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ZZ Top Brings The Big One! to Ole Miss' Backyard

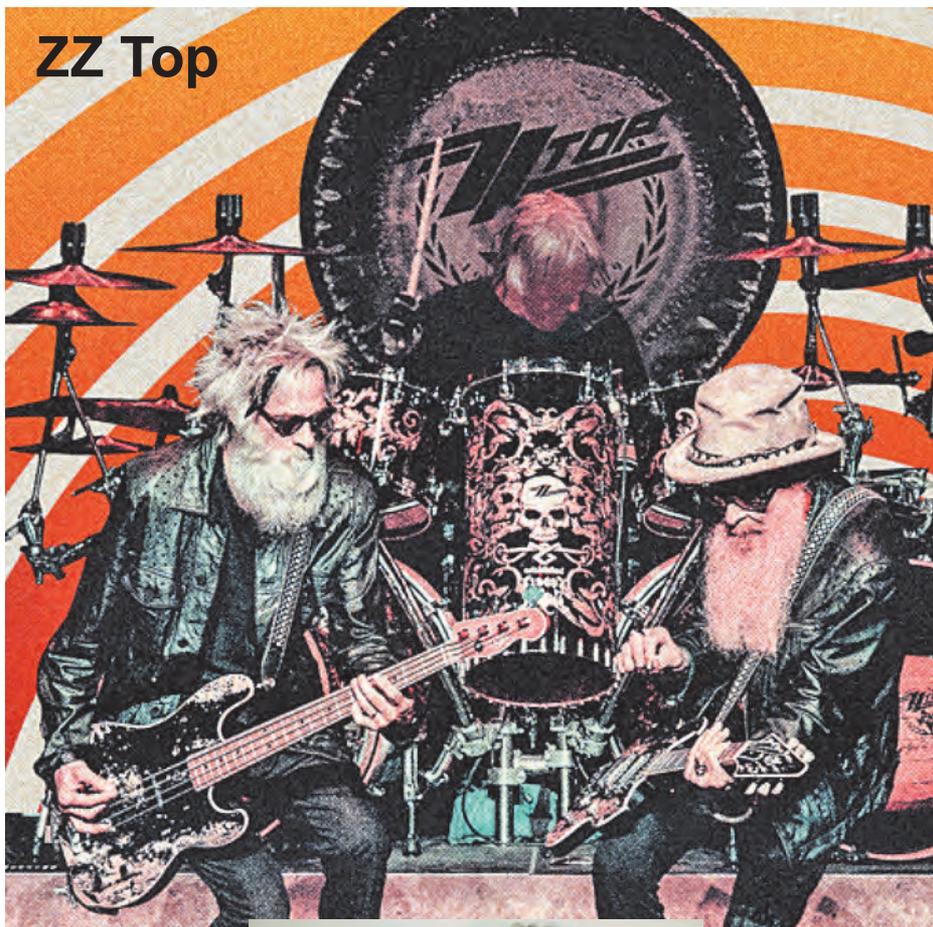
Tickets are on sale for the Saturday, April 4 concert at the Batesville Civic Center with Drivin N Cryin

The legendary rock trio ZZ Top is performing just 22 miles away from the Ole Miss campus on Saturday, April 4, 2026, with special guest Drivin N Cryin opening the show. The concert will be held in Batesville, Mississippi at the Batesville Civic Center.

ZZ Top — Hailing from Houston, Texas, and formed in 1969, “That Lil’ Ol’ Band from Texas” has defined blues-rock with their unmistakable Southern swagger. Known for infusing hard rock with deep blues roots, the band helped shape a distinctive sound that spans generations. Over more than five decades of performing and recording, they’ve remained a powerful force on the road and in the studio.

ZZ Top has sold over 50 million albums worldwide throughout their career. Their most successful release is the 1983 album *Eliminator*, which sold over 10 million copies in the United States alone. The band has released 15 studio albums, with over 26 million album sales in the U.S.

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“Just Got Paid,” and many more.

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dates. Classic hits like “Fly Me Courageous,” “Honeysuckle Blue,” and “Straight To Hell” keep fans engaged as they continue to release new material and tour relentlessly to new audiences.

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MARCH 28 @ 1:30 PM, MARCH 29 @ 3 PM (Oxford)
VS. LITTLE ROCK MARCH 31 @ 11 AM (Oxford)
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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

THURSDAY 3.19.2026

The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio feat. author TAYARI JONES for *Kin*, music by STEPHEN SIMMONS, CHINESE CONNECTION DUB EMBASSY (6 pm); HINGE DANCE COMPANY presents "Savoring Places" (8 pm)
 Proud Larry's: IZZY ARTHURS, GOLDEN TEACHER SOCIETY (9 pm; \$15)
 Square Books, Jr.: Chapter Captains Book Club (6 pm)
 Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. KENTUCKY (7 pm)
 City Hall Pocket Park: Third Thursday Music in the Park (5 pm)
 The Lyric: WINYAH (8 pm)
 Nutt Auditorium: Guest artist recital: NOPHACHAI CHOLTHITCHANTA & HYUN HIM (7:30 pm)
 Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
 University Museum: DISCOVERY DAY (10:45 am)

FRIDAY 3.20.2026 SPRING EQUINOX

The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
 The Powerhouse: HINGE DANCE COMPANY presents "Savoring Places" (8 pm)
 Quack's: DJ RYBACK-ATCHA
 Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN (7 pm)
 Swayze Field: Ole Miss BASEBALL vs. KENTUCKY (6:30 pm)
 The Coop: JOHN MOHEAD
 Ford Center: THE WIZARD OF OZ ON ICE (7:30 pm)
 The Lyric: MUSTACHE THE BAND (9 pm)
 Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Storytime: Water (10 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
 Proud Larry's: CADILLAC WILLY (9 pm; \$15)



SATURDAY 3.21.2026

The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
 Main St. (Water Valley): CASEY JONES MUSIC FEST (10 am-6 pm)
 The Powerhouse: HINGE DANCE COMPANY presents "Savoring Places" (8 pm)
 Quack's: BEDLXM
 Rhythm & Rye: JODIE ROSS (7 pm)
 Swayze Field: Ole Miss BASEBALL vs. KENTUCKY (1:30 pm)
 The Coop: ELLIOTT DEVAUGHN
 The Lyric: HOUNDMOUTH (8 pm)
 Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Wonders of Water (9:30 am); How to Woo Birds to Your Backyard (11:30 am)
 University Museum: SKETCHBOOK SATURDAY (10 am)

SUNDAY 3.22.2026

The Coop: BRIGID FERGUSON
 The Grove Stage: TAILS & TIARAS benefitting the Lafayette County Animal Shelter (1-3 pm)
 Old Armory Pavilion: CAMP HOPEWELL & CAMP LAKE STEPHENS Pop-up Camp (2-4 pm)

MONDAY 3.23.2026

Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)

TUESDAY 3.24.2026 National Cocktail Day

Off Square Books: AIMEE NEZHUKUMATATHIL for Night Owl (5:30 pm)
 Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am)
 Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
 Proud Larry's: UM JAZZ COMBOS (7 pm)

WEDNESDAY 3.25.2026

The Lyric: Stepping Into the Unknown: Films from the Bob Dylan Center (7 pm)
 Nutt Auditorium: JANISSE RAY, "Journey in Place" lecture (6 pm; free)
 Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Be Red Cross Ready (9:30 am; 3:30 pm); Conversation Cafe w/ Red Cross (11:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
 University Museum: IMAGINATION STATION (3 pm)



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FEATURED WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays

- Blind Pig: Trivia (7:30 pm)

Tuesdays

- Moe's: TRIVIA NIGHT (7 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3:30-6 pm)
- Quack's: KARAOKE (9 pm)

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

- Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
- The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC (7 pm)
- Quack's: DRINK EXCHANGE (9 pm)

Fridays

- The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)

Saturdays

- The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS (7 pm)
- Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)

Weekend Brunch

- Big Bad Breakfast: Sat & Sun: 8 am-2:30 pm
- Kingswood: Sat & Sun 9 am-2 pm
- Quack's: Friday noon-3 pm; Sat-Sun: 11 am-3 pm
- The Old Henry: 11 am-3 pm
- Saint Leo: Sat & Sun: 10:30 am-3 pm
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THURSDAY 3.26.2026

The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)
The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author TOM JUNOD for *In the Days of My Youth I Was Told What It Means to Be A Man* and poet AJ WHITE for "In Arcadia," music by JEMERO CARTER/KINGDOMOLOGY, OTHA TURNER BOYS (6 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DECK PARTY
Oxford Conference Center: The Oxford Garden Club presents 'Round About Oxford Flower Show (1-4 pm; free)
Proud Larry's: ROBERT LESTER FOLSOM; RAMBLER KANE (9 pm; \$27)
Southside Gallery: "FLASHI!": Micro-Memoirs & Flash Writing with STEVE ALMOND, IRA SUKRUNGUANG, BETH ANN FENNELLY (4 pm)

FRIDAY 3.27.2026

The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)
The Powerhouse: LINDSAY CURRIE & SARAH FRANCES HARDY for Children's Book Festival (5 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN
Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (6:30 pm)
The Coop: RODELL MCCORD
Proud Larry's: HONEY ISLAND SWAMP BAND, ROCKET 88 (9:30 pm \$20)

