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## Thacker Mountain Radio Returns, Announces TV Deal

*Thacker Mountain Radio Hour* returns to live performances on Thursday, February 12 at 6 pm at the **Powerhouse Arts Center**. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The long-running Oxford radio show also announces that **Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB)**, the show's radio partner for 25 years, will begin filming each show starting February 19 for weekly telecast later this fall on MPB-TV.

Guests for the February 12 show at the Powerhouse will include novelist **Jenny Tinghui Zhang** and her timely book addressing extreme celebrity worship, *Superfan*. Musical guests will include blues musician **Keith Johnson** and Delta/Americana songwriter **Alanna Mosley**.

Hosts are **Jim Dees** with house band **Paul Tate & The Yalobushwhackers**. Doors open at 5:30 pm for refreshments; showtime is 6 pm.

Thacker Executive Director **Lucy Gaines** noted the show's spring premiere was originally scheduled for February 5 before winter storms intervened.

"With so many people still without power, and resources so stretched, it felt appropriate to wait a week," Gaines acknowledged. "We're planning to turn next Thursday (Feb. 12) into a big community celebration."

This year's Thacker spring season runs from February 12 through the finale on April 30 with March 12 off for spring break. All shows are free admission and are at the Powerhouse except February 19 (**Water Valley**); March 13 and April 9 (**Off Square Books**), and Friday, April 10 (**Juke Joint Festival** in Clarksdale).

In other Thacker news, MPB will set up cameras at the **Hendricks Building** in Water Valley on February 19 to videotape that week's show and will film every Thacker show thereafter. The TV version will eventually be telecast by MPB on air and online, possibly starting this fall. Meantime, radio listeners can continue to enjoy *Thacker Mountain Radio Hour* on its usual days and times.

**Kathryn Rodenmeyer**, Director of Television for MPB, said putting *Thacker Mountain Radio Hour* on television was an easy call.


"We're delighted to add *Thacker Mountain Radio Hour* to our MPB Television line-up," Rodenmeyer declared. "After 25 years on radio, we think our television viewers will enjoy the literature and music as much as generations of radio listeners."

**Royal Aills**, MPB Executive Director, agreed, adding, "As we continue to look for ways to improve our content and provide audience and community-driven programming, *Thacker Mountain Radio Hour* helps us tap into the South's authors and musicians, some of which are this state's most important cultural exports."

Among the musicians, authors, and "cultural exports" coming up this season: author **LaToya Watkins**, Grisham Writer-in-Residence (Feb. 19); former Oxford resident (and *Oxford Eagle* reporter) **Jonathan "Jonny" Miles** (Feb. 26); **Patti Smith** guitarist, (as well as author and 60s playlist curator extraordinaire), **Lenny Kaye** (March 5); and author **Tayari Jones** with Memphis reggae band, **Chinese Connection Dub Embassy** (March 19).

Other highlights: **Oxford Conference for the Book** with author **Tom Junod & The Otha Turner Boys** (March 26); the **Parchman Prison Blues Band** (April 2), and the **Juke Joint Festival** with **Red Panther Brewery** and author **Ralph Eubanks** (April 10), and novelist **Willy Vlautin** with the **Epic Funk Brass Band** (April 23).

Thacker Mountain Radio Hour can be heard on air and online in Oxford every Thursday at 6 pm on 92.1 FM WUMS University of Mississippi, and twice a week on MPB: Saturdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 6 pm (90.3 FM locally). In addition to MPB and WUMS, other affiliates include Alabama Public Radio; community radio stations in Memphis, Chattanooga and Knoxville, and KNCE-FM in Taos, New Mexico.

For schedule changes, updates or to join the fun: <https://thackermountain.com/>. 



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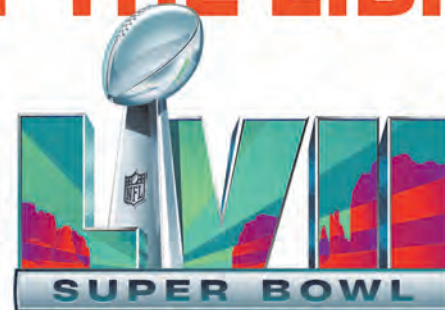
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## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

### THURSDAY 2.05.2026

**Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)**  
**Off Square Books: JULIAN SANCTON in conversation with JIM DEES for Neptune's Fortune (5:30 pm)**  
**The Old Henry: DOC SINCLAIR (7 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Creative Writing with UM MFA (3:45 pm)  
The Lyric: 49 WINCHESTER (8 pm)  
Southside Gallery: The End of All Music presents "Ambient Winter," music by MARK ADEMAC, KELL KELLUM, CLAY JONES (7 pm)

### FRIDAY 2.06.2026

**The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)**  
**Old Henry: Dueling Pianos: DOC SINCLAIR & JOE BOOGIE (7 pm)**

### Quack's: BEDLXM

**Rhythm & Rye: JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)**  
Ford Center: Southern Strings and Stories with KEN WALDMAN & THE WILD ONES (10 am)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime - Library Lovers' Month (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone - Creative Writing (3:45 pm)  
The Lyric: PECOS & THE ROOFTOPS (8 pm)  
Proud Larry's: THE JACK WHARFF BAND (9 pm)

### SATURDAY 2.07.2026

**The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)**  
**Quack's: BEDLXM**  
**Rhythm & Rye: JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: PANELS & PAGES (9 am-noon)

### SUNDAY 2.08.2026 Super Bowl 5:30 pm

**Old Henry: BLL PERRY (11:30 am)**

### MONDAY 2.09.2026

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm); RALPH EUBANKS reading & signing (5:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 2.10.2026

**Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)**  
**Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD COMMUNITY MARKET (3-6:30 pm)**  
**Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)**  
**Square Books, Jr.: No Cap Chap Book Club (6 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 2.11.2026

**Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm)**  
**Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**  
**Moe's Penny Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)**  
**Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)**  
Chicory Market: JUSTIN CHILDRESS (5-6 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm)  
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. ALABAMA (6 pm)

### THURSDAY 2.12.2026

**Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)**  
**Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)**  
**The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author JENNY TINGHUI ZHANG for Superfan, live music by KEITH JOHNSON, ALANNA MOSLEY (6 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm); Check It Out Book Club & Swap (11 am)  
Lafayette County Arena: Annual TREE GIVEAWAY (7 am-until)  
The Lyric: CODE PINK - Kissing Booth (9 pm)  
Nutt Auditorium: Guest Artist Recital ELISE BLATCHFORD, FRANCES COBB (7:30 pm)  
Proud Larry's: CREED FISHER (9 pm)  
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. ARKANSAS (8 pm)

### FRIDAY 2.13.2026 Galentine's Day

**The Library: THE FENTS (9 pm)**  
**Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)**  
**Quack's: DJ RYBAK-ATCHA**  
**Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN (7 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime - Valentine's Day (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone with UM Museum (3:45 pm)  
Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County PRO RODEO (5:30 pm)  
The Lyric: VINCENT MASON (8 pm)  
Music Bldg. 148 (University): Colloquium Series "The Composer's Intention: Another Look" JEFF SWINKIN (4 pm)  
Proud Larry's: WAX MONKEY, HALF STEP (9 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): Ole Miss Baseball vs. NEVADA (4 pm)

### SATURDAY 2.14.2026

**Valentine's Day**  
**The Library: THE FENTS (9 pm)**  
**Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)**  
**Quack's: BEDLXM**  
Exploradora Coffee: Hill Country Songwriters Showcase (6 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: READS & BEATS (10 am-noon)  
Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County PRO RODEO (5:30 pm)  
The Lyric: LASO Latin Night - A Night of Love (9 pm)  
Proud Larry's: ERC DEATON TRIO (9 pm; free)  
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (5:30 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): Ole Miss Baseball vs. NEVADA (1:30 pm)



### SUNDAY 2.15.2026

**Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC TBA (11:30 am)**  
Swayze Field (University): Ole Miss Baseball vs. NEVADA (1:30 pm)

### MONDAY 2.16.2026

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)  
Ford Center: TANGO AFTER DARK (7:30 pm)  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)



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### TUESDAY 2.17.2026

**Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)**  
**Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD COMMUNITY MARKET (3-6:30 pm)**  
**Off Square Books: ALISON LYN MILLER in conversation with JOHN T EDGE for Rough House (5:30 pm)**  
**Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm); MAHJONGG for beginners with SUSAN KELLY (5:30 pm)  
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. TENNESSEE (6 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): Ole Miss Baseball vs. ARKANSAS STATE (4 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 2.18.2026

**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 Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm)  
Nutt Auditorium (University): Faculty Recital ADAM ESTES (7:30 pm)  
Swayze Field (University): Ole Miss Baseball vs. JACKSON STATE (4 pm)

### THURSDAY 2.19.2026

**Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)**  
**Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)**  
**Hendricks Building (Water Valley): Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author TBA, live music by WILEY GABEY, DRE WALKER (6 pm)**  
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone Mental Health Matters with UM PANDAA Lab (3:45 pm) Sewing Setup 101 with ANDI BEDSWORTH (5:30 pm)  
Nutt Auditorium (University): TRIO ABRIL (7:30 pm)  
Oxford Conference Center: EMPTY BOWLS - Oxford Food Pantry Fundraiser Luncheon (11 am)  
SJB Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. LSU (8 pm)



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**ROUGH HOUSE**  
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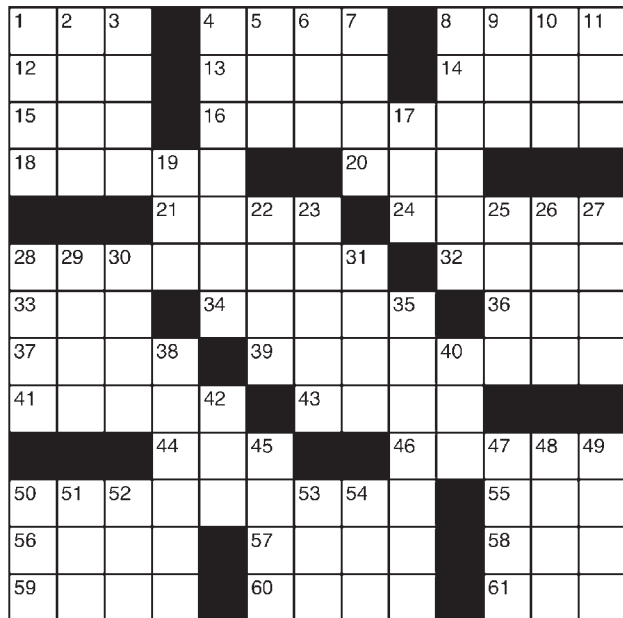


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

## tLV King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Table support
- 4 Mosque leader
- 8 Island near Java
- 12 Terre Haute sch.
- 13 Terse denial
- 14 Poetic tributes
- 15 Ecol. watchdog
- 16 Faints
- 18 Word list, for short
- 20 Japanese pond carp
- 21 Sty chow
- 24 Rebuffs
- 28 Review in detail



