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16th Clarksdale Film & Music Festival Brings Hollywood Excitement to the Delta

Curated fest of music docs and Mississippi-connected films plus blues performances, filmmakers, and more

For the 16th year in a row, the Clarksdale Film & Music Festival aims to make you laugh, cry, and occasionally rock out.

This year's festival runs January 23-25, 2026. All movies screen on Friday and Saturday at a special pop-up theater inside Stone Pony's Tack Room (226 Delta Ave.). Sunday afternoon's mini fest of music is at Bluesberry Cafe (235 Yazoo Ave.).

"Our attendees, filmmakers, and musicians all have a fabulous time," said co-organizer Nan Hughes. "Plus, tickets are the same low \$5 per day or \$10 for a weekend pass that they've always been. No inflation here, thanks to our generous sponsors and donors."

Co-organizer Roger Stolle summed up the happenings this way: "Clarksdale is the perfect location for a blues and Mississippi themed film festival. We've got the movies, music, restaurants, museums, and lodging that no other town of our size can offer. It's the perfect winter getaway for fans of music, history, and Southern hospitality!" Some highlights of this year's Clarksdale Film & Music Festival schedule include:



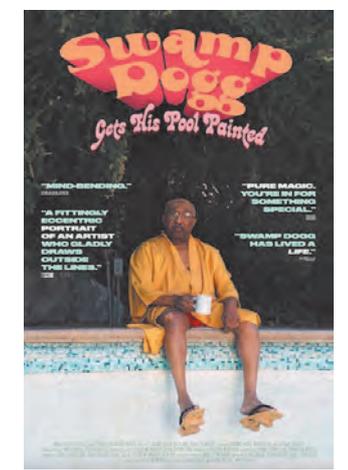
Friday - January 23, 2026
STONE PONY TACK ROOM

2 pm - *Deep Roots: The Art & Music of Bill Steber & Friends* | SPECIAL GUESTS: Robert Muggé (director), Diana Zelman (producer), Bill Steber (subject)

4:30 pm - *Natchez: The Film*

6 pm - performance by Little Willie Farmer

7 pm - *Ronzo: Cultural Ambassador to the South* | SPECIAL GUESTS: Jon Brick, director, along with some of Ronzo's friends from the film



Saturday - January 24, 2026
STONE PONY TACK ROOM

11 am - Music videos by Tim Hardiman

11:25 am - *A Still Small Voice*: Artist V.L. Cox

12:05 pm - *The Main Line: Musicians In The Delta & Beyond* | SPECIAL GUEST: Phil Duncan, series producer.

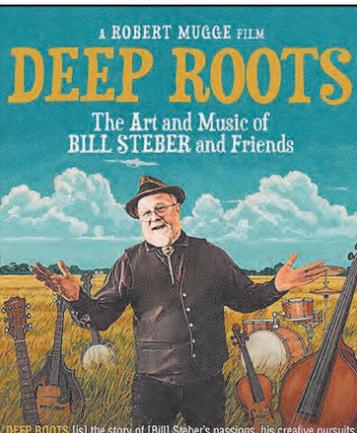
1:10 pm - *King of Them All: The Story of King Records* | SPECIAL GUEST: Yemi Oyediran, director

2:30 pm - *Big Mama Thornton: I Can't Be Anyone But Me* | SPECIAL GUEST: Robert Clem, director

4:20 pm - *Swamp Dogg Gets His Pool Painted: The Movie*

6 pm - performance by Terry "Big T" Williams

7 pm - *An Evening with Robert Gordon: Films & Stories*



Sunday - January 25, 2026
BLUESBERRY CAFE - mini music fest

1 pm - Lucious Spiller

2 pm - Sean "Bad" Apple

3 pm - Watermelon Slim



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Thursday

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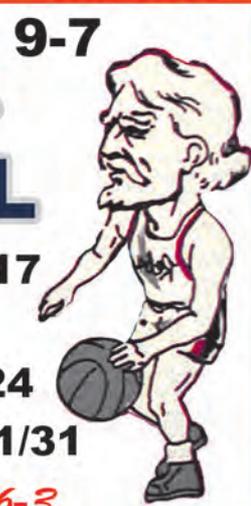
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ROUNDAABOUT OXFORD®

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

THURSDAY 1.15.2026

Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
Old Henry: AUSTIN "OPIE" SPENCE (7 pm)
Off Square Books: JENNIFER MOORMAN in conversation with SAMI THOMASON-FYKE for *The Charmed Library* (5:30 pm)
Lafayette Co. & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)

FRIDAY 1.16.2026

The Library: LIVE MUSIC TBA (9 pm)
Old Henry: Dueling Pianos: DOC SINCLAIR & CJ JENKINS (7 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)
Baptist Memorial Hospital: CAREER FAIR (10 am-2 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone w/ UM Museum (3:45 pm)

SATURDAY 1.17.2026

The Library: LIVE MUSIC TBA (9 pm)
Off Square Books: COMMUNITY READING of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail (5 pm)
Old Henry: Dueling Pianos: CJ JENKINS & DANNY CHILDRESS (7 pm)
Rhythm & Rye Rooftop: DANIEL ROEBUCK (7-10 pm)

SUNDAY 1.18.2026

Old Henry: AUSTIN "OPIE" SPENCE (11:30 am)

MONDAY 1.19.2026

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)
The Powerhouse: PRINCESS BALL 2026 (5:30-7:30 pm)

TUESDAY 1.20.2026

Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); Mahjongg for Beginners w/ SUSAN KELLY (5:30 pm)
The Powerhouse: PRINCESS BALL 2026 (5:30-7:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: EASY MONEY RAMBLERS (8:30 pm)
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. AUBURN (8 pm)

WEDNESDAY 1.21.2026

Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Funkys: LADIES NIGHT
Moe's Penny Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
The Powerhouse: PRINCESS BALL 2026 (5:30-7:30 pm)

THURSDAY 1.22.2026

Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)
Proud Larry's: GUY VINCENT (9 pm)

FRIDAY 1.23.2026

The Library: LIVE MUSIC TBA (9 pm)
Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)
The Powerhouse: OXFORD FIBER FESTIVAL (9 am-5 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DANIEL ROEBUCK (7 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime - Superheroes (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone w/ UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)
Oxford Conference Center: OXFORD ANTIQUE SHOW (10 am-5 pm)
Proud Larry's: POTHOLE PARADISE (9:30 pm)

SATURDAY 1.24.2026

The Library: LIVE MUSIC TBA (9 pm)
Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)
The Powerhouse: OXFORD FIBER FESTIVAL (9 am-5 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Panels & Pages w/ JACKSON COMICS (9 am-noon)
Oxford Conference Center: OXFORD ANTIQUE SHOW (10 am-5 pm)
Proud Larry's: THE CROWNS, VAN BUREN (9:30 pm)

SUNDAY 1.25.2026

Lafayette County Arena: Anubis Improv FREE Intro Workshop (2-3:30 pm)
Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC TBA (11:30 am)
Proud Larry's: Celebration of life for JEFF CALLAWAY (5-7 pm)
Oxford Conference Center: OXFORD ANTIQUE SHOW (11 am-4 pm)

MONDAY 1.26.2026

AutoZone: HIRING EVENT (9 am-5 pm)
Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)
Ford Center: earspace, CHAMBER ENSEMBLE (7:30 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone - Jokes for Jolly Ranchers (3:45 pm); "Autism Connection" w/ DR. ANNE KRISTEN GLASER (5:30 pm)
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. TENNESSEE (6 pm)

TUESDAY 1.27.2026

Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone - Jokes for Jolly Ranchers (3:45 pm); LATOYA WATKINS reading & signing (5:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY 1.28.2026

Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Funkys: LADIES NIGHT
Moe's Penny Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: LOU Project Connect (10 am-6 pm); Conversation Cafe - BARBARA WORTHAM (11:30 am); Afterschool Zone - Jokes for Jolly Ranchers (3:45 pm)
Southside Gallery: The End of All Music presents "Ambient Winter," music by MARK ADEMAC, KELL KELLUM, CLAY JONES (7 pm)



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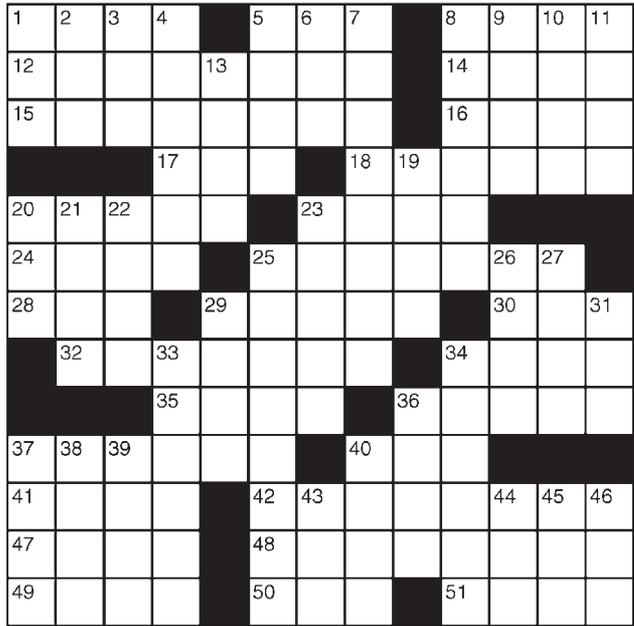


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Post-WWII alliance
- 5 Life story
- 8 Quick kiss
- 12 Challenger's words
- 14 Oklahoma tribe
- 15 Misses an opportunity
- 16 Without acting
- 17 Prattle
- 18 Contacts, e.g.
- 20 Vowel group
- 23 " — Misbehavin' "
- 24 Japanese noodle
- 25 Anthology
- 28 Pvt.'s superior
- 29 To the third power
- 30 Green shade
- 32 Cruised in style
- 34 Furnace fuel
- 35 Region (Abbr.)
- 36 Natural talents
- 37 Nap
- 40 Extinct bird
- 41 "Hulk" star
- 42 Distributes
- 47 "Smallville" girl
- 48 Coffee bar order



- 49 Org.
 - 50 Two, in Toledo
 - 51 Campus VIP
- ### DOWN
- 1 Zilch
 - 2 Hubbub
 - 3 Prof's aides
 - 4 Salem's state
 - 5 Invitation initials
 - 6 Debtor's letters
 - 7 Summarized
 - 8 Unspecified travel destination
 - 9 LAX postings
 - 10 Natalie or Nat
 - 11 Piano pieces?
 - 13 Isaac's eldest
 - 19 Author
 - 20 Ger. neighbor
 - 21 Jittery
 - 22 Speck
 - 23 Fossil resin
 - 25 Incensed
 - 26 Atop
 - 27 Bicycle part
 - 29 Guitarist
 - 31 Gore and Pacino
 - 33 MD's diagnostic order
 - 34 Stopped
 - 36 Dutch word for "farmer"
 - 37 Actress Ward
 - 38 401(k) relatives
 - 39 Drei minus zwei
 - 40 Star athletes, briefly
 - 43 Equi-
 - 44 Sugary suffix
 - 45 Mex. neighbor
 - 46 Great weight



1. Name the group that released "Heart of Glass."
2. Who released "The Boys Are Back in Town"?
3. Which group released "The Boy from New York City"?
4. Who were The T-Birds and The Pink Ladies?
5. Name the 1958 cover of the song that contains this lyric: "Evening shadows make me blue when each weary day is through, How I long to be with you."

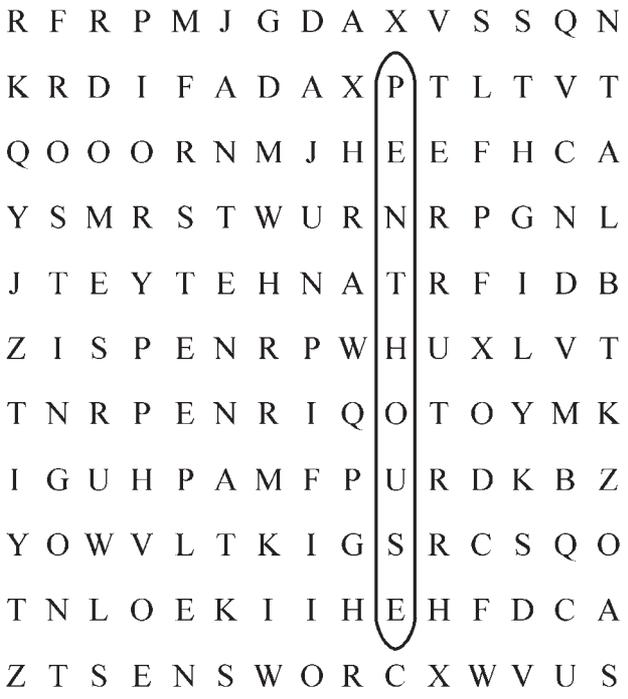
Answers

1. Blondie, in 1979. It was their first No. 1 single. The song was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2015, and Rolling Stone ranked the song as No. 138 in their list of 500 greatest songs of all time in 2021.
2. Thin Lizzy, in 1976. With the group being Irish, it's not surprising that the song topped the chart in Ireland.
3. The Ad Libs, in 1964. A year later, the Beach Boys would release an answer song, "The Girl from New York City."
4. They were the boy and girl groups at Rydell High School in "Grease."
5. "My Happiness," by Connie Francis. Her 1958 cover of the 1948 original climbed the charts but didn't quite make it to the top. It would have been her first chart-topper.