SATURDAY 3.28.2026

The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: WILL COPPAGE (7 pm)
Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (1:30 pm)
Avent Park: CASA SUPERHERO RUN & Kid's Fun Run (8 am)
The Coop: JD WESTMORELAND
The Farmstead: JL Breakfast with the Easter Bunny (8:30 am)
The Powerhouse: VELVET RODEO Spring Fling, THE LITIGANTS (3 pm)
Proud Larry's: J RODDY WALSON & THE BUSINESS (9 pm; \$20)

SUNDAY 3.29.2026 World Piano Day

Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (3 pm)
The Coop: DAVIS COEN
Ford Center: VERDI REQUIEM MEMPHIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORUS + UM CHOIRS (3 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: MICRO WRESTLING (6 pm)
Luckyday Residential: WORLD FEST (1-4 pm; free)
Oxford Conference Center: K-POP WARRIORS Live show (3 pm & 5:30 pm)

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TUESDAY 3.31.2026

Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LITTLE ROCK (11 am)
Chamber of Commerce: BIG BAD BUSINESS Workshop (noon)

WEDNESDAY 4.01.2026

April Fools' Day
Passover Begins
Ford Center: TENOR/BASS & TREBLE CHOIR FESTIVAL (4:30 pm)
University Museum: IMAGINATION STATION (3 pm; free)



THURSDAY 4.02.2026 National Burrito Day

The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author NANCY LEMANN for *The Ritz of the Bayou*, music by UM WORLD PERCUSSION, PARCHMAN PRISON BAND (6 pm)
Proud Larry's: DAVIS COEN (7 pm; free)

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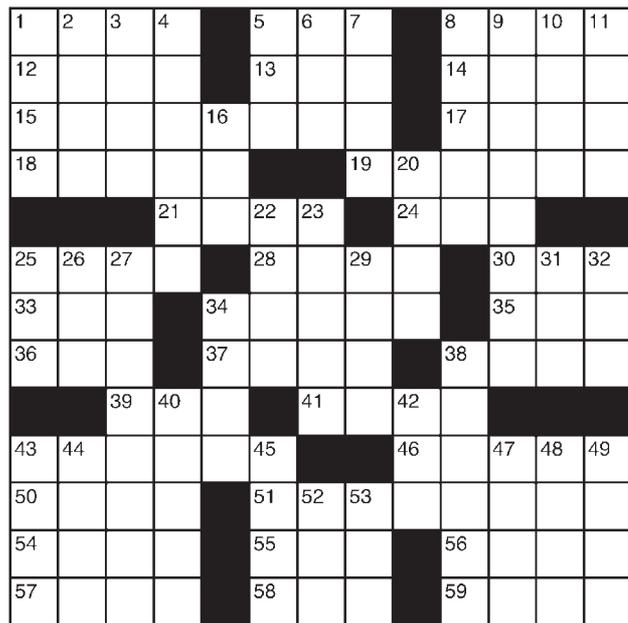


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Banner
- 5 Invoice fig.
- 8 Experts
- 12 Earring site
- 13 Brit's restroom
- 14 Carry on
- 15 Capital of Paraguay
- 17 Slender weapon
- 18 Rationed (out)
- 19 Urges forward
- 21 "La Dolce —"
- 24 Granola morsel
- 25 Luke's teacher
- 28 Folklore monster
- 30 Mel of Cooperstown
- 33 "Caught ya!"
- 34 Welcome
- 35 Bankroll
- 36 "Tasty!"
- 37 Give temporarily
- 38 Burden
- 39 Navarro on "The View"
- 41 Mausoleum
- 43 Continue
- 46 Skiers' mecca
- 50 Bank statement no.
- 51 Capital of



- 54 Close
- 55 Crime lab evidence
- 56 Motown genre
- 57 Bouquet
- 58 Tofu source
- 59 Norms (Abbr.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Two-stroke drumbeat
- 2 Mismatch
- 3 Border on
- 4 Swiss metropolis
- 5 Foreman foe
- 6 Cattle call
- Morrison
- 8 Venezuelan corn patty
- 9 Capital of South Africa
- 10 Daring Knievel
- 11 Beholds
- 16 Roman 401
- 20 Champagne brand
- 22 Ripped
- 23 Rep
- 25 Candied veggie
- 26 Resistance unit
- 27 Capital of Syria
- 31 Sigma follower
- 32 QBs' goals
- 34 Glitzy rock genre
- 38 Fixate
- 40 Peculiar
- 42 Irrate
- 43 Grate
- 44 Canyon comeback
- 45 Concludes
- 47 Conspiracy
- 48 Barak of Israel
- 49 Guitarist Lofgren
- 52 Rock producer Brian



- Who wrote and released "Piano Man"?
- Which artist wrote and released "Dirty Blvd"?
- What was "Smoke on the Water" about?
- Which artist released "Talk to Me"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I've been in love so many times, Thought I knew the score, But now you've treated me so wrong, I can't take anymore."

Answers

- Billy Joel, in 1973. Joel has said that the song was written about his time as a lounge piano player in Los Angeles.
- Lou Reed, in 1989. The song topped Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks for four weeks.
- Deep Purple was in Switzerland at the Montreux Casino to do some recording when the casino caught fire. Detractors say the song's famous opening riff was taken from Beethoven's 5th played backward. Others note, however, that it seems to be taken directly from a Bossa Nova song called "Maria Quiet." You decide.
- Stevie Nicks, in 1985.
- "I'll Never Fall in Love Again," by Lonnie Donegan, in 1962. Tom Jones released a cover of the song in 1967. Donegan's son auditioned for "The Voice UK" and performed a duet of the song with Tom Jones in 2019.

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 I F H F O V A U L T D C N O R
 A Z A T A B X W V U S R Q O C
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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: PRECIOUS —

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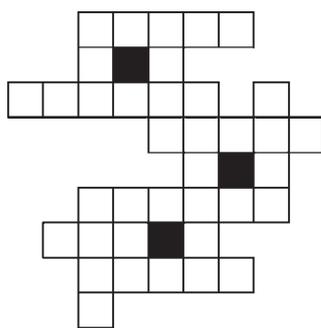
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- ERY
- ARNGOB
- SYMAN
- ♥LGFO
- ♥IRVNEA
- OMO
- ♥ETAN
- ♥ALNER
- OBY
- VERGLA
- ARTEK
- ♥ALEM



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

WORD FUN

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

WHAT KIND OF SPIDER DO YOU SEE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

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|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| DIPPER | ___ | PRIDE | PEARLS | ___ | SPARE |
| SATURN | ___ | RUNTS | VIDEOS | ___ | DIVES |
| TASTED | ___ | STATE | SONNET | ___ | NOTES |
| HOWLED | ___ | WHOLE | DAGGER | ___ | GRADE |
| FAIRLY | ___ | FRAIL | ALERTS | ___ | RATES |
| | | | ARCHIE | ___ | CHAIR |
| | | | SINGLE | ___ | LINES |
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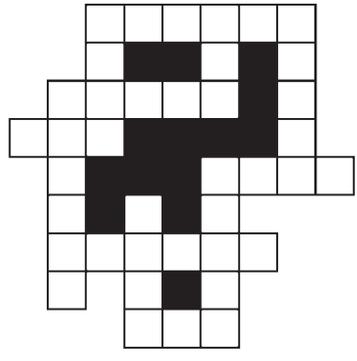
“Don’t be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try.” — **Michael Jordan**
(born February 17, 1963)

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ADH
- MARDLE
- NUTHA
- RUFT
- ASKWUQ
- WFE
- ♥UHTR
- DWATE
- ♥ATM
- REESHA
- ♥ERMLA
- ♥RWDA



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- Shakespeare's theater
- Skier's refuge
- Ski trail through trees
- eBay offering
- Done, foodwise
- Rise from your seat

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. Energetic | ___ I ___ | Beautiful | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Tasteless | ___ A ___ | Fair-haired | ___ O ___ |
| 3. Clemens | ___ W ___ | Monorail or locomotive | ___ R ___ |
| 4. Bieber or Timberlake | J ___ | Texas capital | A ___ |
| 5. Fruit of the vine | ___ P ___ | Mealtime prayer | ___ C ___ |
| 6. Woo | ___ R ___ | Dracula's title | ___ N ___ |
| 7. Agree to take | ___ P ___ | Twang | ___ N ___ |
| 8. Use a broom | ___ W ___ | Nod off | ___ L ___ |
| 9. Every 24 hours | ___ L ___ | Milk farm | ___ R ___ |
| 10. Livestock | ___ T ___ | Balmoral structure | ___ S ___ |



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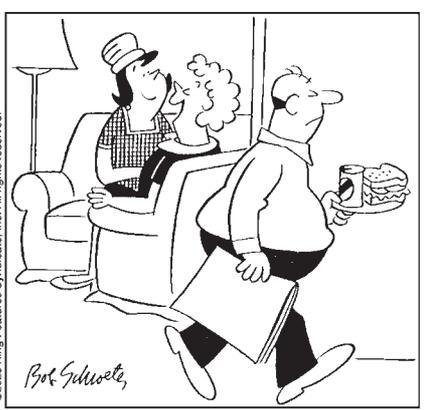
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SCRAMBLERS

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!

- Trap: NEARS [] [] [] []
- Mature: PRINE [] [] [] []
- Smear: DUGEMS [] [] [] []
- Tend: RUNES [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []



“He hasn’t spoken to me since I gave him _____ shoes for his birthday!”



