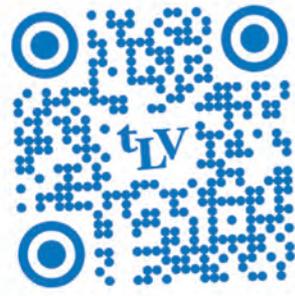




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Whispers in the Pews: How Small Talk Shapes Evangelical Identity and Christian Nationalism

Amy McDowell in conversation with Jodi Skipper Wednesday,
March 18 at 5:30 pm @ Off Square Books

Ole Miss associate professor Amy McDowell will be in conversation with Dr. Jodi Skipper for Whispers in the Pews, an exploration of the power of small talk in evangelical church communities, and a bottom-up explanation of Christian nationalism.

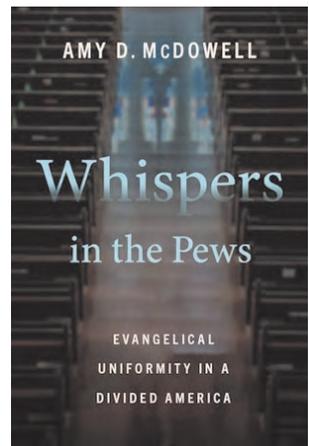
Small talk, whether enjoyed or despised, is often thought of as trivial and largely useless. In churches across the South, however, it can be surprisingly powerful. *Whispers in the Pews* offers a bottom-up explanation of Christian nationalism, exposing how small talk is utilized to construct an appearance of social and political sameness in evangelical church communities.

McDowell interviewed church attendees in a politically divided Mississippi college town. Students, working class residents, and racial minorities alike described the profound influence of this kind of normalizing small talk in their congregation.

By confining themselves to blander conversation topics, the church, which prides itself on inclusivity, positions itself as welcoming to all. But by creating an environment in which certain topics—border control, electoral politics, race, and gender—are discouraged from discussion, a false façade is developed in which everyone is assumed to believe the same things, and any sort of debate is silenced.

Amy McDowell is an Associate Professor of Sociology and the Director of Queer Mississippi Histories Project at the University of Mississippi. Her ethnographic research on how religion and secularism collide in American culture has been published in leading sociology journals on race, religion, and gender and reprinted in best-selling anthologies for undergraduate students.

Jodi Skipper is a race and tourism scholar at the University of Mississippi. In her role as Professor of Anthropology and Southern Studies, she has collaborated with *Behind the Big House*, a slave dwelling interpretation program in North Mississippi.



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Anubis Improv Teams Up with New Orleans' Big Couch for a Night of Improv Comedy

Special Guest
 an improv comedy party



Comedy fans rejoice! Oxford's own Anubis Improv will host New Orleans-based Big Couch to bring you an epic night of improvisational shenanigans at The Powerhouse on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are only \$15 (cheap!), and the show is guaranteed to leave you saying *yes, and* . . . Anubis performers include Hannah Allan, Dylan Kerr, Alyssa Lee, Maggie White, and Oxford's Favorite Comedian Connor King. Anubis founder David Hamilton may have escaped back to NOLA, but he'll be making an appearance alongside Big Couch performers. It's gonna be a party!



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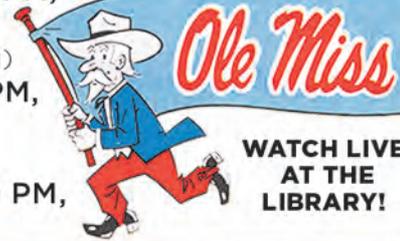
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THURSDAY 3.05.2026

Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)
The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author DENNARD DAYLE for *How to Dodge a Cannonball*, live music by LENNY KATE, AYBIL (6 pm)
Quack's: DRINK EXCHANGE (9 pm)
 The Green @ Harrison's: COLLEGE FIGHT NIGHT (5 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
 Nutt Auditorium: SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLES Concert (7:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: WATERMELON SLIM, HEAVY DRUNK (8 pm; free)
 University Museum: BUILDING BRAINS (10 am; age 1-8; free);
 Spring Opening Reception (5 pm)

FRIDAY 3.06.2026

The Library: MICHAEL PACE (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: BRIGID FERGUSON (7 pm)
 Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County Pro Rodeo (7:30 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Storytime: Colors (10:30 am);
 Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
Proud Larry's: HARRY'S HOUSE PARTY - A PISTOL WHIP FRANCIS
 Pop-up (9 pm; \$10)
Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. EVANSVILLE (6:30 pm)

SATURDAY 3.07.2026

The Library: MICHAEL PACE (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN (7 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)
 Lafayette County Arena: Lafayette County Pro Rodeo (7:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: THELMA & THE SLEAZE (9:30 pm; free)
 SJB Pavilion: Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. SOUTH CAROLINA
 (noon)
Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. EVANSVILLE (3 pm)
 University Museum: SKETCHBOOK SATURDAY (10 am-4 pm; free)

SUNDAY 3.08.2026

Daylight Saving Time Begins
International Women's Day
Swayze Field: Ole Miss Baseball vs. EVANSVILLE (1:30 pm)

MONDAY 3.09.2026

Blind Pig: Trivia (7:30 pm)

TUESDAY 3.10.2026

Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3:30-6 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: No Cap Chap Book Club (6 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am)

WEDNESDAY 3.11.2026

Circle & Square: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Funkys: LADIES' NIGHT
Moe's Penny Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)

THURSDAY 3.12.2026: Plant a Flower Day

Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)

Quack's: DRINK EXCHANGE (9 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Check It Out Book Club & Swap
 (11 am)

FRIDAY 3.13.2026

The Library: JT MCCAFFREY (9 pm)
The Powerhouse: Special Guest: BIG COUCH + ANUBIS IMPROV (7:30 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN (7 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Spring Puppet Show with NANCY OPALKO (10:30 am)
Proud Larry's: WATER LIARS (9 pm; \$20)

SATURDAY 3.14.2026: Pi Day

17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl (FREE, starts at 2 pm; Harrison's 1810, Moe's Penny Bar, Quack's, Back 9, Round Table, Funkys, Blind Pig, Round Table)
The Library: JT MCCAFFREY (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: MICAH BROWN (7 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)
Lafayette County Arena: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY (8 am-3 pm)
 University Museum: SKETCHBOOK SATURDAY (10 am-4 pm; free)

SUNDAY 3.15.2026: Ides of March

The Powerhouse: ANUBIS IMPROV Level Up Showcase (7 pm)
Proud Larry's: THE END OF ALL MUSIC 14th Anniversary Party (4 pm; no cover)
SoLa: Gator Belts and Patty Melts and Monte Carlos - a 6-course seafood dinner inspired by OUTKAST

MONDAY 3.16.2026

Blind Pig: Trivia (7:30 pm)
 Nutt Auditorium: Three Men & a Baby Grand - JOHN CARDEN, MICHAEL FERRERI, TONY OAKLEY (7:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: THE SOPHS (9 pm, free)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); How to Distill Your Big Oxford Life into a Micro Memoir with BETH ANN FENNELLY (5:30 pm)

TUESDAY 3.17.2026

Saint Patrick's Day
The Library: St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3:30-6 pm)
Quack's: BEDLXM
Square Books, Jr.: NO CAP CHAP BOOK CLUB (6 pm)
 Nutt Auditorium: FACULTY WOODWIND QUINTET (7:30 pm)
 Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); MAHJONGG for Beginners with SUSAN KELLY (5:30 pm)
Oxford Conference Center: EMPTY BOWLS Oxford Food Pantry fundraiser luncheon (11 am-1 pm)
Swayze Field: Ole Miss BASEBALL vs. AUSTIN PEAY (6:30 pm)



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WEDNESDAY 3.18.2026

Circle & Square: TRIVIA (7 pm)
Funkys: LADIES' NIGHT
Moe's Penny Bar: OPEN MIC NIGHT (9 pm)
Off Square Books: AMY MCDOWELL in conversation with JODI SKIPPER for *Whispers in the Pews* (5:30 pm)
Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm);
Proud Larry's: CIGARETTES @SUNSET (9 pm; \$20)

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- Engine Fluids
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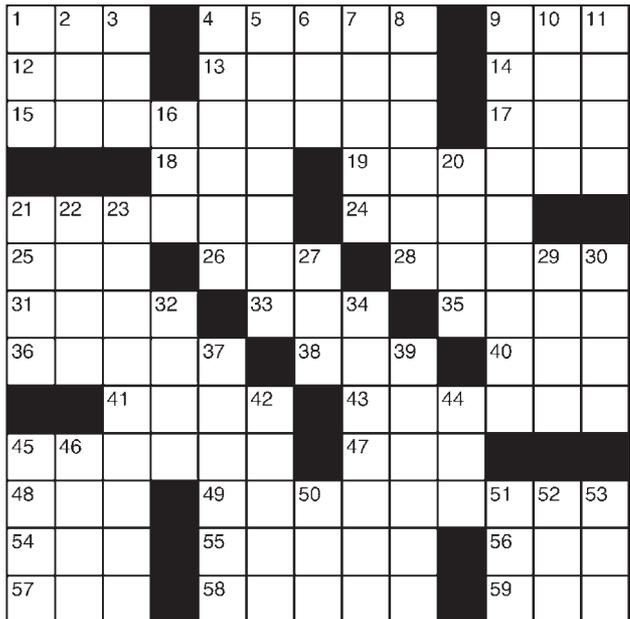


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

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ACROSS

- 1 Lawn coating
- 4 Daring deeds
- 9 Droid
- 12 "That feels so good!"
- 13 Host
- 14 Ruckus
- 15 Type of cable
- 17 Sine qua —
- 18 Feathery wrap
- 19 Garish
- 21 Mellow yellows
- 24 Winter blanket
- 25 Mauna —
- 26 Fire sign?
- 28 Emulate Scott Hamilton
- 31 Grecian vessels
- 33 Evergreen tree
- 35 "Zounds!"
- 36 Army doc
- 38 Karaoke prop, for short
- 40 Assoc.
- 41 Friendly
- 43 Crude dwelling
- 45 Brit's word of surprise
- 47 Where Ger. is
- 48 Help
- 49 Timepiece attachment



