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Holly Jolly Holidays Returns to Oxford with a Full Slate of Seasonal Events

The most wonderful time of the year has arrived in Oxford, Mississippi, as Visit Oxford MS announces the full programming for the sixth annual Holly Jolly Holidays.

Taking place November 22 through January 4 at mTrade Park, this year's festivities will dazzle guests with the return of the Riverland Roofing Walk of Lights and the beloved Oxford on Ice presented by Oxford Rx. Oxford on Ice is currently nominated for the *USA Today* 10 Best Ice Skating Rink! Santa Visits will take place every Saturday leading up to Christmas, spreading extra joy to children and families at mTrade Park.

"Oxford is truly magical during the holiday season," said Kinney Ferris, Executive Director of Visit Oxford. "What makes Holly Jolly Holidays so special is the way it brings our community together. Whether it's families ice skating for the first time, friends gathering downtown for holiday shopping, or visitors coming to experience the charm of The Square. It's a season of joy, connection, and tradition here in Oxford."

The Walk of Lights will transform mTrade Park into a twinkling wonderland, complete with a walk-through tunnel of lights, cozy firepits for roasting s'mores, hot chocolate, cookies, and plenty of holiday cheer.

Throughout the city, visitors can also follow the Peppermint Trail, where local businesses showcase peppermint-themed treats, cocktails, and gifts. Look for the signature peppermint sticker to discover each stop and view participating local businesses here. Concessions are available at Holly Jolly Holidays at NESparc's Jolly Bites!

Holly Jolly Holidays Hours:

(All ticket sales and entries must be made before 8:30 pm)

- Oxford on Ice Hours:
Wednesday – Friday: 5–9 pm
Saturday: noon–9 pm
Sunday: 5 pm–9 pm
- Walk of Lights Hours:
Wednesday – Sunday: 5–9 pm
- Extended hours will be offered the week of Thanksgiving and the week following Christmas.
- The celebration will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.



Holly Jolly Holidays Pricing:

- Oxford on Ice: \$15 per person (3 and under free!)
- Walk of Lights: \$15 per person (6 and under free!)
- Combo Tickets (valid for one day only): \$25 per person
- Wednesday & Thursday: half-price tickets per person

Visit Oxford MS thanks all the sponsors for their support of Holly Jolly Holidays: Oxford Rx, Riverland Roofing, NESparc, Casa Mexicana, Connie's Chicken, El Charro, Marchbanks Cassidy Real Estate, Oxford Pediatric Dentistry and The Blackburn Group.

In addition to Holly Jolly Holidays, Oxford invites locals and visitors alike to enjoy festive seasonal favorites throughout the city:

- Shop Oxford: Holiday Open House Cookie Stroll & Shop: Nov. 22 from 10 am–2 pm
- Oxford Christmas Parade: Dec. 1 at 6:30 pm
- Doors of Hope Holiday House Tour: Dec. 6, from 10 am–3 pm
- Gingerbread Holiday Village at the Ford Center: Dec. 5–17
- Holiday Ornament Auction featuring local artists: Dec. 12 from 7 pm–9 pm
- Gnome Villages: Discover tiny holiday surprises tucked into corners and doorways around The Square.

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Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- **The Balcony: Ladies Night**
w/ DJ KING KOVA
- **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)**
- **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 11.13.2025

Oxford City Hall: **Lighting of the Square (6 pm)**

- ▶ **The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio** feat. author **LILY KING** with **Heart the Lover**, music guests **SUG DANIELS, ORDINARY ELEPHANT (6 pm)**;
Check-in for Captain Morgan PIRATE PUB CRAWL (7:30 pm);
bars included in the crawl: **Moe's Penny Bar, Back Nine, Quack's, Blind Pig**
- ▶ **Square Books, Jr.: CHAPTER CAPTAINS BOOK CLUB (6 pm)**
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Mid-day Meetup: Check It Out Book Club & Swap (11 am)**; **Afterschool Zone w/ UM Museum (3:45 pm)**
Proud Larry's: **JERRY JOSEPH & THE JACKMORMONS (9 pm)**
Water Valley Main Street: **Water Valley Wine Down (5:30–8:30 pm)**

FRIDAY 11.14.2025

- ▶ **Circle & Square: SINGLEWIDE (6–8:30 pm)**
- ▶ **The Library: BORETTI (9 pm)**
- ▶ **Off Square Books: Signing - TIM ELKO & JODY HILL for *The Legend of Tim Elko* (11 am)**
- ▶ **The Old Henry: DOC SINCLAIR & JOE BOOGIE (7 pm)**
- ▶ **Quack's: DJ RYBACK-ATCHA**
- ▶ **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: JAMIE BAKER (7–10 pm)**
Chicory Market: **Football Friday Supper Club (7 pm)**
The Coop: **CRICKET & BRIM HOOK (7–9 pm)**
Gillom Center (University): **OLE MISS VOLLEYBALL vs. FLORIDA (1 pm)**
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Storytime - Harvest (10:30 am)**;
Afterschool Zone w/ UM Museum (3:45 pm)
Proud Larry's: **TWO BEANS, ROCKET 88 (9 pm)**
Tad Pad (University): **Throwback - Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. CSU BAKERSFIELD (6:30 pm)**

SATURDAY 11.15.2025 Game Day

- ▶ **Vaught-Hemingway: OLE MISS vs. FLORIDA (6 pm)**
- ▶ **The Library: BORETTI (9 pm)**
- ▶ **The Old Henry: DOC SINCLAIR & JOE BOOGIE (7 pm)**
- ▶ **Quack's: BEDLXM**
- ▶ **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: LOGAN HOGUE (7–10 pm)**
Lyric: **NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALLSTARS (8 pm)**
Proud Larry's: **MYLES MORGAN (9:30 pm)**

SUNDAY 11.16.2025

- ▶ **Circle & Square: SINGLEWIDE (6 pm)**
- ▶ **The Old Henry: BILL PERRY (11:30 am)**
Choir Room (University): **SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLES (3 pm)**; **free**
The Coop: **Sunday Sessions: DAVIS COEN (5–7 pm)**
Proud Larry's: **WEST 22ND, THE PINKSHEETS (6 pm)**

MONDAY 11.17.2025

- ▶ **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop Tavern: Ribbon Cutting & Open House (4:30 pm)**
- ▶ **Voyager's Rest: Monday Social Club** feat. **HEARTBREAK HILL, JESSE COTTON STONE, LITTLE BROTHER, DJ SWARTHY MENACE, + Afrissippi cuisine (begins at dusk; \$10)**
Ford Center: **ARTEMIS (7:30 pm)**
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Chapter Champs (3:15 pm)**;
Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm);
Author visit - **SHERRY COTHREN** with **Gadfly: A Lifetime of Writings, w/ BRUCE GOLDEN & TIM LEE (5:30 pm)**

Nutt Auditorium: **ILAN MORGENSTERN** - bass trombonist of Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (7:30 pm; **free**)

TUESDAY 11.18.2025

- ▶ **Off Square Books: CHARLES W. EAGLES for *A Victory for Democracy* (5:30 pm)**
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Baby Storytime w/ UM CUB Lab (9:30 am)**; **Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)**; **Mahjongg for Beginners with SUSAN KELLY (5:30 pm)**
Nutt Auditorium (University): **OLE MISS AFRICAN DRUM & DANCE ENSEMBLE: Rhythms of Hope (7:30 pm)**; **free**
SJB Pavilion (University): **Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. AUSTIN PEAY (7 pm)**

WEDNESDAY 11.19.2025

- The Powerhouse: **Maker's Meetup - Teeny Tiny Print Exchange (6–8 pm)**
Lafayette Co. & Oxford Public Library: **Conversation Cafe w/ ROBERT COLBY for *An Unholy Traffic: Slave Trading in the Civil War South* (11:30 am)**;
Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)

THURSDAY 11.20.2025

- ▶ **Ford Center: UM WIND ENSEMBLE** with **TIM OLIVER, conductor & MICHAEL ROWLETT, clarinet (7:30 pm)**; **free**
- ▶ **Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)**
- ▶ **The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio** feat. author **ROBERT ST. JOHN** with **Robert St. John's Mississippi Christmas** and **LONDON BRYANT** with **'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Y'all**, music guests **JIM WHITE, MIGHTY SOULS BRASS BAND (6 pm)**
- ▶ **Square Books, Jr.: Chapter Captains Book Club (6 pm)**
City Hall Pocket Park: **Third Thursday LIVE MUSIC (5–7 pm)**
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Mid-day Meetup: Handcraft Hangout (11 am)**; **Afterschool Zone: Mental Health Matters w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)**
Proud Larry's: **ARNIE BRENN, ROSE HAVEN MOTOR HOTEL (9:30 pm)**



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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

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email Editor-in-Chief **Nature Humphries** at nature@thelocalvoice.net

FRIDAY 11.21.2025

- **The Library: SMOKE** (9 pm)
- **The Powerhouse: ANUBIS Improv** presents **HALF & HALF** (7 pm)
- **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: MICAHA BROWN** (7-10 pm)
- The Coop: **LAILA DINISCO** (7-9 pm)
- Lafayette County Arena: **HOLIDAY HOUSE MARKET** (10 am-7 pm)

SATURDAY 11.22.2025

- Around Oxford: **SHOP OXFORD** Holiday Open House Cookie Stroll & Shop (10 am-2 pm)
- **The Library: SMOKE** (9 pm)
- **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: JAMIE BAKER** (7-10 pm)
- The Coop: **GIA WELCH & JD WESTMORELAND** (7-9 pm)

Lafayette County Arena: **HOLIDAY HOUSE MARKET** (9 am-3 pm)
Oxford Skate Park: Free skateboarding clinic
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: **Pajama Jam** (10 am)

SUNDAY 11.23.2025

- **Foxfire Ranch: Sunday Blues Series: HEARTBREAK HILL** (5 pm)

MONDAY 11.24.2025

Off Square Books: **JAMIE HARRISON & TODD GODDARD** for *A River Dream and Devouring Time* (5:30 pm)

THURSDAY 11.27.2025

Thanksgiving Day

- **The Library: FREE Thanksgiving Meal**



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FRIDAY 11.28.2025

Starkville: The EGG BOWL Ole Miss @ Mississippi State (11 am)

- **The Library: Watch The Egg Bowl live** (11 am)
- **Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: BRIDGID FERGUSON** (7-10 pm)

MONDAY 12.01.2025

Oxford Christmas Parade (6:30 pm)

Duwayne Burnside Returns with New Album, Continuing a North Mississippi Legacy

Mississippi Hill Country blues torch bearer **Duwayne Burnside** is set to release *Red Rooster* on December 5 through **Lucky 13 Records**—a long-anticipated album nearly two decades in the works. The record marks Burnside's first new studio release with the label since 2005's *Under Pressure*, and arrives alongside reissues of *Live at the Mint* and *Under Pressure* together in a digital box set.

