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## Brett Young to Deliver 2026 Commencement Address

### The University of Mississippi's 173rd annual Convocation is slated for May 9 in the Grove

Diamond-certified country artist and former Ole Miss Baseball player **Brett Young** will headline the **University of Mississippi's 2026 Commencement** as the featured speaker. Young will deliver his speech at the university's 173rd Convocation, set for 9 am May 9 in the Grove.

"We look forward to welcoming Brett Young back to campus to address the Class of 2026 for this meaningful, celebratory milestone in their lives," **Chancellor Glenn Boyce** said. "His journey of perseverance from collegiate pitcher to renowned country music vocalist with a devoted following will resonate with our students as they head into the world to chart their own paths of success.

"We're grateful to Brett for contributing to our longstanding tradition of featuring prominent voices for our graduating students and their families."

Young enrolled as a freshman at the university in 1999 and played one season for the baseball **Rebels**. Despite his time at **Ole Miss** being short, the Hotty Toddy spirit greatly influenced Young. "Weekend tailgates in the Grove were like nothing I'd ever seen," the **2018 Academy of Country Music New Male Vocalist of the Year** said. "Hotty Toddy is more than a chant or a war cry; it's a tradition and a culture all its own."

The right-handed pitcher experienced the Hotty Toddy excitement when he started for the Rebs for the first time on a Friday night against **Vanderbilt**. "Earning the Friday night starting spot as a freshman in the SEC was an honor and an experience I'm very proud of and will never forget," he said.

What he learned from his time at the university endures. Young has been back to visit several times. He filmed a video for his single "**Catch**" on campus and at **Swayze Field** in 2019, threw out the first pitch in 2022 against Mississippi State and performed in 2024 at the Sandy and John Black Pavilion at Ole Miss. His song "**Hell Yeah, Damn Right**" is regularly played at home athletics events.

"My experience with true Southern hospitality at Ole Miss was more than something that made me feel



welcome there," Young said. "It was a lesson in how to treat people in life and something that has stuck with me and will be taught and passed down to my family."

He left UM in 2000 and eventually landed at **Fresno State University** to continue playing baseball. An elbow injury there ended his baseball career but opened the door to one in music.

Through his honest lyrics and West Coast-meets-Southern sound, Young developed his own signature music style dubbed "Caliville." His music has been streamed more than 8.5 billion times globally. He was named ASCAP's Country Songwriter Artist of the Year in 2018 and has earned nominations from Billboard, Teen Choice, CMT, and the CMA Awards throughout his music career.

Young is not only a songwriter, but also a children's book author. His first book, *Love You, Little Lady*, was inspired by the lyrics of "Lady" and is about a father's love for his daughter.

A similar familial love brings him back to Ole Miss to offer encouragement and advice to graduates. He plans to encourage students to follow their own paths.

"Your journey might not make sense to some people," he said. "That's OK. It isn't theirs." 

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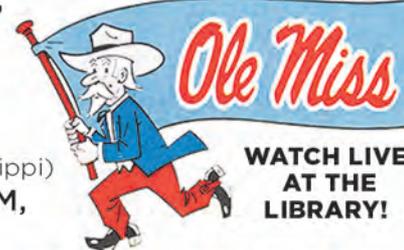
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## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

### THURSDAY 4.02.2026

**The Powerhouse:** Thacker Mountain Radio feat. 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)  
Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)

### FRIDAY 4.03.2026 - Good Friday

**The Library:** **CLAY BARKER** (9 pm)  
**The Powerhouse:** **PROFANE PRESENTS POWERHOUSE POWERBOMB** all-ages punk & metal show (4 pm)  
**Quack's:** **VAN BUREN BAND**  
**Rafters on the Water:** **OPIE SPENCE** (7-10 pm)  
**Rhythm & Rye:** **BRADY REES** (7 pm)  
Crawdad Hole (Water Valley): St. Rita's Amazing Traveling Bookstore & Textual Apothecary (noon-6 pm)  
The Lyric: **GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT OF WORSHIP** presented by Community Church Oxford (7 pm)  
Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Storytime (10 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)  
Proud Larry's: **JOE STAMM BAND** (9 pm; \$15)  
Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt (4-6 pm; free)

### SATURDAY 4.04.2026

**Batesville Civic Center:** **ZZ TOP, DRIVIN' N CRYIN'** (7:30 pm)  
**The Library:** **CLAY BARKER** (9 pm)  
**Quack's:** **BEDLXM**  
**Rafters on the Water:** **KODY SHADE HARRELL** (7-10 pm)  
**Rhythm & Rye:** **MICHAEL MACINIRE** (7 pm)

### SUNDAY 4.05.2026 - EASTER

**Rafters on the Water:** **LAILA DINISCO** (5-8 pm)



### MONDAY 4.06.2026

**Circle & Square:** **THRILLS & CHILLS BOOK CLUB** (7 pm)  
Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)

### TUESDAY 4.07.2026

Bozart's Gallery (Water Valley): Hubert Creekmore Literary Society Reading Series featuring author **EXODUS OKTAVIA BROWNLOW** (doors 6:30; no cover)  
Ford Center: **PEACHERINE RAGTIME SOCIETY ORCHESTRA** (7:30 pm)  
Oxford Conference Center: Oxford Parks & Trails Master Plan Community Review & Panel Discussion (5:30 pm)  
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am)  
Oxford University United Methodist Church: Housing Debate & Roundtable (5:30 pm)  
Swayze Field: **OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. ALCORN STATE** (6:30 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 4.08.2026

**Off Square Books:** **CATHERINE PIERCE & MICHAEL KARDOS** for *Foxes for Everybody and Fun City Heist* (5:30 pm)  
University Museum: **IMAGINATION STATION** (3 pm)

### THURSDAY 4.09.2026

**The Library:** **PARADIGM** (9 pm)  
**Off Square Books:** Thacker Mountain Radio featuring author **GIN PHILLIPS** for *Ruby Falls*, music by **DELTA STRING BAND, PRAYER BAILEY** (6 pm)  
**Rhythm & Rye:** **TAP TAKEOVER** feat. Ghost River Brewing (6-8 pm)  
**Proud Larry's:** **PITHECANFUNKUS ERECTUS** (8 pm; free)  
The Lyric: **MAX MCNOWN** (8 pm)  
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Lafayette County Master Gardeners Annual Spring Lecture Series feat. **DR. CHRIS COOPER** w/ "PSI: Plant Scene Investigation" (noon)  
SJB Pavilion: **PARKER MCCOLLUM, JAKE WORTHINGTON, TYLER HALVERSON**



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### 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)
- **Rafters: DJ**

### Saturdays

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

### Weekend Brunch

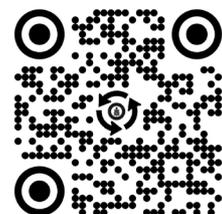
- **Big Bad Breakfast:** Sat & Sun: 8 am-2:30 pm
- **Kingswood:** Sat & Sun 9 am-2 pm
- **Quack's:** Friday noon-3 pm; Sat-Sun: 11 am-3 pm
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**FRIDAY 4.10.2026**

**Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LSU (6:30 pm)**  
**Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale) - jukejointfestival.com**  
 Thacker Mountain Radio featuring **BOBBY RUSH**, plus author **RALPH EUBANKS** with *When It's Darkness on the Delta*, musical guests **TWURT CHAMBERLAIN (6 pm)**  
 The Library: **PARADIGM (9 pm)**  
 Rhythm & Rye: **BRIGID FERGUSON(7 pm)**  
 The Lyric: **CODE PINK: Free Love (9 pm; LGBTQ+ dance party & drag show)**  
 Proud Larry's: **MEI SEMONES (9 pm; \$20)**