- 54 Blasting stick
- 55 Follow
- 56 Luau dish
- 57 Sneaky chuckle
- 58 Reading lights
- 59 Bradley and Asner
- 6 Fed. health law
- 7 Camping shelters
- 8 Family cars
- 9 Something to jump on
- 10 Skunk's defense
- 11 Theater award
- 16 Jurist Fortas
- 20 Stirred
- 21 Grad
- 22 "Encore!"
- 23 Range of radio frequencies
- 27 Skirt edge
- 29 Like lemons
- 30 Jittery
- 32 Thailand, once
- 34 Gets smart
- 37 Embroidery yarn
- 39 Waterpark slides
- 42 Actress Loy
- 44 Wall St. whiz
- 45 Tub session
- 46 Queue
- 50 Doctrine
- 51 Mimic
- 52 Silent assent
- 53 Insult

DOWN

- 1 Apply cream
- 2 Listener
- 3 "— goes there?"
- 4 Soft felt hat
- 5 Diplomat's post



1. Which singer-songwriter released "Bring It on Home to Me"?
2. Name the artist who released "Bop."
3. Which group released "Down on the Corner"?
4. "We Built This City" was the debut single for which band?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Saving nickels, saving dimes, Working til the sun don't shine, Looking forward to happier times."

Answers:

1. Sam Cooke, in 1962. The song didn't top the charts until The Animals released their cover in 1965 and it went to No. 1 in Sweden.
2. Dan Seals, formerly of England Dan & John Ford Coley, in 1985. After leaving the duo, Seals had 11 chart-toppers, including "Meet Me in Montana" with Marie Osmond.
3. Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1969. Penned by band member John Fogerty, the song was first released on their "Willy and the Poor Boys" album.
4. Starship, in 1985. Co-written by Bernie Taupin (writing pal of Elton John), the song climbed charts around the globe. However, Rolling Stone pegged it as one of the worst songs of the '80s.
5. "Blue Bayou," by Roy Orbison in 1961. Linda Ronstadt followed with a cover in 1977, and the song has been used in several films, including "American Made" starring Tom Cruise in 2017.

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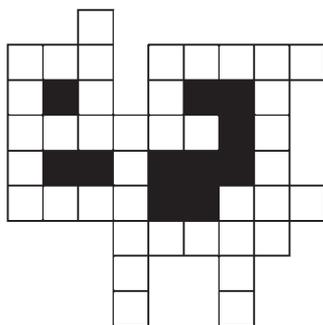
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: POPEYE'S FAVORITE FOOD

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| Bok choy | Collard greens | Leek | Watercress |
| Cabbage | Endive | Lettuce | |



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- NANEMP
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- NYROA
- ♥GRA
- NOYEMP
- MYJPU
- ♥UTNR



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

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

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- CROSS**
- 1 Lack of vitality
 - 7 Neighbor of Florida
 - 14 Garlicky sauces
 - 20 In a rational manner
 - 21 Unexpired driver's license, e.g.
 - 22 Well-spoken
 - 23 Whole bunch of baby felines?
 - 25 Regions, weatherwise
 - 26 Some reddish deer
 - 27 Sex educator Shere
 - 28 Jokester Jay
 - 30 Viscous stuff
 - 31 DVD- (data holders)
 - 32 Make angry
 - 33 Dogs that hunt egrets?
 - 37 Fade away
 - 38 B.A., e.g.
 - 39 Corp. exec in charge of ads and branding
 - 41 Locale
 - 42 "Oh, gotcha"
 - 43 Snacks that help physicists build atomic bombs?
 - 47 Campus digs
 - 49 Text-scanning device: Abbr.
 - 50 French for "the king"
 - 51 Head up
 - 53 1890s veep Stevenson
 - 55 Back of an overseas ship?
 - 59 Entrepreneur Bezos who cooks sheep delicacies?
 - 63 Tan-colored
 - 64 "Ich bin — Berliner"
 - 66 Actors Momoa and Statham
 - 67 Frigid
 - 68 Ladies who use Speed Stick?
 - 72 — Newton
 - 75 Shared a living space
 - 77 Water, in Lille
 - 78 2008 documentary about the national debt
 - 80 Cover girl from a city in central Georgia?
 - 84 Fire breather's parachute descent?
 - 88 Flabbergast
 - 89 Paddy food
 - 91 — Park (Edison's home)
 - 92 Machinery wheel
 - 93 Unwell
 - 97 Package shipped to singer Dolly?
 - 102 From the top
 - 104 En — (in full court)
 - 106 Free TV spot, in brief
 - 107 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
 - 108 Med. group
 - 109 Serenity in a rabbit colony?
 - 112 Woodsy den
 - 114 U-boats, e.g.
 - 115 Feel unwell
 - 116 Andean land
 - 117 French essayist Simone
 - 118 Singer Horne
 - 119 Nag
 - 122 Answer from poet Countee?
 - 126 Greek goddess of wisdom
 - 127 Phoenician goddess of fertility
 - 128 "Could be"
 - 129 Deny
 - 130 Own
 - 131 Atlantic City hotel/casino
 - 38 Protest at which people lie down
 - 40 "Uncle" of old TV
 - 44 Whole lot
 - 45 U.S. spy gp.
 - 46 "Uncle" of the U.S.
 - 48 Singer Aimee
 - 52 "Of the day," on menus
 - 54 VIPs at raves
 - 55 DOJ agency
 - 56 Tolkien fiend
 - 57 Crooner Orbison
 - 58 Often-dinged car feature
 - 60 — -o'-shanter
 - 61 Mao — -tung
 - 62 Ending for ball or bass
 - 65 DE-to-VT dir.
 - 68 Dad's mate
 - 69 Angsty genre
 - 70 Flanders of "The Simpsons"
 - 71 Fishing boots
 - 72 Animal's coat
 - 73 The same: Prefix
 - 74 Hiatus
 - 75 Cartoonist Chast
 - 76 Wallet bills
 - 78 Spouse's father, e.g.
 - 79 Bad smell
 - 80 Kind of parrot
 - 81 Refrigerator brand
 - 82 Reluctant to be filmed
 - 83 Glass edge
 - 85 Latin "I love"
 - 86 Non-Jewish
 - 87 Comparable (with)
 - 90 Robin's wear
 - 94 "Son of," in Arabic
 - 95 AI who drew Li'l Abner
 - 96 Patella
 - 98 Natural gifts
 - 99 England-to-France connector
 - 100 Envoy's residence
 - 101 — Angeles
 - 103 Authors
 - 105 David of "NYPD Blue"
 - 110 Justice
 - 111 Niche sects
 - 113 Buenos —
 - 114 Capital of South Korea
 - 117 Existed
 - 118 Meg Mallon's gp.
 - 119 Wok, e.g.
 - 120 Greek vowel
 - 121 Light beam
 - 123 Notes before tis
 - 124 Sis, e.g.
 - 125 Swirly letter

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

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

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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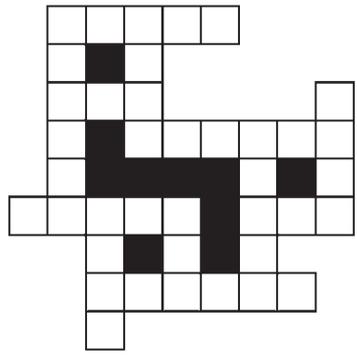
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GFC - CPP - BSZ.

FEAR KNOT By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ DGO
- WINDOS
- LOVRA
- SYRO
- YEVGOA
- ♥ WLO
- ♥ NSGA
- NODLE
- ♥ YWA
- ♥ ANESIL
- ♥ EVSOR
- ♥ DWLE



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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Who's counting?

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- Indicate direction
- Word with bench or bar
- Don Quixote setting
- Ski Mecca
- Resources
- Match components

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

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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| 1. Speeding penalty | T | _____ | Fence stake | P | _____ |
| 2. Snarl like a mad dog | _____ | L | Fully-fledged | _____ | N |
| 3. Magicians' sticks | _____ | S | A Fish Called _____ | _____ | A |
| 4. Pursue | _____ | H | Halt | _____ | E |
| 5. Food formula | _____ | P | Narrate | _____ | T |
| 6. Sieve | _____ | T | Ankle injury | _____ | P |
| 7. Pungent bulb | O | _____ | Amalgamation | U | _____ |
| 8. Singer Cyrus | _____ | Y | Units of distance | _____ | S |
| 9. Walkie-talkie, e.g. | _____ | D | Proportion | _____ | T |
| 10. Client | _____ | R | WWII general | _____ | T |

SCRAMBLERS

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

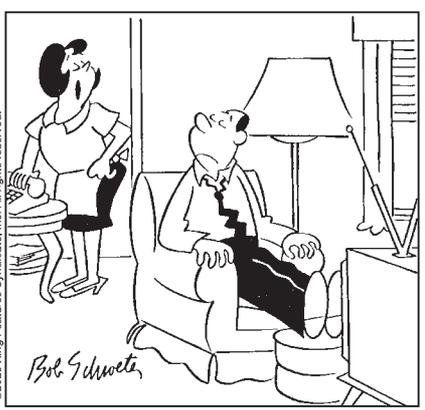
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"Sorry to keep you waiting, I thought she'd never stop _____!"



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"Checking social media is the new opening the fridge when you're not hungry."
— **Matthew Kobach** (born 1982)

Izzy Arthurs' Talisman of Grief

The former Ole Miss student returns March 19 with new single "Navy Suit"

A year ago, singer-songwriter **Izzy Arthurs** packed out Proud Larry's to the point where a line wrapped down the block. Some friends never made it inside.

