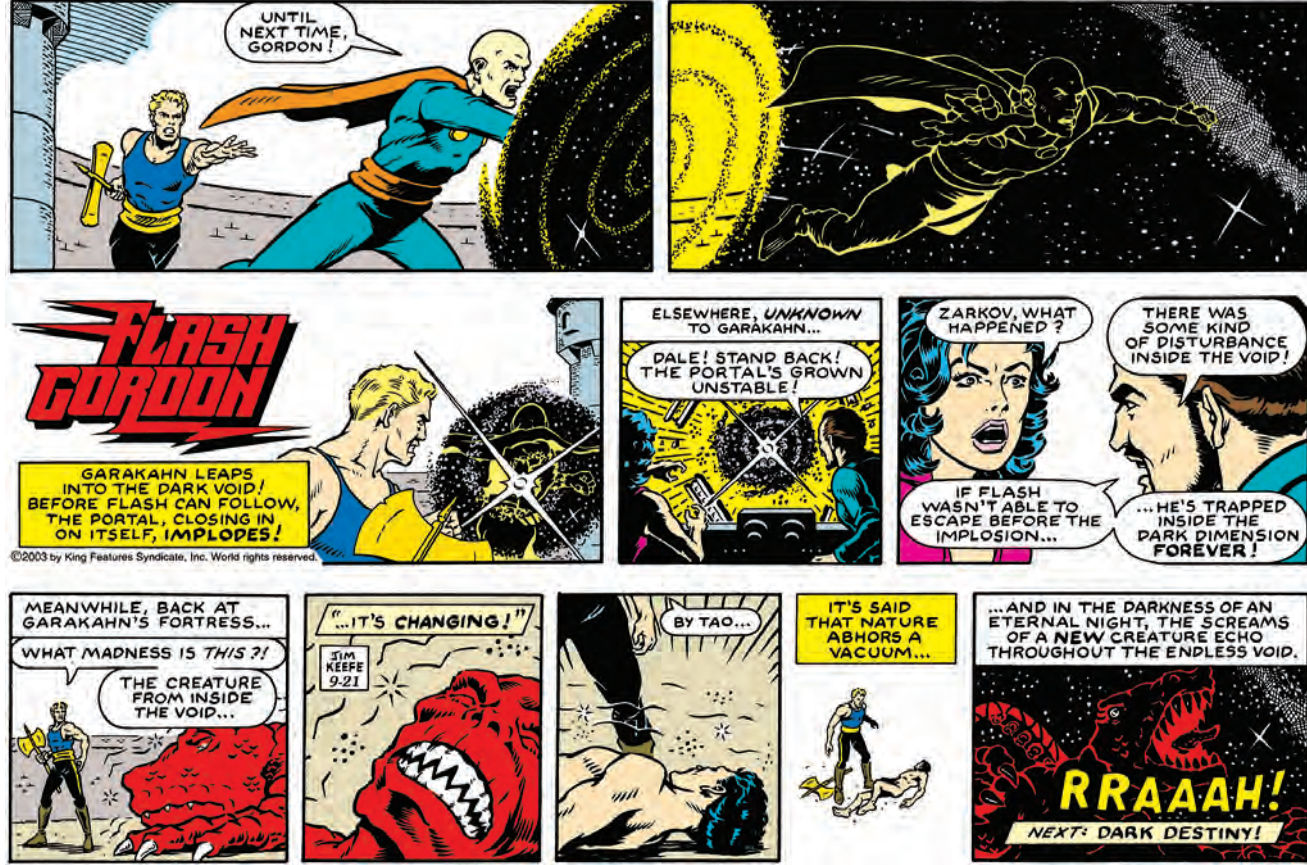
The Garden Bug

Dry used grounds thoroughly before using in the garden; this prevents mold development and unpleasant odors. Spread them on newspaper or screens for 24-48 hours until completely moisture-free.

Using coffee grounds

Limit quantities to 1-2 tablespoons per plant, applied once every 3 months. Sprinkle evenly over the surface to avoid thick clumps forming. Combine your grounds with other organic amendments for balanced nutrition.