**SATURDAY 4.11.2026**

**Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LSU (4 pm)**  
**Juke Joint Festival (Clarksdale) - jukejointfestival.com**  
 The Library: **NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)**  
 Quack's: **DJ RYBACK-ATCHA**  
 Rhythm & Rye: **JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)**  
 Intramural Fields (UM): **RELAY FOR LIFE Ole Miss (5 pm)**  
 Proud Larry's: **ROCK EUPORA, BARK (9:30 pm; \$10)**  
 University Circle: **MISSISSIPPI DAY (10 am-2 pm; free)**

**SUNDAY 4.12.2026**

**Swayze Field: OLE MISS BASEBALL vs. LSU (1:30 pm)**  
 The Powerhouse: **PUNKER DECKER CONCERT & PUNK FLEA MARKET (3 pm)**  
 Ford Center: **MRS. DOUBTFIRE Musical Comedy (7:30 pm)**  
 Old Armory Pavilion: **Battle at the Armory: All Ages Skateboarding Competition (5 pm)**

**MONDAY 4.13.2026**

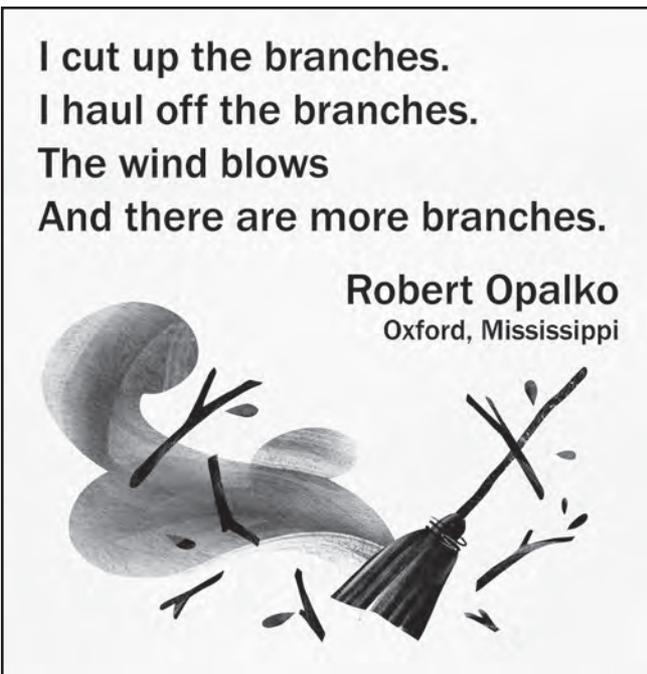
Proud Larry's: **MISSREADS (9 pm; free)**

**TUESDAY 4.14.2026**

**Square Books, Jr.: No Cap Chap Book Club (6 pm)**  
 The Lyric: **CHARLES WESLEY GODWIN (8 pm)**  
 Proud Larry's: **POST SEX NACHOS, KIDS THAT FLY, KID SISTR (9 pm; free)**

**WEDNESDAY 4.15.2026**

Chicory Market: **Live music by RYAN MILLER (5-6 pm) **



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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Purse part                      | 53 Blackbird         | 7 Turkish officials | 33 Altar promise              |
| 6 Tatter                          | 54 "What's in — me?" | 8 Deity             | 34 Visual communication syst. |
| 9 Fr. holy woman                  | 55 — Lanka           | 9 Melting snow      | 36 Corsage flower             |
| 12 Borders on                     | 56 "Acid"            | 10 "Selma" actress  | 38 Whirls                     |
| 13 In the past                    | 57 Crusoe's creator  | 11 Patriot Allen    | 39 Choir member               |
| 14 Allow                          |                      | 17 Awakens          | 40 Resident of Tabriz         |
| 15 Trattoria offering             |                      | 19 Wind indicators  | 42 Composed                   |
| 16 Wild hurry, as on Black Friday |                      | 21 "Mayberry —"     | 45 Taxpayer IDs               |
| 18 Divides in two                 |                      | 22 Hearty brew      | 46 Refer to                   |
| 20 Greek mountain                 |                      | 24 Spider's home    | 48 "Friendly skies" co.       |
| 21 Rule in India                  |                      | 26 Sitting room     | 50 Brit's restroom            |
| 23 Goat's plaint                  |                      | 28 Youngster        | 51 Fury                       |
| 24 City on the Yangtze River      |                      | 30 Hanoi holiday    |                               |
| 25 Broadway failure               |                      |                     |                               |
| 27 Zaps in a microwave            |                      |                     |                               |
| 29 Argue                          |                      |                     |                               |
| 31 Portugal's place               |                      |                     |                               |
| 35 Fix a lawn                     |                      |                     |                               |
| 37 Bath bubbles                   |                      |                     |                               |
| 38 Long-legged shorebird          |                      |                     |                               |
| 41 Hwys.                          |                      |                     |                               |
| 43 Scale note                     |                      |                     |                               |
| 44 Spanish "but"                  |                      |                     |                               |
| 45 Rob Roy spirit                 |                      |                     |                               |
| 47 Pressed for time               |                      |                     |                               |
| 49 Garlicky mayo                  |                      |                     |                               |

### DOWN

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| 1 Enervate | 2 TV schedule abbr. | 3 Work that's done ASAP | 4 "— boy!" | 5 Sacred song | 6 French Baroque |
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- Name the singer who released "Total Eclipse of the Heart." (Bonus for knowing where the artist is from.)
- Who wrote and released "Margaretville"?
- Which group released "Have You Ever Seen the Rain"?
- Which duo was the first to release "Making Love Out of Nothing at All"? (Bonus for knowing where the duo is from.)
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "People see us everywhere, They think you really care, But myself I can't deceive."

### Answers

- Bonnie Tyler, in 1983. Tyler was born in Wales. The song has been her biggest hit and received a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance. With an original length of over seven minutes, the song had to be cut down to be suitable for airplay.
- Jimmy Buffett, in 1977.
- Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1971.
- Air Supply, in 1983. The duo, from Australia, have seen global success with most of their songs, including "Even the Nights Are Better."
- "It's Only Make Believe," by Conway Twitty, in 1958. Penned by Twitty and his band's drummer, the song has been widely covered over the years. Ronnie McDowell and the Hollies all saw varying degrees of success with the song.