“Social media is more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol.”
— **Gary Vaynerchuk**
(born November 14, 1975)

Aimee Nezhukumatathil's *Night Owl* Illuminates the Dark

Off Square Books to host book launch for *Night Owl* on Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 pm

While much of Oxford heads inside and winds down at night, award-winning poet and **University of Mississippi** professor **Aimee Nezhukumatathil** awakens readers to the often-overlooked magic of nighttime in her forthcoming book *Night Owl*.

Night Owl uncovers what night can look and feel like if one takes the time to truly get to know it. And what better guide for such exploration than Oxford's own Aimee Nezhukumatathil? In addition to bringing her students outdoors for writing exercises and much-needed breaths

of fresh air during busy semesters, Nezhukumatathil gives firefly tours for **Mississippi State Parks**. Set to release at the end of the month, *Night Owl* is her fifth book of poetry.

Nezhukumatathil's most recently published books include two illustrated essay collections, *Bite by Bite* and *World of Wonders*, the latter of which spent seven weeks on the *New York Times* Best Seller list and was selected as UM's **2021 Common Read**, among other distinctions. But for readers who first discovered Nezhukumatathil

by **Noreen Ocampo**

through her previous books of poetry—*Oceanic*, *Lucky Fish*, *At the Drive-in Volcano*, and *Miracle*

Fruit—*Night Owl* marks her much-anticipated return to her home genre.

From *Night Owl*'s very first page, Nezhukumatathil casts nighttime in a new and increasingly enticing light. Inviting readers to sit with her and listen to the dark rather than slink back indoors with everyone else, Nezhukumatathil guides us through nights illuminated by backyard moon gardens, Greenland midnight sun, Mississippi fireflies, and fluorescent roller rinks. "I wanted to showcase that night is more than one hour," she shares, "or one time you glance outside."

Night Owl is more than a mere celebration: the book urges us to move beyond our existing understanding of night and discover what we may so easily overlook at the end of each day. "It was only when pulling together these poems that I realized how much attention I have always paid to the night," Nezhukumatathil says. "I feel like things are softer for me at night. Things aren't under the glare of deadline, deadline, hustle, hustle. The world, the outdoors soften around me as well."

Night Owl also challenges popular associations of night as a time only of darkness and danger, which prevents some from fully enjoying the outdoors after sunset. "In Western literature, there's a whole genre of scary movies and scary books—bad things happening at night," Nezhukumatathil explains. "And for sure, that stuff happens. But a lot of good happens at night as well." In this powerful reversal, *Night Owl* extends an invitation to slow down, stand still, experience the same world in a new way—and find new ways to care for it as well. Thinking of fireflies, Nezhukumatathil reminds us, "What we do [in the daytime] can affect the things that we love outdoors at night, too."

While *Night Owl* is Nezhukumatathil's first themed poetry collection, woven together by its focus on night, the unmistakable current of love



that courses through her previous books continues to serve as *Night Owl's* North Star. "I hope it's evident in every page of this book, that, yes, I happen to be a poet, and yes, I happen to be a writer," Nezhukumatathil shares, "but at my heart, I am a mother, I'm a wife, I'm a daughter first." With *Night Owl*, Nezhukumatathil encourages us not only to look at the natural world with more care, but also to extend this same renewed attention to the people who make up our families and communities.

Just as *Night Owl* offers more than celebration, Nezhukumatathil's nocturnes are more than poems of night: they're poems of love. Even poems labeled as "invectives" come from a place of genuine care and investment and are expertly nestled right beside poems more overtly about Nezhukumatathil's love for her family, friends, and the world. "I think anybody who knows me for even five seconds knows how fiercely I love and how fiercely I rage. There's just no in-between. I liken that to the Filipino side of me," she says. "It's like that Tagalog

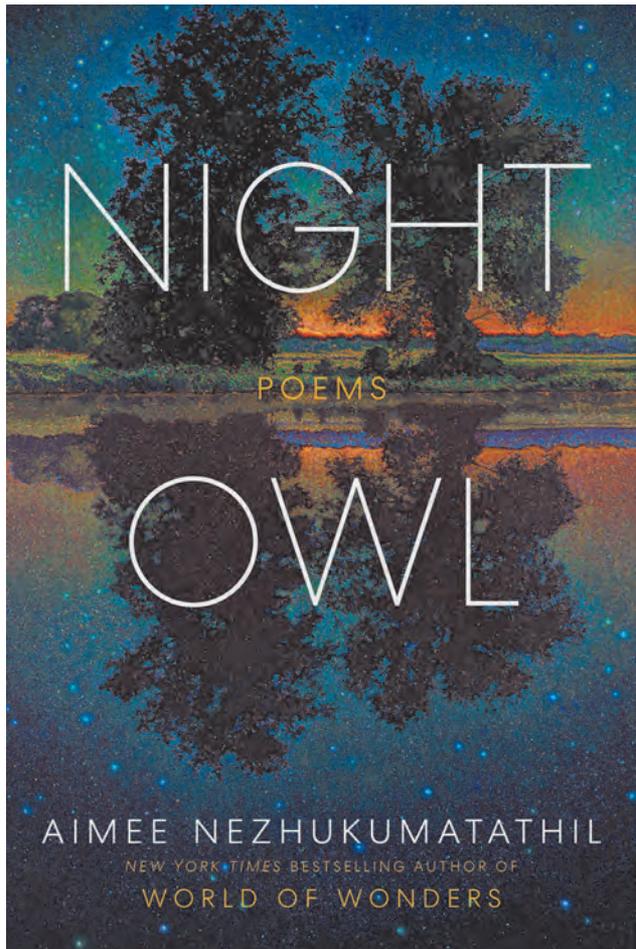
word I love, nakakagigil—loving something so much, it's almost painful!"

A poet of Filipina and South Asian heritage, Nezhukumatathil's work simultaneously investigates Asian American identity and experience alongside her exploration of the natural world. In a literary landscape where Asian American stories are often associated with experiences of trauma,

struggle, and complicated baggage, Nezhukumatathil asks, "Why should we only equate Asian Americanness with tragedy? Books that capture grief and tragedy are important. So are books of love and togetherness. Especially now."

What perhaps strikes me most about *Night Owl* is Nezhukumatathil's honesty and vulnerability, how clearly and unabashedly her love—in all its colors and forms—comes into view. As someone who admittedly doesn't feel as at home in the night, whether literal or emotional, I find that Nezhukumatathil's poems offer an answer, that they cut through what can seem like the endless dark of our contemporary moment. In Nezhukumatathil's words, "This book is about staying, really. Staying in the night, and taking fear and anger and rage and facing it head-on." And isn't this something we all hope to learn to do?

The book launch for *Night Owl*, Aimee Nezhukumatathil's brilliant fifth book of poetry, will be hosted at **Off Square Books** on **Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 pm**. This celebration also kicks off the **32nd Oxford Conference of the Book**, an annual gathering of booklovers organized by the **Center for the Study of Southern Culture** at the University of Mississippi. Copies of *Night Owl* are available for preorder on the Square Books website and can be purchased at the upcoming book launch. **W**



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The Academy Awards

The Academy Awards, commonly known as the _____^{1.}, are awards for _____^{2.} and _____^{3.} merit in film. They are presented _____^{4.} by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in _____^{5.} in recognition of excellence in cinematic _____^{6.}, as assessed by the Academy's voting membership. The Oscars are _____^{7.} considered to be the most _____^{8.} awards in the film industry. The _____^{9.} award categories are presented during a live televised _____^{10.} ceremony in February or March. It is the _____^{11.} worldwide entertainment awards ceremony. It is the oldest of the _____^{12.} major annual American entertainment awards. Its counterparts — the _____^{13.} Awards for television, the Tony Awards for _____^{14.} theatre, and the Grammy Awards for _____^{15.} — are modeled after the Academy Awards. 🎬