At the time, the **Ole Miss** senior was riding the momentum of a breakout local show and a batch of fresh originals, including early singles like "The Skeptic." Now, in March 2026, Arthurs is stepping into a new chapter—one that begins with her single "Navy Suit" and a 14-date, fully independent US tour that circles back through **Oxford** on March 19.

"I feel like I live out of a suitcase," Arthurs said in a recent interview. "I'm kind of in that 'bouncing around' era."

A Song Born in an Oxford Apartment

Though she's currently based in **Jackson, Tennessee**, "Navy Suit" was written last spring in her Oxford apartment. The song's unlikely muse: a navy suit left behind at her place.

"Somebody had left their dry cleaning at my house," she said. "It just kind of became this talisman of grief. It was hanging there under the plastic, and it started to infiltrate my subconscious."

Eventually, she began imagining the story from the suit's perspective—preserved beneath dry-cleaner plastic, waiting in quiet denial. Built around a simple, synth-driven arpeggio she worked out on a keyboard in her room, the song "just kind of fell into my lap," she said.

Arthurs, who experiences synesthesia, associates each of her songs with colors and textures. "It's very dark and blue," she said of "Navy Suit." "It almost feels like it's underwater or behind something—like it's behind the plastic."

Over the summer, she traveled from Oxford to Jackson, Tennessee, to record the track in a bedroom studio with a producer friend from high school. The sessions marked her first time developing a creative shorthand with a producer.

"That was a special kind of stepping stone," she said. "Learning how to build that language—that's an art in itself."

by Davis Coen

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The result is a brooding, synth-laced indie track that leans into atmosphere without sacrificing lyrical precision. The press release describes the suit as “a symbol of intimacy and intention,” tracing the unraveling from devotion to loss, and finally, release.

From Packed House to Packed Van

When Arthurs first headlined at Proud Larry’s in February 2025, she called it a turning point.

“To me, my persona was born in Oxford at that first Proud Larry show,” she said. “It really showed me that this is possible. So I’m going to do everything I can to realize it.”

This time, she returns with a road-tested five-piece band and a rickety van, embarking on what she describes as a couch-surfing, DIY tour built almost entirely through cold emails.

“It was a relentless mission,” she said with a laugh. “I’m almost immune to rejection at this point. Every ‘no’ was just, ‘Okay, we’ll pivot this way.’”

The 14-date run begins March 6 in Memphis and winds through Nashville, Louisville, Ohio, upstate New York, Providence, Brooklyn, and Raleigh before looping back through Chattanooga and Mississippi. In addition to Oxford, she’ll play Starkville and Jackson, Mississippi, before wrapping in Jackson, Tennessee.



She’s especially excited about performing in Brooklyn—her first New York City show—and about reconnecting with friends from her Ole Miss years along the way.

“It’s kind of a friend reunion tour,” she said. “But it’s also been restoring my faith in humanity. The DIY community—that reciprocity and generosity—it’s still alive.”

Her core band, including bassist Tyrell Williams, has been developing the live show for nearly a year. Arthurs promises that the interior, almost submerged world of “Navy Suit” will translate into something more theatrical and communal onstage.

Building it step by step

Back in 2025, Arthurs described a music career as “a million baby steps in the right direction.” That philosophy still guides her.

Since graduation, she has sharpened her focus on the business side by building an electronic press kit, refining her website, and releasing singles strategically to build momentum. While she plans to continue rolling out individual tracks, she is also eyeing a more cohesive EP project later this year.

“I really want to work on a full, well thought out, tie-it-in-a-bow kind of project,” she said. “There’s something to be said for that.”

For now, “Navy Suit” serves as the first chapter—a dark-blue dispatch from a songwriter who has long used music to process life and connect with others.

When she steps back onto the stage at Proud Larry’s on March 19, the room may feel familiar, but the scope is larger. From a suit hanging in an Oxford closet to a 14-city run across the eastern United States, Arthurs is no longer just testing the waters. She’s taking the plunge—plastic, blue hues, and all. **TV**

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Historian Starke Miller Announces 2026 Spring Tour Schedule for Oxford and Ole Miss in the Civil War



“Ole Miss at the Battle of Shiloh”

Starke Miller’s popular **Shiloh Tour** is set for **Saturday, April 18**, all day, starting at 9 am to about 4:30 pm at **Shiloh National Military Park**. Learn about Oxford and Ole Miss’ connection to the infamous battle on the very ground where it happened! You follow Starke around the National Battlefield Park in your automobile to about 18 stops on the battlefield, and then optionally at the end of the day, travel to Fallen Timbers (just outside the park). There is very limited walking. Cost: \$80 per person.

“Starke Miller’s Oxford St. Peters Cemetery Tour - Part One”

Sunday April 5, 3–4:30 pm - Part One of Oxford’s St. Peters Cemetery. Walk from grave to grave with Starke Miller to see and meet amazing Oxonians, Chancellors, University Greys, Confederate Veterans, Ole Miss alumni, and many others. Cost: tips.

“Starke Miller’s Sit Down talk on The Ole Miss Circle”

Sunday April 12 - Sit down talk on The Ole Miss Circle. Come hear more Ole Miss history in an hour and a half, than you have heard in your whole life, from the expert. Bring a chair. Cost: tips.

“Starke Miller’s Oxford’s St. Peters Cemetery Tour - Part Two”

Sunday April 26, 3–4:30 pm - The other half of Oxford’s St. Peters Cemetery. Cost: tips.

“Local History on the Oxford Courthouse Lawn”

Sunday May 3, 3–4:30 pm - Sit down talk on the Courthouse lawn. Hear the truly amazing history of what has happened right there on the Oxford Square! Cost: tips.

“Starke Miller’s Ole Miss & Oxford Tour”

Friday May 15, 9 am–4:30 pm - Ole Miss/Oxford tour. All day tour. We start inside The Lyceum and cover University History on The Circle. Then we get into cars and go hit the Campus Cemetery, more University buildings, lunch, and Oxford. This is the Master Class on Ole Miss and Oxford history, with an emphasis on what happened here in the Civil War. You won’t believe it all. Cost: \$80 per person.

“Starke Miller’s College Hill Church & Cemetery Talk”

Sunday May 17 - College Hill Church and Cemetery. An hour and a half sit down talk-Cemetery tour. “Good Lord, I love those Old Presbyterians and that old 1846 Church!” Cost: tips.

“Oxford’s St. Peters Cemetery Oddities”

Sunday May 24, 3–4:30 pm - Oxford’s St. Peters Cemetery oddities! People not covered in the other two St. Peters tours. Cost: tips.

BAD LIPS!



BAD LIPS is a game you can play alone or with friends!

Below is a passage with blank spaces where words are left out. To the left is a list of what kind of words you should fill into each numbered blank. Ask a friend to give you words to fill in, or pick words yourself (be sure not to read the passage first) THEN read out loud the resulting paragraph. Email answers to thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net or post it to our social media so we can all get a good laugh!



Leprechauns

A leprechaun is a _____^{1.} _____^{2.} supernatural being in Irish folklore, classed by some as a type of _____^{3.} fairy. They are usually depicted as little _____^{4.} men, wearing a _____^{5.} and _____^{6.}, who partake in _____^{7.}. In later times, they have been depicted as _____^{8.} who have a hidden pot of _____^{9.} at the end of the rainbow. They are believed to date back to the _____^{10.}. They’re tricksters. Leprechauns _____^{11.} the greedy by promising them a pot of _____^{12.} _____^{13.}! They vanish into thin air. Don’t be _____^{14.}, okay? It’s not _____^{15.}.

1. adjective
2. adjective
3. adjective
4. adjective
5. article of clothing
6. article of clothing
7. activity
8. occupation
9. an expensive item (plural)
10. an era from the past
11. verb
12. same as #9
13. exclamation
14. adjective
15. slang word to describe someone

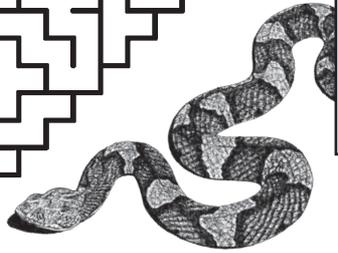
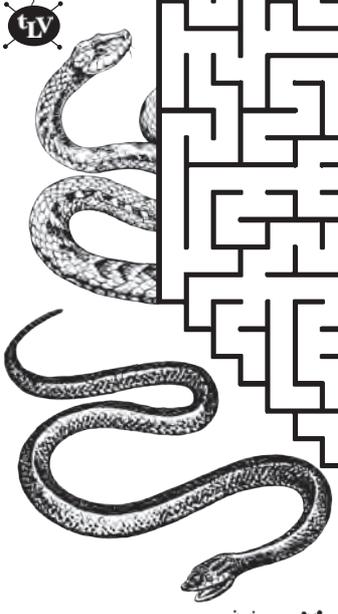
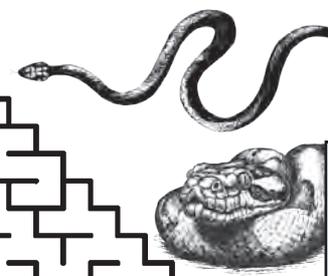
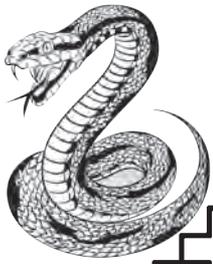
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“Starke Miller’s Ole Miss Civil War Hospital Cemetery Talk”

Sunday May 31, 3–4:30 pm - Ole Miss Civil War Hospital Cemetery - out behind Tad Smith Coliseum. 392 Confederate Veterans are buried out there. Sit down talk, bring a chair. Cost: tips.