The new record is the culmination of a process that began nearly twenty years ago. As the liner notes recall, "This labor of love was a battle waged against finance and time." For executive producer **Scott Hatch**, the commitment has continued to build momentum since *Under Pressure* earned Burnside a **Blues Music Award** nomination.

Duwayne, son of the late **R.L. Burnside**, has long been central to the North Mississippi hill country sound. Raised outside **Holly Springs**, he learned guitar by ear in family bands and juke joint sessions, absorbing the droning, hypnotic Hill Country groove passed through his father and

by **Davis Coen**

through neighbors like **Junior Kimbrough**. Over the years, he has carried that sound across the United States and abroad, performing both as a solo artist and as a member of the **North Mississippi Allstars** in their early 2000s lineups.

Red Rooster draws together several close musical family ties that resonate strongly with local listeners. The album was produced by **Cody Dickinson** and features contributions from both Cody and **Luther Dickinson**, along with **Jimbo Mathus**. The record leans deep into analog warmth—what the production team describes as a return to "a true North Mississippi sound, Burnside-style," with thick rhythmic layers and a raw, live feel.

The new record arrives at a time when Burnside has been busier than ever locally. In recent years, he has continued performing across the region while running the **Burnside Bar & Grill** in Holly Springs—his modern take on the juke joint tradition that helped shape the music in the first place.



Burnside has also been headlining as a duo with renowned guitarist **Kenny Brown**, including memorable sets at the annual **North MS Hill Country Picnic** and in Oxford. The two have been performing together in the classic two-guitars-and-drums setup that defined some of the most beloved Hill Country recordings of the late 20th century.

For Oxford and North Mississippi listeners, *Red Rooster* is more than a new release—it's another chapter in a story still being written. The sound that grew from porch gatherings, family bands, and all-nighters in juke joints continues to evolve, carried forward by those who lived it from the beginning.

Hatch, in the liner notes urges listeners: "Enjoy this recording, and turn it up loud—and dig into where it all started."

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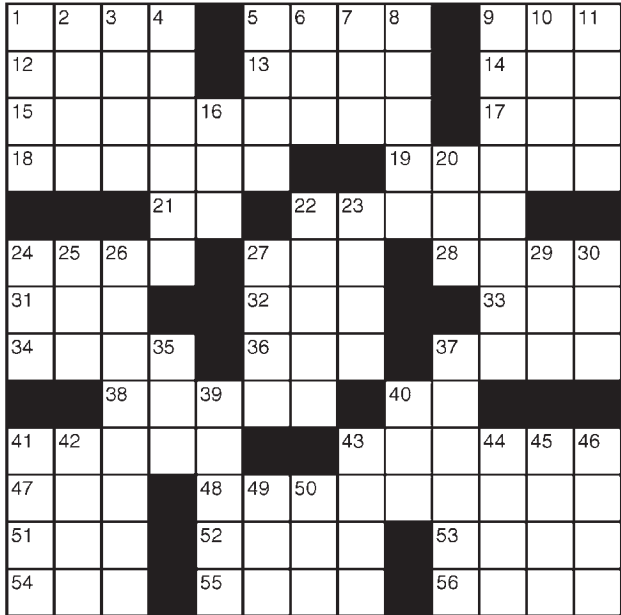


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ella's style
- 5 Haydn nick-name
- 9 Oklahoma city
- 12 "Hell — no fury ..."
- 13 Pitcher
- 14 Goose egg
- 15 Long-snouted mammals
- 17 "Mazel —!"
- 18 Actress Ryder
- 19 Puccini work
- 21 ICU worker
- 22 Tablecloth material
- 24 Broadway production
- 27 Silent
- 28 Pesky insect
- 31 Poetic dusk
- 32 Khan title
- 33 "Hail, Caesar!"
- 34 Evening, in an ad
- 36 Rep.'s rival
- 37 Blue shade
- 38 "It's nobody — business"
- 40 Yes, to Juan
- 41 Least desirable
- 43 Iraqi currency
- 47 "Entourage" character
- 48 South Pole region
- 51 Corp. boss



- 52 Leeway
- 53 Bandleader
- 54 Lith., once
- 55 Art Deco master
- 56 Leftovers recipe
- 8 Incendiary crime
- 9 Feelers
- 10 Couturier
- 11 Thomas — Edison
- 16 Raggedy doll
- 20 Identify
- 22 Olympic sleds
- 23 Mosque leader
- 24 Stock holder
- 25 Maui souvenir
- 26 Toward the front
- 27 Constructed
- 29 Director
- 30 Aviv preceder
- 35 Golf's Ernie
- 37 Colors lightly
- 39 Intent look
- 40 — Lancelot
- 41 Some WWII vets
- 42 Unrefined metals
- 43 Title for Judi Dench
- 44 Bickering
- 45 Bar mitzvah, e.g.
- 46 Garbage barge
- 49 Neither here — there
- 50 Preschooler

DOWN

- 1 "Candida" playwright
- 2 Kid's plea
- 3 Envelope abbr.
- 4 Supposition
- 5 Anti-fur org.
- 6 Shock partner
- 7 For each



- 1. Who wrote and released "Sunglasses at Night"?
- 2. Which female is named in the first verse of "Crocodile Rock"?
- 3. Who wrote and released "Tequila Sunrise"?
- 4. Name the singer who had a hit with "Time in a Bottle" after his death.
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "It's like having a dream where nobody has a heart, It's like having it all and watching it fall apart."

Answers

- 1. Corey Hart, in 1984. Legend says the song was created when the album was being recorded in a studio where the air conditioning vents were right above the control room. Personnel wore sunglasses to protect their eyes from the draft.
- 2. "Susie," in the 1972 song by Elton John. Two years later John was sued by the songwriter who had created "Speedy Gonzales" for having used the same chords as the 1961 song.
- 3. The Eagles, in 1973. It went to No. 64 on the Hot 100 chart.
- 4. Jim Croce, in 1973.
- 5. "Into the Night," by Benny Mardones, in 1980. According to Mardones, the song was inspired by his attempts to help a local poor family by giving their teens odd jobs to make a few dollars after their father abandoned them.

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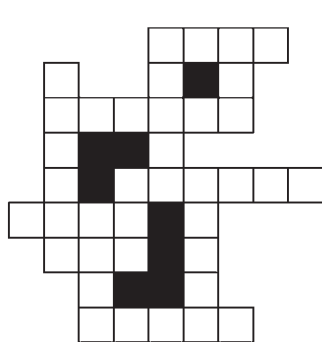


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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: SPARK —

- Air filter
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- Radiator
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- OMGBU
- GLOO

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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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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6 Mountain peak topper
13 Place to keep cargo
20 Proprietor
21 Seat of Nassau County, New York
22 Holiday marches
23 1970 Best Actress nominee for "The Great White Hope"
25 Enigmas
26 Walk- (tiny roles)
27 Rank above maj.
28 — acid (vinegar component)
30 Ruhr article
31 Desperately, informally
35 Country singer with the hit "Blue Ain't Your Color"
37 "Livin' La Vida Loca" singer
41 No, in Nuremberg
42 Ending for peek or bug
43 Making a comeback
- 46 Super angry
51 Month, in Mexico
52 Strong — ox
54 She won gold in the 200-meter dash at the 2012 Olympics
57 French term for unrefined works, as by untrained painters
59 Furry wrap
60 "It could be"
61 Make a phone call to
62 Film directors Joel and Ethan
63 Hour div.
64 He played Jesse Pinkman on "Breaking Bad"
66 "Rocket Man" singer
72 Poem type
73 Light bulb power units
76 Tot's injury
77 Adopt
82 Stuck in mud
83 Tolkien's hole-dwellers
84 He played Lieutenant Starbuck on "Battlestar Galactica"
- 86 Snips
87 — -fi film
88 British china
89 Oran native
91 "Be —!" ("C'mon, help me out!")
92 "Rebecca" actress
95 Civil rights activist with the comedy album "In Living Black and White"
98 Best Supporting Actress winner for "The Fighter"
104 Woman of the future?
105 Resting atop
106 Threat ender
108 "Boo- —!"
109 Phased-out character on "The Simpsons"
112 Pre-book documents
114 "Who's Sorry Now?" singer
119 Cyclone's kin
120 Totally unknown by
121 Get together with alumni
122 Increase the slope of
123 Elk relative
- 124 10 featured last names in this puzzle are also the names of these

DOWN

1 Magic charm
2 He played Obi-Wan multiple times
3 Raggedy — (classic dolls)
4 Born, to Yves
5 Funnywoman Ullman
6 Suspect foul play
7 Vote down
8 — par with
9 — Ho Lee (name in 2000 news)
10 Sonata end
11 Smart —
12 French capital, in song
13 Elf
14 Chinese exercise system
15 City reg.
16 Angler's boot
17 Improvise
18 Actress Davis
19 Ruhr city
24 Rich soil
29 Sounds of small bells
- 31 "Citizen Kane" studio
32 Cereal husk
33 Fla.'s ocean
34 Grow wider
36 Join
37 Marriott rival
38 Portugal's peninsula
39 Sharer of top billing
40 Floss fiber
44 Woeful things
45 Dec. 31
47 Yank's foe
48 Bristol beer
49 "— a pity!"
50 Outer: Prefix
52 Make — for it
53 "What if ..."
55 Fail to put in
56 Futuristic tiny machine
58 Slo- — fuse
59 Note after fa
62 Billiards stick
63 FC Dallas' sports org.
65 Yemeni port
66 Takeoff abbr.
67 Wealthy Brits
68 Occupation
69 San Luis —
70 Stolen ride
71 In a meddling way
73 Actress Kristen
74 Bowed
75 Shape-fitting game
- 77 Mag workers
78 Imbibe slowly
79 Virtuoso
80 Assented to
81 App-ordered rides
82 Cato's 1,550
83 Desirous of
85 Aerie bird
86 Torte or baba
90 Drink cooler
91 Dept. of Justice chiefs
93 Tristan's love
94 Actress Greer
96 Posterior
97 Musical note equivalent to F
98 Necessities
99 Orlando theme park
100 Peter of "M"
101 Combined
102 Actor Dana
103 "— Mio"
107 City WNW of Tulsa
109 "Can I borrow — of sugar?"
110 Cone-bearing tree
111 Wields
113 Racing circuit
115 Actor Beatty
116 Suffix with hero
117 French for "summer"
118 — -noir film

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – HONOR OUR VETERANS WORDS*

*All words are formed from the letters in HONOR OUR VETERANS

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.