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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: I'VE BEEN ON MY — ALL DAY

Camper	Easter	Hour	Returns
Chance	Ever after	Hunting ground	Thoughts
Couple	Face	Memories	Valley
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By: rj johnson

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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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- CROSS**
- 1 Knee, elbow or shoulder problem
  - 9 Pop's Easton
  - 15 Koranic faith
  - 20 Make hostile
  - 21 "Omoo" writer Melville
  - 22 Cheese, in Chihuahua
  - 23 Instruments such as maracas and congas
  - 25 Slow-moving mollusk
  - 26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"
  - 27 Comment just after waking
  - 28 Certain Fed
  - 30 "Nuts!"
  - 31 Angry rock subgenre
  - 33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit
  - 38 Upper-left PC key
  - 41 Anxious condition, for short
  - 43 Tranquillity
  - 44 City in Ohio
  - 45 Famed ethnic fighters
  - 49 Uncool character
  - 51 Big melees
  - 52 Pop's Celine
  - 53 See 130-Across
  - 54 Gas brand in Canada
  - 58 Speller's clarifying words
  - 59 Mrs., in Essen
  - 60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals
  - 64 Hush-hush
  - 66 Horse father
  - 67 Like galaxies
  - 68 "Well now!"
  - 70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C
  - 74 One or more
  - 75 Israelites' Promised Land
  - 77 Makes illegal
  - 78 To a great degree
  - 80 The Bollywood film industry
  - 83 "Ask — questions ..."
  - 84 Self-motivation mantra
  - 87 Snow vehicle
  - 88 Bumped into
  - 89 "Je t'—" ("I love you," in Paris)
  - 90 Tranquillity
  - 91 Skip off to the altar
  - 94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri
  - 97 Flax-colored
  - 100 Precious
  - 101 Pine- (disinfectant)
  - 102 Match unit
  - 103 5 and 10, but not V and X
  - 108 Rejections
  - 110 Short note
  - 111 Bandleader Arnaz
  - 112 LAX listings
  - 114 Gp. for people 50 and up
  - 118 Intermingle
  - 120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle
  - 125 Debate topic
  - 126 "Pata Pata" singer
  - Makeba
  - 127 Frat party dispensers
  - 128 Make fun of
  - 129 Mystery
  - 130 With 53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic
  - 7 Bullet point
  - 8 Blood fluid
  - 9 Mu — shrimp
  - 10 "— So Fine"
  - 11 Lifesaving sites, in brief
  - 12 Political exile
  - 13 2020 U.S. Open winner Osaka
  - 14 Former U.N. chief Kofi
  - 15 Mensa stats
  - 16 Most fancy duds
  - 17 Found out, to Brits
  - 18 Italian cheese
  - 19 Liquefied by heat
  - 24 IRS hiree
  - 29 Central point
  - 32 Cuts, as a lawn
  - 34 Sign gas
  - 35 — es Salaam, Tanzania
  - 36 Pack-carrying equine
  - 37 Actress Issa or Charlotte
  - 38 Blogger Klein
  - 39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)
  - 40 Decorative enamelware
  - 42 "Celebrity Rehab" host
  - 46 — Reader (magazine)
  - 47 Rodeo lasso
  - 48 Debt note
  - 49 Jan. preceder
  - 50 Infant's cry
  - 53 Stair part
  - 55 Lost tabbies
  - 56 Oscar winner Penn
  - 57 Paris airport
  - 59 Swiss money
  - 60 Entertainer Ross or Rigg
  - 61 Banquet liquid holders
  - 62 PC shortcut
  - 63 Tennis' Arthur
  - 65 Indian tea
  - 66 Old Thailand
  - 68 Folkie Phil
  - 69 Hard rain
  - 71 "Likely story!"
  - 72 "I volunteer!"
  - 73 "I haven't gotten word yet"
  - 76 Extra benefit
  - 79 Legal claim on property
  - 81 Little demon
  - 82 Originally named
  - 83 Former space station
  - 85 Nagging pain
  - 86 Bird's refuge
  - 89 "— -Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)
  - 90 Sport played on horseback
  - 92 Maui gift
  - 93 Like much music of the '90s
  - 94 Bit of a giggle
  - 95 Corn serving
  - 96 Godzilla or Grendel
  - 97 Stratagem
  - 98 Ultimatum ending
  - 99 City near San Diego
  - 100 Mendeleev who created the periodic table
  - 104 Self-description after a lifestyle change
  - 105 Runner Bolt
  - 106 Zodiac lion
  - 107 Ticket ends
  - 109 Decaf brand
  - 113 General site
  - 115 A long time
  - 116 Floor decor
  - 117 Mexican money
  - 119 Inferior grade
  - 121 Smoked thing, for short
  - 122 Omelet meat
  - 123 Sumac of song
  - 124 Assoc.

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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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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS – PROPER NOUNS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

**3 Letters**  
EVA  
MAY

**4 Letters**  
ALPO  
LEGO  
ROME  
YALE

**5 Letters**  
CHILE  
MARCH  
PARIS  
SHREK  
SPAIN

**6 Letters**  
ANDREW  
EASTER  
KANSAS  
LASSIE  
MOSCOW  
OREGON  
RED SOX  
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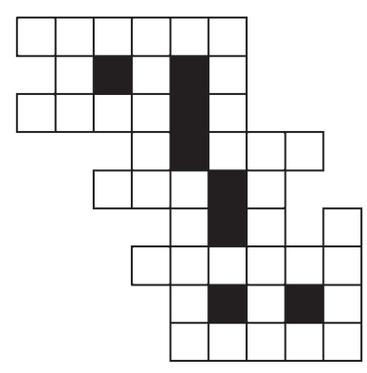
**7 Letters**  
MERCURY  
TORONTO  
TUESDAY

## FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- EAC
- IPIRAM
- ♥ GREDI
- ♥ TPSE
- ♥ PADMEC
- OTR
- ♥ SEPA
- ♥ ERDTE
- ♥ PNI
- SPACUM
- ♥ TOPNI
- IRNE



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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- Have a taste for
- Word before "apple" or "dish"
- Ritual movement
- Accelerated
- Shed tears
- Bouquet tosser

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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| 10. Modest and retiring       |   | _____ M _____       | Space telescope        |   | _____ _____ B _____ |



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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!

Refuge  
MUSALY \_\_\_\_\_

Mixture  
BHIRDY \_\_\_\_\_

Crazy  
RABUDS \_\_\_\_\_

Grieve  
ROMUN \_\_\_\_\_

### TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_



"Mom's going shopping — I guess you can say she's going ' \_\_\_\_\_ '!"



"Social media creates an illusion of connectivity."  
— Sherry Turkle  
(American sociologist born June 18, 1948)

# Clarksdale's Juke Joint Festival Returns for Year 23

## Bigger Than Ever and Still Rooted in the Delta



### Saturday, April 11

Wristband performers include:

**James "Super Chikan" Johnson**

**Anthony "Big A" Sherrod**

**Harrell "Young Rell" Davenport**

**Doug Mcleod**

**Terry "Big T" Williams**

**Duwayne & Garry Burnside**

**Kenny Brown**

**Rev Peyton's Big Damn Band**

**Terry "Harmonica" Bean**

**Ghalia Volt**

**Jimmy "Duck" Holmes**

**Robert Kimbrough Sr.**

**Lil' Willie Farmer**

**Lightnin' Malcolm**

**Lucious Spiller**

and many more!

Just 60 miles west of Oxford, the streets of Clarksdale, Mississippi, will once again come alive this April with the unmistakable sounds of the blues as the 23rd annual Juke Joint Festival takes over the historic Delta town.

Founded in 2004 by Roger Stolle and Bubba O'Keefe, the festival has grown from a modest downtown experiment into one of Mississippi's most distinctive events—equal parts blues celebration and small-town fair. But according to Stolle, that hybrid identity was always the point and has proven to be a winning formula.

"We wanted something that would bring locals and visitors together," Stolle said. "Not just a blues festival, but something that would get the whole community downtown—families, tourists, everybody standing side by side."

Today, the festival stretches across downtown Clarksdale, with a mix of music and family-friendly attractions that give it a wide-ranging appeal. In recent years, it has drawn visitors from nearly all

by Davis Coen



John Primer

50 states and more than two dozen countries—a testament both to the global reach of the blues and the town's growing reputation as a cultural destination.

Part of that continued growth can be tied to the recent Oscar-winning film *Sinners*. The movie, which brought major media outlets to Clarksdale for screenings and coverage, has helped shine a broader spotlight on the region.