- 32 Pesky insect
- 33 Friendly leader?
- 34 Albacore and yellowfin
- 36 Playwright
- 37 Finn's floater
- 39 Revamp
- 41 Vampire, by nature
- 43 Nobelist
- 44 Bar bill
- 46 Savory taste
- 50 Begin anew, as on January 1

- 57 Egyptian river
- 58 Book-spine abbr.
- 59 Afternoon affairs
- 60 Darkens
- 61 Oklahoma city

### DOWN

- 1 Schreiber of "Ray Donovan"
- 2 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
- 3 Avocado dip, fresh
- 5 Curly's brother
- 6 Devoured
- 7 Moo juice
- 8 Fan disapproval
- 9 Pt. of speech
- 10 Author Harper
- 11 Leb. neighbor
- 17 "Mayday!"
- 19 Bat wood
- 22 Egg
- 23 Prison-related
- 25 Rice or Auburn (Abbr.)
- 26 Naked
- 27 Rating unit
- 28 Basil or thyme
- 31 Yard tool
- 35 Locks down
- 38 Block-dropping video game
- 40 Resistance unit
- 42 Scoundrel
- 45 Connection
- 47 Edison's middle name
- 48 Disposition
- 49 Actress Fisher
- 50 Retired jet
- 51 Dead heat
- 52 "I - Rock"
- 53 Half of XIV
- 54 Shade tree



1. Which artist had his first No. 1 chart-topper with "Mandy"?
2. Who was the first to release "Got My Mind Set on You"?
3. Name the artist who was born Charles Edwin Hatcher. Hint: "Contact" and "War."
4. Who released "Mad About You" in 1986?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Ris'n' up, back on the street, Took my time, took my chances, Went the distance."

### Answers

1. Barry Manilow, in 1974. Scott English wrote and originally released the song in 1971, calling it "Brandy." Manilow changed the song to "Mandy" so it wouldn't be confused with Looking Glass' "Brandy (You're a Fine Girl)."
2. James Ray, in 1962. George Harrison followed with a cover in 1987 both as a single and on his "Cloud Nine" album.
3. Edwin Starr. "Contact" and "War" were Starr's only No. 1 hits.
4. Belinda Carlisle after she left The Go-Go's.
5. "Eye of the Tiger," by Survivor, in 1982. The song was at the top of the chart for 15 weeks and was used as the theme song for "Rocky III" the same year. It then won a Grammy for Best Rock Performance by Duo or Group with Vocal.

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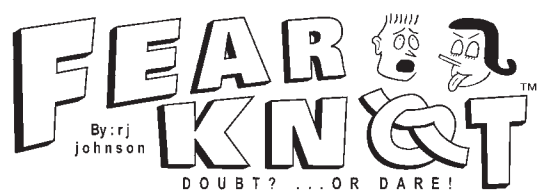
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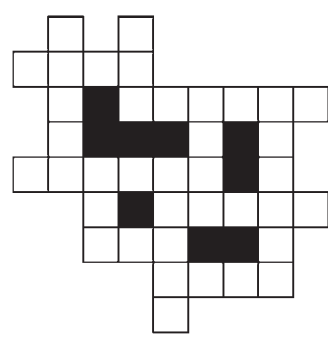
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: **Angelic Musical Instrument**

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|---------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Abalone | Conch  | Fig    | Melongina |
| Auger   | Cone   | Frog   | Nautilus  |
| Babylon | Cowrie | Helmet | Umbronium |
| Bonnet  | Drupe  | Limpet |           |



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- EGSAKT
- CHEAD
- NAUL
- ♥ ROIGNE
- AKY
- ♥ RUCE
- MOKUA
- GKE
- UARKEE
- ♥ REGUS
- NSCY



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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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

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UP BO BOHSZ QPMBS CFBS?

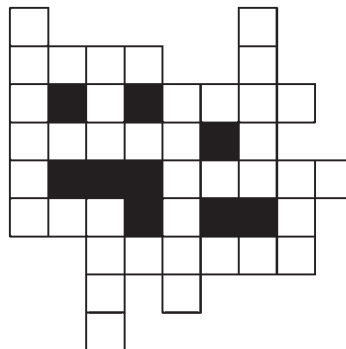
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## FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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- ♥ DACERG
- ERMEC
- ♥ ERDI
- ♥ RIDONA
- GDU
- ONAR
- NEMIC
- ♥ REA
- ♥ EMREDA
- DANLE
- ♥ OSGE



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- Go around
- People
- Steel fastener
- Starbucks' Large
- They give the Ivy League its name
- Famous armless statue

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. Cartes du jour        | __ E __ __ __ | Subtraction sign  | __ I __ __ __ |
| 2. Car bumper            | F __ __ __ __ | Financier         | L __ __ __ __ |
| 3. Clothes stiffener     | __ T __ __ __ | Look for          | __ E __ __ __ |
| 4. Throw like Nolan Ryan | __ __ T __ __ | Tweak             | __ __ N __ __ |
| 5. Cool and invigorating | __ __ __ S __ | Mason's block     | __ __ __ C __ |
| 6. He asked for "more"   | O __ __ __ __ | Splinter          | S __ __ __ __ |
| 7. Gawk                  | __ T __ __ __ | Petrify           | __ C __ __ __ |
| 8. Hesitate              | __ A __ __ __ | Strainer or sieve | __ I __ __ __ |
| 9. Swap                  | __ __ __ D __ | Smidgeon          | __ __ __ C __ |
| 10. Racket               | N __ __ __ __ | Composure         | P __ __ __ __ |

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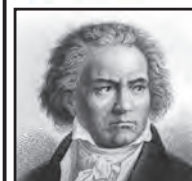
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Sweet  
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- Cipher  
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INDIES
- Clumsy  
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### TODAY'S WORD



"Sure, I've got a great diet — the low-\_\_\_\_\_ diet!"



"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."  
— **Ludwig van Beethoven**  
(December 17, 1770 - March 26, 1827)

# British Scholar Ponders Why the Blues Still Matters

## Tom Attah blends performance and sociology

Tom Attah has played as a featured artist at the **Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts** and at the **Great British Rhythm and Blues Festival**. He also composed and recorded acoustic guitar tunes for a permanent exhibition at the former home of Georg Frideric Handel and Jimi Hendrix in **Mayfair, London**.

He recently moved across the pond and into a classroom teaching sociology and Southern studies at the **University of Mississippi**. But Attah hasn't put down his guitar completely; it's just off to the side a bit as he teaches.

Attah is a researcher and internationally known musician and author, and his passion for the blues shines through in conversations.

"I didn't realize that I was a sociologist initially, because I'd always been doing performance, but what I found was that the questions I was asking about blues music didn't actually have their answers in musicology," he said.

"The questions that were more interesting were: What's this music for? How does it work? How does it affect? Why is it still here? The key one was why does it persist?"

His research interests include the effects of technology on popular music, particularly blues music and blues culture. He is interested in how the music that sprang from the Mississippi Delta soil remains relevant for modern listeners

by **Rebecca Lauck Cleary**

and how people around the world, including those who have never been to America, understand it.

"As I built my research and writing and teaching, the answers were in sociology and **Southern studies**," Attah said.

He earned a bachelor's degree in popular music studies from the **University of Sheffield** and a master's in music performance and a doctorate in popular music from the **University of Salford**. Attah's dissertation "**Halls Without Walls: Perpetuation, Development & Dissemination of the Discourse on Blues Music and Blues Culture in the Digital Age (1996-2016)**" will be published by Bloomsbury as a monograph in 2027.

He also has a book on the blues in northern England due from Manchester University Press in 2028.

"People sometimes assume that blues music is somehow primitive, and it's not," Attah said. "It's a really forward-looking living tradition, because you've got steel guitar strings,

which in 1910 and 1920 is the cutting edge of technology.

All guitars up until that point have been made out of wood.

"As soon as technology was able to fashion metal at scale and make these into instruments and sell them at a reasonable cost, resonator guitars appeared. And this is before the gift of electric guitars to the world transformed the world."

Attah joined the **Ole Miss** faculty in fall 2025. In his short time in Oxford, he has already discovered concerts at the **Foxfire Ranch** and other music in and around the area.



"If we want to understand what the blues was 100 years ago, or 200 years ago, all we have to do is listen to it today," he said. "It's not a question of having to get in a time machine."

The guitarist, who has jammed alongside **Robin Trower**, **Toots Hibbert** and **Honeyboy Edwards**, brings an exciting perspective to the classroom as someone who is both a musical performer and a scholar of music, said **Jeffrey**

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Guitarist Tom Attah (center) performs at the Great British Rhythm and Blues Festival. Attah, a scholar, author and performer of the blues, is sharing his expertise with students at the University of Mississippi, where he teaches sociology and Southern studies courses. Photo by Adam Kennedy

### Jackson, professor and chair in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

“Whether you’re interested in B.B. King or Beyoncé, music videos or music in video games, students are in for a real treat,” Jackson said. “Dr. Attah’s classes will shed light on the role that music plays in society and how it shapes our experiences and our identities in profound ways.”

He taught an introductory sociology course, **SOC 440: Sociology of Music**, and is teamed with **Adam Gussow**, professor of English and Southern studies and an accomplished blues musician, to teach **SST 118: Introductory Topics in Southern Music**.

**Sela Ricketts**, a student in the **MFA in Documentary Expression** program, is Attah’s graduate assistant this spring. She looks forward to learning alongside the undergraduate students in his course.

“It’s exciting to work with someone who doesn’t just know the blues; he’s lived it,” said Ricketts, a Greenwood native who earned a BA in integrated marketing communications and art, and a MA in Southern studies.

Despite not holding “heavyweight” credentials as a scholar and researcher, Attah is honored to share his experience and insights with students, he said.

“The key thing is, as long as you’re genuinely interested in the music and the people, respectful of the power of both, then everything’s fine,” he said. “And if you’re interested in your students and respectful of the subject before anything else, everything flows from that.”

“I’m very lucky. I can write, I can read, people ask me to go and play shows, people are supportive and generous, and it all kind of works out.”