Letters

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OUT
RAN

4 Letters

HERO
NEAR
OVEN
RASH
TUNA

5 Letters

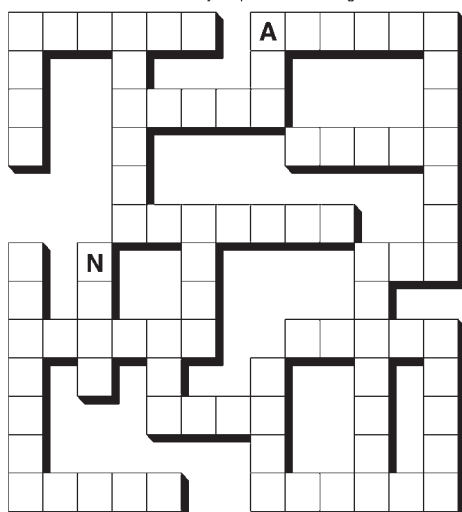
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SOUTH
THORN

6 Letters

AVENUE
EVENTS
HEARTS
HONEST
REASON

7 Letters

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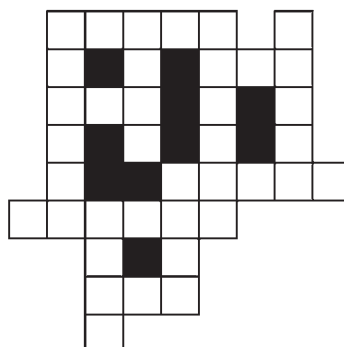
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VEBNIO

ENKIS

♥EVNA



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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Cover ups

S	C	A	R	F

Eat voraciously

Fright

Really want

Fill in for an absent co-worker

Paramour

Piece of baseball gear

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.

1. Mallet	___ _ _ M _ _ _	Clothes bin	___ _ _ P _ _ _
2. Handle	L _ _ _ _ _	Not in a million years	N _ _ _ _ _
3. Speed it up!	_ _ A _ _ _ _	"Beautiful Dreamer" composer	_ _ O _ _ _ _
4. Desert transport	_ _ _ _ _ L	Small acting part	_ _ _ _ _ O
5. Every 24 hours	_ _ A _ _ _ _	Lacy mat	_ _ O _ _ _ _
6. Listened to	_ _ _ _ _ D	The shape of love	_ _ _ _ _ T
7. More daring	_ _ _ L _ _ _	Margin	_ _ _ R _ _ _
8. Tall	_ _ O _ _ _ _	Southpaw	_ _ E _ _ _ _
9. The last play scene	_ _ _ _ _ E	End of term exams	_ _ _ _ _ S
10. Complain	_ _ _ _ _ P _	Greasy dirt	_ _ _ _ _ M _

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!

Bad

SWORE

Abandon

RESTED

Impede

PHRAME

Comet

REMOTE

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Karre Dunn

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November 4, 2025: A new comprehensive plan for Taylor is pending. The plan is expected to take up to eight months and will put a moratorium on rezoning during that time. Illustration by Megan Wolfe.



Hometown Hootenanny Oxford Comes Together for a Down-Home Celebration of Food, Music, and Community Nov. 30

by Davis Coen

Oxford, Mississippi's Old Armory Pavilion is known for hosting the Oxford Community Market (OXCM), a Tuesday afternoon gathering of farmers, bakers, musicians, and neighbors—but this fall, the spirit of the market will move to The Lyric for one special night of music, food, and community.

The **Hometown Hootenanny**, set for the evening of **Sunday, November 30**, is OXCM's first large-scale fundraising event since 2018. The event promises "a big down-home country gathering," says OXCM Director **Betsy Chapman**, who has led the market for more than a decade.

"We thought it would be a fun way to bring the community together and keep all of this great work going for years to come," Chapman said. "This market has grown with our town. We've watched farmers start from scratch and build their businesses, and we've seen kids who came with their parents now volunteering as young adults."

A Country Feast, Oxford-Style

At the heart of the Hootenanny will be a potluck-style dinner, showcasing the best of Oxford's culinary and farming communities. Chapman describes it as an "old-fashioned country dinner," inspired by the market's beloved vendor potlucks featuring dishes prepared by local chefs, farmers, and bakers.

Chef Erika Lipe of SoLa is helping organize the culinary side of things, and she says the menu will be a true "smorgasbord of local goodies."

Guests will enjoy a "farmer/chef potluck, with dishes from over a dozen local restaurants and twice as many farmers and makers," Lipe said. "We're leaning into the fall season—expect a soul food harvest feast that won't soon be forgotten."

Everything from classic Southern fare like yeast rolls, cornbread dressing, and cobblers, to comforting international dishes such as tamales, hummus, and lentils will also be offered.

"These aren't catered dishes," Lipe said. "They're made like something you'd share at home—a real thanks-giving."

Music, Pie Walks, and Western Wear

The Hootenanny won't just feed the stomach—it's designed to feed the soul, too. The night will include live music by The Great Dying, and vinyl spun by DJ David Swider of The End of All Music, as well as a western wear contest to go along with the theme.

"We will have a big set with some special guests," said singer-songwriter

Will Griffith of The Great Dying. "So happy to do anything for the farmers of our community. Can't wait to eat—and play!"

Swider, a longtime supporter of local art and culture, said he's proud to be part of the event. "The OXCM is a unique, weekly event that keeps the soul of Oxford alive," he said. "What's better than local folks supporting local farms? I'd argue that the market is just as important—if not more—than many facets of our growing city. We should do all we can to ensure its longevity, and throwing a party is an easy way to celebrate the market and raise funds and awareness. I'm excited to spin some records for the cause, and I hope I get to eat some of the local goodies. Hug a farmer today!"

Guests are encouraged to dust off their cowboy hats and boots or even pull out that vintage fringe jacket hiding in the closet.

And in true small-town fashion, there will be a pie walk, where winners will take home whole homemade pies baked by local cooks and market friends. "We've got folks in this town who can bake a pie that'll make you cry," Chapman said, laughing. "So we thought, why not make it part of the fun?"

A silent auction will also feature a wide range of locally donated art, goods, and experiences—everything from handmade pottery and jewelry to restaurant gift cards and local services.



Chef Erika Lipe (front row, right) has been a long-time supporter of the Oxford Community Market.

Community at Its Core

The Oxford Community Market is much more than a place to buy produce. In addition to hosting weekly markets, OXCM helps improve local food access in meaningful ways. Through programs like the Harvest Angel Project, SNAP matching, and regular donations to The Pantry, the market ensures that fresh, healthy food reaches everyone in the community.

Each week, unsold produce is purchased from farmers and delivered to the Pantry for Wednesday distribution. In November, the market will also prepare 250 bags of locally produced Thanksgiving foods, from eggs and bread to honey and greens, to be given to families in need.

"Oxford is such a special place because people step up to support causes like this," Chapman said. "From the farmers and chefs to the musicians and customers who bake pies, everyone is playing a role in making it happen."

As Chapman puts it, the night will be "a big party like we do every Tuesday afternoon—just a little bigger—in service of keeping our market and our community thriving." **TV**



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Ole Miss and Mississippi State Compete in "Egg Bowl Food Fight" to Tackle Campus Hunger

The University of Mississippi's Grove Grocery is kicking off its annual Egg Bowl Food Fight—a friendly, month-long competition against Mississippi State University to see which campus can collect the most donations for their food pantry before the Egg Bowl football game on November 28.

Running from November 1–21, the event calls on students, faculty, alumni, and community members to donate canned goods, personal hygiene products, meal swipes, or monetary gifts. Donations directly support Ole Miss students and employees experiencing food insecurity.

According to the EAT Research Lab's 2023 Campus Health Survey, nearly 31% of University of Mississippi students meet the USDA definition of being food insecure. Grove Grocery, which operates entirely through donations and volunteers, works year-round to reduce this number and ensure that every student has access to nutritious meals.



In Spring 2025, Grove Grocery provided over 13,000 pounds of food, which equals 6,537 meals. This fall semester alone, the pantry has already distributed more than 5,400 pounds of food and helped serve 2,747 meals to students in need. In total, Grove Grocery helped 3,373 patrons in 2024 and has already assisted 2,843 patrons so far in 2025, reflecting the

growing need and impact across campus.

Donations can be dropped off at Grove Grocery or made online through their GoFundMe link. Donation bins will also be available at several locations including the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Triplett Alumni Center, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and Chicory Market.

Throughout November, Grove Grocery will host tabling events across campus and visit various clubs, organizations, and church groups to promote the Egg Bowl Food Fight.

At the end of each week, both schools tally their donations, and the university with the most total points will be named the Egg Bowl Food Fight Champion.

About Grove Grocery

Founded in 2013, Grove Grocery, the University of Mississippi's on-campus food pantry, exists to alleviate food insecurity among students and employees. Operated by a dedicated student committee and volunteers, the pantry discreetly provides free access to nutritious food, personal hygiene products, and meal support programs. Learn more at olemiss.edu/grovecgrocery.

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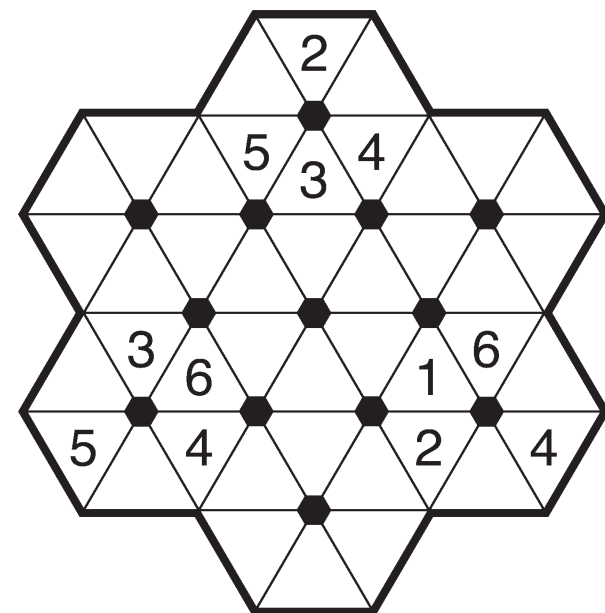
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SNOWFLAKES

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.