According to Stolle, that exposure has translated into some increased curiosity about the Delta.

"We had the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, the *Associated Press*, *BBC*—all here," he said.

"That kind of mainstream attention is the hardest thing to get, and it's been helpful."

While many festivalgoers were already planning their trips, Stolle noted that some visitors are now discovering Clarksdale for the first time because of the film—an impact that could continue to grow in the years ahead.

### A Week of Music Leading to the Main Event

The 2026 festival kicks off Wednesday, April 8, and builds throughout the week with a mix of free concerts, local events, and late-night shows.

Highlights include a free "Kingfish Kickoff" concert featuring Grammy-winning Clarksdale native **Christone "Kingfish" Ingram**, a Thursday night all-star performance led by **Blues Hall of Famer John Primer**, and Friday's *Thacker Mountain Radio Hour*, which will feature author **Ralph Eubanks** alongside a performance by 92-year-old Grammy winner **Bobby Rush**.

Saturday, April 11, remains the centerpiece, transforming downtown Clarksdale into a full-scale street festival. From 10 am to 6 pm, visitors can explore 17 free music stages featuring around 80 acts, along with eight blocks of vendors, food, and attractions ranging from art exhibits to the festival's famously quirky pig races and "monkeys riding dogs" show.

When night falls, the festival shifts indoors. A single wristband (now available for pre-sale) grants access to more than two dozen venues hosting over 40 acts, keeping the music going into the early morning hours.

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### Remembering the Legends & Welcoming the Next Generation

For Stolle, some of the most meaningful memories from the festival's early years center on the older generation of blues musicians—artists who carried firsthand connections to the origins.

Figures like **T-Model Ford**, **Robert Belfour**, and **Honeyboy Edwards** were not just performers, but living history. Edwards, in particular, left a lasting impression, playing some of his final shows during the festival. "That kind of stuff, you just—it's seared in your brain," Stolle said.

Those moments helped define the festival's identity in its early years, offering audiences rare opportunities to witness legends in intimate settings. Stolle also recalls the unexpected cultural crossovers the event created, like local residents stepping into iconic juke joints for the first time, drawn in by the shared experience.

Today, while many of those elder statesmen are gone, the festival continues to honor their legacy by booking as many traditional artists as possible. This year's lineup includes veterans like **Little Willie Farmer** and **Jimmy "Duck" Holmes**, alongside Clarksdale mainstays such as **Anthony "Big A" Sherrod** and **Terry "Big T" Williams**.

At the same time, a new generation of musicians is stepping forward. Artists like Christone "Kingfish" Ingram represent the future of the blues, carrying the sound to wider audiences while staying rooted in the Delta tradition. The festival routinely features performers ranging in age from children to musicians well into their 90s—a reflection of the music's enduring life cycle.

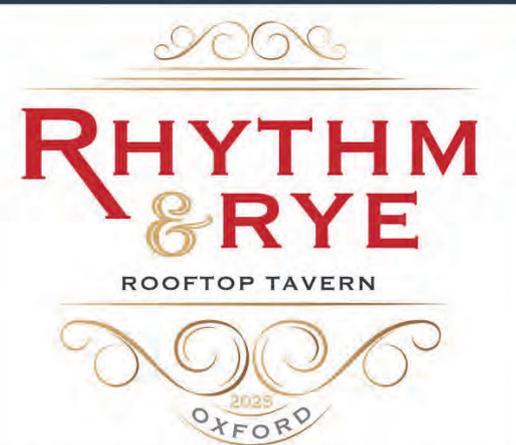
### A Festival With Staying Power

The weekend concludes Sunday with the **Cat Head Mini Blues Fest** and a series of brunches and informal jam sessions across town, offering a more relaxed close to the high-energy festivities.

For visitors traveling from Oxford and beyond, the Juke Joint Festival offers more than a packed music schedule—it provides a rare chance to experience the blues where it was born, surrounded by the culture that shaped it.

More than two decades after its modest beginnings, the festival continues to grow while staying true to its roots. It remains, as Stolle envisioned from the start, a place where past and present meet, where legends are remembered, new voices are heard, and the spirit of the Delta is shared with the world.

"It's about showing why this music matters," Stolle said, "and why this place matters." 



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NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE**  
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NATTY EDITION | 5P - CLOSE**  
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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](mailto:thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net) or post it to our social media so we can all get a good laugh!

1. a notoriously tricky task
2. an unusual article of clothing
3. adjective
4. adjective
5. a group or club
6. a way to express frustration
7. adjective
8. noun
9. noun
10. strenuous activity
11. a game
12. adjective
13. noun
14. a treat



## It's Tax Season!

Filing taxes might feel like trying to \_\_\_\_\_ while wearing \_\_\_\_\_, but it's actually a pretty manageable (if slightly \_\_\_\_\_) rite of passage. Think of it as your \_\_\_\_\_ "subscription fee" to \_\_\_\_\_.

To get through it without \_\_\_\_\_, just gather up those W-2s, 1099s, and any receipts that prove you're a \_\_\_\_\_, then pick a user-friendly \_\_\_\_\_ to do the \_\_\_\_\_ for you. It's basically just a high-stakes game of "\_\_\_\_\_"—and if you're lucky, the "prize" at the end is a \_\_\_\_\_ little \_\_\_\_\_ check to fund your next \_\_\_\_\_ run..