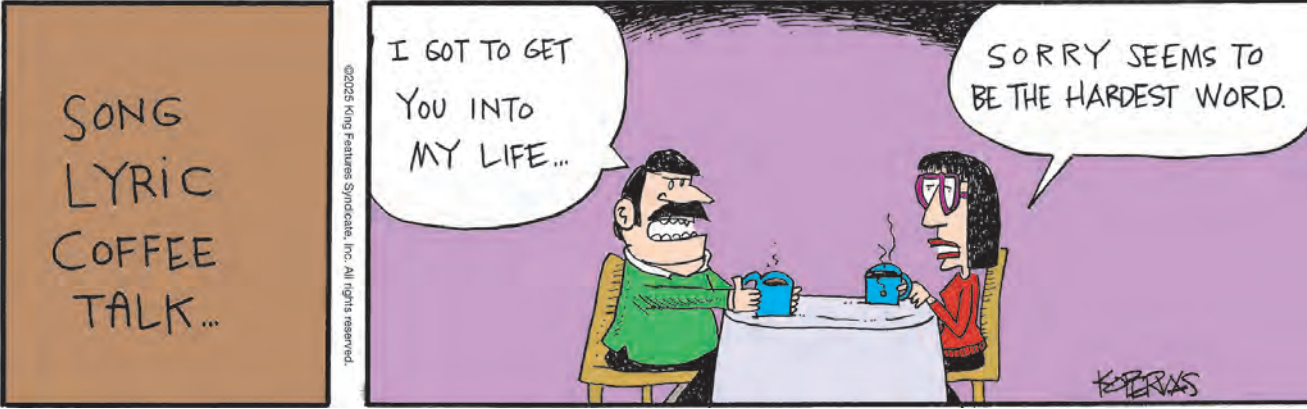
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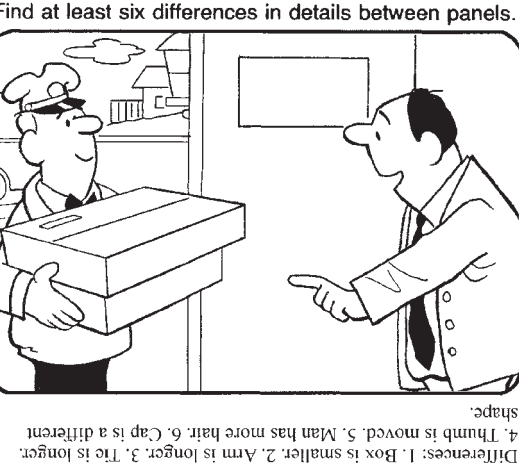
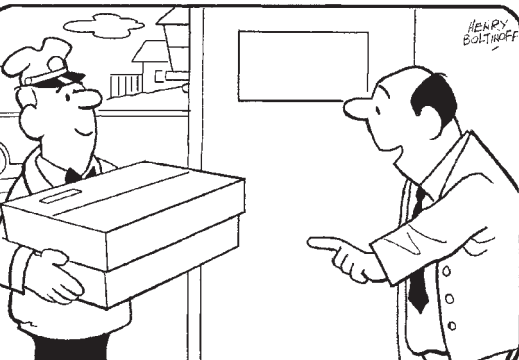
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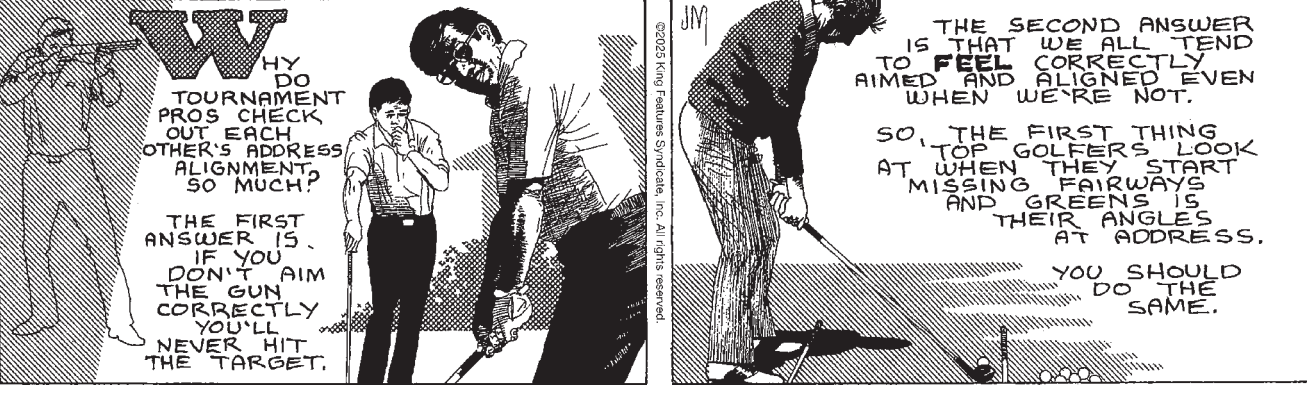
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Shape and Bake Creepy Spider Rolls for a Healthy Treat