VE ZDGRW, R ZKURKIK,
RA NYK VSAN ZKGBNRJB
MGDN SJ VE ZSHE.
— AYGCRDG

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: L equals T

H LERSQRCF HJYRMSM PI
IMSCXE HMLVPMO VHDOSJ
RCLP H FHDDSMW HCJ XMRSJ
FRQS YS HDD WPNM YPCSLI

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE:** What is the study of clouds called?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which country's highest mountain is called Ben Nevis?
- ACRONYMS:** What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
- TELEVISION:** What beer brand appears in "The Simpsons" animated TV show?
- HISTORY:** When was Earth Day first celebrated?
- ANATOMY:** What is a common name for the condition known as piloerection?
- MOVIES:** Which city was the setting for the movie "The Sting"?
- MATH:** How many yards are in a mile?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby ferret called?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen"?

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.

9	-		÷		=	1
+		+		-		
	+		÷		=	11
÷		÷		×		
	+		-		=	3
=		=		=		
3		3		6		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8 9



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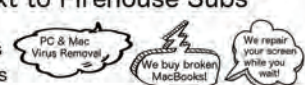
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Answers: 1. Nephtology, 2. Scotland, 4.413 feet high. 3. Global Positioning System, 4. Duff, 5. 1970. 6. Goosebumps, 7. Chicago, 8. 1,760. 9. A kit, 10. Gordon Ramsay.



Rebel Wine & Spirits

Remember the Party Starts Here!

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Here are some analogies:

1. Rome: Italy:: Canberra: ?
2. Ceylon: Sri Lanka:: British Honduras: ?
3. Heart: Cardiology:: Liver: ?
4. Magic Flute: Mozart:: Tosca: ?
5. Bob Gibson: St. Louis Cardinals:: Walter Johnson: ?
6. $C^2 = A^2 + B^2$: Pythagoras' theorem:: $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$: ?
7. Cu: Copper:: Ag: ?

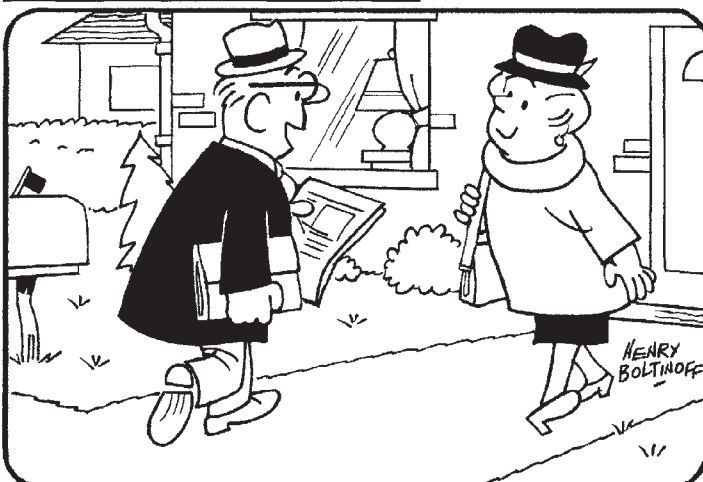
KNIGHT MOVES

Y	U	D
I		S
T	L	P

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

HOCUS-FOCUS

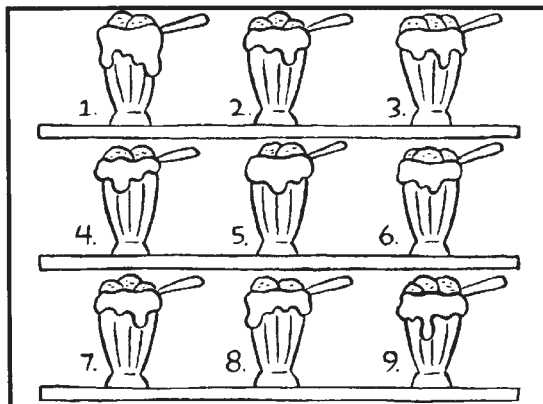
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is taller. 2. Door is larger. 3. Tree is smaller. 4. Mailbox is taller. 5. House in distance is not as wide. 6. Pages are added to newspaper.



CAN YOU "SCOOP" the other players and pick out the two sundaes that look exactly alike?

Answers: Sundaes 2 and 7.

SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by adding seven plus signs and one multiplication sign between the numbers 1 through 9.

$$9\ 8\ 7\ 6\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1 = 100$$

Answer: $9 \times 8 + 7 + 6 \times 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 100$

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP ON THIS ONE! At the right is a Word Square grid. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

1. Found on hats.
2. A type of number.
3. A mental picture.
4. Molten volcanic rock (given).
5. To move in a stealthy manner.

Answers: 1. Brims. 2. Roman. 3. Image. 4. Magma. 5. Sneak.

1	2	3	4	5
			M	
2			A	
3			G	
4	M	A	G	M
5			A	

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

You have three minutes to unlock the secrets of Word Power! Starting with the given word SANDPIPER, at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

1. A wading bird (given).
2. Smarter or more chic.
3. To give notice to; inform.
4. Hot beverage drinker.
5. Found in Scotland.
6. A great place to fish.
7. Anger; wrath.
8. In reference to.
9. Kind of vitamin.

Answers: 1. Sandpiper. 2. Snapper. 3. Aprise. 4. Slipper. 5. Piper. 6. Pier. 7. Ire. 8. Re. 9. E.

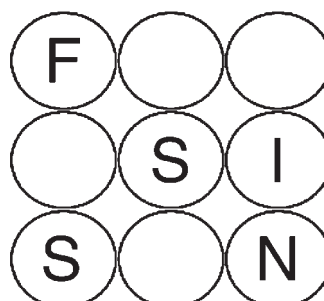
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1. BLT ingredient
2. Traveler's inn
3. Implant
4. Tent user
5. Welcome
6. Nocturnal
7. Petition
8. 1000
9. Adobe
10. Strategy

___ C ___	Industrialist	___ R ___
___ O ___	Shelf	___ E ___
___ S ___	Turn inside out	___ V ___
C ___	Monkey with	T ___
___ E ___	Super-duper	___ A ___
N ___	Vision	S ___
___ L ___	Seem to be	___ R ___
___ D ___	Civil War general	___ T ___
___ C ___	Invigorating	___ S ___
___ Y ___	Law enforcement	___ E ___

WORD SPIRAL



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



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Obituary: Jo Ester "Mama Jo" Brassell, June 2, 1954–October 27, 2025 (age 71)

In 2005, she stepped out on faith and opened her own restaurant, "Mama Jo's Country Kitchen," and received full support from the community. When you walked in you were always greeted with a warm welcome, a huge smile and the smell of delicious food and cakes. She stated that she didn't learn how to cook, she called it, "her spiritual gift from God." She would give you that "Mama Jo" smile and say that her cakes were *baked with love*.

Photo of the Week: "Now & Then: 658 North Lamar Boulevard" by John Cofield

So much has changed. But still, there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Cestrum: The Night-Blooming Jewel of the Garden" by Bronwynne Bailey

Few plants can rival Cestrum's combination of tropical beauty, rich fragrance, and near-constant blooms. Known commonly as jessamine or night-blooming jasmine, these shrubs from the Solanaceae family (the same family as tomatoes and petunias) add drama, perfume, and color to gardens around the world.



New CTE Teaching and Coaching Class Inspires Future Educators at Oxford High School

Now in its first semester, the class is giving students the opportunity to explore the education profession through classroom learning and authentic experiences in local schools.

Listening Coaches: Lafayette Asphalt Plant Example of People Hearing, but Not Listening

These meetings, meant to demonstrate transparency and community input, too often devolve into spectacles of frustration. They invite people to perform their opinions rather than exchange their perspectives. Participants speak in turn, into a microphone, facing officials who cannot respond and neighbors who cannot reply. It's civic theater, not civic dialogue.

Throwback game will be Tad Smith Coliseum's last Hurrah

The University of Mississippi announced the demolition in a press release that listed additional upcoming construction projects and others already underway.

More Headlines

Researchers Develop New Tool to Study Autism Risk Factors

Oxford High School Horticulture Earns National Recognition at FFA Convention

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Local Crime:

Salttillo Pair Arrested for Shoplifting at Walmart after Police Chase and Crash

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Strange BUT TRUE

- One spark of static electricity can generate as much as 3,000 volts.
- Hockey pucks are frozen before each game to prevent bouncing in and out of play and other potentially dangerous and uncontrolled movements.
- According to the **National Turkey Federation**, around 88% of Americans enjoy the bird as part of their annual holiday feast each year. That adds up to a belly-busting 46 million-plus turkeys, says the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**. Yep, we don't call it **Turkey Day** for nothing!
- The phrase "United States of America" was first published anonymously in the **Virginia Gazette** newspaper in **Williamsburg, Virginia**, on April 6, 1776.
- When he was a teenager, physicist **Stephen Hawking's** friends called him "Einstein" after they created a computer using telephone switchboards, old clock parts and additional items meant for recycling.
- Nearly 500 animal species have documented homosexual behaviors.
- **The Atlantic** is the saltiest of **Earth's** five major oceans, primarily due to the Antarctic ice sheet and global mountain ranges.
- **Muhammad Ali** started boxing at age 12 after someone stole his bike. The tearful boy told police officer **Joe Martin** that he wanted to pummel the culprit, and Martin, who was a boxing instructor at a local gym, advised him to learn how to fight.
- American school buses are yellow because the color is easier to see in poor light and bad weather.
- Helium was the first chemical element not initially discovered on Earth.
- On average, **Google.com** processes about 63,000 search queries every second, or more than 5.5 billion searches per day, and 2 trillion per year.
- A common garden spider can produce as many as seven types of silk, each made up of a different sequence of proteins.