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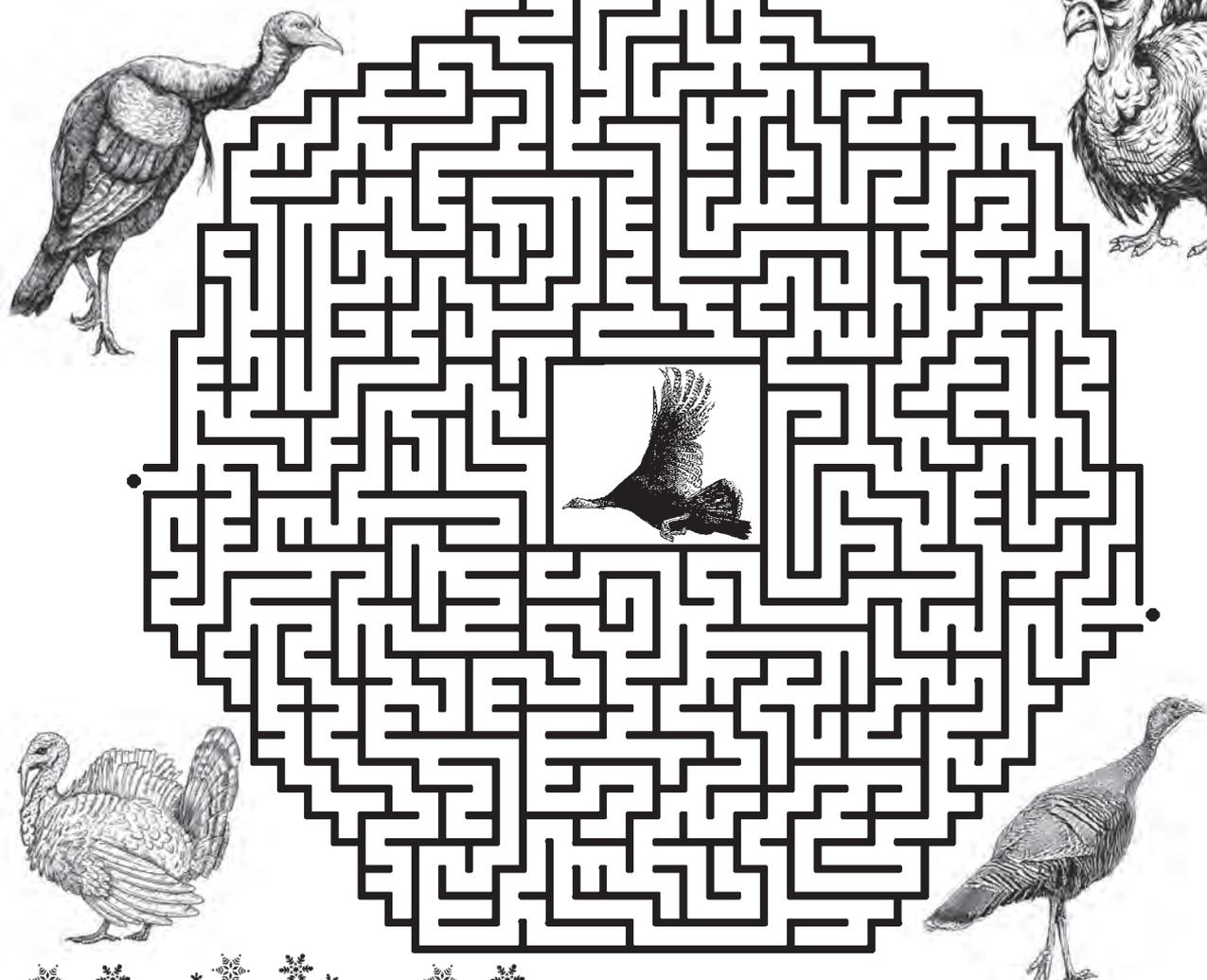
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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION:** What is Ron Swanson's favorite food group in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
- GAMES:** In Scrabble, how many tiles does each player get to start?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Dubai is in which Middle Eastern country?
- MOVIES:** What is Neo's real name in "The Matrix"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president was born with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr.?
- LITERATURE:** Which 19th-century English novel introduces the character Mr. Rochester?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Cornelius Rooster is the mascot of which cereal brand?
- SCIENCE:** What is the process called when water evaporates from plants?
- CHEMISTRY:** What is the most abundant metal in Earth's crust?
- ANATOMY:** How many vertebrae are in the human spine?

ANSWERS BELOW

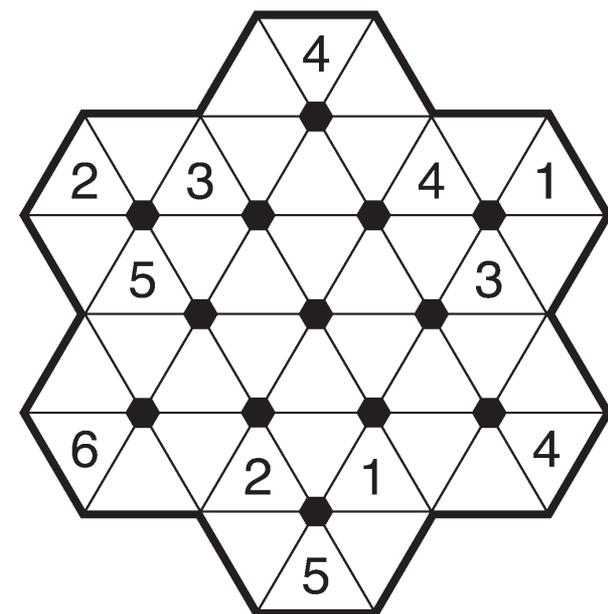
## GO FIGURE!

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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	+		+		= 17			
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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



"It's sad to see - it's a fake life that some people live. Social media is making us more anti-social."  
 - 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.

FML PANUSGLT VXL DKOI;  
 RJNVVNUM PANUSGLT VXL  
 TKJG.  
 - OKJMGFT HFWFAVXJA

## 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: A equals B

SR BNJ LWBZVK LRRUJWX,  
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Answers: 1. Meat. 2. Seven. 3. United Arab Emirates. 4. Thomas Anderson. 5. Gerald Ford. 6. "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte. 7. Kellogg's Corn Flakes. 8. Transpiration. 9. Aluminum. 10. 33.



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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



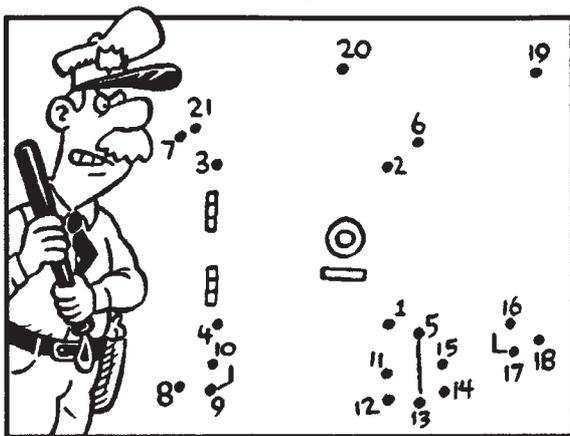
### PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Are you "sharp" enough to solve this one in less than five minutes? Starting with the given word **LATHERING** at the bottom of our pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order.

1. Soaping up.
2. A small musical instrument.
3. A spirally curled lock of hair.
4. A prickly, stinging sensation.
5. A small amount of.
6. Found on a pitchfork.
7. A type of container.
8. A type of crowd.
9. The symbol for nitrogen.

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Answers: (from the bottom up): Lathering, tangle, ngle, tingle, tinge, tine, tin, in, N



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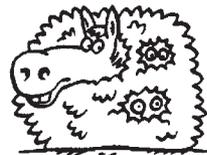
**CONNECT THE DOTS** and find out what is the least dangerous kind of robbery.

Answer: A safe robbery.

**HIDDEN ANIMALS!** Can you find the three animals hidden in these three sentences.

1. Her gift was a bronze bracelet.
2. The wall was covered with graffiti geraniums.
3. We must abolish or set aside these unjust laws.

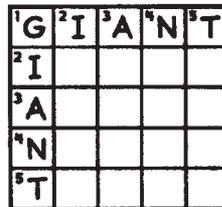
Answers: 1. Zebra. 2. Tiger. 3. Horse.



**BECOME A "GIANT" BY SOLVING THIS IN ONE MINUTE!**

See if you can find the four five-letter words needed to fill in the word square at the right. All words must read the same across and down. A few hints are:

1. A large person (given).
2. Dome-shaped dwelling.
3. Type of clock.
4. Relating to Scandinavia.
5. Very large books.



Answers: 1. Giant. 2. Igloo. 3. Alarm (clock). 4. Norse. 5. Tomes.

## KNIGHT MOVES

A	E	R
E		Z
N	C	D

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. Picture is moved. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Plates are moved. 4. Chair is wider. 5. Table is moved. 6. Boy is taller.

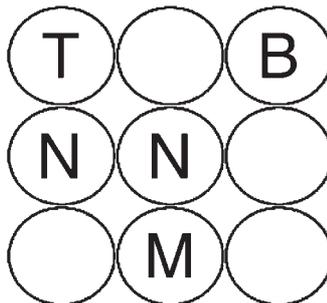
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## WORD SPIRAL



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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## Oxford Park Commission to "Check-in" All Visitors of the Activity Center

Beginning Monday, March 30, 2026, the Oxford Park Commission, on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, will implement a new standardized check-in system for all indoor areas at the Activity Center Campus.