Combine a child's love of playing with dough and a fascination with spiders, and you'll have both a "hit" activity and a healthy treat when Halloween partygoers come to your house. Pre-party prep is a snap with prepared bread-roll dough. Simply clear the kitchen counters and let the kids work out their wiggles as they shape dough into balls and snakes to create their own creepy spiders. And they'll love "painting" them with an egg wash before you pop them in the oven.

Here are the simple ingredients you'll need:

— Prepared frozen white dinner rolls such as the Rhodes brand (available in the frozen-food section of grocery stores)

— 1 egg beaten, with 1 tablespoon of water for several spiders

— Poppy seeds or sesame seeds

Here's the fun: Each large spider requires two dinner rolls. Thaw the number of rolls you plan to use.

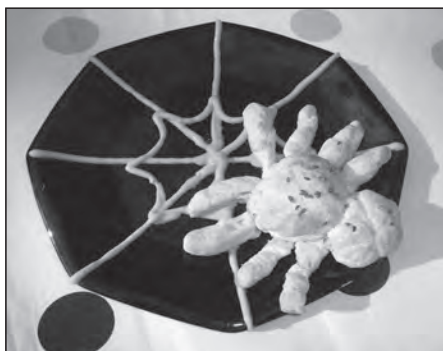
Slice 1/3 off of one roll and let your child form a ball with their hands. Form a second, larger ball with the remaining 2/3s. Set aside. Slice the second roll into 4 equal parts. Roll each part into a 5-inch-long snake. To form spider legs, place two of the "snakes" one inside

the other, in a U-shape on a cookie sheet coated with nonstick cooking spray. Allow space between the spider legs to distinguish one from the other.

With the remaining two snakes, form another U-shape going in the opposite direction, joining them together with the first two snakes at the curve. Place the two balls next to each other on top of the curve for the head and body.

Let rise about 15 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 F while dough rises. Brush some egg mixture on top of the spider. Sprinkle with seeds. Bake for about 20 minutes, or until light brown. Remove and set on cooling rack.

For extra fun when serving, squeeze jam or honey from a plastic bottle into a web design directly on a plain plate. Or squeeze mustard and enjoy the spider roll with a hot dog or bratwurst.



"The Grandkids Are Coming!"

Tip: Keep frozen dinner-roll dough on hand year-round, and let your grandkids shape and bake creatures when they come to visit. Get inspired by a picture book or by an animal you observe on a trip to the zoo.