Thought for the Day: "The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus." – Bruce Lee **TV**

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Sun: 9 am-7 pm

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Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm

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1012 E Jackson Ave

www.Funkys.com

Mon-Thu: 2 pm-1 am

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www.KingswoodRestaurant.com

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www.LittleEasyCatering.com

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www.LibraryOxford.com

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Sun: 11 am-9 pm

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Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

Miscellanea

306 South Lamar Boulevard

www.MiscellaneaOxford.com

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Sun: 3 pm-9 pm

Monday-Tuesday closed

Reservations: website

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www.MoesOriginalBBQ.com

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Penny Bar open 3 pm

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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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The Old Henry

1002 East Jackson Ave

www.TheOldHenry.com

Thu-Fri: 5 pm-1 am

Sat: noon-1 am

Sun: Brunch 11 am-3 pm

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1801 University Ave

www.OxfordCommunityMarket.com

Tue: 3-6:30 pm

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122 Courthouse Square

www.QuacksDogs.com

Mon-Thu: 4 pm-close

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Sat & Sun: Brunch 11 am-3 pm;

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Happy Hour:

Mon: \$1 off drafts ALL DAY

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ALL DAY

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Happy Hour 3-5 pm

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Fri-Sat: 4-10:30 pm

Happy Hour 4-6 pm:

\$2 domestics, \$4 drafts, \$6 select

wines, \$8 select classic cocktails,

small plate & oyster specials

Mon: INDUSTRY NIGHT

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www.SolaOxford.com

Wed-Sun: 5-9 pm

Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$6 fresh

Margaritas

Wed: Spaghetti + \$5 wine

Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

Sun: Oyster Happy Hour: 2 Bucks a

Shuck grilled oysters (5-6 pm)

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SouthernCoopWings.com

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Delivery: TAB

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Sun: 11 am-9 pm

late night menu Thu-Sat

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

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

domestics; ½-off appetizers

Tues: HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

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

Sun: Service Industry Sunday

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A Teacher for the Ages

Teachers matter. I had the good fortune of having the most demanding teacher one could imagine for 11th and 12th grade English. Mrs. Corinne Guild, who I mentioned in a previous column, was both an anomaly and an enigma. She spent September through May in Jackson, Mississippi. When the school year ended, Mrs. Guild would load up her car and drive to Nova Scotia, where she stayed until the beginning of the next school year.

Mrs. Guild had a reputation for being tough on her students. I knew that largely because she had taught English and Latin to all three of my siblings (Rodney, Hilda, & Nancy). She was disappointed that I didn't take Latin, so much so that one day during a writing time in Senior English she turned her thoughtful gaze from the school yard to me. (My desk was directly in front of hers.) She stared with scrutiny and great intensity, with the temple tip of her glasses at her bottom teeth, and asked, "Weeks. Why didn't you take Latin? Rodney took Latin. Hilda took Latin. Nancy took Latin. Why didn't you take Latin?" I gave the greatest comeback I've ever had. "Mrs. Guild, I didn't take Latin because Rodney took Latin, Hilda took Latin, and Nancy took Latin."

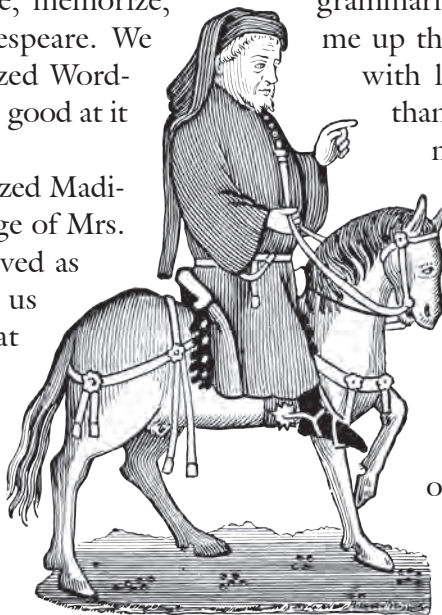
Mrs. Guild made us memorize, memorize, memorize. We memorized Shakespeare. We memorized Chaucer. We memorized Wordsworth and numerous others. I was good at it and I relished the challenge.

My classmates and I revolutionized Madison-Ridgeland High School's image of Mrs. Guild. Before us many had perceived as callous and aloof. But some of us picked up on something else that drew us to her. After out-of-town football games a group of us would often drop by her house on Quinn Street in the Belhaven district of Jackson. The first time was a total surprise to her, made obvious by the quizzical look on her face.

Mrs. Guild invited us in and we sat around chatting and telling stories. We even teased her a bit. Mrs. Guild was known to take a sip every now and then and we discovered her stash while looking for water glasses. We dropped thinly-veiled comments about it which seemed to tickle her. She laughed. She laughed a lot! When I told my brother about our visits he was aghast. "Mrs. Guild? Y'all just go to her house and joke around?" Yep. Yes we do. I have often wondered what Mrs. Guild thought about it all. I'd like to believe that the little girl inside her was delighted.

Mrs. Guild gave me a love for oxymorons, redundancy, paradoxes, malapropisms, spoonerisms, puns, and other word play—a love I share with my good friend, Leon, a very inciteful man. I also notice gross spelling errors like the 16-wheeler trailer just off Highway 6 at West Jackson. For years a slogan painted on it said, "Get the Government out of the UN." It's painted over now. Mrs. Guild also liked to point out our Deep South pronunciations. Once a student called a dog a "dawg". Mrs. Guild spat off "I took my dawg to see a fawg on a lawg in the fawg."

Mrs. Guild turned me into an intolerant grammarian. Misplaced modifiers drive me up the wall, or make me burst out with laughter. Saying "less" rather than "fewer" or vice versa annoys me. It bothers me to no end to hear people say "I feel" when they speak of their thoughts instead of "I think." Fast food restaurants often sell drinks in medium and large sizes. You can't have medium and large without small. But don't point that out. I did that once. The cashier said, "We have medium and large." I ordered a small. They put my drink in a kiddie cup.



Mrs. Guild was a one of a kind teacher who made a difference for me and hundreds of others. We found a wonderful side of her that few knew, which made her dear to us. Teachers, keep your standards high and let some of your personality show. You can do it. Mrs. Guild proved that to me. Now, let us quote a bit of Chaucer, if you can.

*Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
And bathed every veyne in swich licour
Of which vertu engendred is the flour...*

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

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Ace Atkins
in conversation with Jack Pendarvis



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!



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ACROSS

- 1 Soft & — (deodorant)
- 4 GPS display
- 7 GPS display: Abbr.
- 10 Farming sci.
- 13 Musical record
- 18 "The Entertainer" musical style
- 20 Title maiden of a Civil War song
- 22 Twice twenty
- 23 Assessment to see if two things are the same?
- 25 Opera solos
- 26 Guitarist — Eddy
- 27 College in Cedar Rapids
- 28 Materialize properly?
- 30 Mil. bigwig
- 31 Sister of Eva and Zsa Zsa
- 33 Approaching
- 34 Person snatching an African antelope?
- 39 Aerie babies
- 45 "Je t'—" (Gigi's "I love you")
- 46 Some Siouan speakers
- 49 Earth, in Spanish
- 50 Taters
- 53 Sovereign rule that wears subjects down?
- 56 "Love" author Morrison
- 57 Go out with
- 59 Twosome
- 60 Fed. meat inspector
- 61 Tournament finals held at a manor?
- 68 "Says —?"
- 69 PC key
- 70 Pierre's "yes"
- 71 With 85-Across, facial spa treatment
- 72 Subside
- 75 Situation when an exhaust system is completely contained?
- 81 — with faint praise
- 84 Clodhopper
- 85 See 71-Across
- 86 Presley's middle name
- 87 Sellers of stolen goods fixing typos?
- 93 Univ. VIPs

DOWN

- 1 Seafloor-scooping machine
- 2 Actress Welch
- 3 Large lizard
- 4 1,760 yards
- 5 French buddy
- 6 Tending to Spot or Fluffy
- 7 Like highly speculative bonds
- 8 Natl. voting day
- 9 Irish Gaelic language
- 10 Uranian, e.g.
- 11 Music style
- 12 Bob Marley's 11-Down
- 13 Not nearby
- 14 Greiner of "Shark Tank"
- 15 Jail on a ship
- 16 Provo locale
- 17 Hit 1990s PC game
- 19 Light brown
- 21 \$\$\$ holder
- 24 Discipline with asanas
- 29 Bard's Muse
- 31 "Lil" studio
- 32 "Peek- —!"
- 35 Comaneci of gymnastics
- 36 Insult, informally
- 37 Takeoff stat
- 38 Caviar eggs
- 40 Sling liquor
- 41 Ease off
- 42 Muffs up
- 43 Stepped (on)
- 44 Spanish for "room"
- 47 Prefix with spore
- 48 Stupefy
- 50 Ragout, e.g.
- 51 Swanky
- 52 "Woe — you!"
- 53 Verb suffix in the Bible
- 54 1992 Oscar nominee Stephen
- 55 Universe
- 57 Sub seller
- 58 Heeds, as advice
- 62 Tartan cap
- 63 Barnyard sound
- 64 Word-wit bit
- 65 Sundial's 3
- 66 Shucking waste
- 67 TSA requests
- 72 Spanish river
- 73 Voting faction
- 74 Stiller and Affleck
- 75 The blahs
- 76 Slumps
- 77 Doubtful
- 78 French "Mrs."
- 79 Fathers
- 80 Film wizard's declaration
- 81 — vu
- 82 Iowa city
- 83 Fit together
- 88 Stop working
- 89 "— Easy" (1977 hit)
- 90 Ending for ethyl
- 91 Negative conjunction
- 92 B-G link
- 93 — -ray Disc
- 96 Emu relative
- 97 Operative
- 99 Having length, width and depth, for short
- 101 — Aires
- 102 Employs
- 103 Some urban planners
- 104 Walks fast, slangily
- 105 De-chalks
- 107 Ex-Viking Rashad
- 108 Cite
- 111 Clean up text
- 112 Actress Farniga
- 113 Huge-screen film format
- 114 Fetching
- 115 Uno plus dos
- 116 Volkswagen hatchback
- 117 Barnyard sound
- 119 B'way booth letters
- 120 A single
- 123 Ear: Prefix
- 124 URL ending

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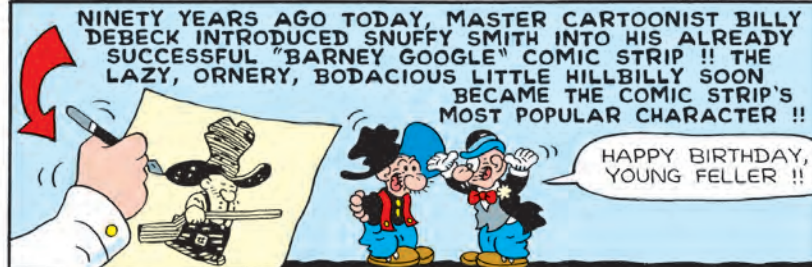
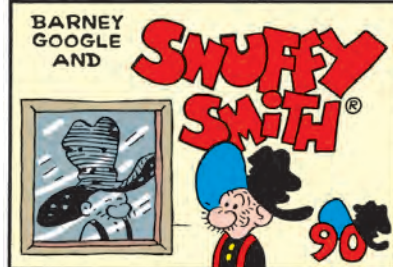
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Prince Valiant
by Schultz and Yeates

ALETA, PURSUED BY A VORACIOUS SCYLLA, IS PULLED WITH FRANTIC SPEED TOWARD SHORE BY GURVAN AND POLYPHEMUS.