## Ole Miss Professor Reflects on Thoreau in New Ken Burns Documentary

*Cristin Ellis explores enduring relevance of 19th century writer, philosopher and naturalist*

A University of Mississippi faculty expert gets to shine in the upcoming Henry David Thoreau documentary produced by Ken Burns. The film premieres March 30 and 31 on PBS stations, including Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

## OHS Announces Class of 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

*Oxford High School is delighted to announce the Class of 2026 Valedictorian, Jun Jang, and Salutatorian, Meredith Walker*

We look forward to celebrating the entire class of 2026 at Oxford High School's commencement ceremony on Friday, May 22nd, at the Sandy and John Black Pavilion on the campus of the University of Mississippi.



## Starke Miller: "The DEAD HOUSE at OLE MISS"

The War came, and the University was turned into a Hospital before the Battle of Shiloh. At least 3000 sick and wounded patients came through the University Hospital in three years. At least 392 of them died. This building served as a morgue. Thus, it was given the name of, "The Dead House".

## From Concern to Center: UM Responds to Rising Collegiate Gambling

*Researchers launch nation's first center dedicated to studying college gambling and betting on college sports*

The center will advance understanding of college student gambling behaviors ranging from card games to proposition betting and prediction markets through academic research, said Hannah Allen-King, executive director of the university's William Magee Institute for Student Wellbeing and assistant professor of public health.

## More Headlines

- ↔ **Strike Gold at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science**
- ↔ **University Selects 'The Boys of Riverside' as 2026 Common Read**
- ↔ **Delta Blues Museum Joins the Smithsonian's "Regional Collaboratives"**

- ↔ **Ole Miss Earns Third Gold in Military Friendly Rankings**
- ↔ **Ole Miss Launches AmeriCorps Program Mentoring Youth Statewide**
- ↔ **Construction Underway on Dr. D.B. Sanders Memorial Recreational Area**
- ↔ **Museum to Host Hummingbird Talk, NatureFEST, and Outdoor Concert**
- ↔ **Full Circle: 60 Years Later, Law School Reflects on Defining Moment**
- ↔ **14-year-old John Clayton White at Grammy Museum Mississippi Friday, April 10**
- ↔ **Mississippi Entrepreneurship Forum to Convene at Insight Park**
- ↔ **Dana Criswell: "Democracy vs. Republic: Why the Difference Matters"**
- ↔ **UM Graduate, Greenwood Native Honors Former Professors**
- ↔ **News You Can Use: Screwworm Comeback Raises Concerns**
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- The chess-playing supercomputer **Deep Blue** could calculate 100 to 200 billion different positions in less than three minutes.
  - One study found that people who drank sugary soda daily had shorter telomeres – linked to aging – equivalent to about 4-5 additional years.
  - Each spacecraft headed for **Mars** gets a thorough cleaning beforehand as a precaution against contamination from Earth.
  - TV's classic **Jeopardy** theme was composed by **Merv Griffin** as a lullaby for his son.
  - Forget about naming your new baby **IKEA in Sweden**, thanks to the country's 1982 naming law prohibiting monikers that "can be supposed to cause discomfort" for the ones saddled with them.
  - **Star Wars** sage **Yoda** was partially modeled from a photo of **Albert Einstein**.
  - During the **Cold War**, **Ronald Reagan** and **Mikhail Gorbachev** agreed to lay aside their differences in the event aliens ever invaded **Earth**.
  - Waste fat from bacon was turned into glycerin and used to make explosives during **World War II**.
  - In 1674, the **Women's Petition Against Coffee** declared that the popular beverage was turning **British** blokes into "useless corpses" and proposed that anyone under the age of 60 should be banned from consuming it.
  - **Chihuahuas** have one of the largest brain-to-body size ratios of any dog breed
  - Astronauts can grow up to three inches taller in space due to spinal expansion caused by weightlessness.
  - Lint in your belly button is caused by abdominal hairs funneling fibers into it.
  - **Pablo Picasso** became a suspect in the 1911 **Mona Lisa** theft after it was discovered he had kept sculptures stolen from the **Louvre** by a friend.
  - In the **United States**, lawyers are the third-least trusted professionals, ranking higher only than lobbyists and business executives.
- Thought for the Day:** "Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it." – **M. Scott Peck**

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Fri-Sat: 5-11 pm

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Wed: Old Fashioned Night: \$6 burger,

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Thu: \$3 16 oz. Natty

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# The Talking Stick Method

I have a dream. It is a dream that is unlikely to come about, but isn't that the stuff of which dreams are made?

Before we had electricity, was it not a dream? Before we had airplanes, was it not a dream? Before we had indoor plumbing, was it not a dream? Before we had telephones, was it not a dream? Before we had cars and such, was it not a dream?

What is my dream? My dream is that someday a television news network will have a panel show that uses the talking stick method (TSM). What is the talking stick method?

Based on the ancient practice of America's indigenous people, the talking stick method respects each person's right to voice their opinions/beliefs without interruption. The participants sit in a circle (no tables preferred). The speaker holds a stick (just about any small object will do, like a pencil, pen, poker chip, etc.) for an agreed upon length of time (usually about 1-2 minutes), and speaks their piece. After a respectful pause, they pass the stick to the next person in the group to give them the chance to speak until everyone has had their opportunity to voice their thoughts, should they so choose.

The TSM reduces conflict, empowers the less assertive people, discourages serial interrupters, encourages restoration rather than division, promotes listening, and much more.

On television, the moderator would not moderate the content nearly as much as the method. They would make sure panelists stuck to the rules of engagement. They would not permit panelists to change the subject until all had spoken to it by bringing subject shifters back to the topic.

Potential problems could be:

1. The format is not conducive to traditional television formats that appear to thrive on dissension and an urgency to speak rather than listening. On the other hand, TSM thrives on respect, order, and hearing.
2. The format may not please commercial sponsors. On the other hand, the TSM format may, by appealing to a demographic like moi, become

more attractive to commercial sponsors.

3. The format may not easily fit into a one-hour time segment. On the other hand, when using the TSM, television networks could set aside as much time as they want to for rational, respectful discourse.
4. The format doesn't model divisive, contentious disputation which can produce dopamine that yields a heightened sense of urgency. On the other hand, the TSM format doesn't model divisive, contentious disputation, rather, it models respect for each person's right to their own opinions without the fear of hostile verbal attacks.

An additional benefit of using the TSM is that it can help those who use it recognize and control their emotional triggers. We all have them, but when we're able to recognize them in time we have the power to stop them. I know what it's like to catch triggers in time to stop them. I also know what it's like to not.

*NewsNight* with Abby Phillip on CNN is the closest thing to TSM I've seen on TV. In general, the tenor of the discussions are much more civilized than other such programs. Phillip saves a few minutes at the end of the show for each panelist to speak for 30 seconds without interruption. The tension in the room immediately lowers and there is a pleasant camaraderie among everyone. I'm confident that were we to take the blood pressure

of panelists at the end of most panels, their blood pressure would be through the roof compared to the panelists on *NewsNight*. Using TSM, the blood pressure could even be normal or close to it.

The talking stick method is good for our health and humanity. Why not give it a try in your own life? You speak first. I'll listen.