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MAGIC MAZE ● ON TOP OF THINGS

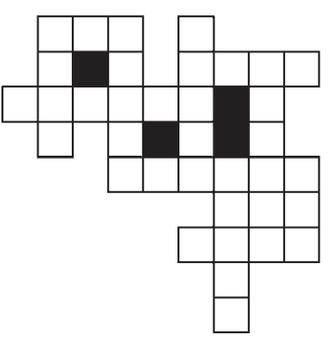


Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: ON TOP OF A CAKE

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| Antenna | Domes | Solar panels | Toupee |
| Chimney | Peak | Spires | Turret |
| Crow's nest | Penthouse | Steeple | Wig |
| Crown | Skylights | Tierra | |



- SMI
- AMPIOT
- ♥PETUS
- TAFI
- PACINT
- UEM
- NOTI
- ♥INHEG
- ♥TPU
- ENASTO
- CAMNI
- ♥OPMR



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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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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- CROSS**
- 1 Easy to carry
 - 9 CFO's deg., perhaps
 - 12 Hacks off
 - 16 U.S. soldiers
 - 19 Priest, at a baptism
 - 20 Alley- —
 - 21 Pendant gem
 - 22 Period
 - 23 Medical operation led by a wizard?
 - 26 Phone no.
 - 27 Crusty treat
 - 28 Harbinger
 - 29 Make sharp
 - 30 Toon skunk Le Pew
 - 31 Bow shooter's attention?
 - 36 Manhole lid, e.g.?
 - 38 — avis
 - 39 Sad, to Sartre
 - 41 City in western New York
 - 42 Muscat native who regularly attends Mass?
 - 47 Kia crossover SUV model
 - 49 "— of the North" (1922 documentary)
 - 50 Derivation of a word: Abbr.
 - 51 Tax IDs
 - 52 London or Leeds native
 - 53 Onetime Texaco rival
 - 55 Mined stuff
 - 57 Turks and — Islands
 - 62 Olive of "Popeye"
 - 63 Grill residue
 - 64 Like a cream-colored skeleton?
 - 67 Make flush
 - 69 Enclosed bill of fare?
 - 72 Showed on TV again
 - 73 Actor Silver portraying a guy escaping a burning building?
 - 75 With 55-Down, "My treat"
 - 77 And the like: Abbr.
 - 78 Face-off participant
 - 79 Elev.
 - 80 Kismet
 - 82 152, to Cato
 - 83 Remainder
 - 85 500-sheet paper unit
 - 87 Comic Kevin
 - 89 Roster in a mob film
 - 93 Preparing to install a steam outlet?
 - 95 One-off, as a committee
 - 96 Vouch for
 - 99 Writer Seton
 - 100 Winter storm conditions?
 - 102 Sort who doesn't think before speaking?
 - 108 Speak wildly
 - 109 Litigant
 - 110 Polite request starter
 - 111 Pro-gun gp.
 - 112 Soft & —
 - 113 Feature of this puzzle (hint: string together the letters omitted from the starts of 10 long answers)
 - 119 Lofty verse
 - 120 Notion, in Nantes
 - 121 Banquet dispenser
 - 122 Irredeemable
 - 123 Boise-to-Fresno dir.
 - 124 Scottish loch
 - 125 Mil. draft org.
 - 126 Stays with, as an agenda
 - 2 Broadcast studio sign
 - 3 Federer of tennis
 - 4 Deadlock
 - 5 "Life of Pi" director Lee
 - 6 Gas grill meas.
 - 7 Maui wreath
 - 8 Hosp. trauma pro
 - 9 In a demure way
 - 10 Cap'n's underling
 - 11 "Much — About Nothing" (1996 "Simpsons" episode)
 - 12 Sign off from a computer
 - 13 Candor
 - 14 Whittled
 - 15 Devious
 - 16 Settle a score
 - 17 "Let me say it again ..."
 - 18 Southern Italian city
 - 24 Very tall bird
 - 25 Letters after pis
 - 30 Flag holder
 - 32 "... unless I'm wrong"
 - 33 City in Texas
 - 34 "Star Trek: The Next Generation" actor
 - 35 Cereal grass
 - 36 Singer
 - 37 Swift pirate ships
 - 40 Border
 - 42 In a plane, e.g.
 - 43 Gymnast Retton
 - 44 Dyemaking compound
 - 45 "— So Shy"
 - 46 Ear: Prefix
 - 48 Like many '90s albums
 - 51 Actor Penn
 - 54 — Tzu (dog)
 - 55 See 75-Across
 - 56 Dark bread
 - 58 "— done it!"
 - 59 "Thelma" novelist Marie
 - 60 Big speech
 - 61 Matching up, as files
 - 63 Vampire Lestat creator
 - 64 "So —" ("Very well")
 - 65 NHL's Bobby
 - 66 When la lune shines
 - 68 Actor Gerard
 - 70 Orderly
 - 71 Rams' org.
 - 74 "— chic!"
 - 76 Rent payer
 - 80 Suet, e.g.
 - 81 Roadie's load
 - 82 Suez, e.g.
 - 84 Positions
 - 85 Hi- — picture
 - 86 Steps onto a subway, say
 - 88 "River" New Age artist
 - 89 Coiffures
 - 90 Drivers' licenses, e.g.
 - 91 TV show created by Barbara Walters
 - 92 Rob of "The Stand"
 - 93 Edition: Abbr.
 - 94 — -di-dah
 - 97 Dissertations
 - 98 Actress Garr
 - 101 Digression
 - 103 Author Rand
 - 104 Relief sounds
 - 105 Patella sites
 - 106 Artist Max
 - 107 "Midnight Cowboy" role
 - 110 Bus. bosses
 - 113 60 secs.
 - 114 Letters after mus
 - 115 Decay
 - 116 Prefix with dermis
 - 117 Nov. follower
 - 118 Type

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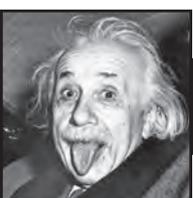
by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

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

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WINTER ARRIVES?

- | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| HOARSE | ___ | SHORE | REFILL | ___ | FLIER |
| SAUCER | ___ | CARES | SEVERE | ___ | VERSE |
| JESTER | ___ | JEERS | HATING | ___ | NIGHT |
| LOCUST | ___ | CLOTS | RAVENS | ___ | SNARE |
| MAPLES | ___ | LEAPS | WONDER | ___ | DROWN |
| PEANUT | ___ | TAUPE | BASSET | ___ | BEAST |



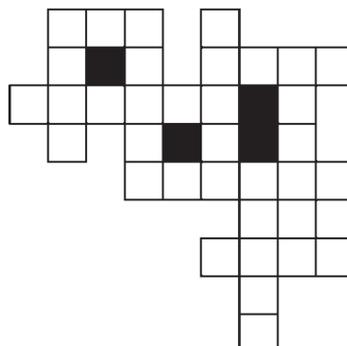
“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”

— **Albert Einstein**

(March 14, 1879 – April 18, 1955)



- S M I
- A M P I O T
- ♥ P E T U S
- T A F I
- P A C I N T
- U E M
- N O T I
- ♥ I N H E G
- ♥ T P U
- E N A S T O
- C A M N I
- ♥ O P M R



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. H A G N E C becomes C H A N G E). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ R A T H E becomes H A T E R or E A R T H or H E A R T). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Selected

British bakery item

U of Miami team nickname

Doesn't stand straight

Iconic slowpoke

Unremarkable

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. Hand warmer | ___ ___ V ___ | Circular map | ___ ___ B ___ |
| 2. More lethargic | S ___ ___ | Tulip or gladiol | F ___ ___ |
| 3. Weeping tree | ___ I ___ | Flounder | ___ A ___ |
| 4. Modify | ___ ___ E ___ | Church table | ___ ___ A ___ |
| 5. Park seat | ___ E ___ | Cluster of grapes | ___ U ___ |
| 6. Wander aimlessly | ___ ___ I ___ | Gentle wind | ___ ___ A ___ |
| 7. Perimeter | ___ ___ G ___ | Hemingway's fish | ___ ___ L ___ |
| 8. Hedge plant | ___ H ___ | Use steel wool | ___ C ___ |
| 9. Prying bar | ___ ___ R ___ | Even | ___ ___ L ___ |
| 10. Football takedown | ___ A ___ | Touch with a feather | ___ I ___ |

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!

- Discuss: ENFORC [] [] [] []
- Inherent: ANTENI [] [] [] []
- Classic: GIANTEV [] [] [] [] [] []
- Plod: MCHEES [] [] [] [] [] []



“Frankly, I'm against aid to education — we've got too many educated _____ on hand as it is.”

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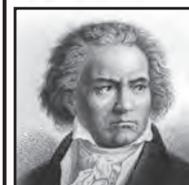
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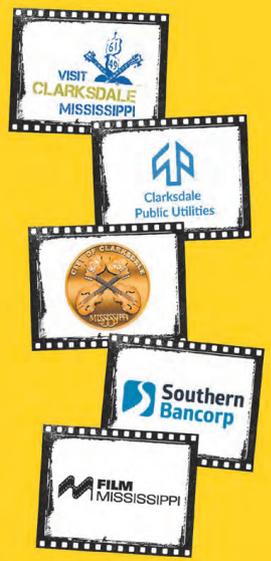
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FOOD & BEVERAGE Restaurant

- Volta Taverna**
 - SoLa**
 - Saint Leo**
- HM: McEwen's, SnackBar, City Grocery, Tarasque Cucina, Ajax Diner, Moe's, Bouré, Good Day Cafe, Oxford Grillehouse, Grit

Bar

- City Grocery**
 - Funkys**
 - Moe's Penny Bar**
- HM: Proud Larry's, McEwen's, SnackBar, The Library, Quack's, Saint Leo, Volta, Nightbird, Rafters, The Velvet Ditch, The Blind Pig, Circle & Square

Asian Food

- Jinsei**
 - Rice & Spice**
 - Zaap**
- HM: Toyo, Noodle Bowl, Kabuki, China Royal, H2O

Bakery

- Bottletree**
 - Just Cake It**
 - Bremma's**
- HM: Humming Bird

BBQ

- Moe's BBQ**
 - B's BBQ**
 - Booth's BBQ**
- HM: Handy Andy

Beer Selection

- Circle & Square**
 - Growler**
 - The Blind Pig**
- HM: Larson's Cash Saver, Funkys, Quack's, Proud Larry's

Bartender

- Jeb Zolper**
(The Library)
- Aaron Hamilton**
(McEwen's)
- Peyton Attaway**
(Funkys)

HM: John Spreafico "Coonie" (City Grocery), Avery Head (SnackBar), Jesse Sutton (Volta), Will Griffith (Proud Larry's), Kyle Kelley (Penny Bar), Joe Stinchcomb (Good Day Cafe), Ruth Hogue (Circle & Square), Zach Blackburn (Rafters), Elliot Willard (City Grocery), Brookleigh Jackson (Quack's), Dalton Landrum (Saint Leo), Blake "Big Red" Stilwell (Old Henry)

Breakfast

- BBB**
 - First Watch**
 - Waffle House**
- HM: Bim Bam, Larson's Cash Saver

Brunch

- Saint Leo**
 - Big Bad Breakfast**
 - McEwen's**
- HM: First Watch, SoLa, Grit, Quack's, The Old Henry, Good Day Cafe

Burger

- Handy Andy's**
 - Good Day Cafe**
 - Oxford Burger Co.**
- HM: Proud Larry's, Bim Bam Burgers, The Blind Pig, Ajax, Phillips Grocery, Quack's, Bouré, Circle & Square, City Grocery, Mugshots

Cajun Food

- LandShark**
 - Bouré**
 - Oby's**
- HM: The Velvet Ditch, Ajax, Walk-On's

Catering

- Taylor Grocery**
 - Moe's BBQ**
 - My Michelle's**
- HM: A&N, Cricket Catering, Elizabeth Heiskell

Catfish

- Taylor Grocery**
 - Ajax Diner**
 - Oby's**
- HM: Moe's, SnackBar, LandShark

Chicken

- Southern Coop**
 - Moe's Original BBQ**
 - Crickets Wings & Things**
- HM: City Grocery, Jinsei, Ole Coop

Cocktails

- Saint Leo**
 - SnackBar**
 - McEwen's**
- HM: Volta, Bouré, City Grocery



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Coffee

1. Heartbreak
2. Shadrachs
3. Cafficitos

HM: Exploradora, Velvet Ditch Coffee, High Point, Common Ground, Bottle-tree, Circle & Square

Chef

1. Erika Lipe (SoLa)
2. Jon Davis (City Grocery)
3. Sebastian Markowitz (Snackbar)

HM: Tay Johnson (Funkys), Nicole Kasem (McEwen's), John Currence (CGRG), Joel Miller (Kingswood), John Stokes (Tarasque)

Crawfish

1. LandShark
2. The Velvet Ditch
3. Crawdad Hole

HM: Rebel Boilers, Proud Larry's

Delivery

1. Take a Break
2. Door Dash
3. Uber Eats
4. Grub Hub

Dessert

1. Snackbar (Mary Raegan Stewart)
2. YaYa's
3. McEwen's (Nicole Kasem)

HM: Saint Leo, SoLa, Volta, City Grocery, Crum-bl, Insomnia Cookies

Donuts

1. Community Donuts
2. Ollie's Donuts
3. Donut Distillery

Sushi

1. Jinsei
2. Toyo
3. Kabukil

HM: Kroger, Noodle Bowl

Security

1. Maurice "Moe" Pomerlee (Penny Bar)
2. Brycen Bartel (Funkys)
3. Aiden Carignan (Funkys)

HM: Neil Watson (Raf-ters), Will Pitts (Quack's), Wood Security

Fine Dining

1. Saint Leo
2. City Grocery
3. McEwen's

HM: Snackbar, SoLa, Grit, Oxford Grillehouse, Bouré, Kingswood, Lenora's

Food Truck

1. El Colibri
2. Crickets Wings
3. G & G Fry Co.

HM: Cafecitos, Fresh Out the Water, Hotbox Hibachi, Lunch Box, Manilla Skillet, Taylor Grocery, Uncle Jamie's Hot Dogs

Fries

1. Saint Leo
2. Proud Larry's
3. Volta

HM: Snackbar, G&G Fry Co, Blind Pig, La Perla Tapatia Carne Asada Fries, Quack's, Circle & Square, City Grocery, Crickets Wings, Five Guys, Oxford Burger Co.