EVEN SO, ALETA FINDS THAT SHE NEEDS FANCY FOOTWORK TO KEEP THE SNAGGING JAWS AT BAY.

THEN, AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN ETERNITY, SHE SEES THE WATER'S SURFACE AND THE SANDY BOTTOM COME CLOSE TOGETHER—SHE IS NEARING SHORE, BUT THE SEA BEAST IS ALSO VERY NEAR.

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THROUGH THE SHALLOW WATER, KAREN AND GURVAN CAN NOW SEE HER PERIL. THEY CHARGE INTO THE SURF, BRANDISHING THEIR WEAPONS...

...AND DRIVE INTO THE SNAPPING SCYLLA, FORCING IT AWAY FROM ALETA, AND ALLOWING THE OTHERS TO DRAG THE WATERLOGGED QUEEN FROM THE FOAMING WATERS.

NEXT: *Idol's gambit*

Americanisms

"Where the women go, the culture goes."
 — *Phylicia Rashad*

Amber Waves

DUDES, NOW THAT WE'VE AGREED ON A NAME AND CREATED OUR IMAGE, THERE'S ONE LAST THING.

WHO KNOWS HOW TO PLAY DRUMS OR GUITAR?

SERIOUSLY! HOW CAN I ROCK THE MASSES IF THE BAND CAN'T EVEN SHRED? THAT'S IT, I QUIT!

NICE, OUR FIRST BAND BREAK UP. THAT'S SO METAL!

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by Dave T. Phipps

MIDDLE CLASS

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
 ENDANGERED SPECIES

The Spats

I'M GOING TO SEE THE DENTIST TODAY.

WHAT TIME IS YOUR APPOINTMENT?

TOOTH HURTY.

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by Jeff Pickering

DID YOU SEE THE TRUMP INTERVIEW ON "60 SECONDS"?

DON'T YOU MEAN 60 MINUTES?

YOU OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T SEE THEIR EDITING JOB!

RAPID CITY RIVER RODENT

HITCH

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HERE'S YOUR BOOK BACK, TIGER

WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING WRONG

REMEMBER WHEN I SWORE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION?

I WAS BEING SARCASTIC!

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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLAND

YOU OUGHTA BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF FOR ASSUMING THE WORST. OUR LEADERS WOULDN'T SUMMON AN ANCIENT GOD IF IT WASN'T IN OUR BEST INTEREST!

NOW SLATHER YOURSELF IN THE CEREMONIAL KETCHUP!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
"SHADOW OVER FIN'S SOUTH" PART II

THE PEOPLE OF FIN'S SOUTH HAVE SUMMONED A COSMIC GIANT POSSUM BEING ONLY TO LEARN OLIVE OIL ISN'T THE BEING'S FORETOLD SACRIFICE. THEY ARE NOW STUCK WITH A BIG PROBLEM.

LOOKS LIKE WE WASTED YOUR TIME, O GREAT ONE. I'LL JUST USE THIS SCROLL TO HELP SEND YOU HOME AND—

WELL, SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, WANNA KNOW WHY THAT CURSE IS TURNIN' YOU INTO CATFISH PEOPLE?

S-S-SURE.

BECAUSE CATFISH TASTE BETTER THAN HUMANS.

KILLFOLKS SAID THIS CAN SEND THE POSSUM AWAY. WE GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW TUSE IT.

I DUNNO, OLIVE. THIS MIGHT BE B'YOND US.

WE DONTSK USUALLY DEALS WIT' MONSKERS WOT NEED SUMMONIN' AN' BANISHIN'!

WE GOTTS NO TRAININ' IN DARK ARTS. I MAY HAVE FINALLY FOUND—

THIS IS JUST A RECIPE FOR TNT.

OH, GOOD! I WUZ WORRIED VIOLENCE WOULDN'T BE TH' ANSWER!

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH PRESENT
SPARKY PLUG'S GRANDSON...
L'il SPARKY

LOOK AT THAT LEAF !! IT'S SHAPED LIKE A CHICKEN !!

THAT MUST BE A POULTREE !!

WHEW !! FINALLY FINISHED !!

JUGHAID !! QUIT HORSIN' AROUND' AN' GIT OUT THAR AN' RAKE THOSE LEAVES LIKE I ASKED YA T'DO !!

HMPF !!

Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS A PERFECT NIGHT TO LOOK FOR SPACESHIPS, SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

JUST THINK HOW FAMOUS WE WILL BE IF WE ARE THE ONES TO SPOT AN ALIEN.

YEAH, BUT WHAT IF ALIENS SPOT US FIRST...?

HEY, COME ON, GUYS, WAIT FOR ME!!!

Not The Hisd Library

I STARTED A FIGHT ON THE PLAYGROUND—

WHAT DID YOU DO?

I READ A STORYBOOK...

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IT'S A MESSAGE FROM THE FBI: "SPORTS INTEGRITY SLEEPS WITH THE FISHES."

KIRK

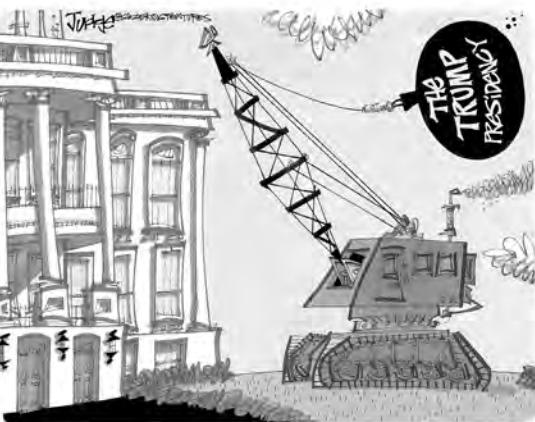
GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

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"Paying college players a small part of bowl revenues is an insult! They'd never

Americanisms

"Roses are red, mud is brown, the woods are better than any night on the town."
— Earl Dibbles Jr.



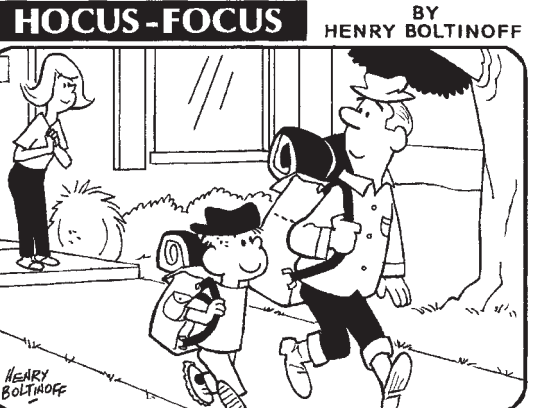
The Garden Bug

Sweet Briar Rose

The Sweet Briar Rose (*Rosa rubiginosa*) is a dense shrub of European origin that has become quite widespread in North America, especially in New England. It bears pink flowers in June to July, and its leaves exude an apple-like fragrance. Its bright red fruit (the "hips") comes after the flowering ends, ripening through autumn and persisting well into the winter months. Birds and other wildlife feed upon them. Once sweet briar claims an area, it becomes difficult to eradicate.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.naturescape.co.uk, gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org, www.nrcs.usda.gov



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Shirt is longer. 4. Shirt pocket is missing. 5. Boy's left arm is showing. 6. Line is added to walkway.



FLASH GORDON BY JIM KEEFE 10-19-03

GARAKAHN HAS RETURNED!

AS HE RISES FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE DARK DIMENSION, RESTRAINTS LOCK INTO PLACE!

RRRAAHRRK!!

IT IS I, LORD MING, WHO HAS DELIVERED YOU FROM YOUR FATE. BECAUSE YOU HAVE SERVED ME FAITHFULLY, I NOW GRANT YOU THE MEANS BY WHICH TO REGAIN YOUR LOST HUMANITY!

IT WAS FLASH GORDON WHO DID THIS TO YOU. THEREFORE IT IS HE WHO MUST BE CAST INTO THE DARK VOID. ONCE HE TAKES YOUR PLACE YOUR HUMANITY WILL BE RESTORED!

BEGIN THE TRANSMUTATION PROCEDURE. HE'S NO GOOD TO US IF HE CAN BARELY SURVIVE OUR ATMOSPHERE.

YES, MY LIEGE.

PITIFUL FOOL. HE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO TAKES HIS PLACE.

BUT NOW, BELIEVING THE EARTHLING TO BE THE CAUSE OF HIS TORMENT, THE CREATURE WILL NOT REST UNTIL GORDON IS DESTROYED!

HAHAHA!

YESSSSS GORADONNN!

HAHAHA!

NEXT: EASY MARK!

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

I REFUSE TO TAKE MY NAP TODAY!!

YOU NEED TO TAKE YOUR NAP...

...OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE "RESISTING A REST."



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

HOW MANY CLUBS DOES A BEGINNING GOLFER NEED?

AS A YOUNGSTER, I PLAYED SOME PRETTY GOOD FUN ROUNDS WITH ONLY A HANDFUL.

AN IDEAL SET IS: 3-WOOD, 3-5-7-9 IRONS AND PUTTER.

GO NO FARTHER THAN THAT INITIALLY AND YOU CAN UPGRADE MORE ECONOMICALLY AS YOU GROW IN EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS.

DONNA ERICKSON'S BEST BITES



Celebrate the Holidays With an Appetizer Party

Planning a party with friends and family this year? Make it easy by turning your buffet table into an informal appetizer table. Let guests bring their favorite hors d'oeuvres, and you'll no doubt have a selection of tastes and delights for every age. Somehow it just happens. This is what our friends did when we gathered in their home located walking distance from the Santa Cruz Harbor in California a few years ago.