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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: ♦♦

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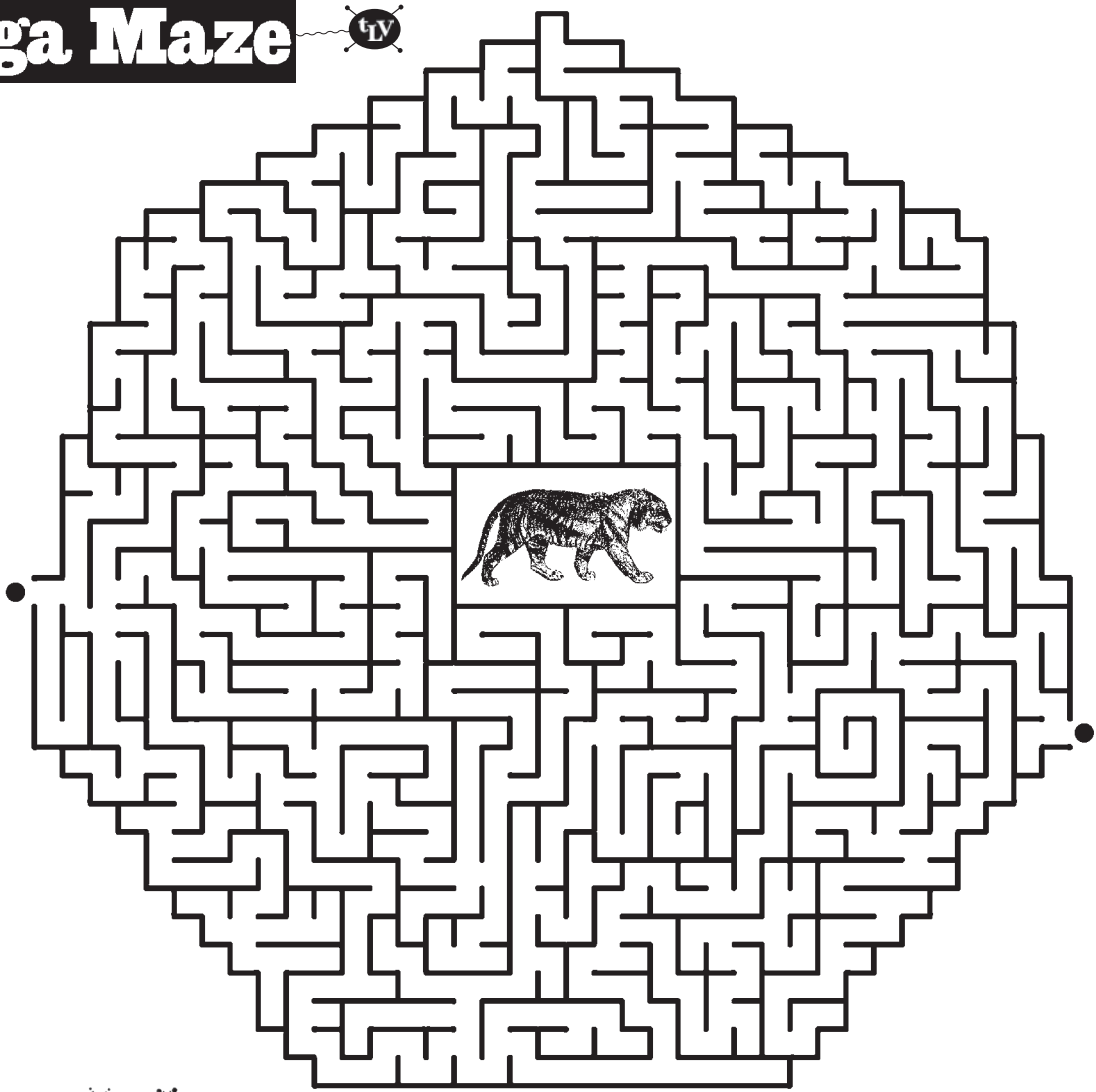
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Give a right to
  - 8 Eye narrowly
  - 14 Choir songs
  - 20 Dog collar attachments
  - 21 Ends of bridal paths
  - 22 See 1-Down
  - 23 Refrigerator, stove or dryer
  - 25 Warship fleet
  - 26 Over yonder
  - 27 Designer Gucci
  - 28 Lhasa — (little dogs)
  - 29 Mega Stuf cookies
  - 33 This second
  - 35 Legendary figure in a 1999 horror film
  - 39 Azaleas are members of it
  - 43 Not quite
  - 44 Dutch beer
  - 45 — the line (obeyed)
  - 47 Sturdy tree
  - 48 Slimy gunk
  - 51 Shaft of light
  - 52 Common allergy trigger
  - 55 Condiment spicier than its yellow cousin
  - 59 On — with (similar to)
  - 61 Big name in dog food
  - 63 Born
  - 64 TV announcer Don
  - 65 Riddle
  - 68 Strep-treating doc
  - 69 Person giving out prizes
  - 71 Eight of their last names are featured in this puzzle
  - 76 Egg-hiding holidays
  - 77 Gridiron stats
  - 78 Punctual
  - 79 Sominex or Unisom rival
  - 80 Passing vote
  - 81 As many as
  - 82 Big lamb cut
  - 86 Common weed of North America
  - 90 Universal donor blood type, in brief
  - 93 Shark feature
  - 94 Ending for alp or salt
  - 95 Architect I.M. —
  - 96 Red Sea canal
  - 98 Get there
  - 100 Hive house
  - 103 Suburb of Minneapolis
  - 106 June bugs, by another name
  - 110 Poetic “always”
  - 111 Yule songs
  - 112 Post-teen
  - 113 Squeaks (out)
  - 116 Ticked (off)
  - 118 Spring back
  - 120 Kentucky Derby venue
  - 126 “Little Women” author
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  - 131 Vain person’s lack
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Teachers’ gp.
  - 3 — Mahal
  - 4 Equal: Prefix
  - 5 Walloped
  - 6 Foliage bit
  - 7 Barcelona’s land, to natives
  - 8 Bud
  - 9 Director Kazan
  - 10 Plus others: Abbr.
  - 11 Music genre for TLC
  - 12 Chachi’s last name on “Happy Days”
  - 13 Mao — -tung
  - 14 Free TV ad, for short
  - 15 Drink inserts
  - 16 Target of antiperspirant
  - 17 Minimal
  - 18 Bordeaux wine
  - 19 Secret store
  - 24 Grads’ event
  - 29 Fictional Scarlett
  - 30 Plan a new route for
  - 31 Cushy class
  - 32 Mel the Giant
  - 34 Jokester
  - 36 Solo
  - 37 Mosque officiant
  - 38 Streaming set-top box
  - 40 Viral misery
  - 41 Soft throws (ump’s call)
  - 42 “— out!”
  - 46 “Death Be Not Proud” poet
  - 48 Avant- —
  - 49 Mandate
  - 50 Smells
  - 53 Exhales wistfully
  - 54 Pack firmly
  - 56 Cleaning tool in a bucket
  - 57 Muscle jerk
  - 58 More citrusy, say
  - 60 Mary Lou of gymnastics
  - 62 One suffering for a belief
  - 66 Atom studier Bohr
  - 67 Leb. neighbor
  - 68 911 gp.
  - 69 Susan of “Spring Fever”
  - 70 Nintendo console
  - 71 1974 dog film
  - 72 Artificial silk
  - 73 “Orange — New Black”
  - 74 Thoughts
  - 75 Taken with
  - 80 “Two Guys and —”
  - 81 Operated
  - 83 In flames
  - 84 Courteous
  - 85 Midleg joints
  - 87 Sheriff Taylor’s tyke
  - 88 Mess-free
  - 89 Take to court
  - 91 Jug handle
  - 92 Pa’s pa
  - 97 Last letter of 1997 site
  - 99 ‘16 Olympics
  - 100 Flowering
  - 101 Small dress size
  - 102 Cowboy’s whoop
  - 104 — pot (sinus cleaner)
  - 105 Early tourney round
  - 106 Safin who won tennis’ 2000 U.S. Open
  - 107 She sang the hit “Hello”
  - 108 New Mexico’s state flower
  - 109 Brain protector
  - 114 — Stanley Gardner
  - 115 “Nae” sayer
  - 117 Red Muppet
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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GAMES:** What color is Sonic the Hedgehog in the video game?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the former name of the U.S. Virgin Islands?
- MOVIES:** What are the colors of the striped sweater Freddy Krueger wears in "A Nightmare on Elm Street"?
- MEDICAL TERMS:** What is a more common name for pneumothorax?
- HISTORY:** By which name is Martha Jane Canary more commonly known?
- TELEVISION:** What is Hawkeye Pierce's real first name in the "M\*A\*S\*H" series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of larks called?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which car company uses the ad slogan "Driven by passion"?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What is the head of the Egyptian god of death, Anubis?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the currency of Japan?

ANSWERS BELOW

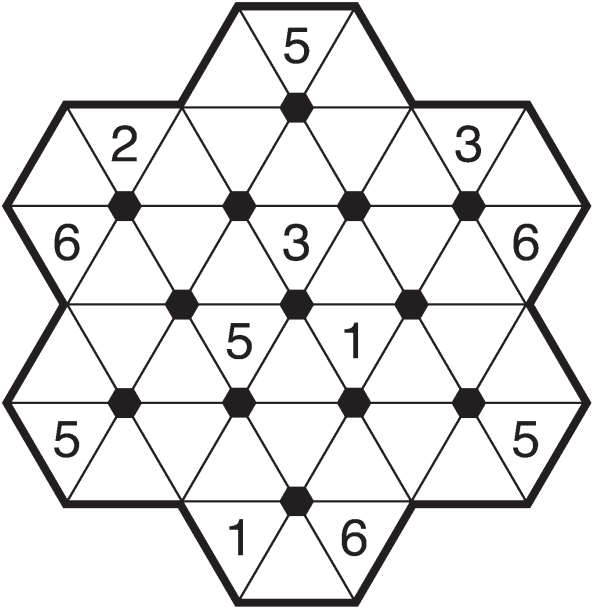
## GO FIGURE!

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

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# 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



"You know the greatest thing is passion, without it what have you got?"  
**— Diana Vreeland**  
 (September 29, 1903 – August 22, 1989)

## 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.

GSJ ZBCZWFJ WH YPHJ PF  
 GW OPFMWAJC XWBC EPHG.  
 GSJ NJDQPQE WH YPHJ PF  
 GW EPAJ PG DUDX.

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals L

VTTFAVX L YEHI KGVXTO  
 EBTVPAK BG HEB L KLOXT  
 IEVC GS YTLB, L YLV FTHKLOTF  
 "CFAST'P BGG PIGOB."

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## STICKELERS

What is the last number in this logical number sequence?

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### PUZZLE CARD

**THE NUMBERS ABOVE** are arranged so that any three numbers along any side will add up to 36. Can you rearrange them so that they will total 37 along any side?

Our answer: Starting at the upper left corner, and going clockwise: 16, 11, 10, 14, 13, 15, 9, 12.

**A MATH MIX-UP!** Can you solve this AlphaMath puzzle? Replace the letters to the right with digits 0 through 9 so that you will have a correct multiplication problem. The same letters get the same digits.

Our answer: 138 x 138 = 19,044 (T=1, W=3, O=8, H=9, R=0, E=4).

**SOLVE IN ONE MINUTE AND START AN "EPOCH"!** See if you can find the four five-letter words to fill in the word square at the right. All words must read the same across and down. A few hints are:

1. A notable event (given).
2. Spanish for "father."
3. Stranger, or more peculiar.
4. Top of hill.
5. Car rental agency.