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1. **One Battle After Another** (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn
2. **Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie** (G) Laila Lockhart Kraner, Kristen Wiig
3. **Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Movie - Infinity Castle** (R) Zach Aguilar, Ryan Bartley
4. **The Conjuring: Last Rites** (R) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga
5. **The Strangers: Chapter 2** (R) Madelaine Petsch, Gabriel Basso
6. **Him** (R) Marlon Wayans, Tyriq Withers
7. **The Long Walk** (R) Cooper Hoffman, David Jonsson
8. **Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale** (PG) Michelle Dockery, Joanne Froggatt
9. **Spider-Man** (PG-13) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst
10. **A Big Bold Beautiful Journey** (R) Colin Farrell, Margot Robbie

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Queens of Drag

While the long-running competitive reality show "RuPaul's Drag Race" is best viewed in all its glam glory, there are also an abundance of podcasts about it that are hosted by several witty former contestants. These five podcasts are highly recommended by Apple, Spotify and Reddit reviewers, with many five-star reviews supporting them:

"The Bald and the Beautiful with Trixie and Katya" — If you haven't seen Trixie Mattel on "RuPaul's Drag Race," you might recognize her from the season five premiere of "The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City," when the ladies stayed at her adorable pink motel in Palm Springs, California. In her weekly podcast with another "Drag Race" alum, Katya Zamolodchikova, the fabulous hosts revisit past episodes of RuPaul's Emmy-winning show and touch on a variety of hilarious topics. Celebrity guests include the comedically gifted Kristen Schaal ("What We Do in the Shadows") and Kathy Griffin ("My Life on the D-List"), just to name a few. (Studio71.com)

"Sibling Rivalry" — Hosted by another dynamic duo who were past winners of "RuPaul's Drag Race," this opinionated, hilarious podcast gifts us with episodes at least twice a week. Monet X Change and Bob The Drag Queen are not actually siblings, but they both have inherited a gift of gab from their respective ancestors.

Each episode starts with "The One About ..." in its title, like the recent "The One About Nepo Babies" where they discuss whether nepo babies ever really escape their family legacies. We can all relate to the stories they share in "The One About Customer Service," where Bob describes a wild Uber ride and Monet spills about "AirbnBeef." (SiblingRivalryPodcast.com)

"Hi Jinkx!" — Hosted by two-time "Drag Race" winner Jinkx Monsoon, this weekly podcast isn't currently producing new episodes, but its library of past ones is plentiful and free to download. Celebrity guests include Broadway legend Kristin Chenoweth, hilarious comedian Atsuko Okatsuka, and more. In a special episode, Jinkx is joined by their mother, and they discuss what it's like living in a haunted house, Jinkx's coming-out story, and how Mom knew her child would become famous. (ART19.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Drag Her!" — Comedian and self-proclaimed "Drag Race" her-storyans Mano Agapion and Oscar Montoya take a deep dive on all the "Drag Race" episodes every week, with a "heavy focus on laughs above accuracy." Frequent special guests include Rachel Bloom ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend") and Nicole Byer (host of the podcast "Why Won't You Date Me?"). Other guests include former "Drag Race" contestants like BenDeLaCreme and Peppermint. (GoodGet.xyz)

"Alright Mary: All Things RuPaul's Drag Race" — This podcast is frequently praised on Reddit as one of the most entertaining podcasts about drag. Recent episodes include discussions about the 10th season of "RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars." The podcast describes itself as "two parts 'Drag Race' viewing party, one part queer studies lecture, and a healthy dose of obscure pop-culture references — all wrapped in a nuanced layer of dad jokes and pun-offs." (AlrightMary.com)

Fun Fact

The first US state to require license plates was New York, in 1901. Each car owner ordered their own plate to be made, out of porcelain baked onto iron, or out of ceramic materials.