It's an annual party tradition, and we arrived before dusk to enjoy the sumptuous selection of appetizers everyone brought. We had so much fun meeting, eating and greeting that we almost forgot to wander down to the harbor.

Making apps doesn't have to be involved or complicated. Here are two easy ideas you and your kids can make together for your holiday celebrations:

BUILD YOUR OWN LETTUCE WRAP APP

On a large tray, arrange a variety of ingredients in small bowls and plates for guests to make their own lettuce wrap. For example, if you wish to make my favorite, a Scandinavian-style salmon wrap, set out the following: a bundle of butter lettuce leaves popping out of

a wide-mouthed container, smoked and grilled salmon pieces, thinly sliced cucumber, scrambled eggs in a bowl (optional), small sprigs of fresh dill, and wedges of lemon to squeeze over all of it before you take a bite.

FILLED DATES

Dates are nutritious, tasty and bite-sized. Make them festive by filling them with fresh walnuts to complement the date's unique flavor. First, cut open one long side of each date. Pop out the pits and gently squeeze the sides to create a space for your filling. Next, crack walnuts with a nutcracker to get two perfect halves. (Kids love this activity!)



Pick out the nuts, then insert one of the halves in the cavity of a date. Set in rows on a platter. For a sweeter dessert version, roll the walnut-filled date in powdered sugar. Use your imagination and preferences for other fillings, such as a thin wedge of Brie cheese with a pecan. Or how about a tiny spoonful of peanut butter topped with a pretzel nugget?

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



1. Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc

(R) Kikunosuke Toya, Tomori Kusunoki

2. Regretting You

Allison Williams, McKenna Grace

3. Black Phone 2

(R) Mason Thames, Ethan Hawke

4. Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere

(PG) Jeremy Allen White, Jeremy Strong

5. Tron: Ares

(PG-13) Jared Leto, Greta Lee

6. Good Fortune

(R) Keanu Reeves, Blanca Araceli

7. Shelby Oaks

(R) Sarah Durn, Mason Heidger

8. One Battle After Another

(R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Sean Penn

9. Roofman

(R) Channing Tatum, Tony Revolori

10. Truth & Treason

(PG-13) Ewan Horrocks, Rupert Evans

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: Procrastination Cessation

Do you find yourself putting off until tomorrow what could be done today (times 365 days a year)? You might be suffering from executive dysfunction. Instead of feeling shame, download one of these five podcasts and start overcoming lifelong habits of procrastination:

"iProcrastinate Podcast" — Hosted by Dr. Timothy A. Pynchyl, this podcast hasn't had any new episodes since 2018, but his podcast library is still available and immensely useful today. A retired professor, Dr. Pynchyl was also the director of the Procrastination Research Group at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, and he challenges his listeners to "explore their daily choices to act or postpone acting on their intentions." Drawing on his research literature, episode topics explore self-handicapping, anxiety, self-regulation, perfectionism, impulsivity, willpower and temporal discounting. He has several very interesting episodes on procrastination in other cultures and how what we might consider procrastination varies around the world. (iProcrastinate.Libsyn.com)

"Doer: Overcome Procrastination"

— If you tend to procrastinate listening to self-help podcasts, this might be the one you stick to. The reason? It's short! With just 10 episodes that average 10 minutes each, you'll soon stop fearing your to-do list and begin making long-lasting changes. Uncover the root cause of why you procrastinate and unlock deep insights about your psychology. Each episode

(called lessons) guide you step-by-step, beginning with understanding your procrastination loop, uncovering your core beliefs, and understanding your reinforcement factors. "Lesson seven" is a particularly useful one as it focuses on managing your discomfort at completing difficult tasks. (ProcrastinationApp.com)

"Pause Purpose Play" — Hosted by clinical psychologist Michaela Thomas, this weekly podcast shows you how to follow your ambition without drowning in it. It's about finding balance over burnout by "setting you free from needing to be perfect so that you can take action ... instead of getting stuck in procrastination." Many episodes focus on ADHD, including assessment process during midlife — and also asking if perimenopause could be contributing to your symptoms. Thomas also reminds her listeners to go easy on themselves because "life is hard" and to be compassionate toward yourself during an ADHD shame spiral. (TheThomasConnection.Podbean.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"The Lazy Genius" — Host Kendra Adachi, aka the Lazy Genius, describes herself as "part systems expert, part permission giver." The New-York-Times-bestselling author launched her podcast in 2016 and has over 400 episodes in her library. Essential episodes include "10 Things I Always Do When I Have People Over," "How to Get Unstuck When Your Space Is a Mess," and "A Pep Talk for the Perpetually Tired." (TheLazyGeniusCollective.com)

"Executive Function for All" — If you are coping with ADHD, dyslexia or anxiety, if you are on the autism spectrum, or if you don't even have a formal diagnosis yet, this show should be part of your podcast rotation. Expert guests include Harvard University's Dr. John Ratey on why "exercise is brain medicine" and Danielle Svingos of the Berkeley Clinic and her "green brain, yellow brain, red brain" framework. (RSS.com)

Fun Fact

George Smith, owner of a confectionary company called the Bradley Smith Company, took credit for inventing the modern version of the **lollipop**, which he began making in 1908. In 1931, he trademarked the term "lollipop," borrowing the name from a famous racehorse named Lolly Pop.



Source:
www.candyfavorites.com

The Garden Bug

Sweet Briar Rose



The Sweet Briar Rose (*Rosa rubiginosa*) is a dense shrub of European origin that has become quite widespread in North America, especially in New England. It bears pink flowers in June to July, and its leaves exude an apple-like fragrance. Its bright red fruit (the "hips") comes after the flowering ends, ripening through autumn and persisting well into the winter months. Birds and other wildlife feed upon them.

Once sweet briar claims an area, it becomes difficult to eradicate.

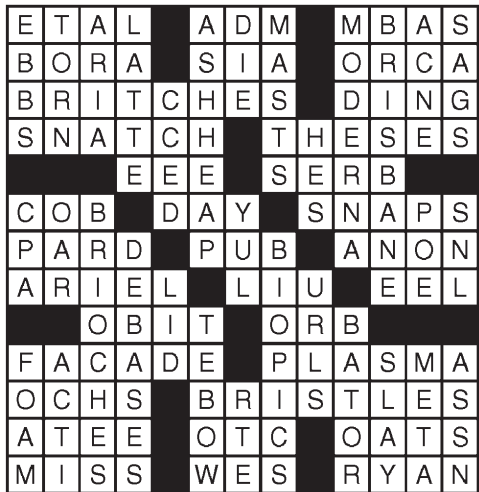
- Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.naturescape.co.uk, gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org, www.nrcs.usda.gov

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Worse; 2. Desert;
3. Hamper; 4. Meteor

Today's Word
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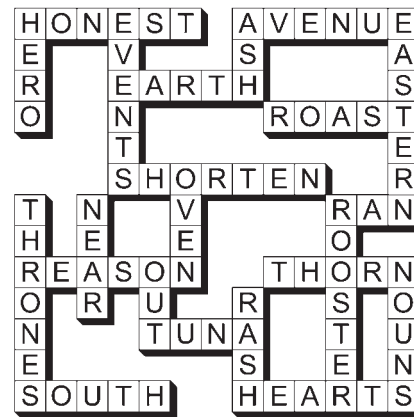
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answers

1. Hammer, Hamper
2. Lever, Never
3. Faster, Foster
4. Camel, Cameo
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7. Bolder, Border
8. Lofty, Lefty
9. Finale, Finals
10. Gripe, Grime

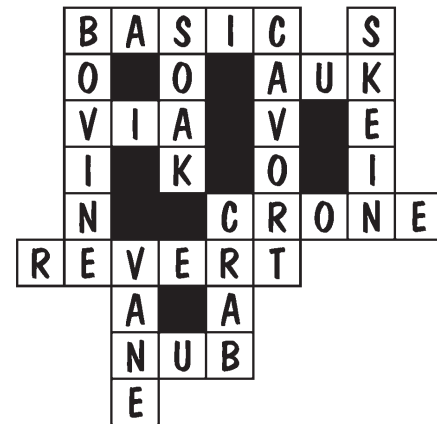
Puzzles4Kids

Answer



FEAR KNOT

answer



"The Smashing Machine" (R) — Filmmaker and actor Benny Safdie ("Uncut Gems") directs this biographical sports drama starring Dwayne Johnson ("Moana 2"). In a much different vein than some of his previous works like "Jungle Cruise" and "Red One," Johnson is gunning for critical acclaim for his performance as wrestler and MMA fighter Mark Kerr. Teaming up again with his "Jungle Cruise" co-star Emily Blunt, Johnson underwent an extensive transformation to become Kerr, whose intense journey with fighting is documented throughout the film. The multifaceted and talented Blunt plays Kerr's girlfriend, Dawn, but even their chemistry and his transformation couldn't pull in more than \$20 million against its original \$50 million cost. Still, it might be worth the watch. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"Playdate" (PG-13) — For those who miss the hilarious Kevin James ("Grown Ups") on their screens, this comedy-action film features him in his element! Starring alongside the massively buff Alan Ritchson ("Motor City"), James plays Brian Jennings, a stay-at-home stepdad who recently got fired from his job. As he tries to ease into his role as stepfather, he naturally accepts an invitation for his stepson to go on a playdate with another kid, where he meets Jeff (Ritchson). To appease his stepson, Brian attempts to befriend Jeff, only to find out that this is not an ordinary playdate with another father and son. Jeff is on the run to protect his son from some dangerous men, and now Brian and his stepson are along for the chase! Premieres on Nov. 12. (Amazon Prime Video)

"A Very Jonas Christmas Movie" (TV-PG) — "Let it bro, let it bro, let it bro" is the tagline of this new holiday movie starring none other than Jonas Brothers as themselves! Almost like a parody of their real life, the movie picks up as the band finishes playing a show in London and is ready to head back home to New York in time for Christmas festivities with their family. When their travel plans go awry, the boys are forced to put their talented brains together in order to get home, but absolutely nothing goes as planned. But once they employ a bit of Christmas magic and remember the true meaning of Christmas, the JoBros should be able to get home — hopefully in one piece. Premieres Nov. 14. (Disney+)



Courtesy of Netflix
Alicia Silverstone, left, and Oliver Hudson star in "A Merry Little Ex-Mas."