Starke Miller is not affiliated with the University of Mississippi in any way. He just happens to know Ole Miss history better than they do, after 36 years of intensive research! If you are interested in any of these tours, email Starke Miller at coach1159@aol.com or call him at 901-581-0457 and let him know which tours or talks you want to attend. Pay Mr. Miller the day of the tour, cash or check. Stark will post articles about his tours and talks on X (x.com/CaptLowry) and Facebook ([@StarkeMiller](https://www.facebook.com/StarkeMiller)).

Ole Miss students and younger come for free. Hotty Toddy! Private tours are also available by contacting Starke Miller at coach1159@aol.com or call him at 901-581-0457. 🍷



- U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the Acadia National Park?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was an avid dog breeder who gave his hunting hounds funny names like "Sweet Lips" and "Madam Moose"?
- MOVIES:** Who is the antagonist of "Shrek" in the first animated movie?
- LITERATURE:** What is the pseudonym of the 20th-century author who was born Adeline Virginia Stephen?
- TELEVISION:** What's the family's last name in the TV sitcom "The Middle"?
- HISTORY:** Which famous nurse was known as the Lady with the Lamp?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Ringgit is the common currency in which Southeast Asian country?
- ANATOMY:** Which human organ stores bile?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "Cogito, ergo sum" mean in English?
- MATH:** What is the next prime number after 7?

ANSWERS BELOW

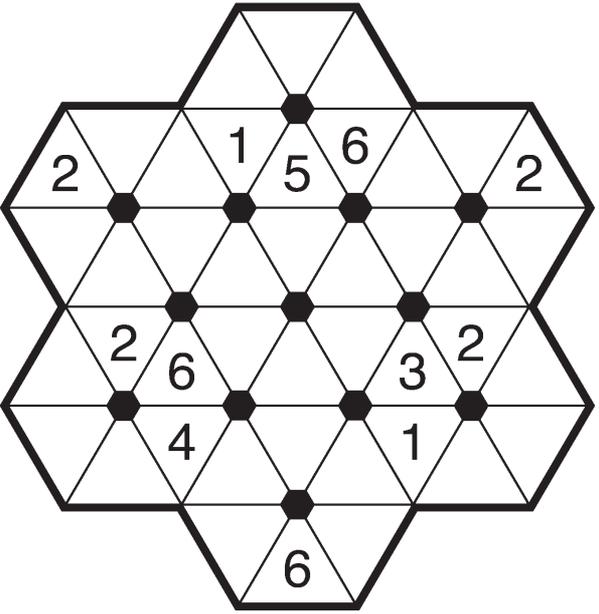
GO FIGURE!

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



"Mo' money, mo' problems."
— **Christopher George Latore Wallace**
bka
"The Notorious B.I.G."
(May 21, 1972 - March 9, 1997)

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.

VDH VMNH VC AHQGB MY
ODHL UCW RCL'V DGZH
VMNH JCA MV.
— YURLHU DGAAMY

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: R equals H

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Answers: 1. Maine. 2. George Washington. 3. Lord Maximus Farquaad. 4. Virginia Woolf. 5. Heck. 6. Florence Nightingale. 7. Malaysia. 8. The gallbladder. 9. "I think, therefore I am." 10. Eleven (11).

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STICKELERS

Below are four squeezer puzzles. Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end, one back-end? Here's an example of how it works:

ever GREEN horn

- 1) sound _____ coach
- 2) guide _____ age
- 3) king _____ man
- 4) ram _____ ridge

KNIGHT MOVES

U	A	L
L		T
C	A	Y

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.

RIDDLE CARD



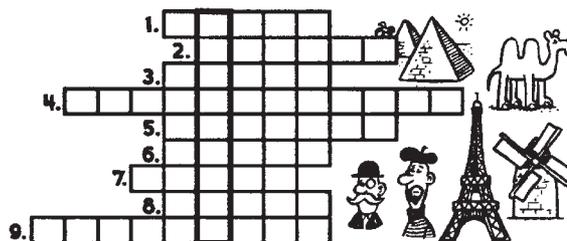
1. How did the Dark Ages get their name?
2. If a tree were to break some windows, what word would they say?
3. What is the hardest thing to deal with?
4. How do you spell mousetrap in 3 letters?
5. What animal is on every legal document?

Answers: 1. It was knight time when they occurred. 2. Tre-mend-us. 3. An old deck of cards. 4. C-A-T. 5. A seal.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

WHERE IN THE WORLD



Below are the names of nine world-famous landmarks. Identify the country where each is located, then enter it in the grid to the left.

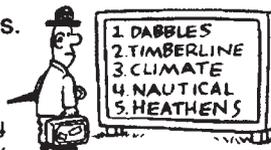
1. The Imperial Palace.
2. The Kremlin Palace.
3. The Aswan High Dam.
4. Cleopatra's Needle.
5. Big Ben.
6. Leaning Tower of Pisa.
7. The Forbidden City.
8. The Taj Mahal.
9. Great Barrier Reef.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a famous country.

Answers: 1. Japan. 2. Russia. 3. Egypt. 4. United States. 5. England. 6. Italy. 7. China. 8. India. 9. Australia. The dark framed column spells "Argentina."

ODD MAN OUT! To the right is a list of five words. Can you figure out which word doesn't belong?

Answer: Dabbles. The other words all contain the names of famous cities. (2. Berlin. 3. Lima. 4. Utica. 5. Athens.)



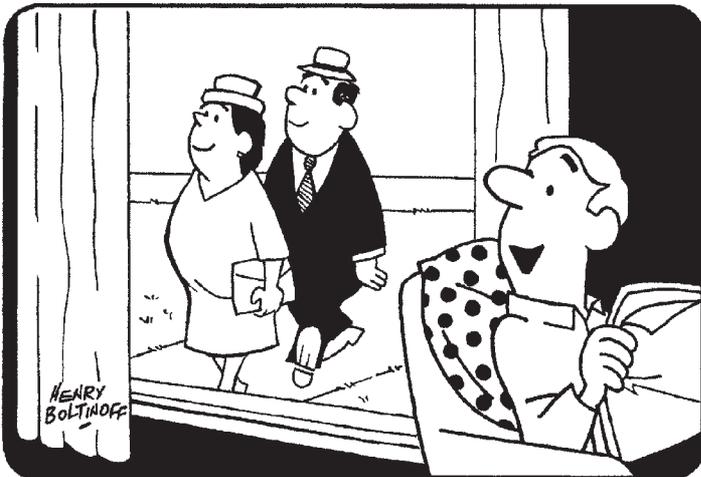
FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square to the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "SELDOM." Can you replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down? Time limit: is 60 seconds.

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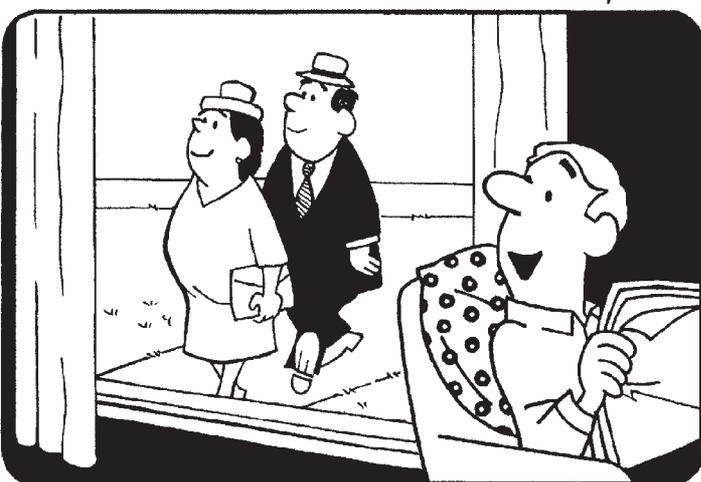
Answers: (Across) Mar, ale, its, dot. (Down) Maid, alto, rest.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Page is added to newspaper. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Arm is shorter. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Cuff is added to sleeve. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

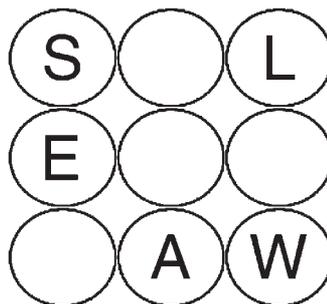
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|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Geometrical figure | ___ _ _ A ___ | English landowner | ___ _ _ I ___ |
| 2. ___ con carne | ___ _ _ _ I | Put in the refrigerator | ___ _ _ _ L |
| 3. Paper boundary | ___ _ _ G ___ | Lee or Gaye | ___ _ _ V ___ |
| 4. Canoe oar | P ___ _ _ _ | Cowboy's seat | S ___ _ _ _ |
| 5. Cherub | ___ _ _ L | Wrath | ___ _ _ R |
| 6. Like snow | ___ _ _ T _ | Whimper | ___ _ _ N _ |
| 7. Land property | ___ _ _ T _ | In actual fact | ___ _ _ L _ |
| 8. Noggin | ___ _ U _ _ | Knack | ___ _ I ___ |
| 9. Gadget | ___ _ _ G | Ponder | ___ _ _ K |
| 10. Wanted sign | ___ _ S _ _ | Railroad attendant | ___ _ R ___ |

WORD SPIRAL

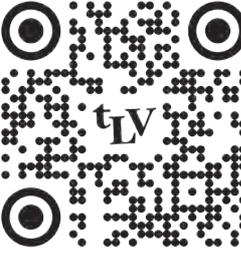


Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.



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Finalists will be chosen to read their micro memoirs live on stage at the Double Decker Arts Festival on Saturday, April 25, 2026. First place winner will receive \$750 and second place will receive \$250. Deadline for entry is March 30, 2026

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Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Japanese Magnolias"

The Beauty and Elegance of Japanese Magnolias: A Gardener's Guide

Japanese magnolias are beloved ornamental trees and shrubs in landscapes around the world for their stunning spring blooms, graceful form, and seasonal interest. Familiar to many gardeners as saucer magnolias or tulip magnolias, these plants offer spectacular displays of cup-shaped flowers often before the leaves emerge, signaling the end of winter and the arrival of spring.