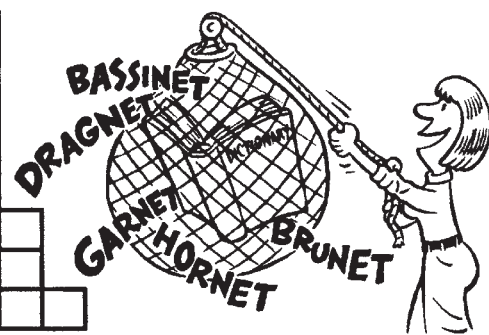
Answers: 1. Epoch, 2. Padre, 3. Odder, 4. Crest, 5. Hertz.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### THE CATCH OF THE DAY!

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Illustrated by David Coulson

This young scholar has "netted" herself some interesting words. The grid above has room for eight of them, and just by coincidence, they all contain a "NET" of their own. Hints are given below.

1. A type of ring.
2. A type of poem.
3. A type of piano.
4. A type of hat.
5. A tingling, prickly plant.
6. Occurring only once.
7. A kitchen alcove for eating.
8. Type of cigar.

Answers: 1. Signet, 2. Sonnet, 3. Spinet, 4. Bonnet, 5. Nettle, 6. Onetime, 7. Dinetta, 8. Panetela.

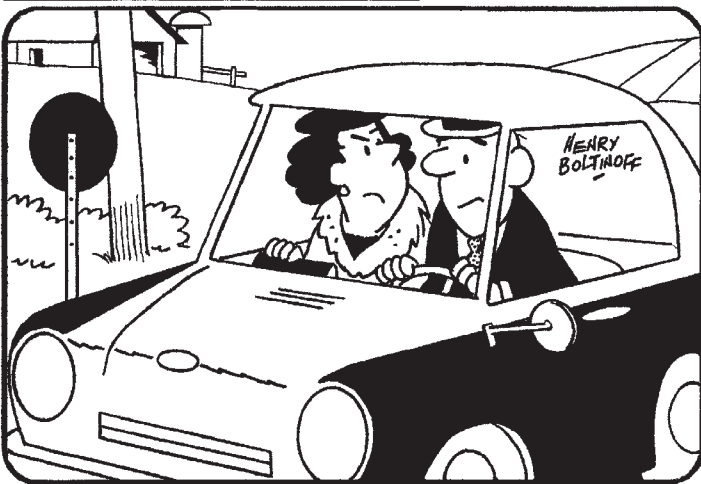
## KNIGHT MOVES

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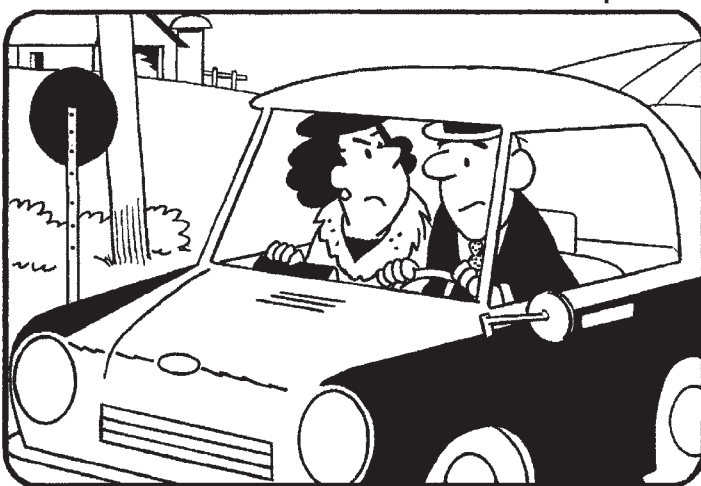
Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Side mirror is moved, 2. Grill is different, 3. Sign is taller, 4. Door handle is different, 5. Fence is different, 6. Headrest is added.

## 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. Young female horse    | ___ I ___ | Foolishness           | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Restaurant server     | ___ I ___ | Mr. Mitty or Cronkite | ___ L ___ |
| 3. Serena Williams' tool | ___ A ___ | Spaceship             | ___ O ___ |
| 4. Sluggish creature     | S ___     | Fabric                | C ___     |
| 5. Code inventor         | ___ R ___ | Mickey or Minnie      | ___ U ___ |
| 6. Alternate route       | ___ T ___ | Wolf down             | ___ V ___ |
| 7. Boxer Sonny           | ___ O ___ | Eavesdrop             | ___ E ___ |
| 8. Groucho's quiet kin   | ___ O ___ | Angelic instruments   | ___ S ___ |
| 9. Deep red gem          | ___ T ___ | Harvest               | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Alf or ET            | ___ I ___ | Steve or Woody        | ___ L ___ |

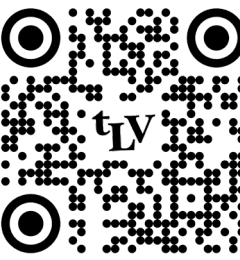
## WORD SPIRAL

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		E
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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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## Ole Miss Names Bradley Baker Dean of Students

*Mississippi native brings two decades of student affairs experience and campus leadership*

The Olive Branch native started the role Monday, January 12, 2026, after serving as interim dean of students since September 2, 2025. He was selected following a national search process that included feedback from the campus and Oxford community.

## Oxford Police Department Deny Accusations of Misconduct

The City of Oxford and the Oxford Police Department are aware of videos circulating on YouTube and social media that allege racist and unconstitutional behavior by Oxford Police Department officers. These claims are categorically inaccurate.

## GRAMMY Museum Mississippi Marks 10th Anniversary with Benefit Concert Featuring Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band

To celebrate the milestone, the Museum is hosting a full slate of programming on anniversary weekend, including a Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band Benefit Concert on Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 pm.

## University of Mississippi Physics Student to Advocate for Science Policy in Washington

*Doctoral student Byungchul Yu named top winner in national science policy contest*

The University Research Association selected University of Mississippi doctoral student Byungchul Yu as one of the top winners of the 2025 Science Policy and Advocacy for Research Competition.

## University of Mississippi Education Dean Honored for Transforming Educator Preparation

*National award recognizes David Rock's work to improve teacher quality, build national model*

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education has awarded David Rock, dean of the University of Mississippi School of Education, the 2026 David G. Imig Award for Distinguished Achievement in Educator Preparation.

## More Headlines

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## Local Crime:

Oxford Woman Arrested for Cyberstalking

Ocean Springs Man Arrested in Oxford for Armed Bank Robbery **TV**

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## The living room set of "The Addams Family" TV series was actually pink.

- About 1,350 potentially active volcanoes presently exist on **Earth**, with the majority of them found along a 25,000-mile-long, horseshoe-shaped ribbon bordering the **Pacific Ocean** that's commonly known as the "Ring of Fire."
- Chopsticks in **Asia** are about 2,000 years older than forks in **Europe**.
- The color red appears in nearly every shot of **Stanley Kubrick's** 1980 horror classic "The Shining."
- Michelangelo** only signed one piece of art, the "Madonna della Pietà," and that was supposedly because he overheard his work credited to a rival and sneaked back to include his name on the sash across the **Virgin Mary's** chest.
- Philadelphia** cream cheese doesn't hail from **Philadelphia**. It originated in **New York**.
- People spend roughly 10% of their waking hours with their eyes closed. That's OK, we know you're just thinking.
- No **American** president has been an only child.
- In 1954, the mayor of the wine-growing town **Chateaufort-du-Pape** in **France** issued a memorable decree that banned the "flying over, landing or taking off of flying saucers." It's unclear whether anyone ever considered how such an event should be handled should it defiantly occur.
- Shaquille O'Neal** missed 5,317 free throws over the course of his career.
- Only three music companies are responsible for more than 80% of the music we listen to: **Sony BMG, Warner Music Group, and Universal Music Group**.
- Spiders, like humans, can have arachnophobia. Small wonder, since certain species regularly eat each other: for food, after mating and for other reasons scientists don't yet fully understand.
- Thought for the Day:** "You can make positive deposits in your own economy every day by reading and listening to powerful, positive, life-changing content and by associating with encouraging and hope-building people."

- Zig Ziglar

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### Ajax Diner

118 Courthouse Square

[www.AjaxDiner.com](http://www.AjaxDiner.com)

**Mon-Sat:** 11 am-9 pm

**Delivery:** TAB

### Big Bad Breakfast

719 N Lamar Blvd.

[www.BigBadBreakfast.com](http://www.BigBadBreakfast.com)

**Mon-Fri:** 7 am-1 pm

**Sat-Sun:** 8 am-2:30 pm

**Early Bird Special:**

Wed & Thur 7-9 am: 10% off

**Delivery:** Door Dash, TAB

### Booth's Barbeque

2200 South Lamar Blvd.

[www.boothsbarbeque.com](http://www.boothsbarbeque.com)

**Wed-Thu:** 11 am-8 pm

**Fri-Sat:** 11 am-10 pm

**Sun:** 11 am-8 pm

**Wed-Thu: \$4 drafts & wells;**

**\$5 High Noons** (4 pm-close)

**Fri: 2-for-1 wells ALL DAY;**

**\$5 High Noons** (4-8 pm)

**Sat: \$7 Signature Cocktails**

**Sun:** 1/2-price Bloody Marys & Mimosas

**Delivery:** Door Dash, Uber Eats

### Bouré

110 Courthouse Square

[www.CityGroceryOnline.com](http://www.CityGroceryOnline.com)

**Mon-Thu:** 10:30 am-10 pm

**Fri-Sat:** 10:30 am-10:30 pm

**Bar:** Mon-Wed 4 pm-midnight;

Thu-Fri 4 pm-1 am; Sat 10:30 am-1 am

**Delivery:** Door Dash, TAB

### City Grocery

152 Courthouse Square

[www.CityGroceryOnline.com](http://www.CityGroceryOnline.com)

**Mon-Sat:**

Lunch: 11:30 am-2:30 pm;

Dinner 6-10 pm; Fri & Sat till 10:30

**City Grocery Bar**

**Mon-Sat:** 4 pm-till

**Happy Hour 4-6 pm:**

M-F \$1 off wells & domestics

### Circle & Square

100 Depot Street

[www.CircleAndSquare.beer](http://www.CircleAndSquare.beer)

**Tap Room Hours:**

**Mon-Wed:** 7 am-9 pm,

**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

**WED:** TRIVIA 7 pm

**Delivery:** Door Dash, Uber Eats

### Funkys

1012 E Jackson Ave

[www.Funkys.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.LittleEasyCatering.com)

**Catering:** 662-801-4194

**Sunday Plate Lunches**

**Sun:** 10 am-2 pm

### The Library

120 South 11th Street

[www.LibraryOxford.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.RaftersMusicandFood.com)

**Tue-Fri:** 5 pm-1 am

**Sat:** 1 pm-1 am

### Quack's

122 Courthouse Square

[www.QuacksDogs.com](http://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:** 5-9 pm