Sources: www.inspectoride.com, leatherlicenseplates.com



Witch hazel



The Osage tribes used witch hazel bark to treat skin ulcers and sores. The Potawatomi steamed twigs of the plant to soothe sore muscles. The Iroquois brewed a tea from it to treat dysentery, colds, and coughs. The early European settlers observed native American tribes using sticks from the witch hazel shrub to find underground sources of water: the "dowsing" end of the forked branch would bend when underground water was detected. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: theatlantic.com, www.fs.usda.gov

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Grime; 2. Handle;
3. Locate; 4. Perish

Today's Word

NOSTALGIA

Even Exchange

answers

1. Stream, Scream
2. Brook, Broom
3. Carbon, Carton
4. Beast, Feast
5. Proper, Propel
6. Fright, Flight
7. Alike, Alive
8. Lodger, Logger
9. Peace, Place
10. Awake, Aware

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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“The Woman in Cabin 10” (R) — Kiera Knightley of “Pirates of the Caribbean” fame is back in a leading role in this psychological thriller premiering Oct. 10. She plays Laura Blacklock, an award-winning journalist who gets assigned to cover a three-day voyage of a luxury cruise. While on board the extravagant yacht, Laura encounters a variety of guests who apparently “run the world,” including yacht owner Richard Bullmer (Guy Pearce), Heidi (Hannah Waddingham), and Grace (Kaya Scodelario). Later on in the voyage, Laura coincidentally sees someone in the water who looks as if they were thrown overboard, but upon reporting it, she is told that every guest and crew member is accounted for. Knowing that what she saw was real and not a figment of her imagination, as others suggest, Laura must decide whether she wants to chase the story or let herself be silenced. If you liked the thriller film “Opus,” this pick will be right up your alley! (Netflix)

“Play Dirty” (R) — Mark Wahlberg (“Flight Risk”) is back in another action-packed film, co-starring LaKeith Stanfield (“Sorry to Bother You”) and Rosa Salazar (“Undone”). The film follows a thief named Parker (Wahlberg), who had a romantic encounter with another thief Zen (Salazar), and is now suffering the consequences of their affair after she killed everyone who was a part of his last job. Once Parker tracks her down, he forces her to divulge the heist that she’s currently working on: stealing

sunken treasure that is worth \$1 billion. The only catch is that they have to outsmart a South American dictator, the New York mafia, and one of the world’s richest men. With his ragtag team behind him and Zen now on his side, Parker attempts to pull off this heist of a lifetime. Out now! (Amazon Prime Video)

“Honey Don’t!” (R) — Sticking with the thriller theme for this week, this neo-noir detective film is directed by Ethan Coen (“No Country for Old Men”), who claims that this is the second film in his “lesbian B-movie trilogy.” (The first was “Drive-Away Dolls.”) Margaret Qualley is back as Coen’s leading woman as a private investigator named Honey O’Donahue. Honey gets called to the scene of a staged car accident, where she recognizes the dead driver as a client who had asked to meet with her earlier that same day. Through some clues found at the scene, she is led to a cultish church called the Four-Way Temple, led by Reverend Drew Devlin (Chris Evans). Since Honey is convinced that Drew has something to do with the staged accident, she probes deeper with the help of police officer MG (Aubrey Plaza). But trust me, you won’t be able to guess how this mystery gets solved. Watch it now! (Peacock)



Courtesy of Netflix
Keira Knightley, left, and Daniel Ings star in “The Woman in Cabin 10.”



Fall’s Most Delicious Shortcut: Pumpkin Ravioli in a Snap

Is it time for all the pumpkin things? I hope you said yes, because I have a scrumptious pumpkin recipe — pumpkin ravioli! But let’s make it easy. Rather than fresh pasta, we’ll use wonton wrappers, canned pumpkin and a simple two-ingredient sauce.

Imagine tender ravioli stuffed with pumpkin ricotta, bathed in sage-scented butter, and topped with crispy sage leaves and candied pecans and pepitas. This is comfort food at its finest.

This recipe uses canned pumpkin, but you could use fresh pumpkin, butternut or acorn squash. A 15-ounce can holds just shy of 2 cups of squash. If you have 1 3/4 cups cooked, pureed squash, you’re in business.

This creation is topped with irresistible candied pecans and pepitas. This is optional but highly recommended, as ravioli benefits from the crunchy contrast in texture. Any combination of nuts or seeds can be candied using this easy technique, even sunflower seeds.