1. nickname (plural)
2. adjective
3. adjective
4. adverb
5. name of a country
6. plural noun
7. adverb
8. adjective
9. adjective
10. major city
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12. a number
13. nickname
14. name of a neighborhood
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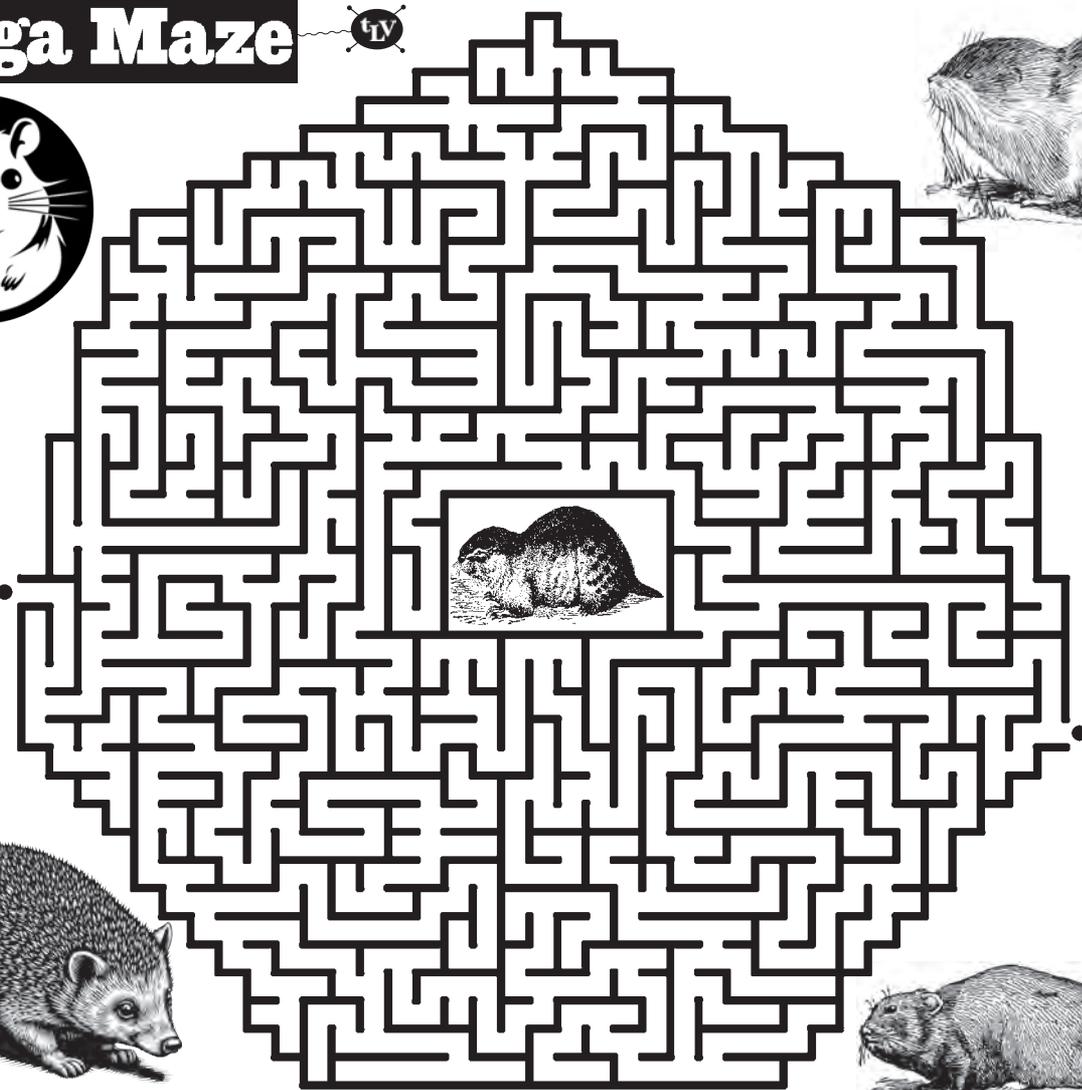


Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** Who is the director of the Oscar-winning movie "Parasite"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is miso?
- LITERATURE:** What are the names of the romantic couple in "Wuthering Heights"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which city's nickname is "Pearl of the Orient"?
- HISTORY:** In what year were the first modern Olympic Games held?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Before becoming president, Barack Obama served as a senator from which state?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which peninsula is the largest in the world?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Who is the Greek god of war?
- MUSIC:** Who composed the opera "The Ring of Nibelung"?
- ACRONYMS:** In computer emails, what does the acronym "CC" stand for?

ANSWERS BELOW



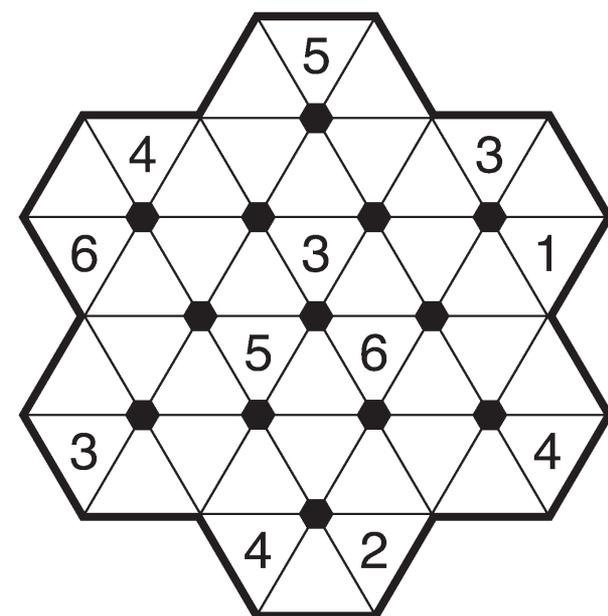
GO FIGURE!

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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	-		+		=	15		
=		=		=				
22		3		16				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

SNOWFLAKES

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



"Social media is training us to compare our lives instead of appreciating everything we are. No wonder why everyone is so depressed."

— Bill Murray (born September 21, 1950)

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.

KNWP IBNGF HNBP
EBPHPUYNXFKC DXKK, FGTDE,
ZNTIUQUE, QF EVP CPQBF
HXKETZKC. — RQUP IBPC

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: C equals E

JDCE G LUPCUADCK OW IPOL
USJIPK UDC ADZPAD LGEHCPL,
WSZ OGHDU LIW G JIL
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ANSWERS: 1. Bong Joon Ho. 2. Fermented soybean paste. 3. Heathcliff and Catherine. 4. Manila, Philippines. 5. 1896 in Greece. 6. Illinois. 7. Arabian Peninsula. 8. Ares. 9. Richard Wagner. 10. Carbon Copy (once used in typewriters).



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by Charles Barry Townsend

CAN YOU SURVIVE THE FOLLOWING FIVE TESTS?



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RARE
RASE
RISE
RISK

You have four minutes to solve these problems and move on to the next challenge. In this type of puzzle, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed DARE to RISK in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. LOAN to PAID
2. RATE to COST
3. SAND to PILE
4. TAPE to WORM
5. WAND to SILK

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PUZZLE CARD

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24

FREDDIE FLUNKED STRAWS 101! See if you can remove eight straws from the 24 shown here and have three squares left.

Answer: If you remove straws 3, 5, 7, 8, 17, 18, 20 and 22, you will be left with two large squares and one small square.

A REVOLUTIONARY REBUS PUZZLE! What historic American event is represented in the rebus pictured to the right?

Answer: In the rebus, a "T" is being dropped into a "C." Therefore, this must represent the "Boston Tea Party."

DON'T MANGLE THIS ONE! In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with MAN. Some hints are:

1. MAN (in place).
2. Found on a lion.
3. Tropical fruit.
4. To control.
5. An aquatic mammal.
6. A musical instrument.

1. MAN
2. MAN
3. MAN
4. MAN
5. MAN
6. MAN

Answers: 1. Man. 2. Mane. 3. Mango. 4. Manage. 5. Manatee. 6. Mandolin.

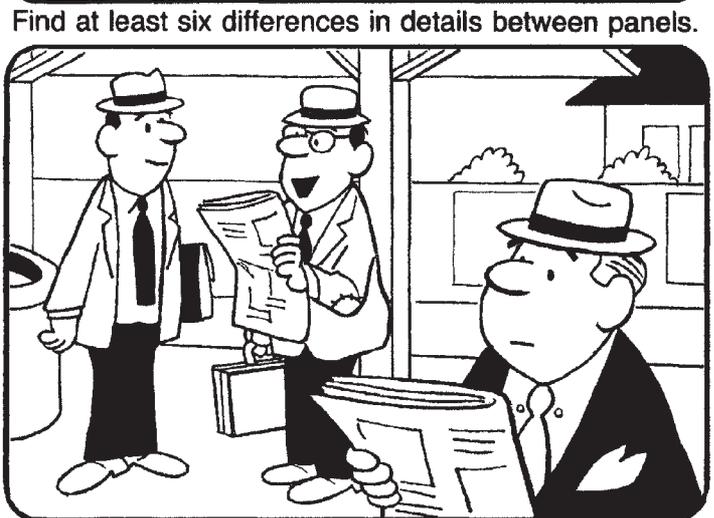
KNIGHT MOVES

S	O	F
L		H
B	I	W

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. Hair is different. 2. Briefcase is different. 3. Vest is missing. 4. Elbow patch is added. 5. Newspaper is larger. 6. Bush is moved.

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. Billfold | W _ _ _ _ _ | Baryshnikov's dance | B _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Prank | _ _ _ P _ _ _ | Provide food | _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 3. Country | _ _ _ A _ _ _ | Idea | _ _ _ O _ _ _ |
| 4. Reader's _____ | _ _ _ G _ _ _ | Part from | _ _ _ V _ _ _ |
| 5. Thames or Seine | _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _ | Rosie's target | _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 6. Hair stylist | _ _ _ A _ _ _ | Carpet style | _ _ _ E _ _ _ |
| 7. Pasture growth | _ _ _ A _ _ _ | Twelve dozen | _ _ _ O _ _ _ |
| 8. Throw a horseshoe | _ _ _ I _ _ _ | Repair torn jeans | _ _ _ A _ _ _ |
| 9. Ned or Warren | _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ | _____ and the Beast | _ _ _ _ _ U _ _ _ |
| 10. Shady alcove | _ _ _ B _ _ _ | Knight's gear | _ _ _ M _ _ _ |

WORD SPIRAL

○	○	W
L	E	○
T	○	I

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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Oxford Conference for the Book Returns to Celebrate the Written Word

Janisse Ray to deliver keynote lecture; sessions also include Children's Book Festival

The 32nd conference, organized by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, is set for March 25-27 at locations across the Ole Miss campus and Oxford. As always, the lineup of discussions and scholarly panels is free and open to the public.

Starke Miller: "The University of Mississippi - About 1861"

Here are two pictures of the same place on campus, the South side of The Circle. On the right in both pictures, is the South Dorm, built in 1848. On the left, is the South Professors Residence, also built in 1848. They are all original buildings at the University.