**Mon-Thu:** 5-10 pm

**Fri-Sat:** 5-11 pm

**Tue:** Taco Night: \$2 tacos, \$5 Margs

**Wed:** Old Fashioned Night: \$6 burger,

\$7 Old Fashioned

**Thu:** \$3 16 oz. Natty

**Fri & Sat:** Live Music

### Saint Leo

922 E Jackson Ave

[www.EatSaintLeo.com](http://www.EatSaintLeo.com)

**Tue-Sun:** Lunch 11 am-3 pm

Bar & Pizza 3-5 pm

Dinner 5-10 pm (Sun till 9 pm)

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

**Happy Hour 3-5 pm**

(**Tue-Thu:**) \$10 Pizzas, \$7.5

select wine & cocktails, Bubbles +

Fries, 2 Wonderbird Dry Martinis &

Fries for \$20

### Southern Coop

705 Sisk Ave.

[SouthernCoopWings.com](http://SouthernCoopWings.com)

**Mon-Sat:** 11 am-9 pm

**Delivery:** Door Dash, TAB

### Snackbar

721 N Lamar Blvd

[www.CityGroceryOnline.com](http://www.CityGroceryOnline.com)

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

**Happy Hour 4-6 pm:**

\$2 domestics, \$4 drafts, \$6 wines, \$8

classic cocktails, small plate & oyster

specials

**Mon:** INDUSTRY NIGHT

### SoLa

401 S Lamar Blvd

[www.SolaOxford.com](http://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 (5-6 pm)

### Tallahatchie Gourmet

1221 Van Buren Ave

[www.TallahatchieGourmet.com](http://www.TallahatchieGourmet.com)

**Mon-Wed:** 11 am-2:30 pm

**Brunch Sat & Sun** 11:30 am-3 pm

**Delivery:** TAB

### Uno Mas

1101 E Jackson Ave

[www.EatUnoMas.com](http://www.EatUnoMas.com)

**Mon-Sat:** 11 am-10 pm

**Sun:** 11 am-9 pm

**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 Frenzies & \$20 pitchers

**Sun:** Service Industry Sunday

**Delivery:** Door Dash

### Volta Taverna

710 N Lamar Blvd

[www.VoltaTaverna.com](http://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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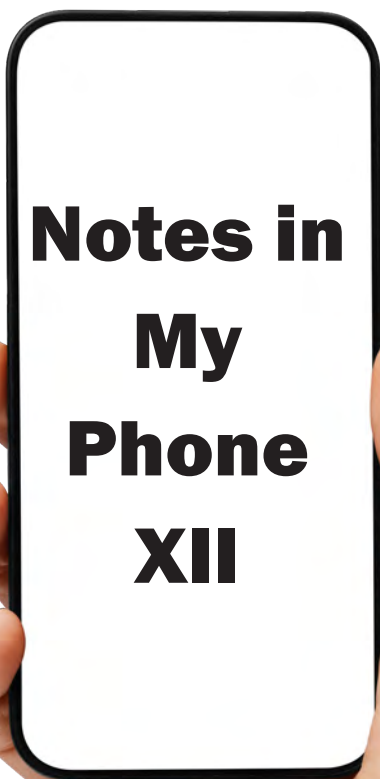
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As we've entered the new year, triumphed over great gridiron victories, and made it through ICEageddon, it seemed only fitting to pick up where we left off in August of 2025 with another installment of "Notes in My Phone." For those of you who haven't followed this series over the past eight years (shame on you!), these are a collection of phrases and comments that others have made that caught my attention. I serve them up with no context so you, the reader, can take it anywhere you wish.



- The OxFreudian.
- A fake alias.
- His anus is tighter than a fine-toothed comb.
- Why do they call it a "hysterectomy" and not a "herstorectomy"?
- Fear kills action. Action kills fear.
- Honest lies.
- There's no need to complain. Half the people you complain to don't care and the other half think you got exactly what you deserve.
- My psychotherapeutic history is so old it can legally drink now.
- Oxymoron: Someone who overdoses on Oxycontin or the dumbest ox in the herd.
- Make America Grate Again.
- I am bizarrely memorable.
- I have a recreational anger level.
- I have to scroll down to get to myself.
- I did not know that you were that invested in performance.
- Ruthless. Less Ruth.

- Superlative laxatives: super poopers.
- Some people prefer a chewier noodle.
- The enlightened redneck.
- Everybody has a chapter in their life they don't want read.
- Hamsterdam.
- Julius sees her. Julius seized her. Julius seizures.
- My grip is firmly around the scrotum of life, and I will never let go. (Ali Larter, "Landman")
- Wine is poetry in a bottle. (Amadaes)
  - It takes two to tangle.
  - Hubris. Hugh's bris.
  - It's not like an atomic bomb is going to drop on Rolling Fork anytime soon.
  - Redundancies are redumbdant.
  - You can actually pay for an eagle to eat a rat named after your ex.
  - I feel a revolution coming on.
  - Unpresidential.

- You don't have to be a Jew to protect a Jew.
- What's easy to get into and hard to get out of? Trouble.
- "If we're not at the table we're on the menu . . . Now it's 'The strong can do whatever they want and the poor must suffer what they can.'" (Mark Carney, Canadian Prime Minister)
- Jesus was an underdog.

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## DAILY SPECIALS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

- Su** **BOGO NIGHT | 5PM - CLOSE**  
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ENTREE (OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE)
- Mo** **TAP TAKEOVER | 5P - CLOSE**  
FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH  
\$4 DRAFT BEER, ROTATING DRAFT FEATURE FOR THE MONTH
- Tu** **TACO NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE**  
\$2 STREET TACO (EACH)  
\$5 MARGARITAS
- We** **BULLEIT OLD FASHIONED NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE**  
\$6 BURGERS  
\$7 PER CLASSIC OLD FASHIONED
- Th** **THIRSTY THURSDAY: NATTY EDITION | 5P - CLOSE**  
\$3.00 TALL NATTY'S (16OZ)
- Fr** **LIVE MUSIC | 7P - 10P**  
LOCAL & SEMI LOCAL VOICES  
OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING
- Sa** **LIVE MUSIC | 7P - 10P**  
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## DAILY HAPPY HOUR 5-6P!

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# TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

THIS ADDICTION TO YOUR PHONE IS NUTS! I WAS IN THE KITCHEN AND YOU TEXTED ME ....WAIT, ARE YOU NOW SENDING ME AN APOLOGY ON FACETIME?

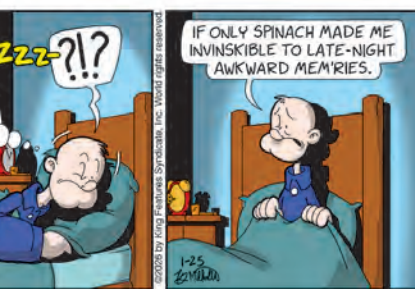
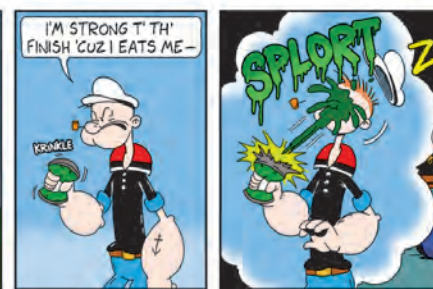
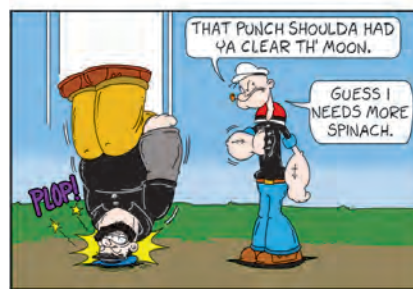
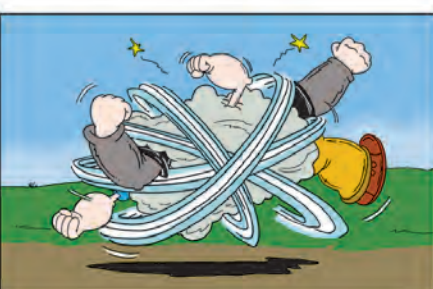
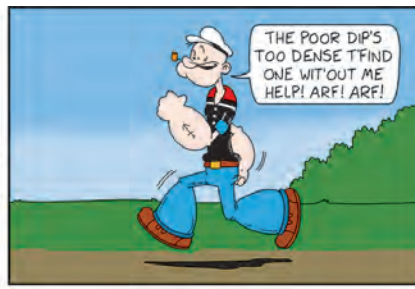
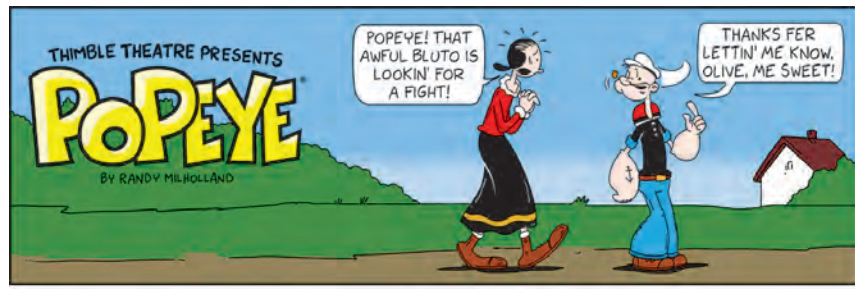
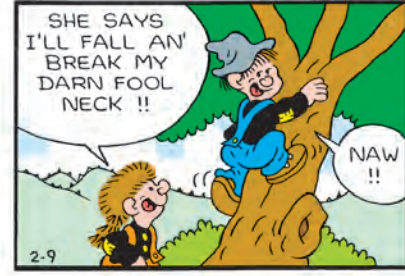
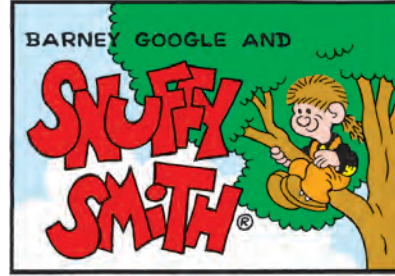
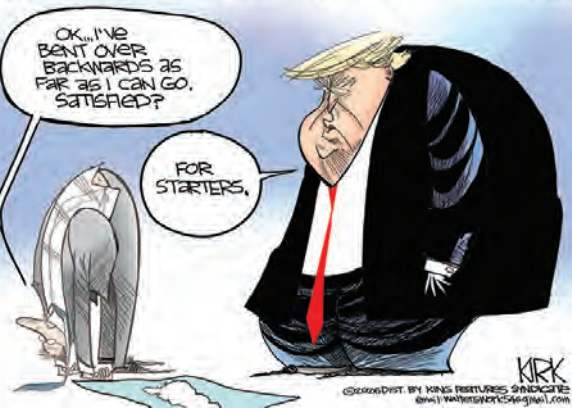


## GRIN and BEAR IT



"You've got to stop putting your foot in your mouth, Senator!"

TRUMP ANNOUNCES A "FRAMEWORK" FOR GREENLAND DEAL...



### Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

IF PUNXSUTAWNEY PAUL SEES HIS AMEX BILL FROM DECEMBER. IT'S ANOTHER SIX WEEKS OF RAMEN NOODLES FOR DINNER

Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**  
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

MUCH TO GUNDAR HARIS HORROR, THANAA TAKES THE CAPTIVES' LIVES INTO HER OWN HANDS: "YOU ARE DOOMED!" SHE SCREAMS AT THE PIRATES...

AND, TO THE CHILDLIKE JOGHTHURA: "POLYPHEMUS - AWAKEN!"

THE DOCILE GIANT IS INSTANTLY TRANSFORMED INTO HER MYTHICAL MONSTER!

BEFORE THE PIRATES CAN OVERCOME THEIR SUPERSTITIOUS DREAD, THE GIANT MOVES WITH ELECTRIC QUICKNESS, ATTACKING THE CLOSEST TWO...

...HE SENDS THEM TO A TERRIBLE DOOM, SO QUICKLY THAT GUNDAR CANNOT DECIDE IF THANAA IS JUST IMPETUOUS, OR HAS PLAYED HIM FOR A FOOL! REGARDLESS, THE BATTLE FOR THE CAPTIVES HAS BEGUN!

MEANWHILE, ON THE FAR END OF THE ISLAND, THE MAIN BODY OF PIRATES, LED BY STRAKONUS, FORCE VAL AND HIS WARRIORS INEVITABLY BACK. "THEY WILL SOON HAVE MEN OVER THE ROCKS AND BEHIND US," VAL TELLS HIS COMPANIONS. "WE WILL BE SURROUNDED."

YEATES 12/17/14

NEXT: Into the hills

# Americanisms

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."  
— Edith Wharton

## Amber Waves

OK, SON, JUST PICK OUT YOUR FAVORITE LURE AND WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN GET A BITE TODAY.

ALRIGHT, HERE WE GO. DROP IT DOWN THE HOLE.

NOW WE WAIT. THOSE FISH SHOULD COME ALONG AND SNATCH IT UP!

SERIOUSLY? PAINTED PLASTIC, FULL OF HOOKS, AND YOUR ISSUE IS IF IT HAS GLUTEN?

by Dave T. Phipps

TODAY'S LECTURE: THE MYTHS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

## The Spats

THE WEATHER IS WEIRD TODAY.

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

THE SUN HAS ON A FUNNY NOSE AND GLASSES!

by Jeff Pickering

NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW

DEFINE "LAW"

HANDS OFF OUR ILLEGAL FRIENDS

BAN ICE

McGOVERN

HITCH BOSTON BROADSIDE

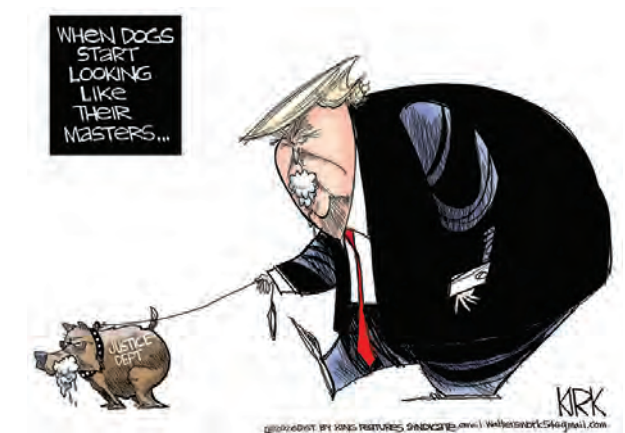
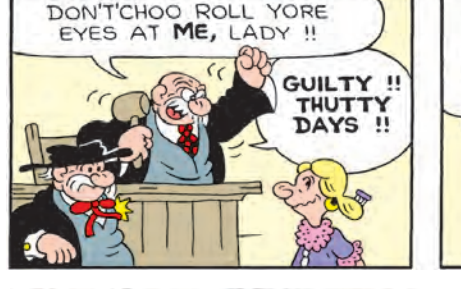
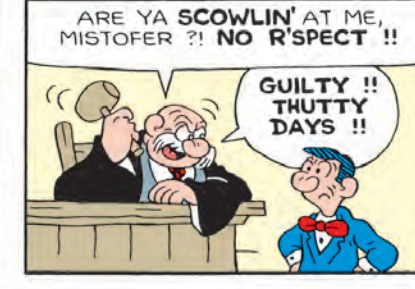
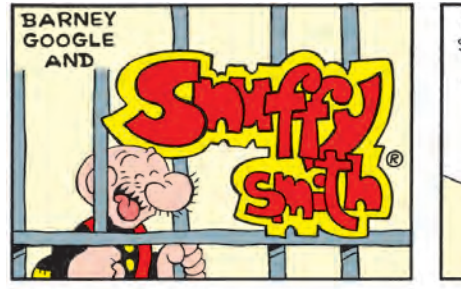
## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WATCH FOR ICE ON ROADS

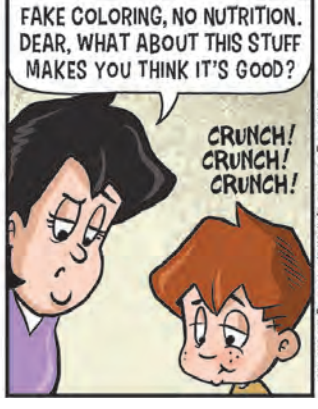
AND IN SCHOOLS, NEIGHBORHOODS, COURTHOUSES, WALMART, HOME DEPOT...

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



**Americanisms**



"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching."  
— Satchel Paige

I FOLLOWED MOST OF THE RECIPE. IT'S PROBABLY FINE DESPITE THE WAY IT LOOKS...AND SMELLS...RIGHT?



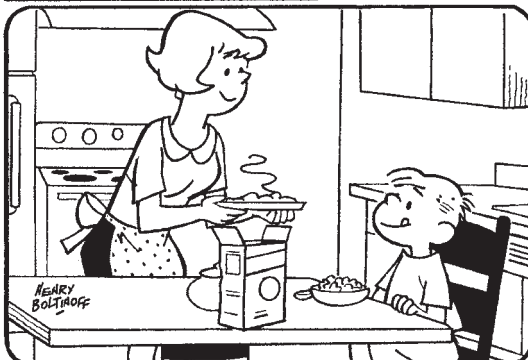
### The Garden Bug

Top gardening apps

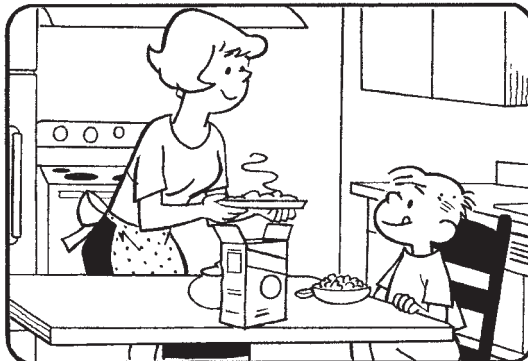
Apps for planning:	Apps for plant care:
• Planter	• Planta
• iScape	• From Seed to Spoon
• Gardenize	• Garden Manager
• Gardroid	• Moon and Garden

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: gardentherapy.ca

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Back of chair is different. 2. Box is different. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Burner is missing. 5. Refrigerator handle is lower. 6. Stove hood is wider.



## FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 1-11

FLASH! THANK TAO I'VE FOUND YOU!

RENSHAW! WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S DALE AND THE OTHERS?

SLAUGHTERED! IT WAS ONLY BY SHEER LUCK THAT I ESCAPED.

BUT DALE... DALE'S STILL ALIVE!

I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE OF RESCUING HER ALONE. HURRY... WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HER!

CAN YOU LEAD US BACK TO THE CREATURE'S LAIR?

IT'S DOWN THIS WAY... FOLLOW ME!

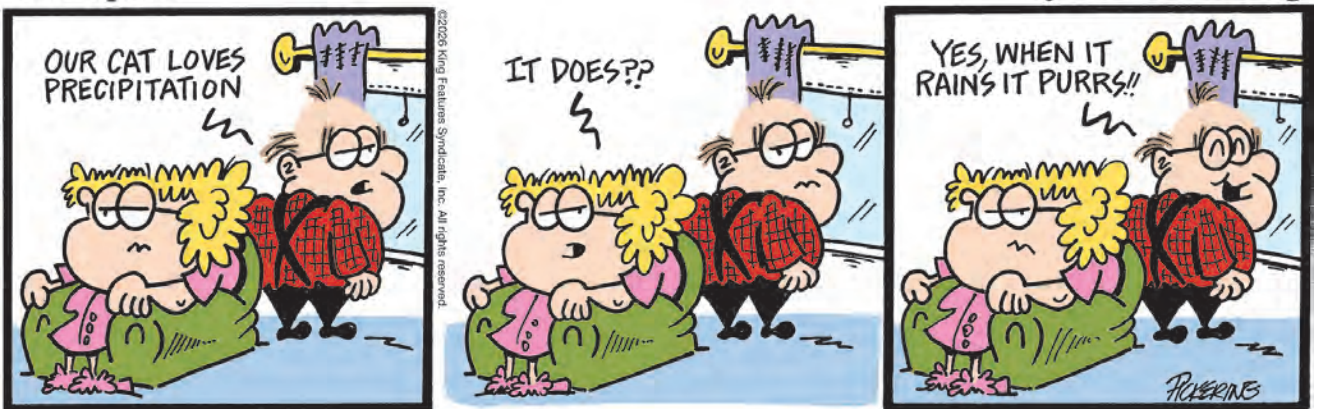
I GUESS I HAD YOU PEGGED ALL WRONG, RENSHAW. HERE...

ZARKOV JERRY RIGGED THE WEAPONS TO GIVE US A LITTLE MORE FIREPOWER. YOU'LL BE NEEDING IT.