Study Finds Increased Risk of Sexual Violence for LGBTQ+ Youth

Research points to need for inclusive, targeted prevention

Almost 1 in 5 adolescents in the United States experience some form of dating violence or sexual assault, according to data collected by the U.S. Department of Justice. But youths who are members of the LGBTQ+ community have a much higher risk of experiencing these types of violence.

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- Eastern **Russia** serves breakfast when western Russia serves dinner.
- If you are born blind due to lesions in the brain (congenital cortical blindness), rather than lesions in the eye (congenital peripheral blindness), you apparently can't become schizophrenic.
- Words have a lifespan of anywhere between 1,000 and 20,000 years.
- While inducting **Bob Dylan** into the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**, **Bruce Springsteen** noted that he first heard Dylan's song "Like a Rolling Stone" in the car with his mother, who liked the music but after a minute looked at her son and said, "That boy can't sing."
- The **Oscar** statue must always appear in an upright, vertical position and cannot be dressed, altered, rotated, stretched or embellished in any way.
- Oak trees are more prone to being struck by lightning than any other tree.
- A wildlife photographer documented an unlikely duo in northern **Finland**: a young female gray wolf and a male brown bear that met every night for 10 days. They weren't observed fighting, but roaming, playing and even eating from the same plate.
- Broccoli contains more protein per calorie than steak.
- On July 26, 2025, **Thaddeus Daniel Pierce** was born from an embryo that had been frozen since May 1994.
- **North Dakota** has the most golf courses per capita out of any state in America.
- After the beloved TV series "I Love Lucy" ended, **Desi Arnaz** offered **Vivian Vance** (Ethel) and **William Frawley** (Fred) their own spin-off called "The Mertzes," but Vance declined, primarily because she didn't want to work one-on-one with Frawley. The pair's onscreen chemistry notably didn't mirror their offscreen relationship.
- Lint can be used as a highly efficient fire starter.

Thought for the Day: "What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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What Could We Do with \$8M?

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce are to be married. Reports are that the wedding event will be as much a worldwide sensation as when Prince Charles and Lady Diana wed on July 29, 1981. While it's estimated that the royal couple's wedding cost around \$150M in today's dollars, the Swift-Kelce nuptials will cost upwards of \$8M. That's a big difference. Nevertheless, \$8M is a helluva lot for a wedding.

I believe that people who have legitimately amassed an \$8M fortune have the right to spend it any legal way they choose. I see very little difference between spending \$8M legally earned on a wedding and spending \$8K legally earned on a wedding or a family vacation or a used vehicle. Still, there is quite a difference between \$8K and \$8M. That's where *The Gospel According to Randy* kicks in.

The Gospel According to Randy declares that just because something is legal doesn't mean it is the best use of one's resources. In support of that I submit these virtuous alternatives to spending \$8M on a wedding.

For \$8M, 53 Habit for Humanity houses could be built, providing housing for three to six people each. That may not seem to be much, but for the nearly 300 people who would live in those houses, it means safety and security for decades to come.

\$8M could provide 8M meals for the hungry.

Up to 90K measles vaccines could be bought for \$8M.

\$8M could cancel \$100M in medical debt for needy families.

\$8M would provide a 30-day supply of generic antibiotics for about 8K people.

Over 500 Head Start programs could be funded for one year for \$8M.

Up to 46,000 average weekly grocery shopping trips could be paid for with \$8M.

Over 500 water wells could be drilled on indigenous peoples' land for \$8M, providing access to water for basic needs, irrigation for crops, the restoration of ecosystems, and subsistence for food security and nutritional health and more.

On the more frivolous side...

\$8M would buy 1.5 million Big Macs.

\$8M would buy up to 2.8M orders of French fries. Up to 175K rounds of golf could be played for \$8M.

266,666.666 personalized baseball caps could be bought with \$8M. (Is that enough 666s for you?)

10,666,666 top-of-the-line game consoles could be bought with \$8. (Enough 666s for you now?)

And closer to home...

\$8M would buy 14M bottles of beer.

\$8M would buy up to 250K Division 1, NCAA football game tickets.

For \$8M 400K meals could be bought at the Ajax Diner here in Oxford and 160K meals at City Grocery.

A 100-bed shelter in Oxford could provide beds for the homeless for 4-8 years.

According to AI, \$8M given to the United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County would represent a massive, transformative investment in the community's infrastructure and social safety net. With \$8M the United Way could extraordinarily expand its impact on local education, financial stability, and health by building a robust, permanent emergency fund to support faster recovery efforts and immediate needs during local disasters, investing in or building affordable housing to tackle homelessness, expanding programs to ensure every child has access to quality after-school care and reading support, and much more.

Wouldn't it be a great PR investment if the Swift-Kelce wedding were pared down to \$1M and the other \$7M allocated to charitable causes? It ain't gonna happen, but wouldn't it be nice? Better yet, Taylor & Travis have a destination wedding here in Oxford. I'll gladly tie the knot free of charge.

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

Thanks to Artificial Intelligence for helping me compile the numbers for this column and for admitting up front that it sometimes makes mistakes.

Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, singer-songwriter, actor, and an ordained minister. He hopes that, were he to win \$8M or more in a lottery, he would not spend it all on a wedding, rather be generous toward people in need with much of it. Of course, it's easy to talk of the good one would do with money one does not have. 🍷



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- Mo** **TAP TAKEOVER | 5P - CLOSE**
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FEATURE FOR THE MONTH
- Tu** **TACO NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE**
\$2 STREET TACO (EACH)
\$5 MARGARITAS
- We** **BULLEIT OLD FASHIONED NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE**
\$6 BURGERS
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- Th** **THIRSTY THURSDAY: NATTY EDITION | 5P - CLOSE**
\$3.00 TALL NATTY'S (16OZ)
- Fr** **LIVE MUSIC | 7P - 10P**
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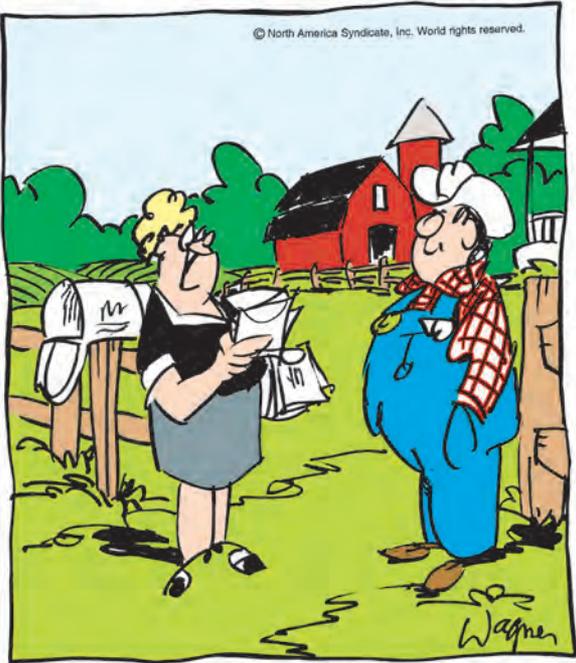
TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

MY FASHION SENSE IS SO BAD, JUST TO KNOW I WAS SHOPPING IN THE CORRECT AREA I GRABBED THE CLOTHES OFF THE BOY MANNEQUIN.



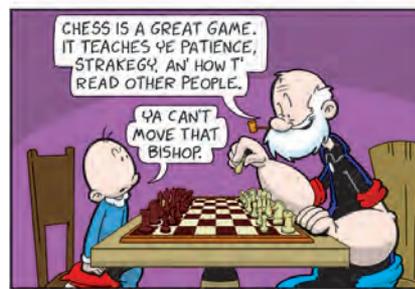
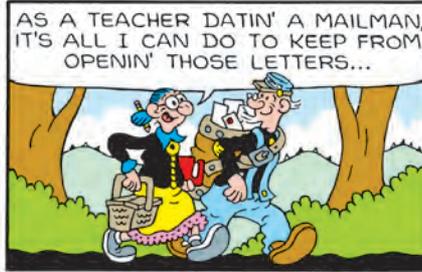
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"We have a bumper crop of subsidy checks!"

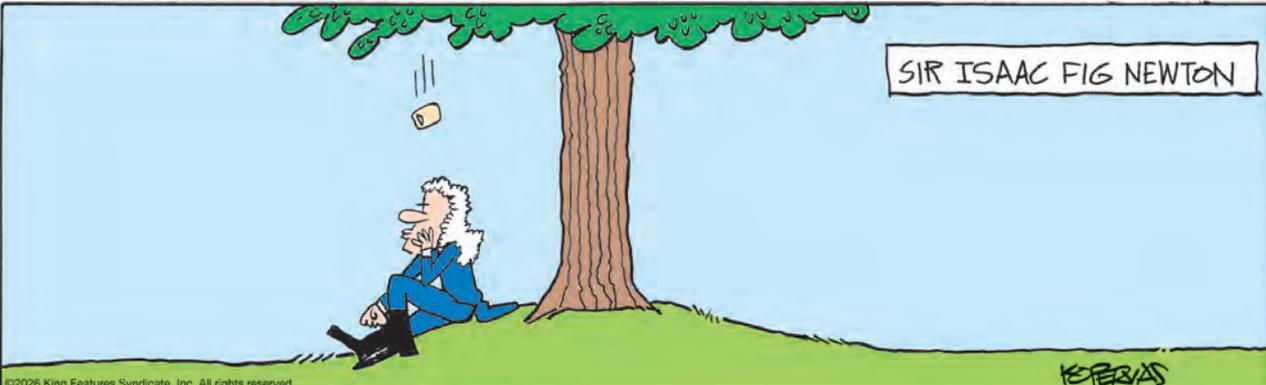


BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



THANAA APPEARS BEFORE THE SURPRISED VALIANT: "YOUR FAMILY IS SAFE. COME WITH ME IF YOU WOULD SEE THESE VILE SLAVERS DESTROYED."

Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THANAA WOULD NOT LIE ABOUT WOMEN AND CHILDREN, VAL BELIEVES, AND IN HER EYES HE SEES A DEADLY PURPOSE REGARDING THE PIRATES...

AND SO HE, BUKOTA AND NATHAN FOLLOW THE MADWOMAN TO THE RUINS FROM WHICH SHE HAD RULED. "REST UNTIL MORNING, STAY HIDDEN, AND WHEN THE SUN RISES, CLOSE YOUR EARS TO ALL SOUND!" THEN SHE DISAPPEARS IN SHADOW.

BUT THERE IS NO REST FOR THE COMPANIONS: AND AT DAWN'S FIRST LIGHT THEY SEE THANA, NOW IN THE TRAPPINGS OF A PRIESTESS, CLIMBING A HIGH STAIRCASE BEFORE A GREAT COURTYARD.

SHE STANDS POISED ON TOP, AND EVEN THROUGH THE CLOTH BOUND OVER HIS EARS, VAL HEARS HER BEGIN THE MESMERIZING SIREN SONG. THEN HER FELLOW IMAZIGHEN APPEAR, AS IF SUMMONED, AND JOIN WITH WAILING VOICES!

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Americanisms

"Onion rings are just vegetable donuts."
— Cookie Monster

Amber Waves

IT'S FREEZING OUT. ALL THIS WINTER STUFF I BOUGHT ONLINE IS BARELY ENOUGH.

I GAVE THE FELLAS MY CARD NUMBER. THEY CAN'T STILL BE PICKING OUT CLOTHES?

THEIR ORDER HAS TO BE HERE BY NOW.

IF YOU'RE WANTING TO USE THE TANNING BED, GET IN LINE.

by Dave T. Phipps

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DON'T SAY ANYTHING— YOU MIGHT UPSET HIM!

The Spats

I ONCE CROSSED A FLAMETHROWER WITH A DUCK

WHAT DID YOU GET?

A FIREQUACKER!!

by Jeff Pickering

WE JUST HEARD ON CNN FOR THE 3,297th TIME HOW TRUMP...

IS SILENCING THE MEDIA!

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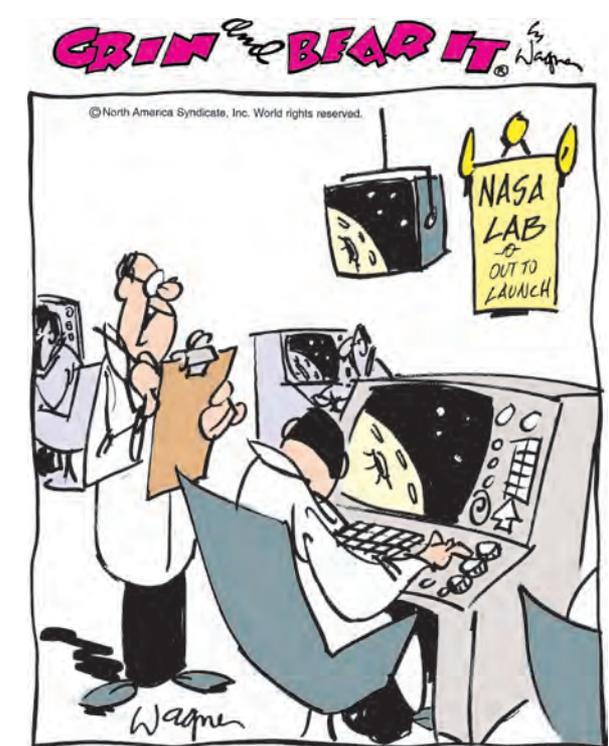
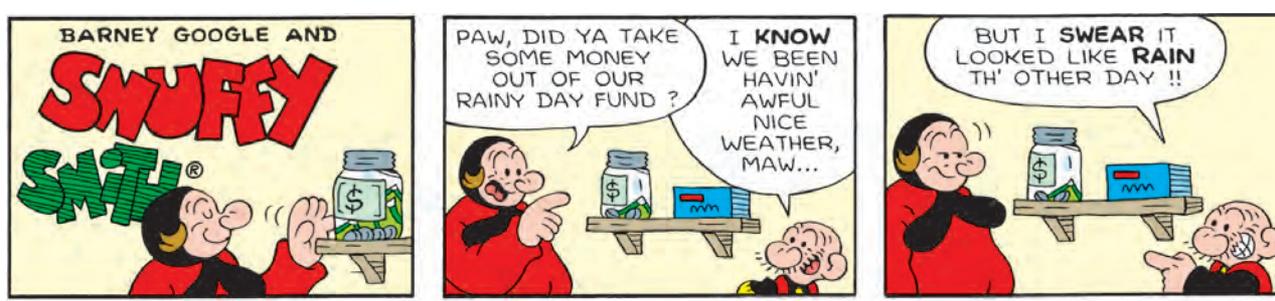
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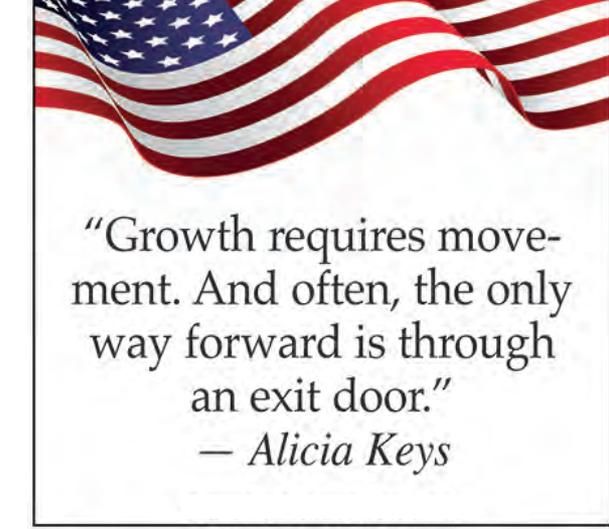
YOU CALL THAT AN EMERGENCY? DON'T ASK ME TO CARRY YOUR BOOKS AGAIN!

I READ THE RULING ON TARIFFS...

OBVIOUSLY, JOE BIDEN IS CONTROLLING THE SUPREME COURT.



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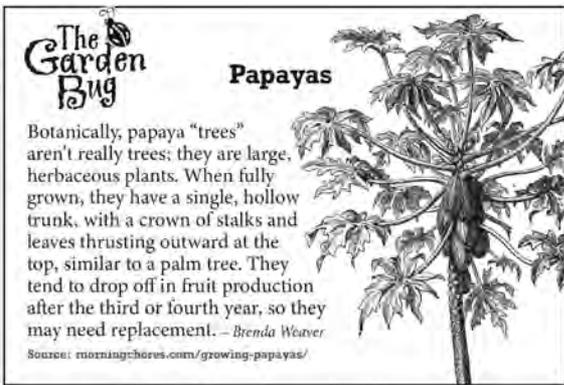
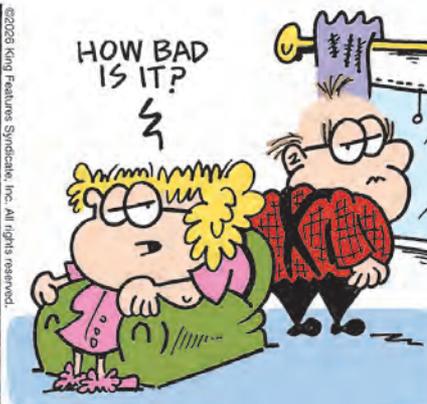
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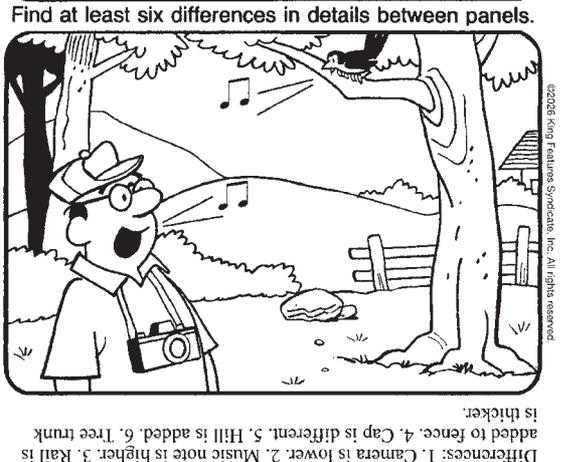
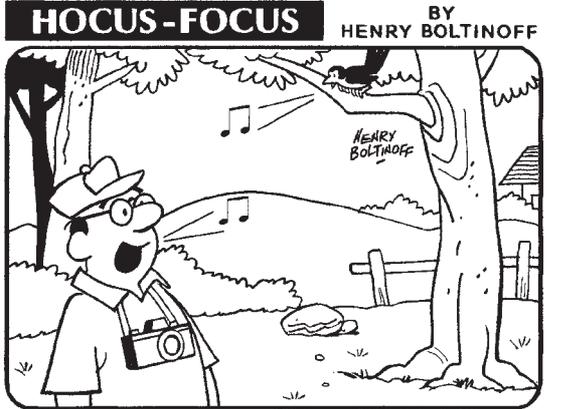
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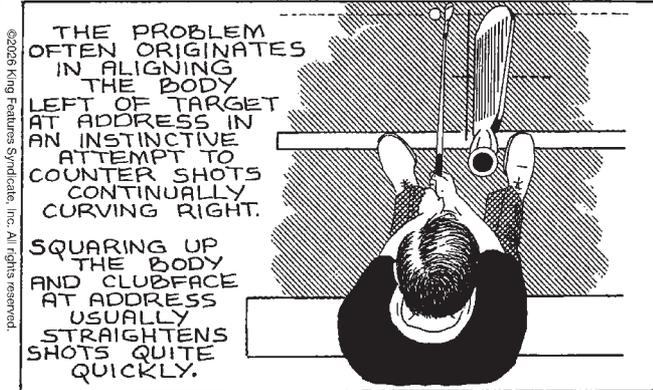
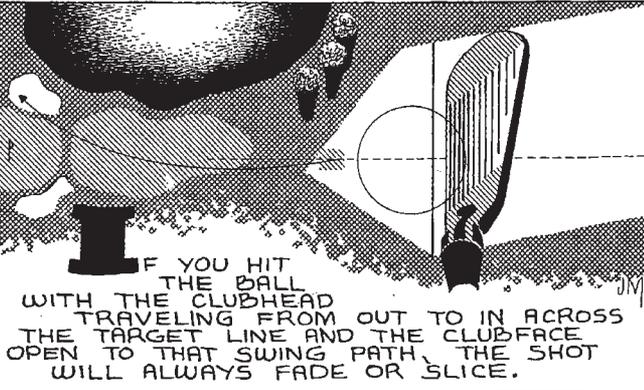