Banner year for OPC with 5 MRPA awards garnered in 2025

The Oxford Park Commission won 5 first-place awards for a mixture of events and classes and for the individual work and dedication of a staff member. It was the eighth time since 2016 that the OPC has won at least 3 awards in the same year.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners welcome the public to their Annual Spring Lecture Series

This year's lecture will be held in the Dotsy A. Fitts Auditorium of the Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library on 401 Bramlett Boulevard. Mark your calendar for these dates: March 4, April 9, and May 7 at 12 pm.

Landmark Properties Acquires Development Site in Oxford, Mississippi; Announces Plans for The Station at Oxford

Purpose-Built, Cottage-Style Development Near Ole Miss Will Bring 817 Off-Campus Beds, Modern Design and Amenities to the Market

Landmark Properties has acquired a 27-acre site in Oxford, where it plans to build The Station at Oxford, an 817-bed student housing development. The cottage-style community located on Oxford Way off South Lamar Boulevard will feature a mix of cottages and townhomes.

Scruggs Family Provides Transformative Support to Ole Miss

OHS Choir and Orchestra to Present 6th Annual Masterworks Concert

Archaeologists to Gather at the University of Mississippi for Regional Research Conference

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Indigofera: a gardener's guide to planting, caring for, and protecting this nitrogen-fixing, flower-bearing shrub"

Ole Miss Bridge Program Equips First Responders With Sensory Kits

Two Oxford High School Seniors Named STAR Students for 2025-2026

Dana Criswell: "HB 1665 Explained: A Side-by-Side Comparison of the House and Senate Versions"

City of Oxford, Mississippi Board of Aldermen Special Meeting Agenda - Friday, March 6, 2026

Local Crime:

Man Arrested for Sexual Assault in Lafayette County
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English Professor Explores Race, Culture and Value in Annual Lecture

- Adding bubbles to your bath keeps the water warm for a longer amount of time.
- To perform Kermit's early swamp scene in *The Muppet Movie*, **Jim Henson** had to spend a day in a 50-gallon steel drum under a pond.
- Wakes were originally held in case the apparently deceased returned to life.
- The word "love" or "zero" in tennis possibly derives from the **French** word "l'oeuf," meaning "egg," which may represent the figure zero.
- Giraffes have the highest blood pressure of any mammal.
- Because the speed of **Earth's** rotation changes over time, a day in the age of dinosaurs was 23 hours long.
- The **Pyramid of Khufu** at **Giza**, the largest **Egyptian** pyramid, weighs as much as 16 Empire State buildings.
- A stork shot by a hunter in **Germany** in 1822 was found with a **Central African** spear piercing its throat, providing scientists with the first evidence for long-distance bird migration.
- Soccer stars **Cristiano Ronaldo** and **Lionel Messi** were born 869 days apart, and their respective eldest sons were also born exactly 869 days apart.
- The **SkyWheel** in **Helsinki** is the only Ferris wheel in the world featuring a sauna in one of its gondolas.
- *To Have and Have Not*, starring **Humphrey Bogart** and **Lauren Bacall**, was made into a movie after director **Howard Hawks** told **Ernest Hemingway** he could make a great film from what Hemingway called his worst book.
- **Peru** is the only country whose **English**-language name can be typed on a single row of a standard QWERTY keyboard.
- Pulmonary arteries are the only ones in the human body that carry deoxygenated blood.

Thought for the Day: "An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."
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"Conversation" with a Pop-Up

I was sitting on a bench on the Courthouse lawn, quietly working on a *Local Voice* crossword puzzle (the easier one) when a guy dressed in what looked like Frank Gorshin as The Riddler in the campy *Batman* TV series from the late 1960s, jacked up on Ritalin and Red Bull, plopped down next to me, looked at my puzzle, pointed to the spaces I was pondering, and said, "Hey! A crossword! Let's see: 'Largest state in the contiguous United States.' five letters, last one an 'S'. Texas! It's Texas, cowboy!"

Annoyed, I said, "I like to do my crossword puzzles without unsolicited help, thank you very much," and continued with the puzzle, pissed off though because I knew it had been ruined.

What? You don't want my help?

Nope.

Look. I've been doing crosswords for decades and, if you let me play, I'll give you a whole book of them.

No thanks.

Aw, you've gotta make time for things you enjoy, cowboy! I can get you a subscription to a daily crossword puzzle. It's free for the first 30 days and only thirty cents a day after that! (In a barely audible whisper) *After 90 days it's a dollar a day with a three-year commitment.*

What part of "no" don't you understand? Scat!

(He got up to leave then spun on his heels and plopped down next to me again.)

Okay. What about this . . . You like movie soundtracks.

What makes you think that?

Oh, I don't think. I know. I know a lot of things about you. You like frozen yogurt, too.

How do you know that?

I keep up with you and things you like and don't like.

You've been spying on me?

I prefer to call it "research" or "data gathering." Now, if you don't want the crossword subscription I can get you some car insurance for 30% less than you're paying now!

And you know how much I'm paying for my insurance?

\$156.03 per month.

How . . . how do you know that?

Like I said, I know things.

Get the hell outta here! (He got up, walked around the bench, and sat by me again.) I screamed, "GET. THE. HELL. AWAY. FROM. ME!"

Okay, okay! You don't hafta be so rude. I'll go, but before I do, Could I interest you in a 24-carrot gold MAGA coin? It has President Trump's orange profile on the front and a Trump-autographed golf ball on the back.

ABSOFREAKINLUTELY NOT! SKEDADDLE!

Skedaddle! What a great word! You love wordplay, don't you! I've got an entire collection of wordplay books! Punteritis! Oxymoratory! Malapromologies! Synonyms! Auntienyms! Onomatopeuses! Quadruple Entendriacs! And so much more!



NO! NO! NO!!! GO! GO! GO!!!

You say "No and go" but I know you mean "Yes and stay"! Why, you'd be a fool to pass on these once-in-a-lifetime deals!

Then a fool I'll be!

Okay! I'm going I'm going. But I want to introduce you to my sister. She's got some other great deals for you. Here she is! Say hello to Merry Pop-up!

I'm closing my eyes and counting to three. When I open them, I want you both gone! (I closed my eyes, counted to three, and opened them. The flashy guy was gone, but Merry, dressed in a skintight bodysuit like Batman's Catwoman, purred with a smoky voice.)

Hi there, sexy cowboy. Are you lonely, sweetie? I'll bet you are and have I got good news for you!

(My head in my hands) No. Please, Lord! Make her go away!

Now, honey pie, I want you to sign up on one of my dating sites. I've got sites for seniors, sites for middle-aged men and women, sites for young adults, and sites with foreign women - or men, if that's what you prefer. All of them are waiting for someone just like you, and the sites are only \$30 per month each. Now, dearie, which ones would you like?

(Hitting both temples over and over and over with my fists, I screamed.) Oy veh! Oy veh! OY VEH!!!

Mary Pop-up purred and licked my neck.

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

Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, singer-songwriter, and an ordained minister. He thinks a Nobel prize should be given to the person who figures out how to get rid of pop-ups once and for all. Randy may be reached at randallsweeks@gmail.com. 📧