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

*Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, writer, singer-songwriter, ordained minister, and a former triathlete. He very much likes rational, calm conversation which may sometimes include respectful disagreement. Randy may be reached at: randallweeks@gmail.com* 



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- 5 Casino IOU
- 9 Honcho
- 13 Fruits to bob for
- 19 Flow slowly
- 20 Jay of jest
- 21 Sinful
- 22 Artist Monet
- 23 Free
- 25 — avis (unusual thing)
- 26 Ottawa's land
- 27 Start of a riddle
- 30 By means of
- 31 Response to a punch
- 32 Clunker
- 33 State whose cap. is Boise
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 46 Touch-me- (explosive plants)
- 48 Cellphone game, often
- 49 — Trapp family
- 50 Stable animal
- 51 Riddle, part 3
- 58 Locality
- 59 Squirms, as in pain

- 60 Film critic Roger
- 61 Propelled a bicycle
- 63 Acting prize
- 64 Made a run for it
- 65 — extra cost
- 66 The, in Paris
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 73 Pool length
- 76 "Jeepers!"
- 77 Margarine, quaintly
- 78 — salts
- 82 Vocalist with the 2018 hits "Boo'd Up" and "Trip"
- 84 Lyric poets
- 86 Sweet wine of Portugal
- 88 Map out
- 89 Riddle, part 5
- 92 Gobble down
- 94 Big Brit. lexicon
- 95 Tooth doctor's org.
- 96 Auth. unknown
- 97 End of the riddle
- 104 British verb suffix
- 105 Toward a boat's back
- 106 Wriggly fish

### DOWN

- 1 Caesar's "vidi," translated
- 2 "Late Night" host Meyers
- 3 Able to read minds
- 4 Express a view
- 5 Musical staff symbol
- 6 One who saves the day
- 7 Wild about
- 8 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 9 Deprived (of)

- 10 Egg-shaped
- 11 Assistant on iPhones
- 12 Pomeranian, e.g.
- 13 Accumulate, as interest
- 14 Modeling compound for kids
- 15 Twinge of guilt, e.g.
- 16 Oahu feast
- 17 Water whirl
- 18 Briny body
- 24 Sharp remark
- 28 Cry of Homer Simpson
- 29 Actor Byrnes or fielder Roush
- 33 Halved
- 34 Entryways
- 36 Go very fast
- 37 Numbered musical work
- 38 FedEx rival
- 39 State firmly
- 40 Variety
- 41 Like most musical works with five sharps
- 42 Civil rights figure Parks
- 43 Dentist's tool
- 44 Lauder of cosmetics
- 45 Oboe inserts

- 47 Occupy, as a table
- 52 More or enoki, informally
- 53 Narrate
- 54 Comply with
- 55 City that's home to Tufts University
- 56 As far as
- 57 Carnival shelter
- 62 End of a college's URL
- 64 Go very fast
- 65 Earlier
- 68 Language of Bangkok
- 69 Infamous Idi
- 70 Ye — Shoppe
- 71 Relaxation
- 72 Met offering
- 73 Cartoon skunk Pepé
- 74 Islamic God
- 75 "Oro y —" (Montana's motto)
- 79 Representing
- 80 Often-twisted cookies
- 81 French river or department
- 83 "... some kind of —?"

- 84 Ran in the wash
- 85 Q7 or A8 carmaker
- 86 Lead-in to care or gap, in health care
- 87 Impose — on (illegalize)
- 90 Gear tooth
- 91 Owns
- 93 Book of hymns
- 98 From the distant past
- 99 High degree
- 100 Conquer
- 101 That gal
- 102 A-list groups
- 103 Yummy
- 108 Apt first name for a general?
- 109 Actress Skye
- 110 Leave off
- 111 — pot (congestion clearer)
- 112 Cain's father
- 113 Flower jar
- 114 Lake abutting Ohio
- 115 Thus
- 116 Close tightly
- 117 Lose vibrancy
- 118 Spanish pot
- 119 — Bator, Mongolia
- 120 Mean mutt

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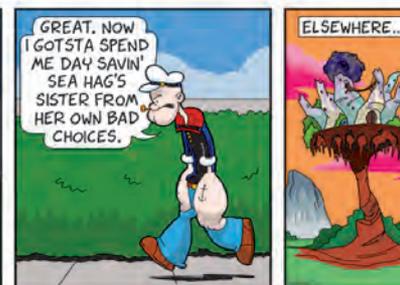
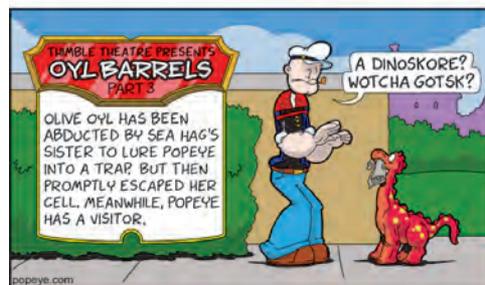
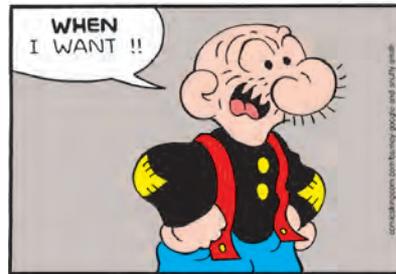
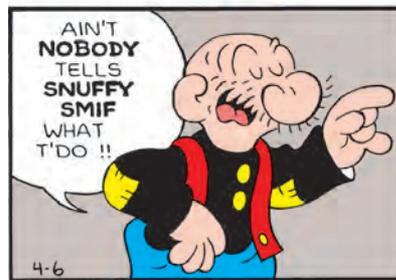
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



## GRIN and BEAR IT



"We're here to assist you, Mr. Figby, but we can't be your accomplices!"



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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

WITH VAL'S MUSCLE AIDING HER, THANAA ACTIVATES THE ANCIENT DEATH TRAP UNDERLYING THE COURTYARD IN WHICH THE ENTRANCED PIRATES CROWD. THE PAVING STONES SEPARATE AND FALL BENEATH THE SLAYERS...

...SENDING THEM TO HORRID DOOMS IN THE CLAWS OF THE DENIZENS OF THE SEA CAVES THAT HONEYCOMB THE ISLAND'S FOUNDATION!

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SAFE IN THE SURROUNDING RUINS, BUKOTA AND NATHAN ARE TRANSFIXED BY THE AWFUL SCENE. THE SIRENS, THEIR FINAL SONG COMPLETE, JOIN THEM.

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AND VAL, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE WHEEL, STANDS STUNNED BY THE ENORMITY OF THE VENGEANCE HE HAS HELPED RELEASE. "IT IS DONE," WHISPERS THANAA.

NEXT: Ambushed

# Americanisms



"Rice is great if you're really hungry and want to eat two thousand of something."  
 — Mitch Hedberg

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OUTLAW, KID GERALD NEVER BACKS DOWN FROM THE HAND HE'S BEEN DEALT.

ALWAYS GIVING THEM HIS POKER FACE AND DEAD EYES. THAT'S THE "WILD WEST."

ANY QUEENS?

GO FISH

OK, MAYBE THE "MILD WEST."

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THE WAR IS VERY COMPLETE, PRETTY MUCH

AND THEY SAID "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" WAS BAD...

AND IT WILL END WHEN I FEEL IT IN MY BONES...

IN ABOUT A MONTH... WHENEVER.

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## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I FILLED OUR BIRDBATH WITH MARGARITAS

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD!!

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FROM THE PARTY THAT CLAIMS TO HATE FOREVER WARS.....

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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

HUGO'S REMOTE-CONTROL TANK

TIGER'S SPACE GUN

BOYS LIKE VIOLENT THINGS!

AND FIGHTS!

IS THAT HOW YOU WANT YOUR DOLL'S HAIR?

YES

THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT. WHY?

IT LOOKS STUPID!