Happy Hour

1. Volta Taverna
2. Snackbar
3. Moe's BBQ

HM: City Grocery, Funkys, Uno Mas, Quack's, Proud Larry's, Bouré, The Velvet Ditch, Saint Leo

Late Night Food

1. Cook Out
2. Chicken on a Stick Chevron
3. Waffle House

HM: Quack's, Blind Pig, Uncle Jamie's Hot Dog Cart, Sonic, Taco Bell

Margarita

1. Volta Taverna
2. El Agave
3. Uno Mas

HM: Casa Mexicana, Quack's, Loco Taco, Ajax, Chili's, Proud Larry's, El Charro

Mexican Food

1. La Perla Tapatia
2. El Agave
3. Casa Mexicana

HM: El Charro, El Colibri, Taco Shop, Lamar Taco Shop, Uno Mas, Costa Mexicana, Loco Taco Oxford, El Marachi

Pasta

1. Tarasque Cucina
2. Saint Leo
3. Amore

HM: SoLa, Lenora's, Proud Larry's

Patio

1. Volta Taverna
2. Funkys
3. City Grocery

HM: Tarasque, The Coop, Circle & Square, Good Day Cafe, Bouré, Proud Larry's, The Velvet Ditch

Pizza

1. Funkys
2. Saint Leo
3. Lost Pizza

HM: Fergndan's, Little Italy, Pizzashop, Proud Larry's, Pizza Den, Square Pizza, Fox's Pizza, Rosati's

Salad

1. Volta Taverna
2. Saint Leo
3. Proud Larry's

HM: Blind Pig, Newk's, Bouré, Oby's, City Grocery, Tarasque, Ajax

Sandwich

1. The Blind Pig
2. Sami's Deli
3. Good Day Cafe

HM: Newk's, Pizza Den, Volta, Oby's, Moe's, Snackbar, Off Beat in General, City Grocery, Panino Veloce, Ajax, Chicory, Circle & Square

Server

1. Caroline Kasem (McEwen's)
2. Mandy Holland-Hunter (Volta Taverna)
3. Tristan Cueller (City Grocery)

HM: Jessica Boyd (Volta), Chelsea Brock (Jinsei), Parker Thames (Jinsei), Kaylee (Volta), Gabby Lott (SoLa), Emma Donovan (Snackbar), Emma Fabiszak (The Old Henry), Georgia Hogue (City Grocery), Jess Cogar (Saint Leo)

Soul Food

1. Ajax Diner
2. Little Easy Catering
3. Tallahatchie Gourmet

HM: Larson's Cash Saver, Mama Jo's, Moe's, B's BBQ

Steak

1. Oxford Grillehouse
2. Tico's
3. McEwen's

HM: The Sizzler, Good Day Cafe, Como Steakhouse, Taylor Grocery, Bouré, Kingswood, Saint Leo, Snackbar, City Grocery

Vegetarian

1. Volta Taverna
2. Living Foods Cafe
3. Ajax Diner

HM: Chicory, Maharaja, Zaap Thai, First Watch, Noodle Bowl, Saint Leo, SoLa

BUSINESS

Business

1. Square Books
2. Volta Taverna
3. Chicory Market

HM: Anubis Improv, Beyond Tan, Neilson's, Shaw's Ace Hardware, Campus Wines & Spirits, Quack's, Hinton & Hinton, Moe's

Antiques

1. The Depot
2. Mustard Seed
3. Sugar Magnolia

Auto Dealer

1. Cannon Motors
2. Belk Ford/Oxford Toyota
3. Allen Samuels
4. Moore Brothers Autos

Auto Service

1. Deal's Auto Repair
2. Kenny Warren Auto Repair
3. Cannon Motors
4. Brannan Auto & Glass

Boss

1. Brooke Krizbai (Volta Taverna)
2. Lee Cauthen (McEwen's)
3. John Allgood (Moe's Original BBQ)

HM: Tyler Jackson, John Currence, Margaret Hood, Emily Blount, Blake Dougherty, Wayne Andrews

Boutique

1. Cicada
 2. LuLu's
 3. Hinton & Hinton
- HM: Indigo's, Landry's



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Dispensary

1. Starbuds
2. Magnolia
3. ReLeaf

Computer Repair

1. UBreakIFix

Farm/Farmer

1. Brown Family Dairy - Billy Ray Brown

2. Falkner Farms
3. Dry Branch Farm - Jason Kent

HM: Home Place Pastures, Nathan Richardson, Yokna Bottoms Douglas Davis

Grocery Store

1. Chicory Market
2. Larson's Cash Saver
3. Kroger

Gym

1. YMCA
2. Planet Fitness
3. Goose Creek Tennis Club

HM: South Campus Rec Center, Hotworx, Rebel Body Fitness, Turner Center

Liquor Shop

1. High Cotton
2. Campus Wines & Spirits
3. Social Wine & Whiskey House

HM: Magnolia Liquor, Kiame, Oxford Wine & Spirits, Vine, Heritage Liquor Store

Market

1. OXCM
2. Lafayette County Farm Market
3. Chicory Market
4. Midtown Farmers

Smoke/Vape

1. Heritage
2. Slackers

Music Store/School

1. End of All Music
2. Ron's Music Center
3. Roxford University

HM: Oxford House of Music, Rebel Music, Regents

Nonprofit

1. Yoknapatawpha Arts Council
2. OXCM
3. Pantry

HM: Doors of Hope, CASA, Helping Hands, Junior Auxiliary, Oxford Film Festival, Tubb Spay & Neuter Project, United Way

Pharmacy

1. Chaney's
2. OxfordRX
3. G&M Pharmacy

HM: Myers Apothecary, Walmart, CVS

Radio Station

1. The Buzz 94.7 FM
2. Bullseye 95.5 FM
3. 105.1 FM Q105
4. Rebel Radio 92.1 FM

Salon

1. Nolan Taylor
2. Element Salon
3. The Studio

HM: Luxe, Amara, King's Den, Mod & Polish, Alice & Co., Don & Dale's, Emma J, La Mystique

Stylist

1. Margaret Hood (Nolan Taylor)
2. Jennifer Lasky (Amara Salon)
3. Sara Kate Purvis (The Studio)

HM: Dallas Cupit, Madison Hall (Element)

New Business

1. Beyondtan
2. Velvet Ditch Coffee
3. The Velvet Ditch

HM: Miscellanea, Cricket Catering, Estelle's, Homebody, Loco Taco

Most Missed

1. The Beacon
2. Bar Muse
3. The Hoka

HM: Local Color, Soulshine Pizza, Two Stick

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Band

1. Proud Hound
2. Pink Sheets
3. Modern Bodies

HM: The Crowns, The Great Dying, Kudzu Kings, Mustache The Band, The Cooters, Golden Teacher Society, Rocket 88, Spunk Monkees

New Band

1. The Crowns
2. Michael Farris Smith & The Smokes
3. The Half of It

HM: Board of Directors, Single Wide, Modern Bodies, Golden Teacher Society, Van Buren

Actor

1. Josh Whites
2. Tori Hutchinson
3. Davis Coen

HM: Morgan Freeman, Bud Fanton, Mayor Robyn Tannehill

Art Gallery

1. Southside
2. The Powerhouse
3. UM Museum

HM: Treehouse Art Gallery

Artist

1. Ruth Hogue
2. Bradley Gordon
3. Lee Harper

HM: Bill Warner, Laura Shields

Bass Player

1. Kane Harrell (Proud Hound)
2. Brice Heatherly (The Crowns)
3. Jesse Sutton (Modern Bodies)

HM: Nate Robbins, Slade Lewis, Dave Woolworth, Greg Johnson, Sandy Bird John Allouise

Comedian

1. Connor King
2. David Hamilton
3. Bruce Butler

DJ or MC

1. Jim Dees (Thacker Mountain Radio)
2. Chris Green (The Buzz 94.7 FM)
3. Pistol Whip Francis (Logan Little)

HM: Jason Plunk (Bullseye 95.5 FM), DJ Gordo, Jimmy Harris (Funkys), Bedlxm

Drummer

1. Carter Maharrey (Pink Sheets)
2. Justin Webb (Proud Hound)
3. Ricky Burkhead (The Soul Tones)

HM: Sam Lewis, Kinney Kimbrough, Bradley Gordon, Kenny Graeber

Filmmaker

1. Arkasha McGinness
2. Antonio Tarrell
3. Shannon Cohn
4. John Rash

Guitarist

1. Conner Alexander (Proud Hound)
2. Eric Deaton (Eric Deaton Trio)
3. Dalton Burney (The Crowns)

HM: Aubrey Meredith, Clint Jordan, Jesse Pinion, Haggard Collins, Paul Tate, JR Ingersoll, Tyler Keith, Will Smith

Horn Player

1. Jeff Callaway
2. Casey Lipe
3. Michael Worthy

Piano/Keyboard

1. Robert Chaffe (Kudzu Kings)
2. Bill Perry Jr.
3. Eric Carlton (Neon Junkies)

HM: Mark Yacovone, Matt Nolan, Creighton Holder, Daniel Roebuck

Photographer

1. Bruce Newman
2. Jim Hendrix
3. Ash Taylor

HM: Katie Hendricks, Danel Ferreira, Susan Mah

Song / Album

1. Davis Coen *Live at Proud Larry's*
2. Tyler Keith *I Confess*
3. The Pinksheets *"My Old Den"*

HM: Garry Burnside *It's My Time Now*, Proud Hound *Hang Dog*

Songwriter

1. Will Griffith (The Great Dying)
2. Connor Alexander (Proud Hound)
3. Tate Moore (Kudzu Kings)

HM: Tyler Keith, Carson Prince, Izzy Arthurs, Daimin Wash

Sound Engineer

1. Shelby Rayburn (The Lyric Theatre & Vaught Entertainment)
2. Blake Gardner (Proud Larry's)
3. Dial Back Sound

HM: Jeffery Reed, Winn McElroy, Broadcast Studio





Tattoo

1. **Doug Hollis** (Oxford Tattoo)
2. **James Taylor** (I Love Tattoos)
3. None in Oxford

Trivia

1. **Moe's BBQ**
2. **The Blind Pig**
3. **Circle & Square**

Vocalist

1. **Conner Alexander** (Proud Hound)
2. **Effie Burt** (The Soul Tones)
3. **Carson Prince** (The Crowns)

HM: Damein Wash, Will Griffith

Underrated Musician

1. **Will Griffith** (The Great Dying)
2. **Baxter Arender**
3. **Carter Maharrey** (Pink Sheets)

HM: Conner Alexander, Carson Prince, Davis Coen, Tyler Keith, Damein Wash, Horace Willis, Jamie Todd, Sam Van Winkle

Entertainment Venue

1. **Proud Larry's**
2. **The Lyric Theatre**
3. **The Powerhouse**

HM: Ford Center, Voyager's Rest, The Library, Rafter's, James's House

PEOPLE

Athlete

1. **Trinidad Chambliss**
2. **Kewan Lacey**
3. **JJ Pegues**

Attorney

1. **Matt McKenzie**
2. **Roberts Wilson**
3. **Swayze Alford**

HM: Taylor Webb, Hiram Eastland III, Jay Carmean, Kevin W. Frye, Rhea Tannehill

Celebrity Sighting

1. **Morgan Freeman**
2. **Kevin Costner**
3. **Theo Von**

HM: Chuck Liddell, Dolly Parton, Sage Steel

Coach

1. **Pete Golding**
2. **Yolett McPhee-McCuin**
3. **Lane Kiffen**

HM: Chris Beard, Mike Bianco, Chris Cutcliffe, Ryne Bankston - OHS Golf

Community Service

1. **Wayne Andrews**
2. **Drew Stevens**
3. **Robyn Tannehill**

HM: Erin Smith, Jason Bailey, Joey East, Betsy Chapman

Healthcare

1. **Jeff Dennis**
2. **Charles Hill**
3. **Lauren Gaines**

HM: Cassie Austin, Internal medicine, Julie Harper, Kathryn Elliot, North Mississippi Medical Center, Oxford Urgent Care, Rachel Sledge

Taxi

1. **Roy Boy**
2. **Uber**
3. **David's Uber**

HM: Rebecca James, Austin Taxi

Realtor

1. **Mary Aquino** (Element Properties)
2. **Brooke Worthy** (Neighborhood Realty)
3. **Shea Turner Foxx** (Remax)

HM: Drew Stevens, Paige Davis, Summer Anderson, Locke Phillips, Jan Cauthen, Matt McGraw, Mark Hodge, John Rucker, Cherie Matthews, Anne Fair, Max Hill

Teacher

1. **Rick Hollander** (University of Mississippi)
2. **Mimi Holland-Lilly** (Oxford School District)
3. **Sommer Husbands** (Oxford High School)

HM: Megan Patton (LMS), Melissa Hill (LES)

Townie

1. **Carlos Tinajero**
2. **Chico Harris**
3. **Bruce Newman**

HM: Drew Stevens, Randy Yates, Chris from Roosters, Wayne Andrews

Writer

1. **Ace Atkins**
2. **Beth Ann Fennelly**
3. **Michael Farris Smith**

HM: Drew Stevens, Shane Brown, Tom Franklin, Eliot Parker, Jack Pendarvis, John T Edge, William Boyle

OTHER

Children's Event

1. **Christmas Parade**
2. **Holly Jolly Holidays / Ice Skating**
3. **July 4th Parade**

HM: Double Decker Arts Festival, Princess Ball, Story Time @ Square Books, Wonder Walks

Church

1. **St. John the Evangelist**
2. **Oxford University United Methodist**
3. **St. Peter's Episcopal**

HM: First Presbyterian, Pine Lake, Unitarian Universalist, Church of Christ, Orchard, First Baptist, Community Church

Family

Entertainment

1. **Premier Lanes**
2. **Malco Commons**
3. **Double Decker**

HM: Christmas Parade, Avent Park, Chadwick Farm, Just Flip It, Sunset Series in the Grove

Public Art

1. **Yokna Sculpture Trail**
2. **Moe's mural**
3. **Hoka mural**

HM: Southside Gallery

Local Event

1. **Double Decker Festival**
2. **The Armando by Anubis Improv**
3. **North Mississippi Hill Country Picnic**

HM: Christmas Parade, Sunset Concert Series, Iron Bartender, Bit of the Sip, Christmas Lighting of the Square, Hometown Hootenanny, Oxford Film Festival

Mississippi Brand

1. **Cathead Vodka**
2. **Wonderbird Spirits**
3. **Blue Delta Jeans**

HM: Peavey, Genteal, Hoover sauce

New addition to town

1. **Velvet Ditch Coffee**
2. **Miscellanea**
3. **The Velvet Ditch Sports Bar & Seafood**

HM: Roundabouts, Roundabout Oxford®, Beyond Tan, Estelle's, Just Flip It!, Mia June, Wonderbird Tasting Room, Roundabout Water Park

Place for a First Date

1. **Saint Leo**
2. **Volta Taverna**
3. **City Grocery**
4. **McEwen's**

HM: Bouré, Snackbar, SoLa, Circle & Square, Moe's, Lenora's, Miscellanea

Roundabout

1. **Sisk Avenue**
2. **None of them**
3. **University Avenue**

HM: The Square, Hwy 30, Old Taylor Road, 3 Way

Obituary: Jeffrey Callaway

(February 20, 1963–January 10, 2026)

The Local Voice is incredibly sad to hear of the passing of our longtime friend Jeff Callaway, a legend in the Mississippi music scene. It is hard to remember a time when we didn't know Jeff, as he has always been a giant among mortals.