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of DJ
 - 5 Let leave
 - 12 E-device download
 - 15 Lobs' paths
 - 19 Western U.S. gas chain
 - 20 Radar on an old sitcom
 - 21 Bargain offered by a prosecutor
 - 23 Male horse that's the subject of a novel?
 - 25 Deli meat often on rye
 - 26 Visiting a website, e.g.
 - 27 Sunshine St.
 - 28 Contributed one's share
 - 29 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
 - 30 Setting a weekly limit on Mastercard purchases?
 - 33 401, to Nero
 - 34 Water, in Paris
 - 35 Nickel, e.g.
 - 36 Hands, in Havana
- DOWN**
- 32 Heap
 - 33 The Mets' — Field
 - 34 Border crossing documents
 - 38 "Sorta" suffix
 - 39 Towing gp.
 - 40 & so forth
 - 41 Chinese chairman
 - 42 Boat paddle with "on"
 - 43 "Let's shake hands!"
 - 46 — Carlo
 - 47 In a little bit
 - 48 Parcel (out)
 - 49 Egg on
 - 51 Hwy. felony
 - 53 R&B singer with the hit "4Ever"
 - 54 Suffix with truck or mock
 - 55 Faux —
 - 56 Suffix of pasta names
 - 57 Siouan tribe
 - 59 Lay down as fact
 - 62 Feels lousy
 - 63 With 67-Down, mistakes
 - 64 Stratagem
 - 65 — Tin Tin
 - 66 Ethyl ending
 - 67 See 63-Down
 - 68 Singer Cooke
 - 69 Qty.
- ACROSS**
- 37 James Bond's creator, if he had lived on the island of Ithaca?
 - 42 German car company
 - 44 Pulls on
 - 45 Theta lead-in
 - 46 Egyptian — (cat breed)
 - 47 Current unit
 - 50 "This requires a lot of effort"
 - 52 "You're the Top" composer dishing out servings of food?
 - 58 "You betcha"
 - 60 Persia, now
 - 61 As a whole
 - 62 At the post one formerly held?
 - 70 "Fighting" Big Ten team
 - 71 Cyber-trash
 - 72 Pro trained in trauma
 - 73 Statement after a female jungle cat gains a lot of weight?
 - 77 Include as a bonus
 - 83 Bug planter
 - 84 Busy bug
 - 85 Weird
- DOWN**
- 87 Internet investing site
 - 88 Burkina —
 - 90 Squid ink, for example?
 - 94 One- (short play)
 - 97 Foot bottom
 - 98 "Well, I'll be!"
 - 99 Lace up, e.g.
 - 100 The stress of being a trailblazer?
 - 105 Opposed to, in Westerns
 - 107 They stagnate during recessions
 - 108 Old Glory's nation
 - 109 "Scandal" creator Rhimes
 - 111 Be physically intimate
 - 112 Extra things seen eight times in this puzzle?
 - 115 Fawned over
 - 116 Blue-eyed cat
 - 117 — & Chandon (Champagne)
 - 118 Short sleeps
 - 119 Hosp. areas
 - 120 Major forgetfulness
 - 121 Within: Prefix
- DOWN**
- 1 "The Living Daylights" actress Maryam
 - 2 Resolved, as difficulties
 - 3 Angry rebukes
 - 4 Newswoman Roberts
 - 5 Fawn over, with "on"
 - 6 401(k) kin
 - 7 Government of a nation by its own people
 - 8 Dancer Agnes de —
 - 9 Homer epic
 - 10 — -mo
 - 11 Wd. in a thesaurus
 - 12 — Way (old Roman road)
 - 13 Actor Oliver
 - 14 Actor Joe
 - 15 Gland near the kidneys
 - 16 Scan, as data
 - 17 El — Real (road in California)
 - 18 Huris
 - 22 In-house
 - 24 '75 TV debut
 - 28 Smug type
 - 30 Half- — latte
 - 31 Roll call response, in Paris
- DOWN**
- 74 — -cone
 - 75 Seoul soldier
 - 76 Pub. staffers
 - 78 Blvd., e.g.
 - 79 Meal scrap
 - 80 Attending to
 - 81 Emphatic affirmation
 - 82 Hawaiian goose
 - 86 Humiliates
 - 88 Cousins of anises
 - 89 Iris ring
 - 90 British actress Diana
 - 91 British beer
 - 92 Abode: Abbr.
 - 93 Third letter
 - 94 Tarzan, e.g.
 - 95 Loud insect
 - 96 Began, as a hobby
 - 97 Zooms
 - 101 Ham it up
 - 102 Amazon, e.g.
 - 103 Its capital is Khartoum
 - 104 "I'd like to help"
 - 105 "Eureka!"
 - 106 Singer Eydie
 - 109 Former New York stadium
 - 110 In re
 - 112 Simile middle
 - 113 Faint
 - 114 2000-15 CBS drama

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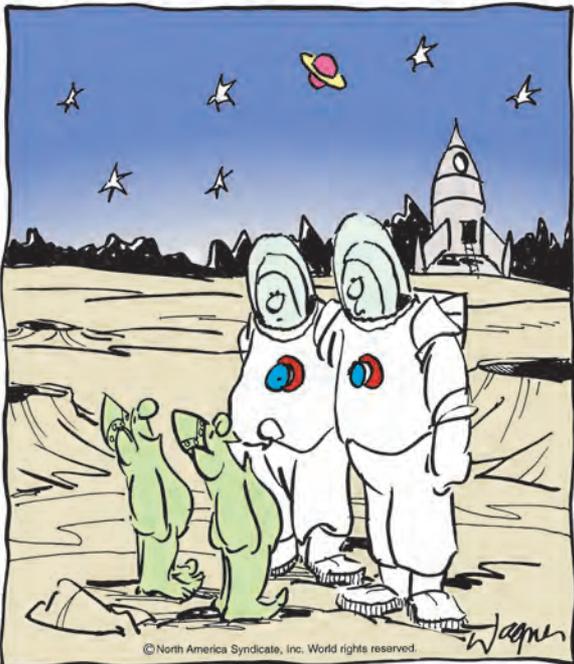


Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

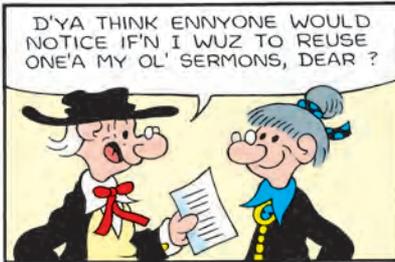
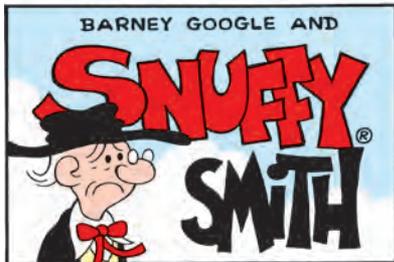
WELL, BAD NEWS, A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WERE LET GO TODAY IN OUR DEPARTMENT. GOOD NEWS, THERE'S EXTRA DONUTS IN THE BREAKROOM.



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

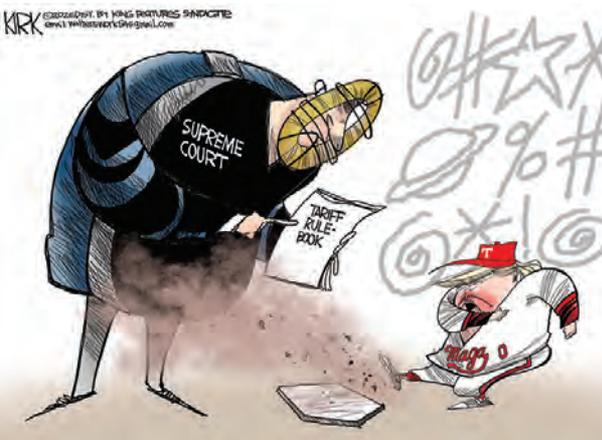
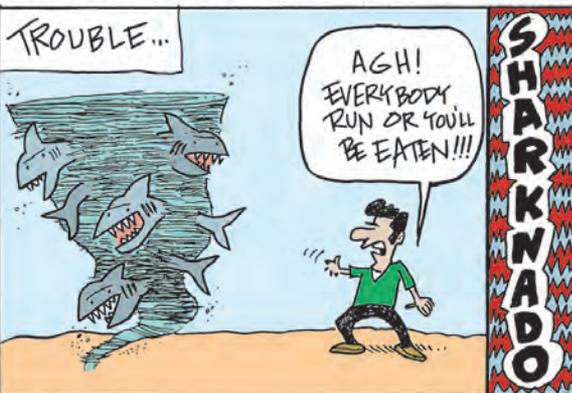


"You guys really wear diapers?"



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Americanisms



"Turns out, when you're on the right path, opportunities begin to unfold along the way."
 — Hoda Kotb

Prince Valiant
 BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

THANAA HAS SUMMONED HER SISTERS TO SING THE SIREN SONG - THE MADDENING LURE SEEPS OVER THE ISLAND...

MEANWHILE, VAL FOLLOWS THE BECKONING THANAA DOWN INTO THE BOWELS OF THE ANCIENT RUINS. VAL CANNOT BEGIN TO CONCEIVE WHAT HER SCHEME MIGHT BE.

NOR CAN THE DAZED PIRATES, WHO FINALLY BLUSTER INTO THE GREAT COURTYARD BEFORE THE SINGING OBJECTS OF THEIR DESIRE...

...AS VAL ENTERS A CAVERNOUS SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBER TO FIND THANAA STRAINING TO TURN THE WHEEL OF SOME GRIM, ANCIENT MECHANISM!

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 YEATES 1/18/15
 NEXT: Wheel of misfortune

...DRAWING STRAKONUS' PIRATES IRRESISTIBLY TOWARD THE WOMEN AND ECSTASIES IMPLIED!

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I WISH I COULD RUN OFF...

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

BOY, MOM SEEMS KINDA DEPRESSED. IT'S HER BIRTHDAY AND SHE'S FEELING OLDER.

I NEED TO THINK OF A WAY TO CHEER HER UP AND BE HAPPY.

GOOD MORNING, MOM! WOW, I GOTTA SAY YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER FORTY!

GEEZ, I'M A KID. HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW SHE WAS TURNING THIRTY?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I FINALLY GOT THE LAST WORD IN

UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS THE WRONG WORD.