I suggest you start by making the candied nuts. If you choose not to candy the nuts, you can simply add them to the browned butter sauce, and it’ll still be great.

CANDIED NUTS

Yield: 3/4 cup | Total Time: 10 mins
3/4 cup nuts/seeds, chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

Toast nuts in a dry skillet over medium heat until fragrant. Push nuts to the outside of the skillet and melt butter in center. Coat nuts with butter, sprinkle with sugar and stir constantly until caramelized, about 5 minutes. Transfer to parchment to harden. Cool then break apart.

PUMPKIN WONTON RAVIOLI

Yield: 4 to 6 servings | Total Time: 40 mins

Filling:

2 tablespoons butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons shallot or sweet onion, minced
1 tablespoon fresh sage, minced
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
1/2 cup ricotta
1/4 cup Parmesan
1 tablespoon brown sugar
Pinch nutmeg
1 pkg. (14 ounce) wonton wrappers
1 egg, beaten



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Pumpkin ravioli with sage and candied nuts: A seasonal twist that’s both cozy and elegant.

Melt butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Saute garlic and shallot until fragrant, add sage. Stir in pumpkin. Reduce heat, add ricotta, Parmesan, brown sugar and nutmeg. Simmer for 5 minutes to thicken but keep it moving so it doesn’t burn. Set

aside to cool.

To fill ravioli: Beat egg with a splash of water for egg wash. Wonton wrappers dry out quickly so keep them covered with a damp towel. Using your finger, paint the egg mixture over all four edges of the wrapper. Place 1 tablespoon of the pumpkin mixture in the center. Lay a second wrapper over the filling, lining up the edges. Press to seal the wrappers together, pressing out any air bubbles. Crimp with a fork to seal. Repeat with remaining wrappers. Keep covered until ready to boil.

Boil ravioli in batches until they float. Serve with browned butter, sage leaves, and candied nuts.

BROWNED BUTTER WITH SAGE

Yield: 1/2 cup | Total Time: 35 mins
1/2 cup butter
15-20 sage leaves

Melt butter over medium heat until foaming and golden brown, 5-8 minutes. Add the sage leaves and let them sizzle for a couple of minutes. Remove the now crispy sage leaves to a paper towel to drain. Remove butter from the heat.

Ravioli are easy but a bit time-consuming. Enlist a buddy to make it fun. Makes a wonderful first course or main dish. Two to three ravioli is ample as an appetizer; four to six make a satisfying dinner portion.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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"Freakier Friday" (PG) — With the 2003 film "Freaky Friday" being near and dear to many millennial and Gen-Z hearts, Disney knew exactly what it was doing in greenlighting a sequel to the film. It fared well, grossing \$153 million worldwide on a \$45 million budget, and brought Lindsay Lohan back to the big screen. Jamie Lee Curtis reprises her role as Anna's (Lohan) mother, Tess, in the film, which kicks off with Anna getting engaged to Londoner Eric (Manny Jacinto). Much to her daughter Harper's dismay, Anna debates uprooting them across the pond to appease Eric's daughter, Lily (Sophia Hammons). So, when some trickery ensues where Tess swaps bodies with Lily and Anna swaps bodies with Harper, Harper and Lily plan to use the situation to their advantage and split their parents up! Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Vicious" (R) — Dakota Fanning is following up her last role in "The Watchers" with yet another horror film, which gives us another example of how well the genre fits the 31-year-old actress. She plays a young woman named Polly, who receives a visitor in the dead of the night. Polly foolishly lets in her visitor, an old woman, who presents her with a mysterious box. The old woman's instructions are simple: Place inside the box something you need, something you hate, and something you love. Failing to do so

in time will result in Polly dying that very night. At first, Polly's at a complete loss as to how to proceed, but as time ticks away, she realizes she has no choice but to give the box exactly what it wants. Premieres on Oct. 10. (Paramount+)