Jeff was voted "Oxford's Favorite Horn Player" in our yearly Townies Awards nearly every year of the last two decades. Jeff was also featured in our publication often, including two covers of The Local Voice newspaper, issue number #76 (March 2009) and issue #180 (May 2013). Publisher Newt Rayburn shot photo sessions and videos with Jeff Callaway many times.

The list of bands that Jeff played with is long and seemingly never-ending. Jeff was known for playing with many bands, including Kudzu Kings, The Hemptones, The Pride of the South Marching Band, the Ole Miss Alumni Band, The Collegians, Sincere Ramblers, Enigma Jazz Project, Prohibition Jazz Band, The Neckbones, The Supernatural, Taylor Grocery Band, Blue Mountain, Dent May, John Hiatt, The Actual Tigers, Dead Fingers, Los Buddies, Delta Krauts, The Soul Tones, KC Ray, The Yallobushwackers, Wobitty, and Afrissippi, among many, many others.

Jeff Callaway, musician and educator, passed away on January 10, 2026, at the age of 62. Born February 20, 1963, in Jackson, Mississippi, Jeff led a life rich in music performance, teaching, and working in the restaurant industry. Jeff moved as a child with his family to Starkville, Mississippi, where his father continued his education at Mississippi State University.

Jeff's life was a reflection of one of his favorite book series, *The Lord of the Rings*, where J.R.R. Tolkien reminds us that "All who wander are not lost."

After his 1981 graduation from Starkville High School, Jeff began his academic career at Mississippi State University. After his sophomore year, Jeff transferred to the University of Mississippi and began work on a degree in music education. His successful undergrad tenure included outstanding

work with all the elements of the Ole Miss music department, but especially The Mississippians jazz band, where he was often a featured player.

Along the way, Jeff was also principal trombone in the Ole Miss Wind Ensemble, section leader, and Drum Major of The Pride of the South Marching Band. Always a creative person, Jeff developed not only his jazz improvisatory skills but also began to dabble in music arranging for various mediums, including marching band and trombone ensemble.

A variety of graduate school experiences followed his 1986 Ole Miss graduation. Stops included Henderson State, VanderCook College of Music, and then a return to Oxford and Ole Miss.

His stay in Chicago at VanderCook was especially meaningful when he landed a dual job at the Hyatt-Regency "Big Bar," where he tended bar but was also part of a select band that would put down their barware, grab their horns, and entertain those assembled with a variety of jazz and funk selections. It was during this time that Jeff really polished his instrumental skills that were to benefit him for the rest of his life.

Jeff briefly taught Band in Philadelphia and Batesville and was a fixture with high school and community college bands around the state during summer pre-school preparations.

However, playing was his first love, and he found himself in Oxford as an in-demand player. Through the years, he was regularly seen locally and around the state, fronting his own band, sitting in with others, and eventually self-publishing his CD of original music, *That Was the Mo'tet*.

He was seen with such prestigious performers as Marty Stuart and Dan Akroyd. He could also be heard on MPB's Thacker Mountain Radio, working studio gigs in Memphis and Jackson, Capital City Stage Band, and the Dee Barton Jazz



Orchestra. Of special significance to him was his contributions to the Russell Experience with their annual performances for the Black Congressional Caucus in Washington, DC.

Jeff was an indelible part of Oxford culture. Those who knew him and played with him continually sang his praises as a consummate artist and passionate friend. His impact on the cultural scene of Oxford will long be remembered.

In addition to his musical pursuits, Jeff worked as a cook at two restaurants, Volta Taverna in Oxford and The Crawdad Hole in Water Valley. His passions extended beyond music and cooking; he had a unique flair for graphic design, blending his creative interests seamlessly.

Jeff was known for his encouraging words to others, his fountain of knowledge on various topics, his deep passions, and for being a true friend.

He is survived by his loving sister, Amy (Timothy) McCauley, who will cherish the memories of their time together. Jeffrey was preceded in death by his father, Robert A. Callaway, and his mother, Charlene Watkins Callaway.

A visitation was held at Parker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Bruce, Mississippi, on January 13, 2026. He was laid to rest at 474 Hwy 9N, Bruce, Miss. 38915.

Jeff will be deeply missed by all who knew him and will live on in the hearts of those he inspired.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations can be made to either the Lafayette Animal Shelter, or the Oxford Community Market. 🙏



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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!



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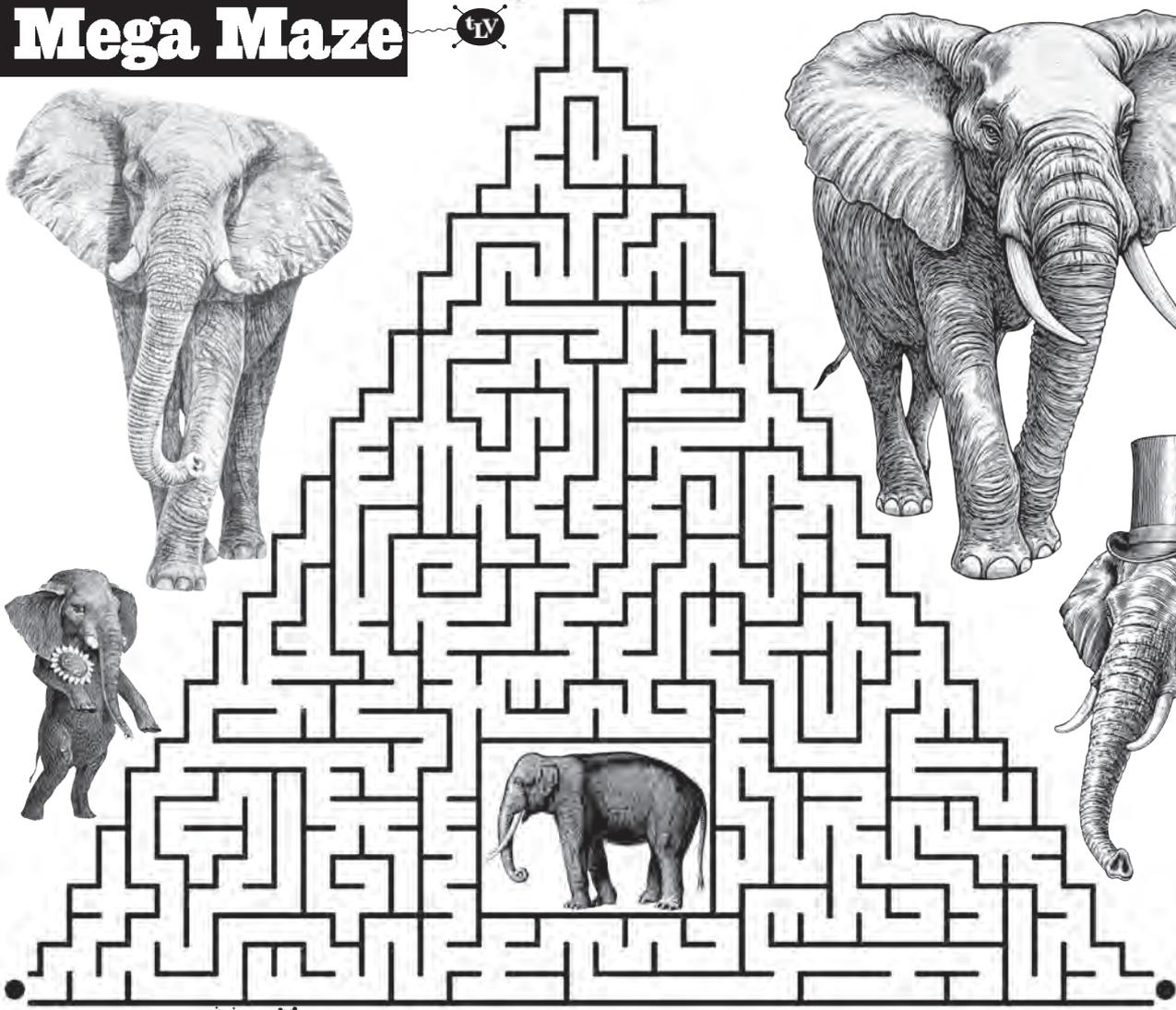
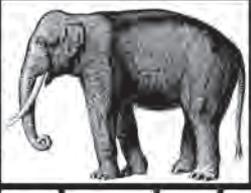
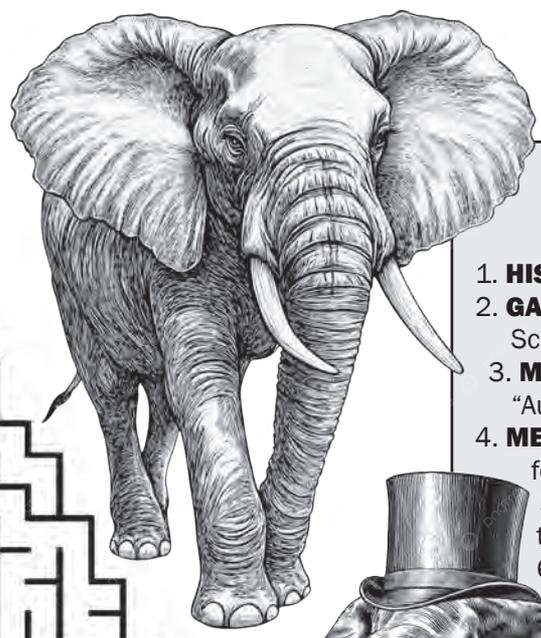
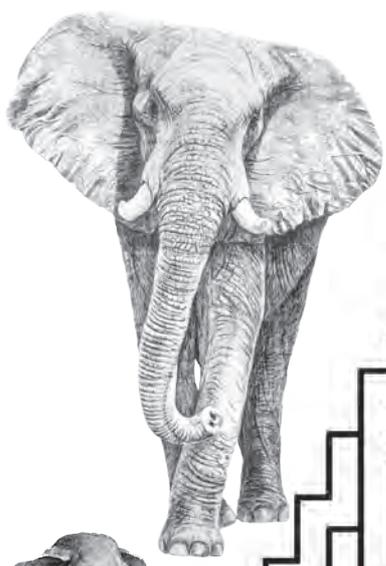
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Mediums available for commission:
colored pencil, water color, oil paint,
digital, and graphite pencil.

- ACROSS**
- 1 It turns litmus paper blue
 - 7 Strip a disguise from
 - 13 "— Baby" (#1 U2 album of 1991)
 - 20 Arrive like the tide
 - 21 Savage
 - 22 Less dull
 - 23 Rural lumberjack resting after chopping?
 - 25 Lounged around
 - 26 Dreamcast producer
 - 27 Get as clear profit
 - 28 100-yr. period
 - 29 Heap (up)
 - 30 Trough for toting bricks
 - 33 Extended cloth used for messy cold-weather meals?
 - 38 Hostile force
 - 40 Down food
 - 41 Purple spring blooms
 - 42 Wide-shoe letters
 - 43 Spool
 - 44 Gets firm
 - 46 Produced a napped surface on
 - 48 Chart showing the highs and lows of actress Ellen's career?
 - 51 LP replacers
 - 52 KGB's milieu
 - 56 "— all over!"
 - 57 Asian dress
 - 58 Alex of "The Godfather"
 - 61 Unit of work
 - 62 Orioles great Ripken
 - 63 Gp. for Qatar
 - 64 Sea in 75-Across
 - 65 "Now I see!"
 - 67 Matchstick-removing game
 - 68 Suffix with señor
 - 69 Item pinned on to support a Russian poet's election to office?
 - 72 Sarge, e.g.
 - 73 Abbr. for a handy-andy
 - 74 Mil. missions
 - 75 Qatar locale
 - 76 Lovers' deity
 - 77 Still
 - 78 Revise
 - 80 Prepare to give a ring?
 - 81 Horse father
 - 82 Beijing-to-Shanghai dir.
 - 83 Shot fluids
 - 84 "— see it ..."
 - 86 One of the Skywalkers dressed up as St. Nick?
 - 89 Kind of pear
 - 93 With skill
 - 94 Fir's cousin
 - 95 "Ender's Game" star
 - 98 Unmoving machine part
 - 99 Troop gp.
 - 100 They negate
 - 101 Afghan-wrapped football?
 - 106 "Help!"
 - 107 Guthrie at Woodstock
 - 108 B-to-F string
 - 109 Thai tongue
 - 110 "Think of — a loan"
 - 112 Foot lever
 - 114 Clean a jack-o'-lantern with a Hoover?
 - 120 More weighty
 - 121 Alicia of ballet
 - 122 Choose
 - 123 Aden citizens
 - 124 French edict site of 1598
 - 125 Nail coater
- DOWN**
- 1 Wall St. opportunist
 - 2 Singer Rawls
 - 3 Dutch airline
 - 4 Home to edelweiss
 - 5 Probable
 - 6 Architect Jones
 - 7 Alien craft
 - 8 Writer Anaïs
 - 9 Not be joking
 - 10 "Get Happy" songwriter
 - 11 Highland terrier, briefly
 - 12 Saloon barrel
 - 13 Figured out the value of
 - 14 Stations
 - 15 Hair hider
 - 16 Linda in 1998 headlines
 - 17 "Rabbit, Run" novelist John
 - 18 — Mae (loan provider)
 - 19 Graham or Lorne
 - 24 Sister of Bert Bobbsey
 - 28 Big name in shortening
 - 30 Weedkillers
 - 31 Singly
 - 32 James Fenimore Cooper novel, with "The"
 - 34 Grow wealthy
 - 35 "I — Male War Bride"
 - 36 History unit
 - 37 Suffix of enzymes
 - 39 Monogram in civil rights
 - 44 Grab quickly
 - 45 Departure
 - 46 Most prickly
 - 47 Trio less one
 - 49 Crustacean such as a wood louse
 - 50 Kudos
 - 53 Features of cloudless days
 - 54 Cuts, as pie
 - 55 Far-off distance
 - 59 Jewish mysticism
 - 60 "McQ" actor Gulager
 - 61 Speed skater Dan
 - 65 Of a heart chamber
 - 66 Shout of joy
 - 70 State east of Colo.
 - 71 Nuclear trial prohibition
 - 79 Catch cold
 - 80 Tartan skirt sporter
 - 84 First Constitution section
 - 85 Risen people
 - 87 Galileo's gp.
 - 88 Inclined (to)
 - 90 Petition, e.g.
 - 91 History unit
 - 92 Light refrain
 - 95 Disinterest
 - 96 "No —!" ("Uh-uh!")
 - 97 Glistening
 - 99 Hall-of-Fame footballer Mel
 - 100 Flower organ
 - 102 Dry, white Italian wine
 - 103 Strips for breakfast
 - 104 Currency unit of Laos
 - 105 Musical exercise
 - 111 Lab safety org.?
 - 113 Major racket rental
 - 114 U-Haul
 - 115 Capitalize on
 - 116 Cal. dozen
 - 117 — Jong-un
 - 118 Suffix with chlor-
 - 119 "— Blu Di-pinto di Blu" (1958 hit)

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY:** What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- GAMES:** Which letters in the English version of Scrabble are worth 10 points each?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of Dr. Evil's cat in "Austin Powers in Goldmember"?
- MEDICAL TERMS:** What is the common name for somnambulating?
- TELEVISION:** What is the name of the town where "Veronica Mars" is set?
- THEATER:** What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?
- LANGUAGE:** What is the official language of Austria?
- MATH:** What is the smallest prime number?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What is the home of the Norse gods?