DAY ONE: OVERWHELMED IRAN'S MISSILE DEFENSES.
 DAY TWO: TOOK OUT IRAN LEADERSHIP.
 DAY THREE: DECIMATED THE IRANI NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

DAY ONE: DECLARED IT A "FOREVER WAR"

EPIC FURY
 PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH
 DEVIS

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

GET THE PHONE, FUNKINHEAD

WHAT AM I DOING?.. STANDING AROUND HOPING FOR AN INJURY

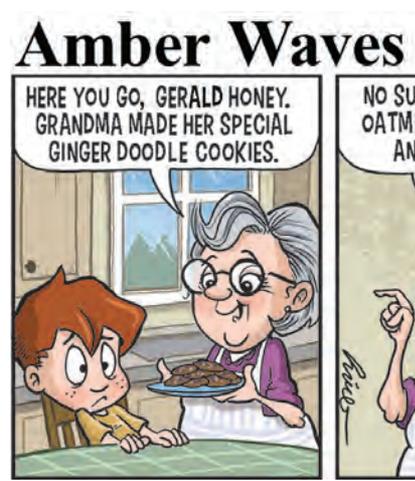
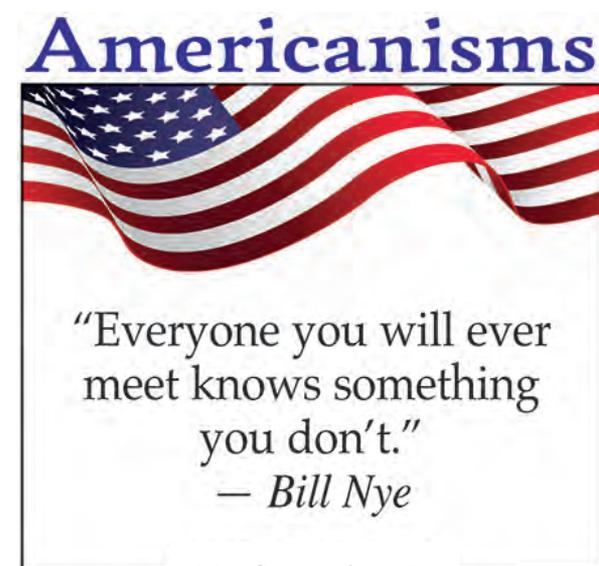
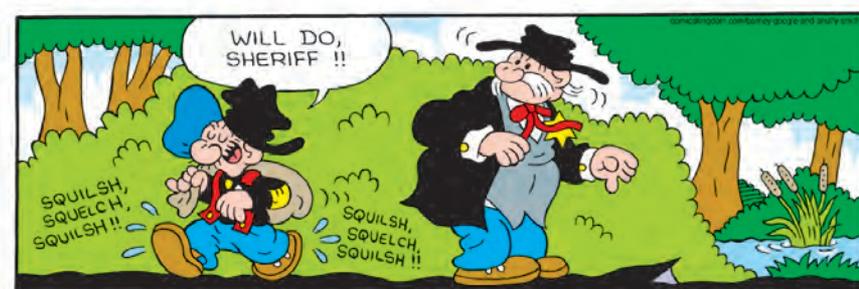
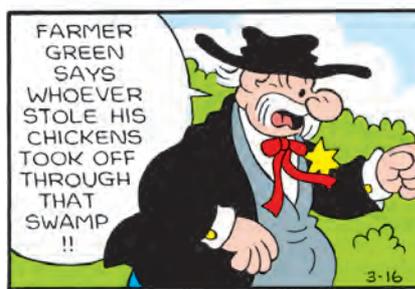
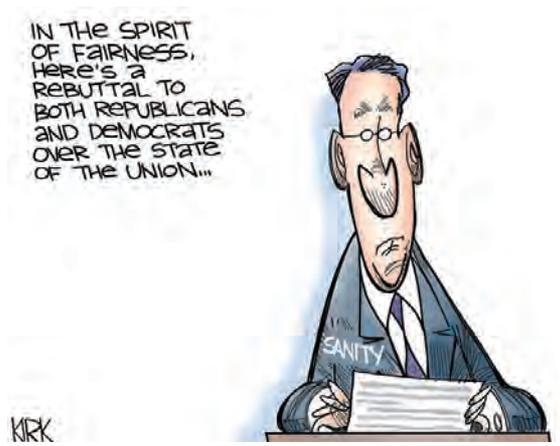
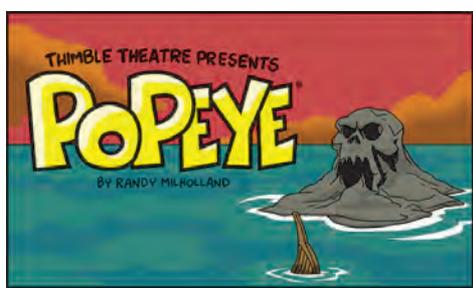
IN MY TESTIMONY TO CONGRESS...

I DIDN'T RETRACT MY CLAIM THAT THE AMERICANS KILLED IN MINNESOTA...

WERE DOMESTIC TERRORISTS.

I HOPE I LOOKED GOOD ON CAMERA.

NOEM
 MIKESMITH



ALL I'M SAYING IS THE LADY SAID THEY WERE "FREE SAMPLES," PLURAL. WHY NOT SKIP DINNER AND EAT THERE?



"AND THIS IS THE SAME GUY WHO THINKS HE DESERVES A PEACE PRIZE?"

The Garden Bug Herbals

Many of the earliest medical writings were known as "herbals." They were books that described plants and how they might be used to heal illnesses. Most began as traditional oral information, written down so they could be shared more widely. These collections also included other natural materials in the environment which were thought to be useful as medicines, such as milk, salt, honey, and even gemstones.

— Brenda Weaver
Source: circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov

At left: "Gladiolus bulbs with leaves and flowers" from *De Historia Plantarum* (1644).

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

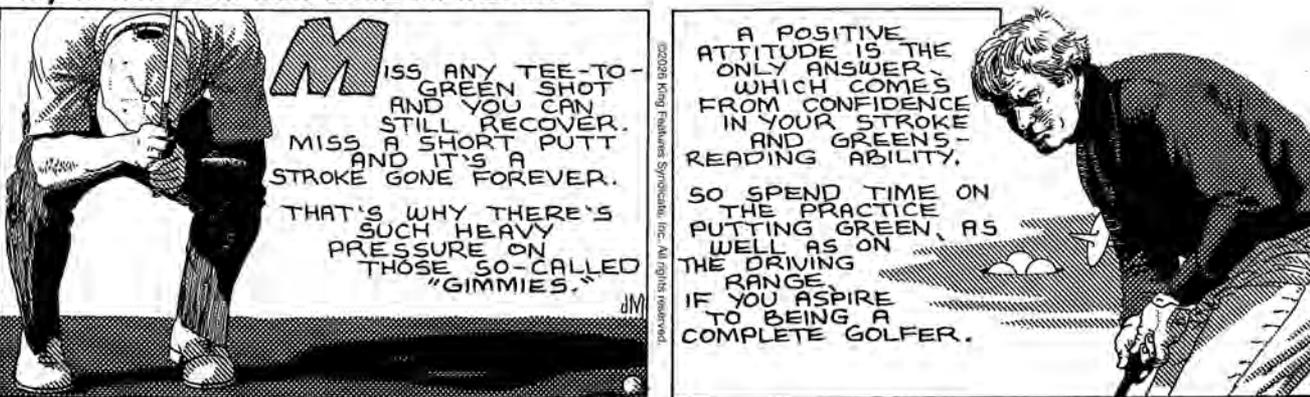


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is larger. 2. Bottom of lamp is not showing. 3. Ear is different. 4. Book cover is different. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Ribbon is moved.

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Prepare Stuffed New Potatoes: A Spanish Tapas Snack

Do your kids snack all day? Some parents call it “grazing.” And when kids grab a bite here or there, it’s fine — as long as their quick forays into the kitchen are healthy ones.

Spanish tapas are hearty snacking heaven. They’re a specialty of Spain that is enjoyed between meals, and sometimes people combine many different tapas to make a full meal. Typically, tapas may include a simple bowl of cold marinated olives, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, or kid-friendly and popular stuffed potatoes.

These handheld potatoes are a unique and fun after-school snack. Just pop them in the microwave, start reciting the rhyme “one potato, two,” and in minutes, they’ll be baked! You also might want to put them on your dinnertime menu once in a while. As a satisfying side, you can vary the chopped fixings with the meal and individual tastes.

**SPANISH TAPAS
STUFFED NEW POTATOES**

- Makes 12 handheld servings
 - 6 red new potatoes, each about 2 inches across
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - Chopped toppings such as hard-boiled eggs, bacon, tomatoes, radishes, cucumber, salad onions, chives and dill
- Take a few small bowls from the kitchen cabinet and fill them with the indi-

vidual toppings. The results are always colorful and appetizing.

Scrub and clean the potatoes with a little vegetable brush. It only takes 1-2 minutes. Cut each potato in half, then trim a flat piece off each bottom so that the potato halves sit upright.

Place them upright on a microwave-safe plate and cover with microwave-safe wax paper, parchment paper, or a microwave-safe lid. Wrap or cover to allow steam to escape. Cook on high for about 4 minutes, or until tender.

Arrange the warm halves on a flat platter. Use a melon-ball scoop or a teaspoon to dig out a little pocket from the center of each half. (Save and refrigerate the scooped-out portion for a scrumptious Spanish omelet the next morning. Just add a little onion and salsa!)



Now it’s fill-’er-up time for your hungry grazers. Spoon a dollop of sour cream in each potato’s cavity. Go to the bowls of delectable toppings and spoon or sprinkle choices over the top. Grab a napkin or small plate, and it’s ready to enjoy!

Cook’s Note: To vary the look and flavor, I grab a variety bag at my local grocery store that contains small red new potatoes, Yukon Gold, and a purple variety.