"Mr. Scorsese" (TV-MA) — Italian-American filmmaker Martin Scorsese has been responsible for creating some of the greatest films in Hollywood history, including "Taxi Driver" (1976), "Goodfellas" (1990), "The Departed" (2006), "The Wolf of Wall Street" (2013), and "Killers of the Flower Moon" (2023). The 82-year-old director still has more projects in the pipeline, but now is the perfect time to take a look back at Scorsese's legendary career and how he became an Academy Award and Palme d'Or winner. This five-part documentary series, directed by Rebecca Miller ("She Came to Me"), spans the life of Scorsese from when he was a student at New York University up until the present day. Some interesting names to watch for in this series are Robert De Niro, Steven Spielberg, Brian De Palma, Jodie Foster, and Daniel Day-Lewis. All five parts premiere on Oct. 17. (Apple TV+)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB
Dakota Fanning stars in "Vicious."



Sweet, Savory and Smart: Autumn Meal Prep Made Easy

Fall opens the door to a bounty of vibrant flavors that turn a simple salad into a showstopper. I adore this Butternut Squash Chopped Salad — tender, roasted, caramelized squash meets crisp spinach, creamy cheddar, crunchy pepitas and sweet, chewy dates, all brought together with a luscious maple vinaigrette.

This salad isn't just about flavor, it's about practicality. The roasted butternut squash can be prepped once and used in multiple meals throughout the week. The spinach is a true multitasker: Enjoy it fresh and crisp in salads, sandwiches and wraps, or saute it for quick sides, casseroles or soups.

The maple vinaigrette is more than a dressing — it's your secret weapon for fall cooking. Use it on salads, drizzle it over roasted vegetables, marinate chicken or pork, or mix it into a pan sauce for poultry, pork or fish.

Seasonal, versatile and packed with nutrients, this salad helps you maximize autumn ingredients while keeping your week organized, flavorful and healthful.

Not only is this salad a feast for your taste buds, it's good for your body, too. With fiber-packed greens, anti-inflammatory roasted squash and immunity-boosting ingredients, it's a healthy pick any time of year. Plus, it's vegetarian, gluten-free, soy- and egg-free, and low in calories — basically, all the goodness without any of

the fuss.

AUTUMN BUTTERNUT & SPINACH SALAD WITH MAPLE VINAIGRETTE

Yield: 2 to 4 servings
Total Time: 35 mins
4 cups cubed butternut squash
1 red pepper, roughly chopped
1/2 red onion, sliced
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon maple syrup
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 (10 ounce) bag spinach (about 7 cups)
4 ounces cheddar cheese, diced (3/4 cups) or shredded (1 cup)
1 medium apple, diced
1/2 cup chopped dates
1/2 cup roasted, salted pepitas
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/2 cup chopped pecans



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A crisp, colorful fall salad that doubles as a smart weeknight meal prep solution.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a large sheet pan with parchment or foil. Spray with cooking spray. Toss the butternut squash, red pepper and onion with the olive oil, maple syrup, garlic powder, smoked paprika, salt and pepper. Spread on a baking sheet and roast for 20 to 25 minutes, tossing once or twice during cooking time.

To make ahead: Prepare the butter-

nut squash mixture up to five days in advance and store it in an airtight container in the refrigerator. Double this recipe for more meal prep options.

MAPLE VINAIGRETTE

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 small garlic clove, finely minced or pressed
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
Pinch black pepper
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