ANSWERS BELOW

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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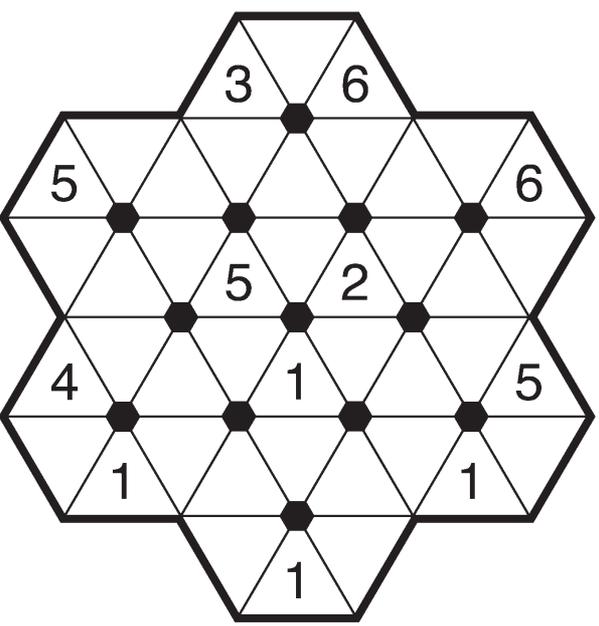
DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 3 4 4 6 7 8 9

SNOWFLAKES

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult



"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit"
— Harry S. Truman
 (May 8, 1884 - December 26, 1972)

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.

AWXJE YXC WSHCG ECCG
 VTGHKGF SWX YG KJCY, UTH
 KJCYE YXC GCQCX ECCG
 VTGHKGF SWX AWXJE.

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: H equals S

VPHHSDK VKUWICITSH ZJIQJ
 YIW SUH ORWSIRH MREK
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the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND Junior Whirl

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickers

Here's a "trickledown" puzzle. The rules are simple: you merely change one letter on each line to make a new word and continue until you reach the final word.

Example: COAT Ans: COAT
 _____ COST
 _____ CASE
 VASE VASE

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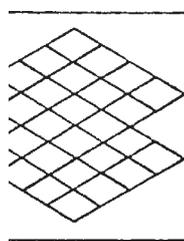
 SAILOR

by Hal Kaufman

• **STONE WALL!** Let's go on a diamond hunt. Object is to count the diamond-shaped figures of all sizes to be found in the geometrical design shown at right.

Diamond-shaped figures have four equal sides, two acute and two obtuse angles. More than 50 of them are present.

How many do you see?



There are some diamonds in the configuration.



• **DIG DIGITS!** Nine less than six times a certain digit, minus twice the digit, equals seven more than twice the digit. What digit is that?



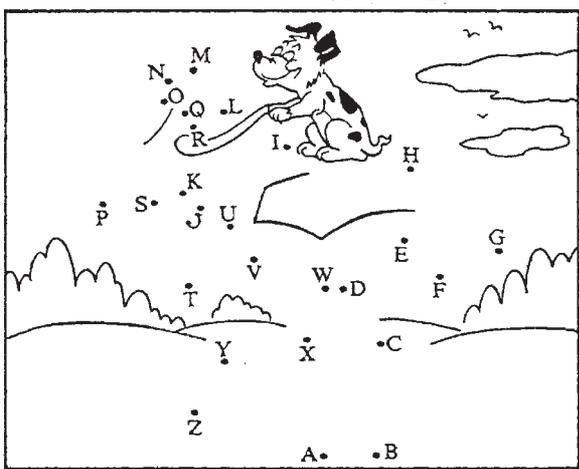
WHO'S COLD! Everybody's out to do his or her wintery thing, above. Add these colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue.

KNIGHT MOVES

C	E	D
E		H
I	A	V

RANDOM MENU FOOD HUNT

- If just thinking about food gives you an empty feeling, skip this test, for hidden among letters are apple, jam, bread, soup, cereal, cookies, cake and steak.
- Bob read the log.
 - "Are these my pajamas, Ma?"
 - We will close the gap, pledged Sam.
 - Erica keeps fit.
 - Why is everyone so uptight?
 - The hull is steel and the deck is teak.
 - Let's all race real fast.
 - Is Chico OK, I especially wondered. Can you find them?



RIDING HIGH! Rover seems to be riding high in this dot scene. What's missing? Add lines in alphabetical order.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

ORDERING

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

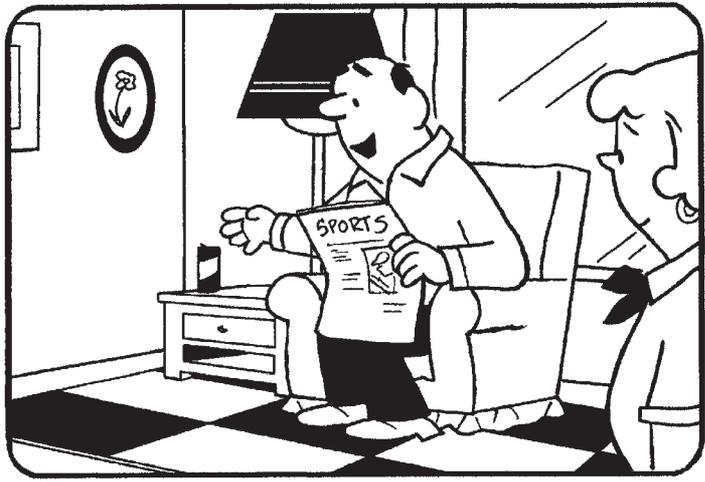
Possible two-somes: Rode, ring.

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. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Paper is longer. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.

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. Chimpanzee's home | ___ U ___ | Catchy tune | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Bank safe | V ___ | Flaw | F ___ |
| 3. Spring month | ___ C ___ | Swamp | ___ S ___ |
| 4. From Deutschland | G ___ | Novelist Melville | H ___ |
| 5. Eatery | ___ N ___ | Frogman | ___ V ___ |
| 6. Ice cream spoon | ___ C ___ | Sailing vessel | ___ L ___ |
| 7. Food cupboard | ___ N ___ | Trifling | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Fire-starting stone | ___ N ___ | Coquette | ___ R ___ |
| 9. Physical well-being | H ___ | Financial prosperity | W ___ |
| 10. Goblet or beaker | ___ L ___ | Lawnmower target | ___ R ___ |

WORD SPIRAL

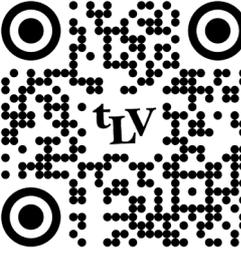
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A		C
B		U

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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They Came for College, They Stayed for Hotty Toddy

For the Siebert family, Ole Miss is more than tradition; it's perseverance, connection and home

What began as merely following a cousin to Ole Miss in the late 1960s turned into a way of life.

University of Mississippi Alumnus Pays Tribute to 'Superhero' Through New Scholarship

Peyton Adams takes grandfather's lessons to heart, establishes endowment to benefit real estate students

Ole Miss alumnus Peyton Adams grew up with a superhero as a grandfather: All-American fullback Billy Ray Adams, who played football under the legendary Coach Johnny Vaught.



Methamphetamine Deaths Have Risen Across Every US Region

Once considered a regional problem, methamphetamine-related overdose deaths have risen across every US Census division, with particularly sharp spikes in the Southeast, including Mississippi, a new study reveals.



Photo of the Week: "From Arizona With Love"

Made it to the home state of the #FiestaBowl.

Ole Miss Honors MLK Day Through Service, Celebration

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, more than 150 University of Mississippi community members have scheduled different plans: serving their community.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Yaupon Holly" by Bronwynne Bailey

Yaupon holly (Ilex vomitoria) is one of the most versatile, durable, and ecologically valuable shrubs a gardener can plant in the southeastern United States.

"Mississippi's Education Freedom Plan: Magnolia Student Accounts" by Dana Criswell

Mississippi's HB 2 is an education "omnibus," and that's both its strength and its risk.

More Headlines

The Oxford Police Department Announces Officer of the Year Award Winner

Major Gift From Alumnus Promotes Excellence in STEM Teaching

Ole Miss Season Ends With Fiesta Bowl Loss to Miami

Real-Life Space Rangers Study at Ole Miss Law School

Oxford School District Announces 2025-2026 Parent of the Year

Artificial Intelligence Agents Are Reshaping Sales at a Growing Pace

Southern Studies Professor Aims to Change the World One Film at a Time

Program Helps K-12 Educators Solve Complex Classroom Issues

Fellowship Backs University of Mississippi Student's Cancer Drug-Delivery Research

MacAdams Gift Names Gate 30 at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium

Ole Miss Playoff Game Gifts Oxford, Region Economic Holiday Surge

Delta Blues Museum to unveil new "Rooster Blues Records" traveling exhibit and educational programming

Local Crime:

Oxford Man Arrested for Grooming after Juvenile Threatens Self-Harm on Social Media

Oxford Man Arrested after Cameras Found in Short Term Rental Property

Water Valley Woman Arrested for Disturbance of Family, Resting Arrest, and two counts of Assault on an Lafayette County Law Enforcement Officer

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- **Giraffes** have no vocal cords but can still communicate with low-frequency sounds.
- In 1926, **Clyde Barrow**, of **Bonnie and Clyde** fame, was arrested with his older brother **Buck** for possession of a truckload of stolen turkeys.
- The first recorded cookbook was written in cuneiform on tablets in ancient **Babylon** around 1700 B.C.
- **Gioachino Rossini's** aria "Di tanti palpiti" was known throughout **Europe** as "the rice aria," since it was composed while he waited in a **Venice** restaurant for his risotto to cook.
- Sunsets on **Mars** are blue.
- Studies have suggested that the average human attention span is now about nine seconds – shorter than that of a goldfish.
- In 1820, **Missouri** imposed a \$1 bachelor tax on unmarried men ages 21-50. The short-lived law was designed to encourage marriage, population growth and family establishment in the new state.
- A **Russian** safari park became famous after a tiger named **Amur** didn't eat a goat that had been placed in its enclosure as live food.
- Detachable heads were used on **Roman** statues.
- The first **U.S.** submarine was a hand-cranked, pedal-powered wooden craft from the **Revolutionary War** dubbed "the Turtle."
- Astronauts sent to space can experience a kind of motion sickness known as space adaptation syndrome, or space sickness, with the most notable case inflicting former senator **Jake Garn**, whose bout was so disabling that his name became used as an informal measurement for the illness.
- **Great Sand Dunes National Park** allows visitors to race down all its dunes on custom-made sand boards and sleds.
- **Incas** believed that sunflowers were the physical manifestation of their sun god, **Inti**, on **Earth**, adorning temples and priestesses with them.