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Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



**DONNA ERICKSON'S
BEST BITES**



Bake a Cherry Pie With Lattice Crust

Prepare a luscious, mouthwatering cherry pie with lattice crust for a memorable dessert. It might not be cherry season, but when you thaw frozen, pitted, dark sweet cherries for this filling, you'll enjoy a fresh taste of summer in the middle of February! Serve it up warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, then have fun telling your kids how the cherry tree found its place in American lore.

CHERRY PIE WITH LATTICE CRUST

- 2 rolled-out rounds of pie dough, such as Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts from the dairy case of your grocery store
- 5 cups frozen, pitted, dark sweet cherries, thawed and drained
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 drops almond extract (optional)

Heat oven to 425 F. Press one of the dough rounds into the bottom, up the sides, and beyond the rim of a 9-inch pie dish.

Combine the flour and sugar in a medium bowl. Place the drained cherries in a large bowl. Add the mixture to the cherries and toss gently. Add lemon juice and almond extract, then toss.

It's time to weave the lattice crust. Set

remaining pie-crust round on a work surface. Using a pizza cutter, cut into 10 even strips, each a half-inch wide. Your kids may wish to use a ruler as a guide.

Place five of the strips evenly spaced out and parallel across the pie. Starting with the first strip, loosely fold every other strip halfway back. Place another long strip perpendicular to the five strips over the middle of the filling. Fold the three strips that you folded halfway back over this cross strip.

Now fold the two strips under the cross strip halfway back. Place a second perpendicular strip crosswise over the pie and turn the folded strips over it like before. Repeat with one more strip. Now do the same for the other half of the pie until the weaving is complete.



Trim and fold the strip ends into the bottom crust and crimp the edges. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 325 F. Continue baking for 40 minutes, until crust is golden and filling is bubbling around the edges.

Cool. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

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top 10 movies

1. **Wuthering Heights**
(R) Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi
2. **GOAT**
(PG) Caleb McLaughlin, Gabrielle Union
3. **Crime 101**
(R) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo
4. **Send Help**
(R) Rachel McAdams, Dylan O'Brien
5. **Solo Mio**
(PG) Kevin James, Jonathan Roumie
6. **Zootopia 2**
(PG) Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman
7. **Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die**
(R) Sam Rockwell, Juno Temple
8. **Avatar: Fire and Ash**
(PG-13) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
9. **Iron Lung**
(R) Mark Fischbach, Caroline Kaplan
10. **Dracula**
(R) Caleb Landry Jones, Christoph Waltz

THE POD REPORT
By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: New & Noteworthy.

It's impossible to keep up with all the new podcasts that launch weekly in the USA, nevermind worldwide, but the Apple Podcast Charts are a great resource for highlighting the most promising in various categories. These five are just a handful of the intriguing podcasts that have debuted so far in 2026.

"The Secret World of Roald Dahl" — Fans of children's literature and their movie adaptations know author Roald Dahl from his books "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Matilda," but did you also know he was injured as a fighter pilot in a crash during World War II? He soon after worked as an air attaché in Washington, D.C., where he spied for the British government. In this fascinating podcast, learn how the future author was "seducing congresswomen, mixing martinis for FDR and gathering secrets for Churchill" (iHeart Podcasts).

"Pop Syllabus" — In this new podcast from a former writer of "The Daily Show," Christiana Mbakwe Medina, listeners are treated to a wonderful combination of "a messy news anchor and guerilla academic." Each week, she and a guest "unpack a buzzy topic and help us understand the moment while going through it." The podcast kicked off a deep dive into "Big Wellness" and how it's changed

our world for better and worse. In episode 3, she explores the world of Disney adults with Robbie Whelan, the author of "House of Mouse," and in episode 5 former "Bachelorette" Rachel Lindsay joins here in paying homage to Black women in reality television (popsyllabus.com).

"Killer in the Code" — In this latest edition to the true crime podcast genre, bestselling author Michael Connelly ("The Lincoln Lawyer") and cold case consultant Alex Baber try to solve two of the biggest unsolved murder cases of all time: the Black Dahlia and the Zodiac Killer. Follow Baber on his investigative journey using cryptology, genealogy, AI and "long hours of basic gumshoe work" to identify a suspect that taunted and eluded detectives (killerinthecode.com).

Don't Forget These Gems

"DJ Hesta Prynne's Music Is Therapy" — Hosted by prominent New York City DJ and licensed mental health therapist DJ Hesta Prynne, she created "music connection therapy" for large groups and celebrity clients. In her new podcast, she shows how she uses music to "bypass mental resistance and unlock new identities." Be sure to listen to her recent episode where she interviews her husband of 12 years and asks the question many couples are afraid to admit, "Why is this still so hard?" (iheart.com).

"Strange Health" — Averaging 30 minutes an episode, this new podcast from The Conversation's Katie Edwards takes a peek inside "the most bizarre, viral and sometimes questionable health trends" out there. Learn why your body makes stones (in the tonsils, kidneys and gallbladder), what the vagus nerve is and if you can really reset it, and is cracking your back and knuckles as bad as your mom said? (theconversation.com).

Fun Fact

Recent tire production in Europe is about 335 million tires annually, while production in the U.S. is about 300 million annually. In China, it is about 800 million annually. The chemicals used in the production of these can have negative effects on human health.

Source: sciencedirectassets.com

The Garden Bug **First day of spring**

This year, the vernal (or spring) equinox happens on March 20 at 10:46 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time. It is the astronomical **beginning of the spring season** in the Northern Hemisphere and of the autumn season in the Southern Hemisphere. In the Northern Hemisphere, the spring equinox occurs when the Sun crosses the "celestial equator" going south to north. — *Brenda Weaver*

Source: www.almanac.com

"The Goldfinch" by Albert Flamen (1655-60)



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Nascent; 2. Glide
3. Twine; 4. Rivet

Today's Word

LISTENING

Even Exchange

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| 1. Ticket, Picket | 6. Strain, Sprain |
| 2. Growl, Grown | 7. Onion, Union |
| 3. Wands, Wanda | 8. Miley, Miles |
| 4. Chase, Cease | 9. Radio, Ratio |
| 5. Recipe, Recite | 10. Patron, Patton |

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

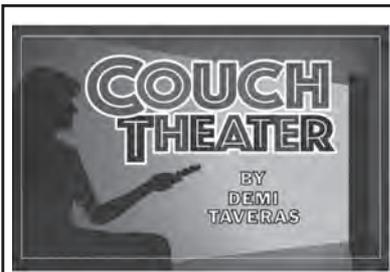
What is a ghost's favorite month?

Feb-boo-ary.

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answer

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"Song Sung Blue" (PG-13)

This biographical musical-drama is based on the documentary film of the same name and stars Hugh Jackman ("Deadpool & Wolverine") and Kate Hudson ("Shell"). Jackman and Hudson respectively play Mike and Claire Sardina, who are performers in a Neil Diamond tribute band called Lightning & Thunder. You wouldn't imagine that there's much story to tell about a tribute band, but this one is different. The Sardinas had a tumultuous journey in life, not just with their band; heart attacks, psychotic episodes, and addiction are just some of what the couple and musical duo experienced. (Not to mention, a bad gig or two!) Hudson has received glowing reviews for her performance in the film, and she also received Oscar and Golden Globe noms for Best Actress. It is out now to stream. (Peacock)

"Kiss of the Spider Woman" (R)

Hollywood producers must have thought that fans were desperate enough to fill seats for a new J.Lo movie, and boy, were they wrong! This musical drama film cost \$30 million to make, while only earning a mere \$2 million in theaters. It's a shame that it has an interesting premise! It is based on the 1992 stage musical of the same name, and besides Jennifer Lopez, it also stars Diego Luna ("Andor") and Tonatiuh ("Promised Land"). Set against a background of an Argentinian prison at the end of the Dirty War, the film tells the story

of a gay window dresser named Luis (Tonatiuh), who shares the same cell as a political prisoner named Valentin (Luna). When daily life in prison becomes difficult, Valentin encourages Luis to tell him the plot of his favorite movie — "The Kiss of the Spider Woman," starring Ingrid Luna (Lopez). Viewers get to see the movie themselves, right alongside Valentin, as Luis recounts the musical. Premieres Feb. 27. (Hulu)

"The Bluff" (R) — If you see Priyanka Chopra Jonas' name in the billing of a movie, expect an action-packed, direct-to-streaming film with splashes of comedic lines that we've definitely heard before. (Until she decides to surprise us, of course!) In this film, she portrays a former Caribbean pirate during the 19th century. When buccaneers invade her island and look to apprehend her, she must revert to her former ways in order to save her family — and herself — from certain death. Karl Urban ("The Boys") plays the vicious Captain Connor, who doesn't mind losing all of his men if it means getting revenge, along with Temuera Morrison ("Moana") as his second-in-command. All jokes aside, Chopra Jonas' action choreography in this film is nuts! Check it out on Feb. 25. (Amazon Prime Video)



Priyanka Chopra Jonas stars in "The Bluff."