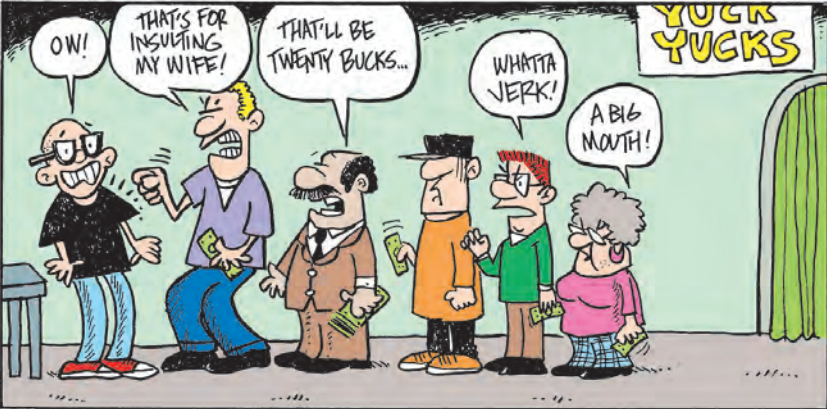
THANKS, FLASH. JUST KNOW THAT FROM HERE ON YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

**NEXT: TRAITOR IN OUR MIDST!**

**The Spats**



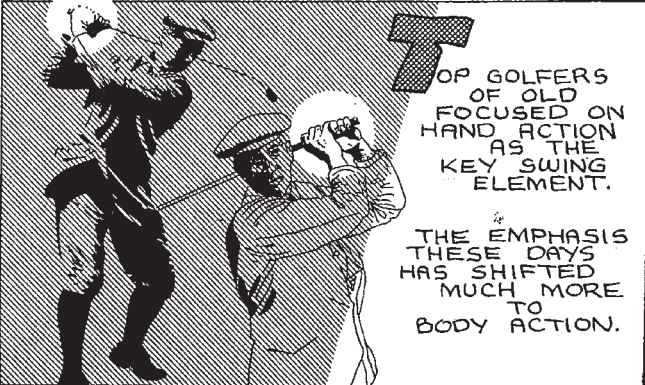
**Out on a Limb**



**by Gary Kopervas**

ANOTHER SHOW, ANOTHER PUNCHLINE FOR MARTY JACKLIN, INSULT COMIC

**Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS**



**DONNA ERICKSON'S  
BEST BITES**



down as it heats throughout.

To get you started, here's my simple, basic traditional recipe for 4-5 paninis that kids will love:

- 1 loaf of good Italian bread, such as ciabatta or focaccia
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- 20 fresh basil leaves
- 4 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto (optional)
- 4 ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced 1/4 inch thick

Slice bread for 4-5 paninis, then split each one in half horizontally. Drizzle bottom cut halves with olive oil and stack with basil, prosciutto, tomatoes and cheese. Top with bread.

Set panini on a heated, nonstick grill pan. Set bricks covered with tinfoil on top to compress the panini. Grill until cheese softens. Flip over and toast on second sides, again with the bricks on top.



Set on a plate and let yourself be transported to Italy as you take your first bite.

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1. **Avatar: Fire and Ash** (PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
2. **28 Years Later: The Bone Temple** (R) Jack O'Connell, Alfie Williams
3. **Zootopia 2** (PG) Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman
4. **The Housemaid** (R) Sydney Sweeney, Amanda Seyfried
5. **Marty Supreme** (R) Timothée Chalamet, Gwyneth Paltrow
6. **Primate** (R) Johnny Sequoyah, Jess Alexander
7. **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen
8. **Greenland 2: Migration** (PG-13) Gerard Butler, Morena Baccarin
9. **Anaconda** (PG-13) Jack Black, Paul Rudd
10. **The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants** (PG) Tom Kenny, Clancy Brown

**THE  
POD  
REPORT**

By Dana Block



**THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:  
Olympic Spirit**

It's been two years since the Paris Summer Olympics, and NBC is now bringing their expert coverage (including Snoop Dogg) to scenic Italy for the next installment of worldwide competition. It all kicks off with the Opening Ceremony on Friday, Feb. 6, but these four podcasts have been ready and prepared for months, if not year-round, in anticipation of the 25th (XXV) edition of the Winter Olympic Games:

**"Two Guys, Five Rings"** — Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers are known for their pop-culture podcast "Las Culturistas," but they're teaming up with NBC Sports once again for a special podcast during the Olympics. You can still listen to their episodes from Paris in 2024, while also getting a head start on the upcoming Winter Olympics in Milan/Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. In this 15-episode podcast, Yang and Rogers "discuss the top storylines, obsess over Italian culture, and find out what really goes on in the Olympic Village." Be sure to check out episode IV, where they reminisce about their favorite moments from past Winter Olympics before heading overseas for the current coverage, starting on Feb. 6. (iHeart.com)

**"Off The Podium"** — This podcast hosted by three fans of the Olympics brings you in-depth interviews with athletes from around the world year-round. Hosted by "three men who

dream of Olympics glory but have as much athletic prowess as a piece of cheese," this delightful podcast spotlights individuals who have the physical stamina and mental discipline that most of us only dream about. As they prepare for the big event, recent episodes have also focused on the Olympic trials, updates on the venues, and speculation about which stars will be featured during the Opening Ceremony. (OffThePodiumPod.com)

**"The Runthrough"** — Hosts Adam Rippon, Ashley Wagner and Sarah Hughes have over 100 episodes in their vault covering all things figure skating. They recently recorded their podcast live in St. Louis for the United States Championships, where they welcomed "an amazing Olympic champion guest." Get the scoop on everything that happened in the "kiss and cry" area, who all made the team, and what to expect this February in Italy. (RSS.com)

**Don't Forget These Gems**

**"My New Favorite Olympian"** — Olympic-bronze-medalist figure skater and prolific podcaster Adam Rippon returns with an all-new season of this weekly podcast just in time for the Winter Games. Recent episodes have already included an inspiring, informative interview with Olympic bobsled champion Kaillie Humphries about her IVF journey and her battle with stage 4 endometriosis. Be sure to subscribe so that you don't miss any more special guests in the weeks ahead. (NBCSports.com)

**"Broomgate: A Curling Scandal"** — Hosted by a professional curler and a comedian, this six-part podcast exposes the truth behind a scandalous broom that rocked the sport of curling a decade ago. Learn how the World Curling Federation responded when a new type of broom was introduced to one of the most memorable winter sports. (CBC.ca)

**Fun Fact**

Great white sharks are the largest predatory fish on our planet, growing as long as 20 feet and weighing as much as 4,000 pounds. The mouth of a great white is equipped with a set of 300 sharp, triangular teeth arranged in up to seven rows.

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**The Garden Bug**



The rose variety "**Gertrude Jekyll**" was named "World's Favourite Rose" by the World Federation of Rose Societies at its May 2025 convention held in Fukuyama, Japan. Rose enthusiasts all over the world love its vibrant pink color, its elegant shape, large blooms loaded with petals from late spring through fall, and its exquisite perfume. A Gertrude Jekyll rose needs a minimum of 4 hours of sunlight per day during the growing season, well-draining soil and adequate air circulation around it.

— Brenda Weaver

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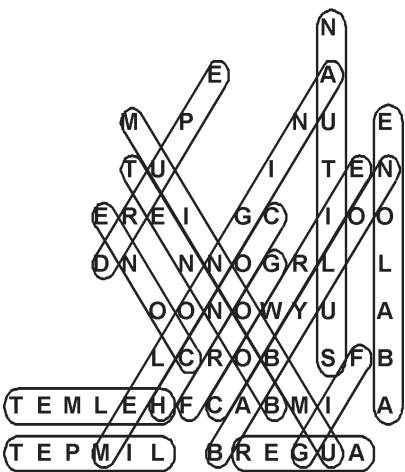


## Super Crossword

### Answers

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### SEA SHELL TYPES



## Even Exchange

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1. Filly, Folly
2. Waiter, Walter
3. Racket, Rocket
4. Sloth, Cloth
5. Morse, Mouse
6. Detour, Devour
7. Liston, Listen
8. Harpo, Harps
9. Garnet, Garner
10. Alien, Allen

## Go Figure!

### answers

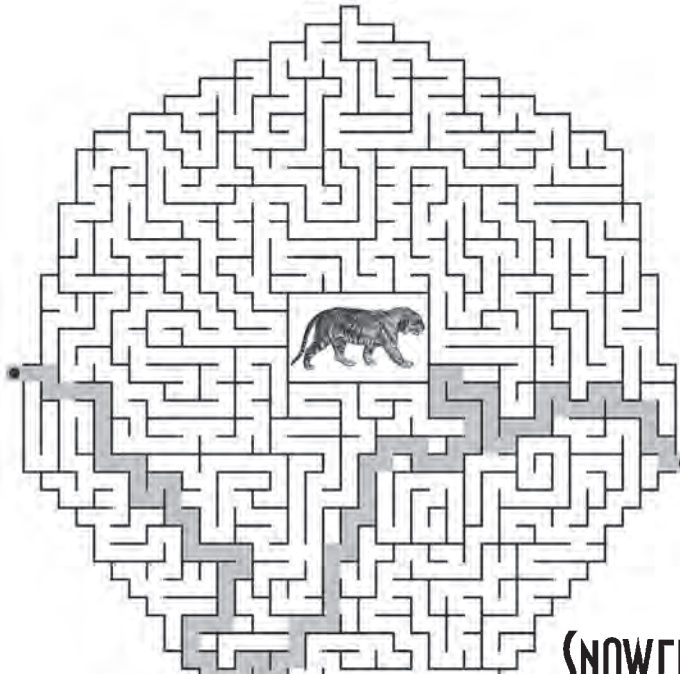
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### Stickelers Answer

The answer is 40293. Take each number, reverse it and add it to itself to get the next number: 45 + 54 = 99. 99 + 99 = 198. 198 + 891 = 1089. 1089 + 9801 = 10890. Repeat these steps and you will arrive at 40293.

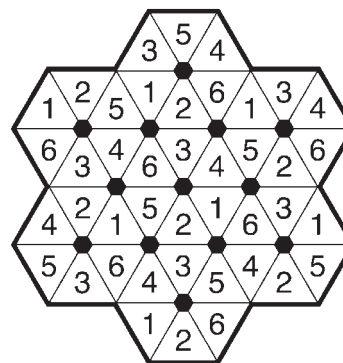
## Mega Maze

### Solution



## SNOWFLAKES

### solution



## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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

## CryptoQuip

### answer

Needing a much longer utensil to cut a large hunk of meat, a man declared "Knife's too short."

## CryptoQuote

### answer

The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The meaning of life is to give it away. — David Viscott

## King Crossword

### Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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## Five Spot™

### Solution

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## FEAR & KNOT

### answer

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## Word Spiral Answer

### HABANEROS

## KNIGHT MOVES

### Answer

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### FISCALLY

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Caramel; 2. Code;
3. Inside; 4. Inept

Today's Word

**INCOME**

## Even Exchange

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- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Menus, Minus   | 6. Oliver, Sliver |
| 2. Fender, Lender | 7. Stare, Scare   |
| 3. Starch, Search | 8. Falter, Filter |
| 4. Pitch, Pinch   | 9. Trade, Trace   |
| 5. Brisk, Brick   | 10. Noise, Poise  |

## Puzzles4Kids

Answer

What should you say to an angry polar bear?  
Nothing. Just run away!