Thought for the Day: "Do not seek to follow in the footsteps of the wise. Seek what they sought." – **Matsuo Basho**

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Thu-Sat: 7 am-10 pm

Sun: 9 am-7 pm

Kitchen Hours:

Mon-Tue: 11 am-7:30 pm

Wed-Sat: 7 am-7:30 pm

Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm

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Delivery: Door Dash, Uber Eats

Funkys

1012 E Jackson Ave

www.Funkys.com

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

Delivery: TAB

Kingswood

425 S. Lamar Blvd.

www.KingswoodRestaurant.com

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

Happy Hour 4-5 pm: \$4 select

drafts, \$8 Classic Cocktails,

\$7 wines, food specials

Nightbird

425 S. Lamar Blvd.

@nightbirdparlour

Open at 4 pm nightly

Little Easy Catering

1503B White Oak Lane

www.LittleEasyCatering.com

Catering: 662-801-4194

Sunday Plate Lunches

Sun: 10 am-2 pm

The Library

120 South 11th Street

www.LibraryOxford.com

Mon-Fri: 3 pm-1 am

Sat: 11 am-1 am

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

Happy Hour 3-7 pm

Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

Miscellanea

306 South Lamar Boulevard

www.MiscellaneaOxford.com

Wed-Sat: 5 pm-12 am

Sun: 3 pm-9 pm

Monday-Tuesday closed

Reservations: website

Moe's BBQ

311 S Lamar Blvd

www.MoesOriginalBBQ.com

Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm

Penny Bar open 3 pm

Happy Hour 3-6 pm:

Mon-Fri 1/2-price apps,

2-for-1 wells, wines & domestics

Mon: \$2 domestics

Tue: TRIVIA + \$25 High Noon buckets

Wed: OPEN MIC

Thu: BINGO + \$5 Bushwhackers

Sun: Kids 12 & under eat free

(6 pm-close)

Delivery: Door Dash, TAB

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

Happy Hour 6-8 pm Thu:

1/2-priced cocktails & wine

Rafters on the Square

1006 East Jackson Ave

www.RaftersMusicandFood.com

Tue-Fri: 5 pm-1 am

Sat: 1 pm-1 am

Quack's

122 Courthouse Square

www.QuacksDogs.com

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,

2-4-1 wells ALL DAY

Thur & Fri: \$1 off drafts, bottles &

cans (4-6 pm)

Delivery: Door Dash, TAB

Rhythm & Rye

Rooftop Tavern

305 E Jackson Ave

Sun-Fri: 5-11 pm

Sat: 10 am-midnight

Sun brunch: 10 am-2 pm

Mon: Steak Night

Tue: Taco Tuesday: \$2 tacos, \$5 Margs

Wed: Ladies Night: Pasta & wine \$25/p

Fri & Sat: Live Music

Saint Leo

922 E Jackson Ave

www.EatSaintLeo.com

Tue-Sun: Lunch 11 am-3 pm

Bar & Pizza 3-5 pm

Dinner 5-10 pm

Brunch Sat & Sun: 10:30 am-3 pm

Happy Hour 3-5 pm

(**Tue-Thu:**) \$10 Pizzas, Bubbles +

Fries, \$6 Wine & Cocktails

Snackbar

721 N Lamar Blvd

www.CityGroceryOnline.com

Mon-Thu: 4-10p; **Fri-Sat:** -10:30p

Happy Hour 4-6 pm:

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

wines, \$8 select classic cocktails,

small plate & oyster specials

Mon: INDUSTRY NIGHT

SoLa

401 S Lamar Blvd

www.SolaOxford.com

Wed-Sun: 5-9 pm

Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$6 fresh

Margaritas

Wed: Spaghetti + \$6 wine

Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

Sun: Oyster Happy Hour: 2 Bucks a

Shuck grilled oysters (5-6 pm)

Southern Coop

705 Sisk Ave.

SouthernCoopWings.com

Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm

Delivery: Door Dash, TAB

Tallahatchie Gourmet

1221 Van Buren Ave

www.TallahatchieGourmet.com

Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm

Mon-Fri: retail open until 4:30 pm

Brunch Sat & Sun 11:30 am-3 pm

Delivery: TAB

Uno Mas

1101 E Jackson Ave

www.EatUnoMas.com

Mon-Sat: 11 am-10 pm

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

late night menu Thu-Sat

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

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

domestics; 1/2-off appetizers

Tues: HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

Sat: \$5 Frozen & \$20 pitchers

Sun: Service Industry Sunday

Delivery: Door Dash

Volta Taverna

710 N Lamar Blvd

www.VoltaTaverna.com

Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm;

Happy Hour 4-6 pm: \$1 off all drinks

1/2-price Margaritas & Mojitos

Monday, Thursday, & Saturday 

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The Pinksheets: Chewed-Up Bubblegum with a Southern Kick

by Davis Coen

Oxford has never been short on music. From the bars around the Square to larger venues on campus, the town has long provided a stage for both local hopefuls and nationally touring acts. Among the newer names making their mark are **The Pinksheets**, a group of **Tupelo** friends who reunited in **Oxford** and have been steadily carving out a place in the city's music scene.

For bassist and vocalist **Bryson Heatherly**, the band's story begins long before their evening sets at **Proud Larry's**—back in Room D-111 at **Tupelo High School**. For Heatherly and his bandmates, this isn't just a college-town project—it's the latest chapter in a friendship that began years ago.

"We started in Room D-111," Heatherly said with a smile, recalling those first jam sessions. "That's why we called ourselves D-111. It was just a bunch of hometown buddies messing around." Like many teenage bands, they split apart after graduation, taking different paths at different universities. But fate pulled them back together in Oxford.

The reunion felt natural. Joined by **Dylan Gray** on vocals/guitar, **Aubrey Meredith** on guitar, and **Carter Maharrey** on drums, the four friends slipped back into their old rhythm. They settled on a new name, Pinksheets—an inside joke and nod to the movie *The Wolf of Wall Street*, since they all once happened to be accounting majors.



(Clockwise from top) Carter Maharrey, Aubrey Meredith, Bryson Heatherly, Dylan Gray.

A Sound That Doesn't Sit Still

The Pinksheets' music is hard to box in, which is exactly how they like it. "I call it chewed-up bubblegum pop," Heatherly said. "We've got the pop elements that make people sing along, but it's got that Southern grit to it, that classic rock edge that keeps people moving."

Their playlists tell the story, and influences range from the Allman Brothers and Lynyrd Skynyrd to modern indie acts like Peach Pit, fliturn, and The Moss. "We love keeping it high-energy," Heatherly added. "We want the songs to appeal to a big crowd, but we also want people to dance."

That balance came into focus in summer 2023 when the band played Ballard Park in Tupelo, opening for **Sister Hazel** at the city's Fourth of July celebration. For Heatherly, it was a turning point. "I grew up hearing them, so just being at the show was cool," he said. "But stepping on stage before them and seeing that huge crowd—that was when I thought, whoa, maybe this is really happening."

Oxford Nights at Larry's

Back in Oxford, The Pinksheets have carved out a steady home base at Proud Larry's. By Heatherly's count, they've already played the venue over a dozen times, sharing the stage with both national touring acts and fresh local talent.

"Larry's is special," Heatherly said. "You never know who's going to walk through the door, or what kind of band you'll be on the bill with."

We've co-billed with brand new local acts and even a band from Canada once. For us, it keeps things exciting—and keeps us on our toes musically."

The band often curates their own lineups, bringing in groups like **The Half of It** and **Golden Teacher Society** to expand the scene. "We love helping other bands get in the door," Heatherly said. "Oxford has such a market for different sounds, and we want to be part of that bigger picture."

Originals Taking Center Stage

For years, The Pinksheets leaned on covers in their live sets, but now, original songs are front and center. Their debut EP, *My Old Den*, released in May 2025, captures both their nostalgic streak and forward momentum. The title track is a fan favorite, recounting nostalgic feelings of the past while also being optimistic.

These recordings began in Florida at a studio owned by Gray's uncle, but The Pinksheets have since built a home studio in Oxford. It's where their next EP is taking shape. "We've finally got the gear we need," Heatherly said. "The best part is we can invite people in during the process—get fresh ears, new perspectives. It keeps us from getting stuck in our own heads."

Looking Ahead

Though the band hasn't announced 2026 tour dates yet, they continue to play regularly at Proud Larry's and other Mississippi stages, including **Martin's Downtown** in **Jackson**. Their focus now is on shaping their next record, expected in the summer.

For Heatherly, the path forward feels both wide open and deeply rooted in where it all began. "We're just grateful we found our way back together," he said. "Oxford has been good to us. Tupelo raised us. And we just want to keep making music that reflects both." 🎸

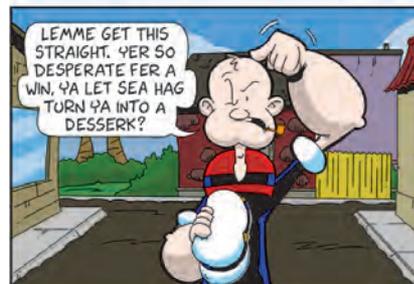
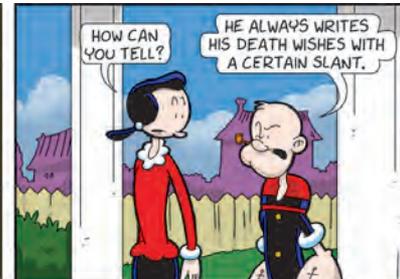
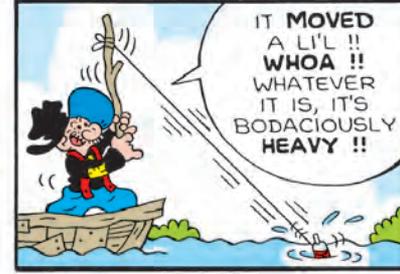
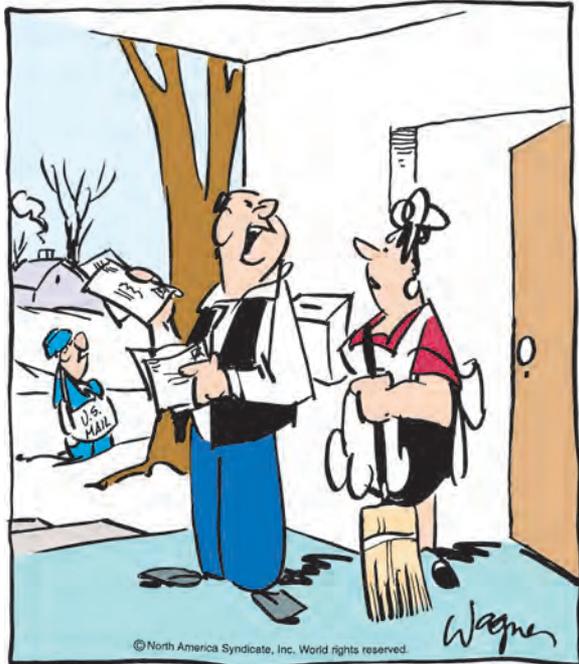


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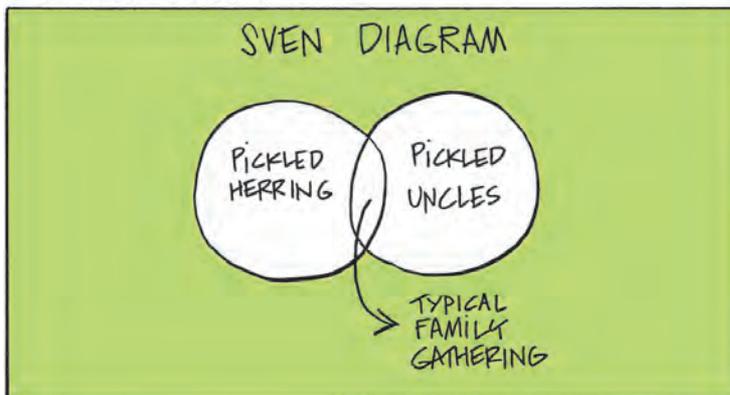
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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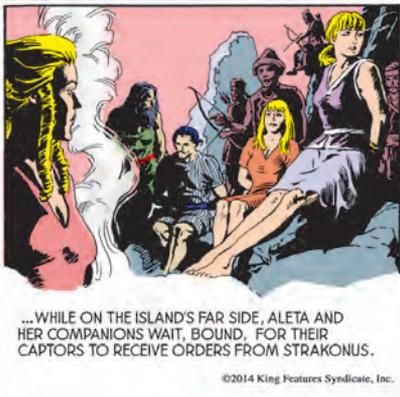


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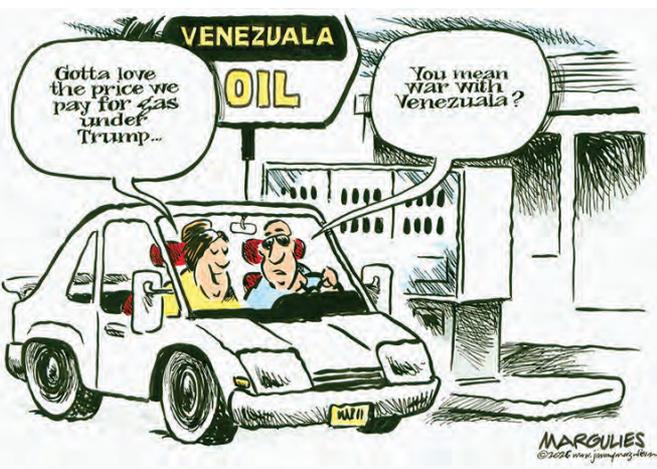
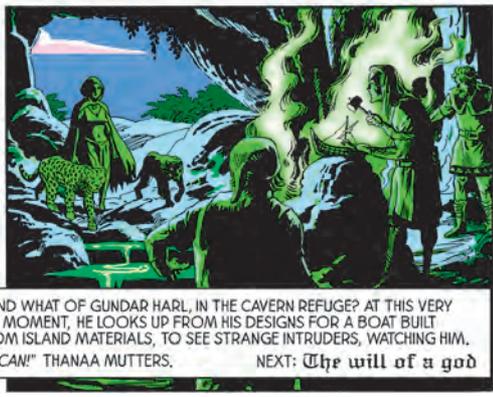
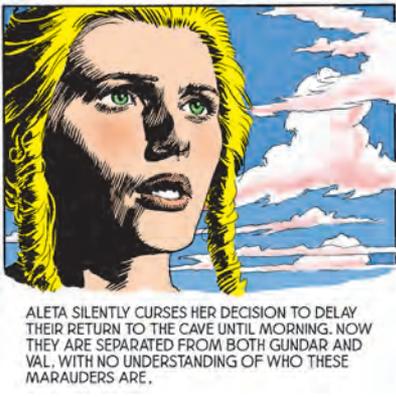
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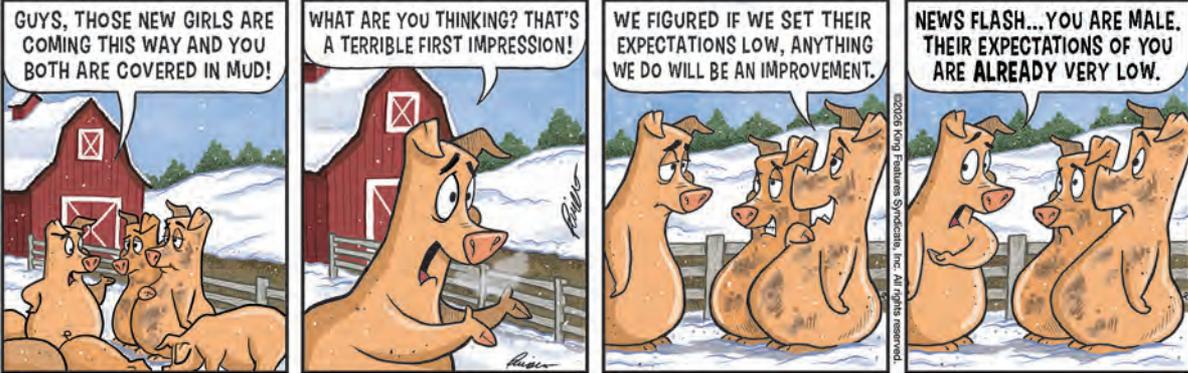
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"All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream."
— Edgar Allan Poe