Roast One Chicken, Eat Well All Week

Do you ever pass the rotisserie chickens at the grocery store and feel tempted to grab one and declare dinner handled? It's an easy solution for tonight. But roasting a whole chicken at home solves dinner tonight and provides ingredients for several meals to come, often for the same cost or sometimes less.

Whole chickens are usually larger and cost less per pound, giving you more fowl for your funds. The effort is minimal, and the return is significant. One chicken can provide a beautiful roast dinner and ingredients for additional meals throughout the week.

If you've never roasted a whole chicken before, you will be surprised by how simple it is. There's very little hands-on work, no special equipment required and the oven does the rest.

Rotisserie chicken gets its distinctive flavor from seasoning and proper roasting. As it cooks, the skin dries and browns while the fat beneath slowly renders, creating the savory flavor and well-seasoned exterior people expect.

You can re-create this at home by roasting the chicken uncovered at a relatively high temperature. Leaving it uncovered allows moisture to evaporate so the skin browns properly. A light coating of oil or butter promotes even browning.

Patting the chicken very dry before seasoning is essential. Moisture creates steam, which prevents crisping.

As the chicken roasts, its own rendered fat naturally bastes the meat. Letting it rest before carving allows the juices to be redistributed, keeping the meat tender.

But first you need that signature flavor. Here's how.

ROTISSERIE-STYLE CHICKEN SEASONING

Keep this simple blend on hand to give roasted chicken its classic color and savory flavor.

- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper



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Roasted chicken delivers classic rotisserie flavor and provides dinner tonight and meals for days.

Combine all ingredients in a small jar and shake well. Store tightly sealed for up to 6 months. This makes about 1/2 cup, enough to season 4 to 6 chickens.

Rub seasoning evenly over the chicken, using about 1 1/2 teaspoons per pound, or about 2 to 2 1/2 tablespoons for a 4- to 5-pound bird. Coat lightly with oil first so the seasoning adheres and the skin browns properly.

ROTISSERIE-STYLE OVEN ROAST CHICKEN

Yield: Serves 4, with leftovers

Total Time: 85 minutes

- 1 (4- to 5-pound) whole chicken, defrosted if previously frozen
- 2 tablespoons melted butter or oil

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Remove the giblets from the chicken cavity and discard or reserve for another use. Pat the chicken dry with paper towels. This helps the skin crisp. Brush the outside with melted butter or oil, then season generously with the seasoning blend.

Roast uncovered for about 75 minutes, or until the internal temperature reaches 175 F in the thigh and the juices run clear. Remove from the oven and let the chicken rest for 15 minutes before carving. This allows the juices to be redistributed, keeping the meat tender.

That's dinner. But it's also just the beginning.

A single 5-pound chicken provides enough meat for additional meals throughout the week. Sliced chicken can be added to salads, folded into wraps or combined with rice, pasta or vegetables for quick, satisfying dinners that require very little additional effort.

Roasting your own chicken is not extra work. It is value multiplied. With just a few minutes of preparation, you create not only one beautiful meal, but the foundation for several more. It is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to stretch your grocery budget while feeding your family well. It's a small act that pays you back in meals, savings and delicious confidence.

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Super Crossword

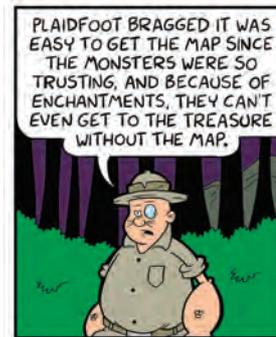
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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"No Other Choice" (R) — From Park Chan-wook, director of the twisty erotic thriller "The Handmaiden" (2016), this South Korean thriller received three nominations at the Golden Globes but was unfortunately overlooked by the Oscars. Fortunately, however, it is impossible to overlook lead actor Lee Byung-hun, whom you might recognize as the Front Man from Netflix's hit series "Squid Game." Lee, once again, shows off his excellence in playing a complete psychopath; he portrays a veteran employee who gets laid off from his papermaking job and becomes desperate to land another high-paying job. This desperation propels him into dangerous action as he decides to literally take out the rest of the competing candidates. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Sentimental Value" (R) — The film distributor Neon has had great success with its foreign-language films this year. In addition to the previous film being one of Neon's successes for 2025, this Norwegian drama received a whopping nine nominations for the Oscars, including Best Picture. Its second-billed actor, Stellan Skarsgard ("Dune: Part Two"), also received the Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor this year. Also starring Elle Fanning ("A Complete Unknown") and Renate Reinsve ("The Worst Person in the World"), "Sentimental Value" is an emotional storytelling of a fractured relationship between two daughters, an actress and a historian, and their filmmaking father. As he attempts to get his latest project off the ground, he and his daughters are pushed to find common ground after years of estrangement. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

"The 32nd Annual Actor Awards" (TV-PG) — Formerly known as the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards, the newly named Actor Awards ceremony is available to stream now. Like other popular award shows that refuse to provide fresh faces for the crowd, the ceremony was hosted by actress Kristen Bell ("Nobody Wants This") for the third time. "One Battle After Another" led the film category, while Seth Rogen's "The Studio" led the TV noms. The supporting role categories are the most surprising ones to watch since the Critics Choice Awards, Golden Globes and BAFTAs all selected different actors for this award so far. Meanwhile, Harrison Ford ("Star Wars," "Indiana Jones") received the Life Achievement Award for his legendary feats in Hollywood. (Netflix)



Jason Bateman, left, and David Harbour star in "DTF St. Louis,"

"DTF St. Louis" (TV-MA) — This new HBO series is led by David Harbour ("Stranger Things"), Jason Bateman ("Black Rabbit"), and Linda Cardellini ("Nonnas"). Described as a dark comedy, the show follows co-workers Floyd (Harbour) and Clark (Bateman), who are best buds minus the fact that Clark is secretly having an affair with Floyd's wife. After Clark successfully convinces Floyd to download a dating app called DTF St. Louis, Floyd shockingly ends up dead. With investigators now probing into his life, Clark must supply them with as much information as possible without giving up the fact that he was double-crossing his friend. The first episode is available now, with the subsequent six premiering on Sundays. (HBO Max)



Don't Waste a Single Bite: How One Chicken Becomes Many Meals

A roast chicken in the refrigerator is more than leftovers. It's opportunity. Whether store-bought or roasted at home, that single bird can become the foundation for several meals with very little effort. Instead of serving it all at once, think of it as an ingredient to use gradually over several days.

Start by removing every remaining morsel of meat from the bones once the first meal is finished. Store it in a covered container in the refrigerator, along with any pan juices to keep it moist.

Cooked chicken is the most versatile ingredient to have on hand. It can be added to salads, folded into wraps, stirred into rice or pasta, or combined with vegetables for a quick skillet meal. Because it's already cooked, these meals come together in minutes.

After the meat is gone, don't toss those bones! They're so valuable. We're going to use them to make a rich broth.

Homemade chicken broth is rich in minerals, collagen and gelatin extracted naturally from the bones, creating a nourishing, easy-to-digest liquid gold that supports hydration and joint health, without additives or excess sodium.

This broth can be used for soups, to make grains or sauces, and it freezes beautifully. One of the most enjoyable ways to use it is the avgolemono soup

that follows, where this simple broth becomes something truly amazing.

CHICKEN BONE BROTH

- Yield: 3 quarts
- Total Time: 2 to 8 hours, 5 minutes
- Bones from one or more chickens
- 1 cup each celery and carrots, roughly chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 onion, quartered with skin
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper

Place all ingredients in a stock pot and cover with 12 cups water. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a bare simmer for 2 to 8 hours. Strain, reserving the broth. Season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate up to 1 week or freeze up to 3 months.



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This classic Greek lemon chicken soup turns simple broth and leftovers into a silky, delicious meal.

Traditionally, avgolemono begins with a whole chicken and homemade broth, a process Greek yiayias have perfected over generations. The finished soup is silky and velvety, thickened with eggs and lemon rather than cream.

Now, I don't want to step on anybody's yiayia's toes, but this weeknight version uses some handy shortcuts: prepared broth, leftover chicken and cooked rice. When these are on hand, avgolemono comes together in about 25 minutes, giving new life

to yesterday's chicken. The result is light yet satisfying, especially welcome as we edge lethargically, almost imperceptibly, toward spring.

AVGOLEMONO SOUP (GREEK LEMON CHICKEN SOUP)

- Yield: 4 servings
- Total Time: 25 minutes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely diced
- 1 cup celery, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 to 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- Lemon zest (optional)
- Fresh parsley and lemon slices (optional)

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and celery, season with salt and pepper, and saute 3 to 5 minutes until softened. Add garlic and cook 1 minute.

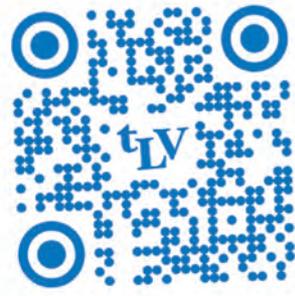
Add broth, bay leaves, chicken and rice. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook 10 minutes.

In a bowl, whisk eggs and lemon juice and zest. Very slowly, whisk in one ladle of hot broth, then another to temper the eggs. Stir the tempered mixture into the soup and remove from heat immediately. Taste, adjust seasoning, and serve hot.

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