"A Merry Little Ex-Mas" (PG-13) — Recently separated couple Kate (Alicia Silverstone) and Everett's (Oliver Hudson) divorce is imminent, but with Christmas approaching, Kate is determined to have one last happy Christmas that includes the whole family. Shortly after she sets her plans in stone, Kate receives news that Everett's new girlfriend, Tess (Jameela Jamil), will be joining them for the holidays to make everything way more awkward. Now that the bubbly, beautiful and younger Tess is lingering around, it stirs up emotions for both Everett and Kate, who decides to make her ex jealous with a younger man (Pierson Fode). There's nothing like some romantic drama to get into the cozy holiday mood! Premieres Nov. 11. (Netflix)



Cut Costs, Not Comfort with Lentil Soup, the Soup That Does It All

When times feel uncertain and grocery prices make you wince, there's comfort in knowing that a wholesome, hearty meal doesn't have to cost much. This lentil soup is proof that good food can still be simple, satisfying and kind to your budget.

Lentil soup is one of those beautiful, budget-friendly meals that has been feeding families for centuries and checks every box: It's inexpensive, easy to prepare and full of plant-based protein and fiber. It freezes beautifully, too, which makes it a lifesaver during the upcoming holiday madness. Make a big pot now, freeze some for later, and you've got instant comfort waiting in your freezer — no drive-thru required.

This base recipe is delicious as-is, but the beauty of lentils is how easily they adapt. Add a handful of sausage if you like, stir in extra veggies or season it with herbs and spices to change the flavor profile from classic to global. You'll find a few of my favorite variations below — because even comfort food deserves a little variety.

VERY VERSATILE LENTIL SOUP

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
4 carrots, chopped
3 celery ribs, chopped

3-4 cloves garlic, minced
6 cups broth (vegetable, chicken or beef)
1 1/2 cups dry green or brown lentils
1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes with juices
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
2 cups fresh chopped spinach, optional

Stovetop Method: In a large pot, saute onion, carrot and celery in olive oil until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for one minute more. Stir in lentils, tomatoes, broth, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 35 minutes or until lentils are tender. Stir in spinach until wilted. Taste and adjust seasoning.

Instant Pot: Follow saute instructions as in stovetop directions up to "bring to a boil." Cook on Manual/Pressure Cook for 9 minutes, then allow a natural release for 10 minutes. Add spinach after cooking.



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Hearty lentil soup made with pantry staples — warm, satisfying and easy on the budget.

Slow Cooker: Combine all ingredients (except spinach) and cook on Low for 6-8 hours. Stir in spinach at the end.

Optional Add-Ins for Variety
Smoky Sausage: Saute 1 (13 ounce) smoked sausage (like kielbasa) with the vegetables. Add 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika and 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme.

Easy Being Green: Add 1 (8 to 10 ounce) package of mixed power greens such as kale, chard or spinach. Top with avocado and a squeeze of lemon juice.

Mediterranean: Add 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning and 1 (15 ounce) can cannellini beans. Top with Parmesan.

Curry Comfort: Stir in 1 tablespoon curry powder, 1 teaspoon turmeric, and finish with a squeeze of lime and a swirl of coconut milk.

Southwest Style: Add 1 tablespoon chili powder, 1/2 tablespoon cumin and 1 (14.5 ounce) can fiesta style corn. Top with a dollop of sour cream or avocado slices.

When you need an easy, nourishing meal that keeps you grounded through the holiday hustle, lentil soup is your new best friend. It's hearty, healthy and humble — proof that comfort food doesn't have to cost much.

And here's a little secret: Every bowl you freeze now is a gift to your future self. On a cold blustery night, when the house is busy and you're too tired to cook, you'll have homemade comfort ready in minutes.

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Super Crossword

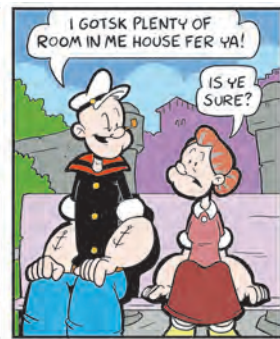
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Weekly SUDOKU

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"Frankenstein" (R) — Jacob Elordi ("Saltburn") is taking a page out of Bill Skarsgard's ("Nosferatu") playbook and completely transformed himself for the role of "The Creature" in this gothic sci-fi film from director Guillermo del Toro ("Pinocchio"). The cast is stacked with critically acclaimed actors such as Oscar Isaac ("Dune"), Mia Goth ("MaXXXine"), and Christoph Waltz ("Only Murders in the Building"), who will undoubtedly elevate del Toro's screenplay to another level. Isaac plays Baron Victor Frankenstein, who brings "The Creature" to life; if you know the story by Mary Shelley, you'll know that nothing good follows this creation of his. Featuring a score from Alexandre Desplat, who worked with del Toro on "The Shape of Water," this film premieres on Nov. 7 in the comfort of our own homes with no rental fee involved. (Netflix)

"All Her Fault" (TV-MA) — Sarah Snook ("Succession") suited up for another tense leading drama role, which seems to be the actress's forte. Kicking off with all the action, this series picks up as mom Marissa Irvine (Snook) mistakenly shows up at the wrong address, expecting to pick up her son, Milo, from a playdate. When she realizes the homeowner has no idea who she's talking about, her son is then pronounced missing, leaving Marissa to put together pieces along with law enforcement and her husband, Peter (Jake Lacy). Fingers instantly start to get pointed at the wrong people, with even Marissa having to defend herself against accusations that she took her son. This won't be a mystery that's easy to solve, but you can try to solve it yourself on Nov. 6 when all eight episodes premiere. (Peacock)

"I Love LA" (TV-MA) — Actress and comedian Rachel Sennott ("Bottoms") not only stars in the lead role for this new comedy series, but she's the creator and writer behind the series as well. Only eight episodes long, the series revolves around a group of five young-adult friends who reunite after spending some time apart. Viewers watch as each person in the group navigates their own set of relationships, as well as their ambitions and whether they've actually progressed toward accomplishing their goals. Odessa A'zion ("Marty Supreme"), Josh Hutcherson ("Five Nights at Freddy's"), Jordan Firstman ("You People"), and True Whitaker ("Godfather of Harlem") co-star along with Sennott, and you can stream the first episode now! (HBO Max)



Courtesy of Netflix
Oscar Isaac stars in "Frankenstein."

"Sovereign" (R) — This crime thriller, led by Nick Offerman ("Smurfs") and Jacob Tremblay ("The Little Mermaid"), might be the most uncomfortable watch of this week, just because of the pure, raw emotion that drives the story behind the film. The two actors respectively play Jerry and Joe Kane, a sovereign citizen and his homeschooled son, who both align with the anti-government movement. One day, the Kanes are pulled over by police and subsequently get into an incident that leads to the death of the two policemen. From there, the Kanes embark on a race against the government as time quickly slips away from them. Martha Plimpton ("Sardinia") and Dennis Quaid ("The Substance") co-star in the film, which releases on Nov. 7. (Hulu)



How to Beef Up Dinner Without More Beef

Times are tight and grocery prices keep creeping up. Every trip to the store feels like an Olympic event in budget gymnastics. This week, we're talking about how to stretch your ground meat recipes without losing flavor, texture or protein.

There's a secret ingredient that can help you do just that, and you've probably eaten it hundreds of times without realizing it: TVP, or textured vegetable protein.

Made from defatted soy flour, TVP is a shelf-stable, affordable and versatile plant-based protein. You've likely had it in store-bought chili, burritos or frozen entrees, quietly adding bulk, texture and nutrition without changing the flavor.

Used on its own, it's a blank slate, like tofu, so seasoning and cooking technique make all the difference. Treat it right, and you'll have something meaty, savory and delicious.

A 1/4 cup of dry TVP packs about 12-15 grams of protein, nearly identical to meat once rehydrated. It's high-protein, cholesterol-free and easy to find in bulk bins labeled textured vegetable protein (TVP) or textured soy protein (TSP) — they're the same thing.

How to Make TVP Taste Great

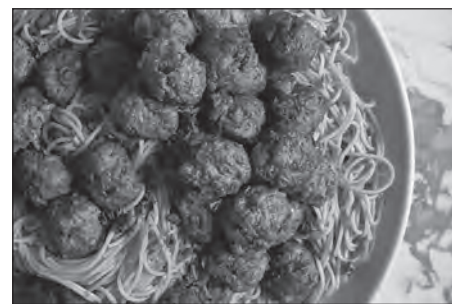
The biggest mistake people make with TVP is treating it like filler. It's not, it's a flavor sponge! The secret to success comes down to three words: flavor, flavor, flavor.

Use broth, not water. Rehydrate with broth or seasoned liquid to build flavor from the inside out.

Add fat. TVP is fat-free, so cook it with olive oil or mix it with higher-fat meat. In this week's recipe, I use 73/27 ground beef — once stretched with TVP, onions and mushrooms, it's perfectly juicy.

Layer flavor in the pan. Let TVP soak up the garlic, onion, herbs and broth as it cooks for the richest taste.

Give it another chance. If you've tried TVP before and weren't impressed, this method may win you over.



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Cut costs, not nutrition; TVP blends seamlessly with ground beef for all the flavor, half the cost.

SAVORY BEEF & MUSHROOM MEATBALLS

Yield: 48 meatballs
Total Time: 45 mins

- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1/2 cup TVP (textured vegetable protein)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped white mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 pound ground beef (73/27 blend)
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons breadcrumbs

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment or foil for easy cleanup.

In a small bowl, pour the hot beef broth over the TVP to rehydrate. Let it sit while you prepare the vegetables so it can soak up all that flavor.

Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook about 5 minutes until softened. Lower the heat to medium-low, then add mushrooms and garlic. Cook another 5 minutes until tender. Stir in the TVP and remove from heat to cool and marry the flavors.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the ground beef, egg, 1/4 cup water, breadcrumbs, salt and herbs. Add the cooled sauteed mixture. Mix gently with clean hands until evenly combined. Scoop about 1 tablespoon of mixture for each and roll into small, golf-ball-size meatballs. Arrange in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until browned and cooked through (internal temp 160 F).

Enjoy over pasta, rice, tucked in a pita, or added to soup. Refrigerate leftovers for up to four days or freeze for up to three months.

This recipe is a perfect example of how to live where frugal meets fabulous. By stretching 1 pound of beef into 48 flavorful meatballs, you're getting the same satisfying protein, a lighter carbon footprint and a much happier grocery budget.

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