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



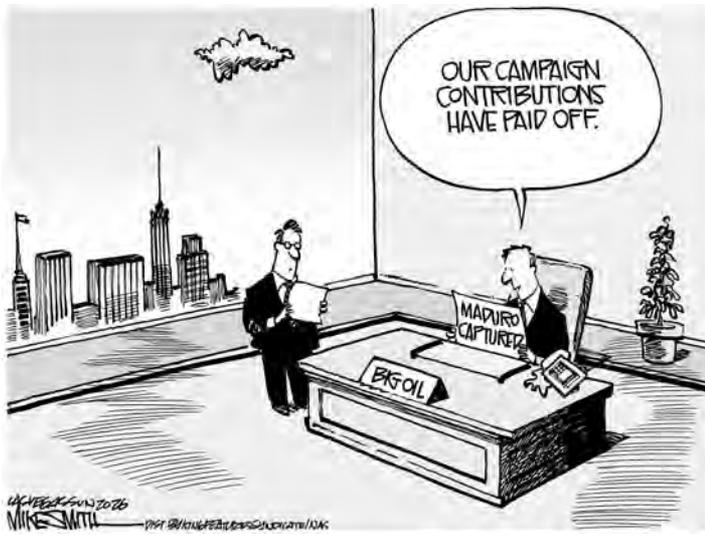
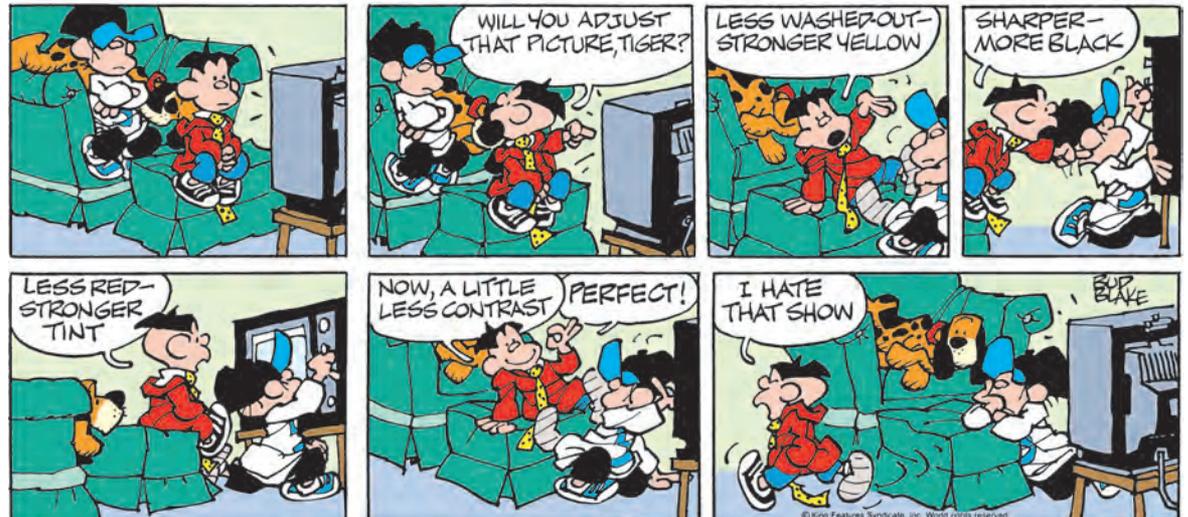
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MIKOLLAND

I DON'T THINK I WANNA BE A YEAR.

WHY NOT?

IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR ME.

WOT'S ON YER MIND, ME OLIVE?

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THE NEW YEER AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

I'M ALWAYS SO NEGATIVE AND ANGRY. NO MATTER WHAT, I JUST SEE THE WAYS THINGS ARENT GONNA WORK OUT.

THIS COMING YEER, I THINK I WANNA TRY TO BE HOPEFUL AND NICER, AND SPREAD POSITIVITY.

THAT'S NICE, OLIVE!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, POPEYE?

I WANNA PUNCH SOMEONE NEW IN TH' FACE!

IT'S NO FUN IF YOUR GOALS ARE ATTAINABLE!

BARNEY GOOGLE AND
SNUFFY SMITH

SO ARE YA GOIN' FISHIN' OR ARE YA GONNA TAKE A NAP?

I CAN'T DECIDE, MAW !!

GUESS I'LL GO SLEEP ON IT !!

ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!

ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!

THAT CHAIR'S DRIVIN' ME NUTS, MAW !! I'M GONNA GO SIT ON TH' PORCH !!

ROCK... SQUEAK !!
ROCK... SQUEAK !!

GOOD !! THIS IS TH' ONE I WANTED ENNYWAYS !!

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

GRRR!!

GROWLL!!

ROARRR!!

MOM ALWAYS STRESSES TO "USE YOUR IMAGINATION." BUT THAT'S A SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN YOU'RE 9.

I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY NAILED JELLO TO THE WALL THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

GAZA PEACE DEAL

3 WEEKS LATER...

SPAT!

His joy may not be the only part that's infectious...

2026

CDC RELAXES VACCINE GUIDELINES 2022

GRIN and BEAR IT

NORTH POLE

Now I have to go take it all back for the recall!

Americanisms



"I try to believe like I believed when I was five ... When your heart tells you everything you need to know."
— Lucy Liu

NOW THERE, YOU SEE? DIDN'T I TELL YOU I WOULD END UP USING IT SOONER OR LATER?

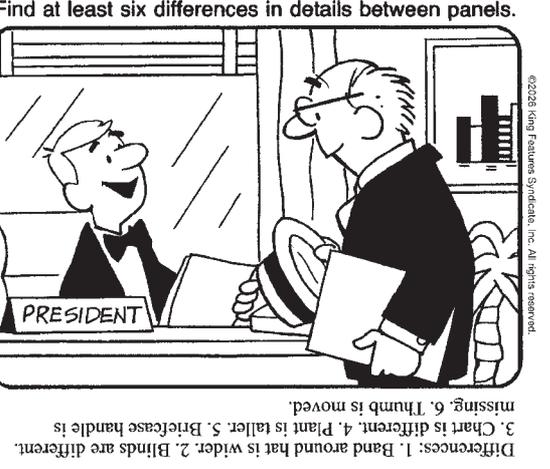


The Garden Bug
The Yule log

Among the northern tribes of Europe, the *jól* (Yule) was an important festival, though the exact dates for its celebration varied from location to location. Around midwinter, an entire tree trunk would be carried into a feasting hall and set ablaze, to burn for many days. As the people feasted, sacrificed and celebrated around this burning Yule log, they would implore their gods to bring back the warmth and light of summer, so they could grow crops and feed their families in the coming year. This tradition is one of the world's oldest.

- Brenda Weaver

SOAPS: matthews@com, valkyrie.com, www.altmanac.com



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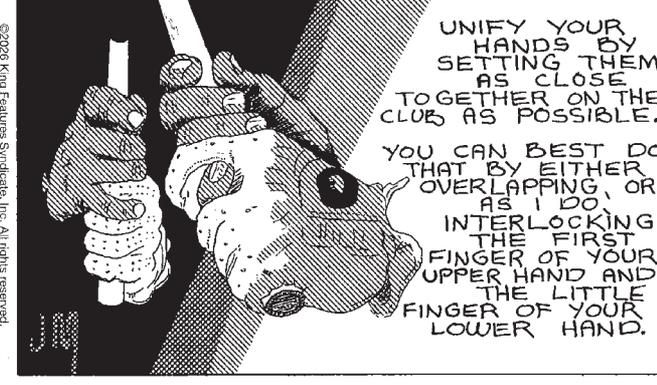
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Out on a Limb



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**DONNA ERICKSON'S
BEST BITES**



**Warm Up With
Baked Black Bean Dip**

A good appetizer brings everyone together, whether you've just come in out of the chill from an afternoon of sledding or you're gathering around the TV to watch a game.

This Baked Black Bean dip definitely fits the bill. It's a crowd favorite every time I serve it at home or when I bring it with a bag of tortilla chips to a potluck. It's both chunky and creamy with a yummy chipotle flavor that keeps you dipping for more.

BAKED BLACK BEAN DIP

- Serves 12
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 chipotle chilies in adobo sauce, plus 3 tablespoons of sauce (find chipotle chilies in adobo sauce in a can in the Latin/Mexican food section of your grocery store)
- 2 (15 1/2 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups thawed frozen corn kernels or drained canned corn
- 2 cups grated four-cheese blend, Mexican-style
- 1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese
- Fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)

Heat oven to 400 F. Grease a 1-1/2 quart baking dish. (I use a souffle-style baking dish.) Heat the oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium/high heat. Add the onion, reduce the heat to medium, and season with the salt. Cook, stirring occasionally until the onions are soft, about 4 minutes.

Add the garlic, chili powder and pepper, stir and cook for 1 minute. Loosely chop the chipotle chilies in adobo. Add to the skillet along with 3 tablespoons of adobo sauce, 1 can of black beans, and the water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Transfer to a mixing bowl. Add the vinegar. Use an immersion blender to process the mixture until smooth. (Or use a food processor and transfer to a mixing bowl.)



Add the second can of drained beans, tomatoes, corn and grated Mexican-style cheese. Stir well. Transfer to the baking dish. Sprinkle grated Monterey Jack cheese on top.

Bake 15-20 minutes, or until bubbly and cheese melts. Top with cilantro. Serve warm with tortilla chips for scooping.

Cook's Tip: Freeze leftovers. Thaw and reheat with a fresh sprinkling of cheese on top.

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1. **Avatar: Fire and Ash** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
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3. **Marty Supreme** (R) Timothée Chalamet, Gwyneth Paltrow
4. **The Housemaid** (R) Sydney Sweeney, Amanda Seyfried
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6. **David** (PG) Brandon Engman, Phil Wickham
7. **The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants** (PG) Tom Kenny, Clancy Brown
8. **Song Sung Blue** (PG-13) Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson
9. **Wicked: For Good** (PG) Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande
10. **Five Nights at Freddy's 2** (PG-13) Josh Hutcherson, Piper Rubio

**THE
POD
REPORT**

By Dana Block



**THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:
This Year Will Be Different**

You know the drill. Jan. 1 sneaks up on you, and you hastily declare a new set of resolutions, only to dismiss them as soon as Girl Scout cookie season comes around. To ensure that this year will be different, download these five podcasts and manifest a new outcome:

“Mind Pump: Raw Fitness Truth”

— The three hosts of “Mind Pump” have over 40 years of combined professional experience in the fitness industry. In their radio show/podcast that is released almost daily, they “pull back the curtain on the mythology, snake oil and pseudo-science that pervades the fitness industry.” This is the kind of expertise you need, especially if you’ve put your health on the backburner and don’t want to risk an injury. Recent episodes include “The 10 Best Breakfast Foods for Lean Muscle Gains” and “Daily Activity Hacks That Actually Burn Fat.” (MindPumpMedia.com)

“Fitness Confidential”

— Host Vinnie Tortorich is respected by his listeners because of his straightforward advice and ability to weed out fitness falsehoods — all with a simple message and fearless humor. Guests include MDs and PhDs, researchers, journalists, athletes, and even the farmers who grow our food, all providing a different perspective on health and nutrition. Be sure to listen to the recent episodes about the upcoming health and fitness trends in 2026, including how the European

Union’s health rules differ from those in the United States. (VinnieTortorich.com)

“Fitness & Sushi” — This weekly podcast is designed to help women over the age of 40 “recover from decades of emotional eating, binge eating, body image issues, and yo-yo dieting.” Host Deanna Schober gives you the tools to help overcome emotional eating and motivates you to exercise without punishment. Important episodes include “How to Stop Self-Sabotaging Every Time You Make Progress” and “How Dieting Dysregulates Your Body and Mind.” Schober aims to heal your relationship with food so that you can feel in control around it and stop obsessing about your weight. (FitnessandSushi.Libsyn.com)

Don’t Forget These Gems

“Optimal Health Daily” — These bite-sized podcasts that average just 10 minutes are perfect for those with short attention spans or people who have busy schedules but need a push to achieve their goals. Hosted by tenured professor, nutritionist and exercise physiologist Dr. Neal Malik, each episode is the perfect “blend of science-based information and real-life application.” Be sure to check out the recent episode about easy and sneaky ways to exercise for busy people. (OldPodcast.com)

“Stronger Than Your Boyfriend”

— An excellent way to reset yourself for the coming year is to listen to the episode named after this podcast from Oct. 14, 2025. (Just pretend it’s January.) The “21-Day Stronger Than Your Boyfriend Challenge” has been a success for four years because it’s a habit challenge and not about drastic change. (No before or after photos required — they promise!) Check out their Facebook group for even more support. (StrongerThanYourBoyfriendPodcast.com)

Fun Fact

The 24 “**Solar Terms**” are an ancient calendar system based on celestial movements and the position of the sun. It is an essential part of Chinese heritage that farmers rely on. Each solar term carries **unique meaning**, with titles such as Beginning of Spring, Rain Water, Awakening of Insects, Spring Equinox, Clear and Bright, Grain Rain, Grain Full, End of Heat and Frost’s Descent.