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top 10 movies

1. **Scream 7**
(R) Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox
2. **GOAT**
(PG) Caleb McLaughlin, Gabrielle Union
3. **Wuthering Heights**
(R) Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi
4. **Twenty One Pilots: More Than We Ever Imagined**
(NR) Josh Dun, Tyler Joseph
5. **EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert**
(PG-13) Elvis Presley
6. **Crime 101**
(R) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo
7. **I Can Only Imagine 2**
(PG) Arielle Kebbel, Milo Ventimiglia
8. **Send Help**
(R) Rachel McAdams, Dylan O’Brien
9. **How to Make a Killing**
(R) Glen Powell, Margaret Qualley
10. **Zootopia 2**
(PG) Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman

**THE
POD
REPORT**

By Dana Block



**THIS WEEK’S CATEGORY:
The Iranian Revolution**

Before the United States recently started bombing Iran and launched Operation Epic Fury, there was renewed interest in younger generations around the world to learn about the history between the two countries. These five podcasts revisit the Iran hostage crisis during the Carter administration, its resolution during the Reagan administration, and the massacres of thousands of Iranian citizens in early 2026:

“The Rest Is History” — Renowned British historians Dominic Sandbrook and Tom Holland (not the actor) host this popular podcast about “history’s most brutal rulers, deadly battles, and world-changing events.” Their four-part series called “Revolution in Iran,” which originally launched this past January, is a fantastic resource to educate yourself on the Iran hostage crisis, when Iranian militants seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran in 1979 and held 52 American diplomats and citizens captive for 444 days. (TheRestIsHistory.com)

“Throughline” — This podcast from NPR describes itself as a time machine where the hosts and listeners “travel beyond the headlines” to answer the question: “How did we get here?”

In an episode from this past January titled “Iran Protests Explained,” the Peabody-Award-winning hosts discuss Iran’s history of protests and government repression. They ask: “What makes this cycle different?” There’s also a three-part series from June 2025 called “Iran and the U.S.,” which begins all the way back in 1953 with a story about how the CIA helped to overthrow Iran’s prime minister. (NPR.org)

“Empire: World History” — How does the history of power struggles and territorial conquests shape the world today? In an episode from Feb. 2, hosts William Dalrymple and Anita Anand are joined by two experts on Iran to discuss how the mass protests in the 1970s led to “a religious revolution,” which “replaced a monarchy led by the Shah.” They beg the question: “What can history tell us about today?” (Goalhanger.com)

Don’t Forget These Gems
“The Iran Breakdown with Mark Dubowitz” — This podcast series from Mark Dubowitz, an attorney and CEO of a nonprofit think tank, guides you through the history of the Islamic Republic of Iran all the way up to the current war between Iran, the U.S. and Israel. The podcast started out exploring the history of the oppressive regime in the 1970s but has now focused on the recent events regarding the U.S.-Israeli strikes against the Islamic Republic. (RedCircle.com)

“Successful Iranians” — This podcast takes a different approach, with each episode profiling an accomplished Iranian and their journey to success. Subjects include a restaurateur, a surgeon, an aspiring astronaut, and even a professional poker player! (ForteICT.com)

Fun Fact

The comet **3I/ATLAS** is traveling through our solar system at a staggering 130,000 miles per hour, which is the highest velocity ever recorded for a solar system visitor. The gravitational “slingshot” effect (from stars and nebulae the comet passes) gives it added momentum, increasing its speed. No one knows where it has come from.

Sources: science.nasa.gov
www.scientificamerican.com



Ox-eye daisy

When in bloom, it’s easy to see why this European native was introduced in the U.S. as a garden and florist ornamental in the 1800s.

It now threatens as an invasive species in the wild. It is commonly found along roadways or spread across fields, meadows and lakeshores. Once established, it can spread rapidly by means of roots and seeds, crowding out native plants. The end result is of use to few wildlife species.

Source: www.nps.gov — Brenda Weaver





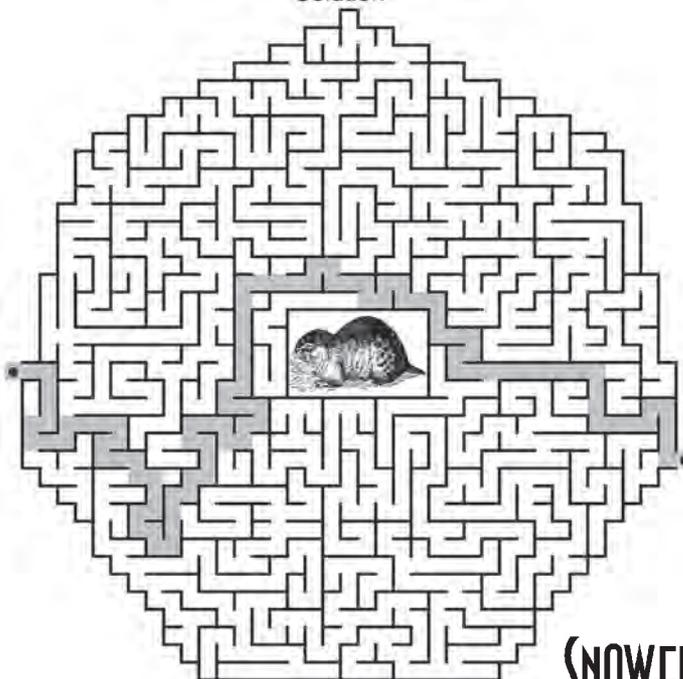
Super Crossword

Answers

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Mega Maze

Solution



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Answer

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6	7	2	1	9	5	3	8	4
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CryptoQuip

answer

When I stretched my arms toward the church singers, you might say I was reaching to the choir.

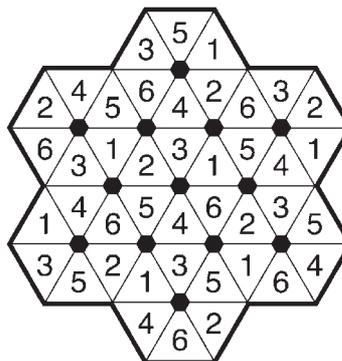
CryptoQuote

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Love grows more tremendously full, swift, poignant, as the years multiply. — Zane Grey

(SNOWFLAKES)

solution



Even Exchange

answers

1. Wallet, Ballet
2. Caper, Cater
3. Nation, Notion
4. Digest, Divest
5. River, Rivet
6. Barber, Berber
7. Grass, Gross
8. Pitch, Patch
9. Beatty, Beauty
10. Arbor, Armor

Go Figure!

answers

6	-	4	×	5	= 10
+		+		-	
7	+	1	+	3	= 11
+		-		×	
9	-	2	+	8	= 15
=		=		=	
22		3		16	

Sticklers Answer

Here are the words we found:

- recaps
- capers
- pacers
- parsec
- spacer

Five Spot™

Solution

P	O	W	E	R
T	O	W	E	R
O	T	H	E	R
T	H	E	I	R
T	H	I	E	F
S	H	I	F	T

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

M	Y	N	A	S			
O		E					
B	R	O	G	A	N	M	
			T	A	K	E	R
				I		A	
		G	R	A	V	E	L
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		L	E	A	R	N	
		F					

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

F	L	A	G		A	M	T		A	C	E	S		
L	O	B	E		L	O	O		R	A	V	E		
A	S	U	N	C	I	O	N		E	P	E	E		
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			V	I	T	A			O	A	T			
Y	O	D	A		O	G	R	E		O	T	T		
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S	H	U	T			D	N	A		S	O	U	L	
P	O	S	Y			S	O	Y		S	T	D	S	

Word Spiral

Answer
WAISTLINE

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

S	O	F
3	6	1
L		H
8		4
B	I	W
5	2	7

FISHBOWL



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

O	P	T	S		F	I	G		I	R	I	S	
P	E	A	K		I	N	N		N	O	D	E	
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A	C	I	D		P	R	I	N	C	E	S	S	
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				O	O	P	S		D	I	M	L	Y
P	E	L	O	S	I		L	O	T				
A	M	A	T		P	R	I	M	A	T	E	S	
G	U	S	H		E	E	L		N	I	N	E	
E	S	T	E		S	O	Y		Y	E	T	I	

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Snare; 2. Ripen
3. Smudge; 4. Nurse

Today's Word

RUNNING

Even Exchange

answers

1. Lively, Lovely
2. Bland, Blond
3. Twain, Train
4. Justin, Austin
5. Grape, Grace
6. Court, Count
7. Accept, Accent
8. Sweep, Sleep
9. Daily, Dairy
10. Cattle, Castle

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

DIPPER	P	PRIDE
SATURN	A	RUNTS
TASTED	D	STATE
HOWLED	D	WHOLE
FAIRLY	Y	FRAIL
PEARLS	L	SPARE
VIDEOS	O	DIVES
SONNET	N	NOTES
DAGGER	G	GRADE
ALERTS	L	RATES
ARCHIE	E	CHAIR
SINGLE	G	LINES
STARCH	S	CHART

FEAR KNOT

answer

		D	E	R	M	A	L		
		R				A			A
	H	A	U	N	T				M
F	E	W							E
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	R		R		A				
	S	Q	U	A	W	K			
	E		T		E				
			H	A	D				



“Scarpetta” (TV-MA) — AMC Theaters spokesperson Nicole Kidman is back in a leading role for television with this new mystery series premiering on March 11. She plays Dr. Kay Scarpetta, a forensic pathologist who signs on to be a chief medical examiner again after the job had previously left her in shambles. Working alongside detective Pete Marino (Bobby Cannavale), Scarpetta starts investigating a murder case with similar ties to her very first case as an examiner and begins to wonder if both cases are connected. Jamie Lee Curtis (“Freakier Friday”) plays Scarpetta’s older sister, Dorothy, while Ariana DeBose (“Love Hurts”) plays Dorothy’s daughter. Look out for the following eight episodes to drop every Wednesday. (Amazon Prime Video)

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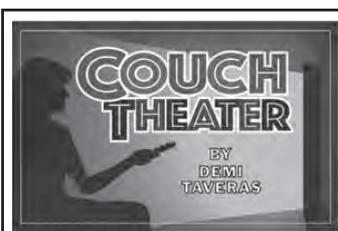
Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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