## FEAR KNIGHT

answer

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**“Die, My Love”** (R) — Whether you’re a fan of twisty psychological films or not, this film is just a treat for millennials and Gen-Zers who grew up watching Robert Pattinson in the “Twilight” films and Jennifer Lawrence in “The Hunger Games” films. Playing love interests opposite each other, Pattinson and Lawrence respectively portray young couple Jackson and Grace right after they move to Montana from New York. The audience soon learns that Grace is pregnant with their first child, but after Grace gives birth, the film is told from Grace’s fragmented and distorted point of view as she slowly descends into madness due to the stress of becoming a mother. It is chock-full of tough-to-watch, unforgettable emotional moments that remind us why Lawrence is one of the greatest of her generation. Out now. (MUBI)

**“The Wrecking Crew”** (R) — Any movie that is led by both Jason Momoa (“A Minecraft Movie”) and Dave Bautista (“Trap House”) is sure to be a testosterone-filled action flick with goofy moments in between to keep audiences shouting at their screens for more. Momoa and Bautista play two half-brothers: Jonny (Momoa), a “loose cannon cop,” and James (Bautista), a “disciplined Navy SEAL.” After their father is murdered in a suspicious hit-and-run in Hawaii, the brothers team up to figure out the root of the murder and keep the rest of their family from also being threatened. “The Wrecking Crew” premieres on Jan. 28. (Amazon Prime Video)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

**Dave Bautista, left, and Jason Momoa star in “The Wrecking Crew.”**

*In Case You Missed It*

**“Chestnut”** (NR) — This drama film features Natalia Dyer in a much different tone than how we are used to seeing her as Nancy Wheeler in “Stranger Things.” She plays Annie, a shy aspiring writer who is stuck in Philadelphia after graduating from college; however, at the end of the summer, a move to Los Angeles awaits her. In the weeks up until then, Annie meets a pair of best friends — wild child Tyler (Rachel Keller) and the mysteriously sweet Danny (Danny Ramirez) — and begins spending all her nights with the charming duo. When she suddenly finds herself with confusing feelings for both Tyler and Danny, Annie wonders whether she’s subtly being told by the universe to stay in Philly or to run as fast as she can to L.A. Out now. (Plex)



## The Least Glamorous Meal Prep That Saves Me Every Week

Easy batch cooking is one of those habits that sounds slightly extreme until you try it. The short version is this: Cook extra, freeze it and thank yourself later.

Preparing ready-to-use meal components ahead of time takes the pressure off weeknight cooking and gives you the best of both worlds — nutritious, frugal, home-cooked meals and far less time spent staring hopefully into the refrigerator at 5:30 p.m.

The only real downside is that batch cooking asks for a little time upfront, usually on the weekend. But I’ve learned that an hour or two of focused prep can buy me days of easier dinners.

Which brings me to one of my least glamorous but most useful kitchen habits: cooking ground beef in bulk.

Why cook just 1 pound of ground beef when I can cook 5 or even 10 pounds and be set for weeks? Especially when ground beef is rarely the finished dish anyway. It’s a building block, destined for soups, casseroles, tacos, burritos, pasta sauces and skillet meals that will all be seasoned later.

This is usually the point in the conversation where eyebrows go up. Because, yes, I cook ground beef in the slow cooker, on purpose, and it turns out to be one of the most useful

kitchen shortcuts I know.

Slow-cooked ground beef comes out fully cooked and surprisingly moist. It isn’t browned or particularly pretty, and that’s exactly the point. This meat is meant to be finished later, not served as-is.

### How to Cook Ground Beef in a Slow Cooker

Place 5-6 pounds of ground beef in a 6-quart slow cooker, breaking it into large chunks. Season lightly with 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Add 1 cup of water, cover, and cook on low for 6-8 hours, until fully cooked. Drain well, cool completely, then portion into labeled freezer bags (about 2 cups each) and freeze flat. Use directly from the freezer in soups, casseroles, taco filling, pasta sauce, shepherd’s pie, stuffed peppers or skillet meals.



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Pita pockets made with batch-cooked ground beef for an easy, flavorful meal.

Meal prep doesn’t have to mean finished meals lined up in identical containers. Sometimes it’s enough to prepare the parts that take the longest. Future you will take it from there.

### CURRIED BEEF PITA POCKETS

Yield: 4 servings  
Total Time: 10 minutes  
1/2 tablespoon olive oil

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups cooked ground beef (about 1 pound raw)
- 1 garlic clove, minced or grated
- 1 tablespoon curry powder, or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon dill
- Salt and pepper
- 4 pita pockets, cut into halves

Preheat a large skillet on medium-high heat. Heat the olive oil and brown the onion. Add the ground beef and garlic, curry powder, salt, pepper, diced tomato and zucchini, and stir to combine. Add 1/4 cup water, cover and simmer 3 minutes.

While that’s simmering, mix the cucumber with sour cream and dill, adding salt and pepper to taste, set aside. Spoon meat mixture into pita breads. Top with dollops of cucumber sauce. Serve with a salad.

This is the quiet power of cooking components instead of complete meals. A little advance effort turns into fast, flexible dinners that don’t feel repetitive. It’s not flashy, but it’s the kind of kitchen habit that makes everyday cooking feel so easy it’s almost fun. Almost.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

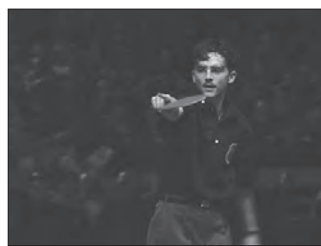
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chesters. Millie soon learns that Nina (Seyfried), the mother and wife of the family, is mentally unwell and quickly begins to suffer the consequences of being her housemaid. It is only when Millie is pushed to the brink that she realizes why she was hired for the Winchesters and who this family really is. Out to rent on Feb. 3. (Amazon Prime Video)

**“The 68th Annual Grammy Awards”** (TV-PG) — CBS just won't let go of Trevor Noah as the host for the Grammys, making it the sixth consecutive time that the comedian has hosted. (They just don't make hosts like they used to ...) But this is the final year that CBS will be broadcasting the ceremony, as the show has plans to move to ABC and Disney platforms after this year. Performers include Sabrina Carpenter, Pharrell Williams, and a medley that features all eight nominees for Best New Artists (including girl band Katseye and pop singer Addison Rae). Meanwhile, musicians like Bad Bunny, Kendrick Lamar, Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Billie Eilish are duking it out in the major categories of “Song of the Year,” “Album of the Year,” and “Record of the Year.” Stream it now to skip all the pesky commercials and just get to the good parts. (Paramount+)



Timothee Chalamet stars in “Marty Supreme.”

**“Marty Supreme”** (R) — A24 scored another success, both critically and financially, with this sports comedy-drama film led by Timothee Chalamet (“A Complete Unknown”). Loosely based on table tennis player Marty Reisman's 1974 memoir, the film picks up in 1952 when a young Marty Mauser (Chalamet) is working as a shoe salesman while competing in table tennis professionally. Marty is determined to be great and make his dream of winning the British Open come true, even if he has to cut a few corners and step on some toes to get there. Meanwhile, Marty's a messy romantic whose eyes bounce between retired actress Kay Stone (Gwyneth Paltrow) and his married childhood friend Rachel Mizler (Odessa A'zion). So far, “Marty Supreme” has earned Chalamet a Golden Globe and a Critics' Choice Award for Best Actor; his sights are now on nabbing that Oscar statuette. Out to rent on Feb. 3. (Apple TV+)

**“The Housemaid”** (R) — After Sydney Sweeney's silly ad about jeans started to tank her career and cost her “Christy” film to bomb, she was forced to apologize and get it together ahead of the premiere of her erotic psychological thriller. (Which ended up being somewhat of a success!) Co-starring the lovely Amanda Seyfried (“The Testament of Ann Lee”) and Brandon Sklenar (“Drop”), the film follows a young woman named Millie (Sweeney) who has a criminal past and becomes a live-in housekeeper for the wealthy Win-



When Meat Is Optional: A High-Protein Pantry Dinner

You don't have to serve meat at every meal for it to be healthy, filling or high in protein. Lentils, rice and other plant-based proteins have fed generations of families around the world for millennia, quietly and affordably. When you understand how to combine them, they create meals that are satisfying, flexible and surprisingly substantial.

TVP, or textured vegetable protein, isn't new or exotic. It's been used for decades as an inexpensive way to stretch ground meat or replace it entirely. Made from defatted soy flour, it's similar in texture to ground meat once rehydrated. It's shelf-stable, high in protein, neutral in flavor and absorbs whatever seasonings you give it. For budget-conscious cooks, it's a useful ingredient that adds substance without adding much cost.

If you've ever eaten canned or frozen chili, burritos or meatballs, there's a good chance you've already eaten it. You can find TVP in the bulk section of the grocery store, sometimes labeled textured soy protein. If not, check near dry soup mixes or ask an employee.

WARM SPICE LENTIL RICE BOWLS

Yield: 6 to 8 servings  
Total Time: 40 mins.

These warm spice lentil rice bowls use TVP to boost protein while keep-

ing costs low. Cooked in broth with onion and warm spices, it creates a hearty base that can be served as-is or customized with vegetables, sauces or toppings depending on what you have on hand. Each serving contains about 18 grams of protein.

- 6 cups water, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup brown lentils
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon white or brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut aminos, optional
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1 cup textured vegetable protein (TVP)
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable or chicken bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Black pepper to taste

**Topping ideas:** plain yogurt, sauteed greens, roasted carrot or sweet potato, pickled onions, green onions, fresh herbs, cucumber, or sliced lemon or lime.



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A customizable bowl of lentils, rice and warm spices makes an easy, high-protein pantry dinner.

Bring 3 cups of water and 1/4 teaspoon salt to a boil in a large saucepan. Add the lentils and reduce heat to low, simmer uncovered for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, warm the olive oil in

a skillet over medium-low heat. Add the onion and cook slowly, stirring occasionally, allowing it to soften and caramelize, about 10 minutes. After the first 5 minutes, add the sugar and, if using, the coconut aminos to deepen the flavor.

Once the onions are golden and fragrant, add the rice and stir to coat the grains in the flavorful oil. Cook for 1-2 minutes, then transfer the onions and rice to the saucepan.

Add the remaining 3 cups water, TVP, parsley, bouillon, curry powder and cumin. Stir to combine. Bring to a vigorous boil, then remove from heat, cover and let stand undisturbed for 20 minutes.

Fluff with a fork, season with black pepper and serve.

Think of this as a grain-bowl style meal and let everyone customize their own bowl. Try topping it with chopped fresh herbs for brightness, roasted veggies bring sweetness, garlicky greens for depth and a dollop of yogurt, tahini or another simple sauce. A spoonful of something pickled or spicy adds contrast and keeps the dish lively from bite to bite.

Knowing how to prepare satisfying meals without relying on meat is a useful skill, especially when food prices feel unpredictable. Dishes like this are about flexibility, resilience and feeding yourself well with what's affordable and available. That kind of confidence in the kitchen is always worth having.

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Hours:  
Tuesday-Friday 5 pm-1 am  
Saturday 1 pm-1 am

Hours: Monday-Saturday  
11 am-9 pm  
First Come, First Serve,  
No Reservations

Thursday-Friday 5 pm-1 am  
Saturday noon-1 am  
Sunday Bunch 11 am-3 pm  
Monday-Wednesday closed

Wednesday-Saturday 5 pm-12 am  
Sunday 3 pm-9 pm  
Monday-Tuesday closed  
Reservations made on our website