Source: www.thechinajourney.com/the-twenty-four-solar-terms/



As snowflakes form in the clouds and fall to the earth, they collect nitrogen and other particulates like sulfur from the atmosphere. These nutrients will serve as natural fertilizers later on. As these flakes collect on the ground and form thick, mounded heaps of snow, this provides excellent insulation and shelter for the vulnerable garden beds beneath. The soil, the organisms in the soil and root systems are now protected from severe temperature fluctuations and icy winds. As the months become warmer, the melting snow gently releases moisture and nutrients into the soil. — Brenda Weaver

Sources: nsidc.org, www.almanac.com, mothernatureapprentice.com

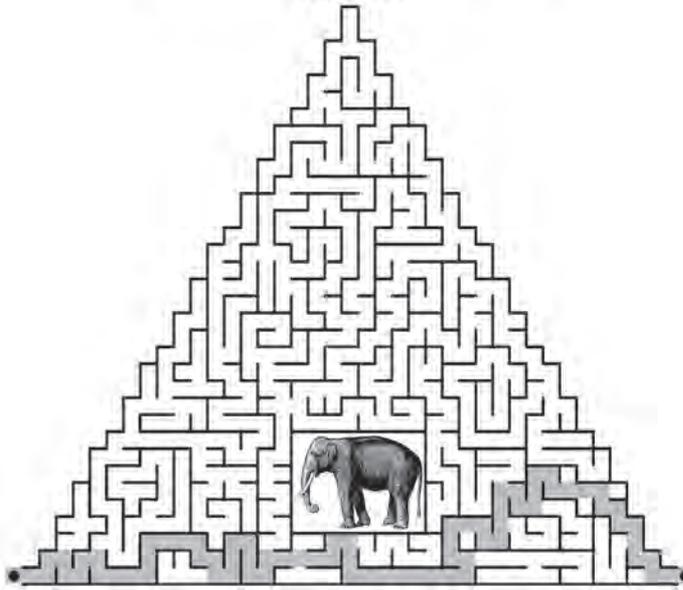
Super Crossword

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Mega Maze

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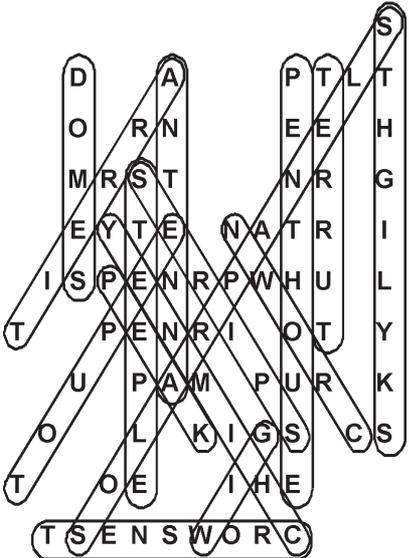


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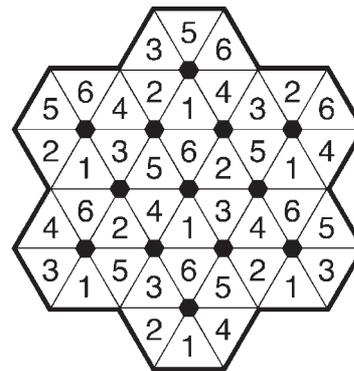
Even Exchange

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- Jungle, Jingle
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- Flint, Flirt
- Health, Wealth
- Glass, Grass

SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip

answer

Massive metropolis known for its curious huge population of shaggy baby bovines: New York City.

CryptoQuote

answer

Words are often seen hunting for an idea, but ideas are never seen hunting for words.
— Josh Billings

Go Figure!

answers

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Solution

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Word Spiral Answer

BARBECUER

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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ACHIEVED

Stickelers Answer

The words are **impression** and **permission**.

FEAR & KNOT

answer

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King Crossword

Answers

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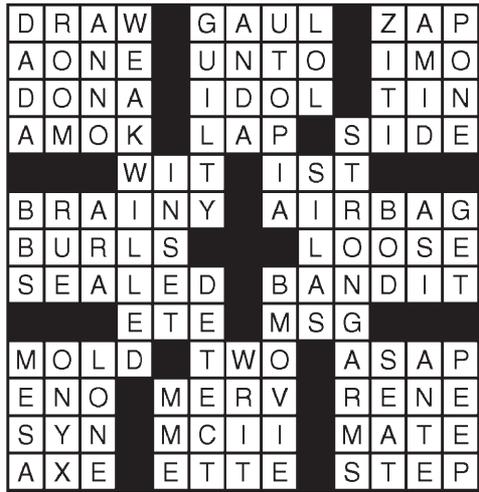
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Confer; 2. Innate;
3. Vintage; 4. Scheme

Today's Word

VOTERS

Even Exchange

Donna M. Pettman

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3. March, Marsh
4. German, Herman
5. Diner, Diver
6. Scoop, Sloop
7. Pantry, Paltry
8. Flint, Flirt
9. Health, Wealth
10. Glass, Grass

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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| HATING | A | NIGHT |
| RAVENS | V | SNARE |
| WONDER | E | DROWN |
| BASSET | S | BEAST |

FEAR & KNOT

answer



"83rd Golden Globe Awards" (TV-PG) — Nikki Glaser is back to host another round of the Golden Globes, and the ceremony is already available to stream in its entirety. Leading the pack in the film category is "One Battle After Another," while "The White Lotus" inched past the rest with six total nominations to top the TV category. Dame Helen Mirren, who has extensive credits in film and television but won her Academy Award for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," will be honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award. Meanwhile, for the Carol Burnett Award, the recipient is none other than our Carrie Bradshaw, Sarah Jessica Parker ("Sex and the City"). If there's any award show that'll keep you watching this season, it's this one, so don't miss it! (Paramount+)

"Ponies" (TV-MA) — Emilia Clarke ("Game of Thrones") and Haley Lu Richardson ("The White Lotus") are the leading ladies of this new spy thriller series premiering on Jan. 15. Set in Moscow in 1977, Bea (Clarke) and Twila (Richardson) are two women working as secretaries at the American embassy, and both of their husbands are undercover CIA operatives. When they receive news that their husbands have died in a mysterious plane crash, both women are desperate for answers and agree to start working in intelligence. As the women are gently integrated into the world of espionage, they get closer to figuring out a large-scale conspiracy involving the Cold War. All eight episodes are out now to stream. (Peacock)



Emilia Clarke, left, and Haley Lu Richardson star in "Ponies."

"People We Meet on Vacation" (PG-13) — Scoot over, "The Kissing Booth" and "To All the Boys I've Loved Before"! I have a feeling this new rom-com that is out now to stream will be Netflix's next success in the genre. Based on the novel by Emily Henry, it follows best friends Poppy (Emily Bader) and Alex (Tom Blyth), who live far apart from each other but agree to go on one week of summer vacation together for a decade. Although the two couldn't be more different from each other, one always encourages the other to step out of their comfort zone, all while exploring different parts of the world together. But with the promise of vacations together for 10 years straight, will it be possible to keep the relationship platonic? Watch and see! (Netflix)



Divas ON A DIME
By Patti Diamond

Why a Pot of Vegetable Soup Is the Best January Reset

Does last week already feel like a month ago? We often begin the new year with the best of intentions, and the trick is making them sustainable. I've learned that real life rarely responds well to extremes, but it does respond to support.

The gentlest and most effective reset doesn't come from cutting things out; it comes from putting the right things in. A pot of nourishing soup simmering on the stove is a simple, steady way to care for yourself and the people you love, one meal at a time.

A colorful, vegetable-rich soup offers more than comfort. Different colors provide different plant compounds that reduce inflammation, support immunity and overall well-being, which is why "eating the rainbow" matters. Plant-forward meals also give digestion a welcome break from heavier animal proteins, allowing the gut to settle after a season of indulgence.

My trick for deeply flavorful vegetable soup is building layers of flavor before adding any liquid. I start with a classic mirepoix of onion, carrot and celery, sauteed slowly until soft and lightly browned. That browning brings out the vegetables' natural sweetness. Once the base is fragrant and sweet, I add the remaining vegetables and saute them too.

To help everything brown and boost flavor, I toss the vegetables with sea-

soned vegetable soup base (Better Than Bouillon) loosened with a tablespoon of olive oil. This coats the vegetables, deepens the flavor and replaces the need for cartons of vegetable broth. It's an ingredient that costs more upfront but saves money over time, making it a smart, frugal staple in my kitchen.

Seasonal Vegetables

This is a flexible, clean-out-the-crisper soup. Use whatever vegetables are in season, ripe in your garden or priced to move at the store. In spring, think peas, asparagus or leeks. Summer welcomes corn, tomatoes and bell peppers. Fall is perfect for squash and cabbage. In winter, use sturdy vegetables like potatoes, peppers and kale. The method stays the same. The vegetables change with the season and the sales.



A colorful, vegetable-rich soup is a simple way to nourish yourself one meal at a time.

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GENTLE RESET VEGETABLE SOUP

- Yield: 16 cups
Total Time: 1 hour
4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 large, sweet or white onion, chopped
3 carrots, peeled and chopped
3 celery stalks, chopped
2 tablespoons vegetable soup base (like Better Than Bouillon)

4 cups seasonal vegetables, chopped
4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 large can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes

8 cups water
1 (15.5 ounce) can great northern beans, drained
2 cups leafy greens like kale, chopped (thick ribs removed)
1/2 teaspoon sea salt, more to taste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook, stirring, until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the vegetable soup base with 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Add the seasonal vegetables to the pot, followed by the soup base mixture, stirring to coat. Add the garlic and thyme and saute until the vegetables are lightly browned and fragrant, 8 to 10 minutes.

Stir in the diced tomatoes with their juices and the water, scraping up any flavorful bits from the bottom of the pot. Bring to a boil, then partially cover, reduce heat and simmer gently for about 15 minutes.

Uncover and add the beans and chopped greens. Simmer until the greens are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in the vinegar and season generously with black pepper and salt to taste. Serve hot with crusty bread.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Foods on a Shoestring: Eating Well for Less Than \$1 a Serving

When food prices rise, many people assume that eating well is the first thing that has to go. But some of the most nourishing foods in the grocery store are also the least expensive and they've been quietly holding the line for years.

You don't need specialty products, protein powders or a long ingredients list to feed yourself well. You need a short list of reliable foods that are affordable, versatile and easy to use.

Here are some of the most powerful "everyday super foods" you can still buy for a dollar a serving or less, even in 2026.

Eggs: Few foods offer as much nutrition for the price. Eggs provide protein, healthy fats and key vitamins, and they work for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Beans and Lentils: Canned or dried, beans and lentils are among the most budget-friendly sources of protein and fiber available. They're filling, shelf-stable and endlessly adaptable.

Oats: Plain old-fashioned oats are inexpensive and versatile. Beyond being my favorite breakfast, they can be used in baking, to thicken soups or to stretch meat dishes.

Brown Rice and Other Whole Grains: Brown rice, barley and other whole grains provide steady energy and form the backbone of many low-

cost meals.

Cabbage: Inexpensive, long-lasting and packed with nutrients, underrated and overlooked, cabbage works roasted, sauteed, shredded into salads or added to soups and stir-fries.

Carrots: Affordable year-round and naturally sweet, carrots add nutrition, color and substance to meals.

Frozen Vegetables: Frozen vegetables are picked at peak ripeness, often cost less than fresh and help reduce food waste.

Plain Yogurt: Plain yogurt is economical and versatile and can be used for breakfast, sauces, marinades, baking or as a sour cream substitute.

Seasonal Fruit: Apples, oranges and bananas remain some of the best values in the produce department.

Now, here's an easy recipe that brings several of these foods together.

EVERYDAY BEAN,



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These pantry staples still deliver big nutrition for about a dollar a serving or less.

VEGETABLE & GRAIN BOWL

- Yield: 4 servings
- Total Time: 40 minutes
- 4 large eggs, hard- or soft-boiled
- 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 3 cups cooked rice or other grains (brown rice, barley, farro or quinoa)
- 3 cups cooked beans or lentils (about

2 15-ounce cans), drained and rinsed
1/2 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Optional Toppings:
A pinch of garlic powder, cumin or smoked paprika
Plain yogurt or sour cream
Lemon wedges or a splash of vinegar
Fresh or dried herbs

Place eggs in a single layer in a saucepan and cover with cold water by 1 inch. Bring to boiling, then cover and remove from heat. Let sit 6 minutes for soft-set yolks or 10-12 minutes for hard-boiled. Drain and transfer to cold water to stop cooking. Peel when cool.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the vegetables and cook until tender, 5 to 8 minutes. Stir in the rice and beans and season with salt and pepper. Cook until everything is heated through.

Divide the mixture among four bowls. Top each serving with an egg and finish with any optional toppings you like.

This is the kind of flexible, affordable meal that adapts to what you have and keeps you happily full.

Eating well doesn't require perfection or expensive ingredients. It requires choosing foods that work as hard as you do. When your pantry is stocked with affordable, nourishing staples, healthy meals become easier and far less expensive. And that's a habit worth keeping all year long. Happy New Year!

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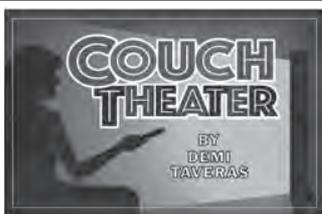
like to spend the rest of eternity. While there, Joan also encounters her first husband, Luke (Turner), who died in war. Now split between what could have been and what is familiar, Joan must figure out which man she wishes to spend eternity with. Out now to rent! (Amazon Prime Video)

"31st Annual Critics' Choice Awards" (TV-PG) — Chelsea Handler hosted this year's Critics' Choice Awards on Jan. 4 in Santa Monica, California, making it her fourth consecutive year of hosting the ceremony. This marks the beginning of an award season that stretches into March, finishing with the Oscars. Leading the film category are "Sinners" with 17 nominations, "One Battle After Another" with 14, and "Hamnet" and "Frankenstein" with 11. Leading the TV category are "Adolescence" with six nominations, "Nobody Wants This" with five, and a good handful of shows with four (including "All Her Fault" and "Severance"). Categories to watch are Best Actor/Actress and Best Supporting Actor/Actress, as both categories are stacked with incredible performances from critically acclaimed stars. See who brought home the gold now! (Peacock)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

From left, Elizabeth Olsen, Miles Teller and Callum Turner star in "Eternity."



"Wicked: For Good" (PG) — The second part of "Wicked" is out now to rent after bringing in \$503.9 million at the box office. While it didn't beat its predecessor in earnings, fans were still elated to return to theaters and see Cynthia Erivo back as Elphaba and Ariana Grande as Glinda. The second part focuses more on Glinda's inner emotional conflict as she tries to find balance between her bond with Elphaba and her duty to the Wizard. The film received mixed reviews from critics (both real and internet), but highlights include Ethan Slater's performance as the Tin Man, Erivo's rendition of "No Good Deed," and Jonathan Bailey and Erivo's rendition of "As Long as You're Mine." "Wicked: For Good" has received five Golden Globe nominations and seven Critics' Choice nominations so far. (Apple TV+)

"Eternity" (PG-13) — Miles Teller ("The Gorge"), Elizabeth Olsen ("The Assessment"), and Callum Turner ("Atropia") are an unlikely but warm trio in this rom-com "set in the afterlife." Although it was distributed by A24, it barely made up its budget by bringing in \$29 million at the box office. Olsen plays Joan, a woman with terminal cancer who is married to Larry (Teller). In a funny turn of circumstances, Larry ends up passing away first after choking on a pretzel, but Joan shortly passes away after him. They meet again at the Junction, an in-between space where those who died must decide where they would

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