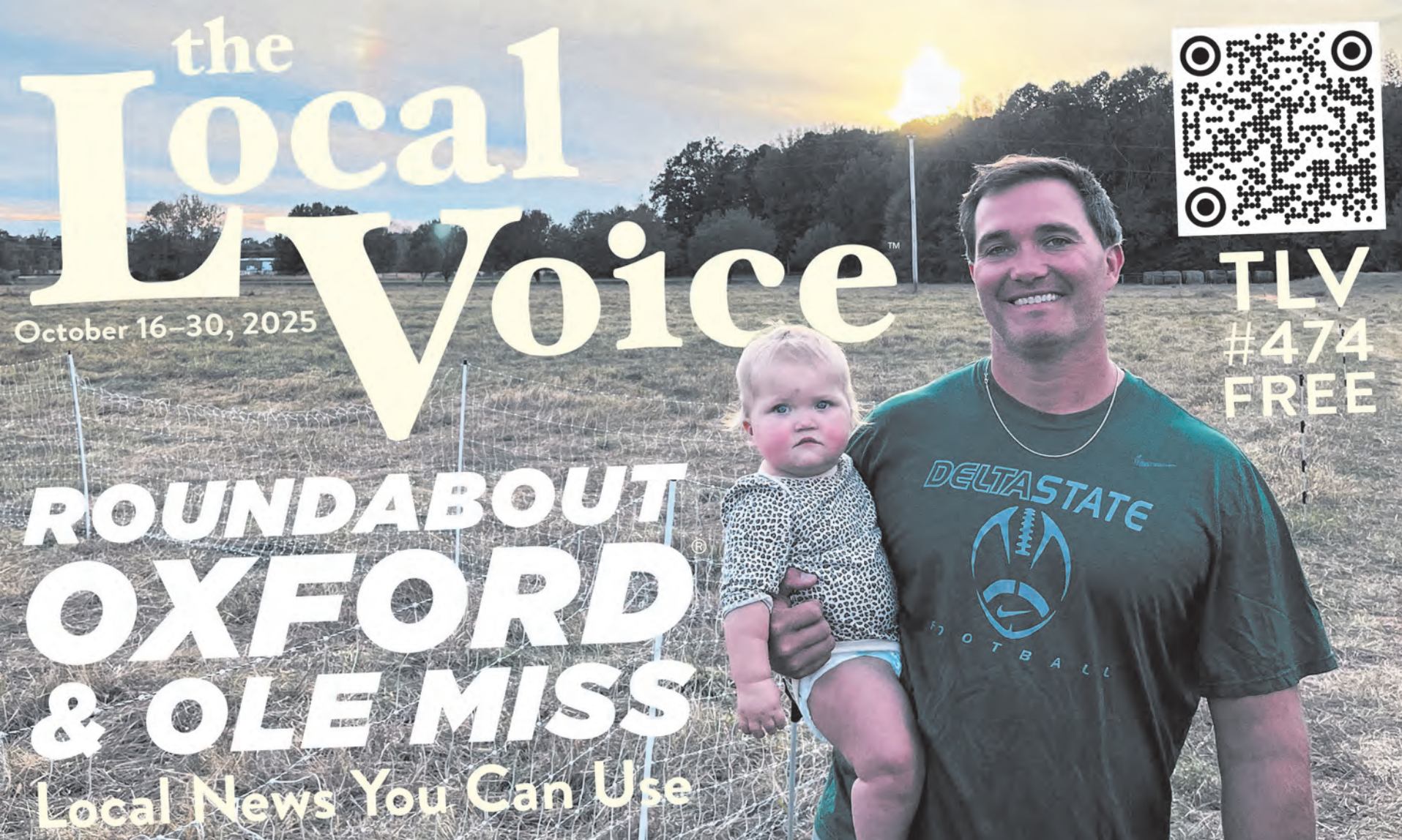
Whisk together the vinegar, maple syrup, garlic, nutmeg, salt and a pinch of black pepper. Whisk in the olive oil until emulsified. This stores in the fridge for up to five days.

To assemble the salad: Make the Maple Vinaigrette. To the spinach, add the roast butternut cube mixture, drizzle on some of the dressing and toss well. Top with cheddar cheese, apple, dates, pepitas, cranberries and pecans. Serve with extra dressing on the side.

Want to add protein? Oven-roasted chicken thighs are a natural match, bringing juicy, savory flavor to the salad, but it's equally delicious with pork or salmon, especially a maple-glazed salmon, which echoes the dressing's sweet and zesty notes beautifully.

This salad captures the very essence of fall — crisp, cozy and full of color. It's a simple, nourishing way to celebrate the season while keeping mealtime effortless and flavorful.

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