STUPID? YOUR DOLL LOOKS LIKE AN IDIOT!

BUD BLAKE

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"I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTRIES I'VE INSULTED, BULLIED, THREATENED, RIDICULED, TREATED WITH CONTEMPT AND HAMMERED WITH TARIFFS AREN'T BEING MORE HELPFUL."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**POPEYE**  
BY RANDY MIKROLLAND

AT LAST, MY EVIL MACHINATIONS ARE ABOUT TO COME TO FRUITION!

WHAT COULD BE BETTER?!

ACTUALLY USING YOUR POWER AS A RULER TO HELP YOUR SUBJECTS.

YOU REALLY DRAIN THE FUN OUTTA UNCHECKED POWER, KNOW THAT?

WHEN CIVILIZATION CRUMBLES, COCKROACHES LIKE ME WILL CRAWL OUT OF THE RUBBLE AND RULE THE WORLD.

YOU'RE MY HERO.

IRANIAN REGIME

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**OYL BARRELS PART 2**

SEA HAG'S SISTER HAS DECIDED TO END POPEYE SO SHE CAN PROVE SHE'S THE GREATER VILLAIN... NOW SHE JUST NEEDS THE PERFECT BAIT FOR HER TRAP.

HOW DO YOU LIKE LIVING IN SWEETHAVEN SO FAR, QUEENIE?

IT'S OKAY, BUT EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE MADE A NEW FRIEND...

... THEY VANISH ON ME.

WHAT THE HECK? WHERE AM I?!

SLAM!

YOUR FINAL RESTING PLACE, MS. OYL!

IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL. I JUST HAVE TO END YOUR BOYFRIEND TO PROVE I'M MORE EVIL THAN MY SISTER! THANK YOU FOR BEING MY LURE. HA!

CLICK!

GAR! RETURN TO THE THRONE ROOM!

YOU CAN FIT THROUGH THE BARS?!

YOU CAN SEE ME THROUGH THAT THING! GOOD. MY RUDE HAND GESTURES WON'T GO TO WASTE!

**HOW TO DRESS FOR THIS WEEK'S WEATHER:**

TOILET

SLIP-BOOTS

KNIT GAP

SUN BLOCK

CAR MUFFS

SUN VISOR

SUNGLASSES

RAIN HAT

SNOW SHOES

FLIP-FLOPS

NECK GARTER

CARGO SHORTS

HAWAIIAN SHIRT

SWEATER

CLIDE

**BARNEY GOOGLE AND Snuffy Smith**

SO, WHATTA YOU FELLERS BEEN UP TO BESIDES NO GOOD?

TRYIN' 'T COME UP WIF A SNARKY ANSWER TO THAT VERY QUESTION-- WHICH YA ALWAYS ASK US !!

SO FAR WE GOT NUTHIN' !!

WHICH IS ALSO 'ZACTLY WHAT WE BEEN UP TO !!

HEY THAR, PARSON !!

MORNIN', SNUFFY !!

HOWDY, SHERIFF !!

SMIF !!

MORNIN', JEDGE POTTER !!

HULLO, SMIF !!

HMMM... I COULD EASILY IGNORE ONE REMINDER TO STAY ON TH' STRAIGHT AN' NARROW AN' JEST CONTINUE ON MY MERRY WAY !!

BUT THREE REMINDERS IS A BAD OMEN !!

BACK HOME I GO !!

WHOOSH!!

**GRIN and BEAR IT**

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Wagner

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"We have April Fools' Day to tell lies. ... The politicians have the rest of the year."

**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps

HERE IT COMES! SLOWLY THE GREEN MONSTER APPROACHES, EATING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.

THE VILLAGERS UNSUSPECTING THAT THEY'RE IN THE PATH OF ITS COMPLETE DESTRUCTION!

RRRRRR!

CRR AKLR!!

**Americanisms**



"Champions keep playing until they get it right."  
— Billie Jean King

THERE YOU GO! \$3.00 WINNER. LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, "HARD WORK AND PERSISTENCE" ALWAYS PAY OFF.



TRUMP'S WAR ON IRAQ... HASLED TO GAS PRICE SPIKES... WHICH HAS CAUSED SOME ECONOMIC HARDSHIP... AND COULD SERIOUSLY HURT TRUMP... IN THE MIDTERM ELECTION! FINALLY! JUSTIFICATION FOR THE WAR!



**FLASH GORDON**  
3-7  
BY JIM KEEFE  
A FUNERAL PROCESSION SLOWLY MAKES ITS WAY UP THE ROAD TO ARBORIA.  
HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF THE DECEASED LEAD THE GRIEF-STRICKEN.



WITH A HEAVY HEART, KING BARIN DELIVERS A EULOGY BEFORE THE CITY'S GATES.  
WITH DREAMS OF MAKING THIS WORLD A SAFER PLACE, THESE MEN SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN HOPES OF CAPTURING KING THE MERCILESS.



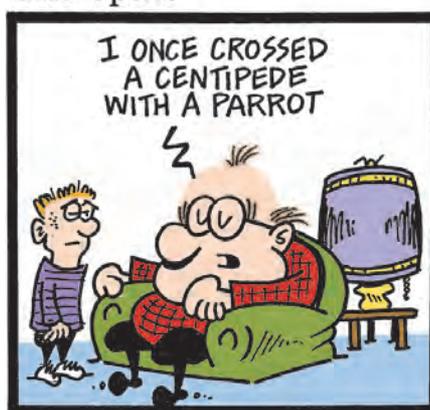
"THEY SHALL BE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR COURAGE AND BRAVERY ALWAYS..."  
"THEIR DREAM LIVES ON."



AS THE FUNERAL PYRE BILLOWS TOWARD THE HEAVENS, EARTHBORE ADVENTURER FLASH GORDON MAKES A SOLEMN VOW TO THE FRIEND HE HAS LOST.  
WHATEVER ROCK MING'S HIDING UNDER, THORNE, I'LL FIND HIM.  
FIND HIM ... AND MAKE HIM PAY!  
NEXT: OLD FRIENDS REMEMBERED!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



I ONCE CROSSED A CENTIPEDE WITH A PARROT



WHAT DID YOU GET?

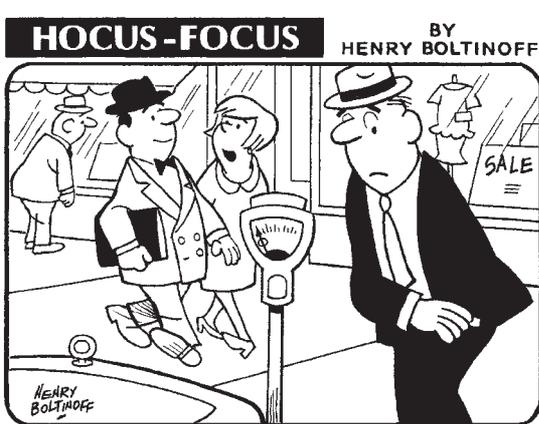


A WALKIE-TALKIE!!

**The Garden Bug**  
Start your spring clean-up with the largest tasks first, such as clearing off the roof, cleaning gutters and clearing away any tree branch problems. Spruce up the front door, porchlights, kickplates and other entryway items, and inspect your windows for maintenance needs. Gently remove matted leaves to uncover emerging spring bulbs, but wait until after several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up all leaf litter. Some beneficial insects spend the winter in such dead material and need a few warmer days to get moving. —Brenda Weaver  
Sources: awaytogarden.com budmathews.com/

Out on a Limb

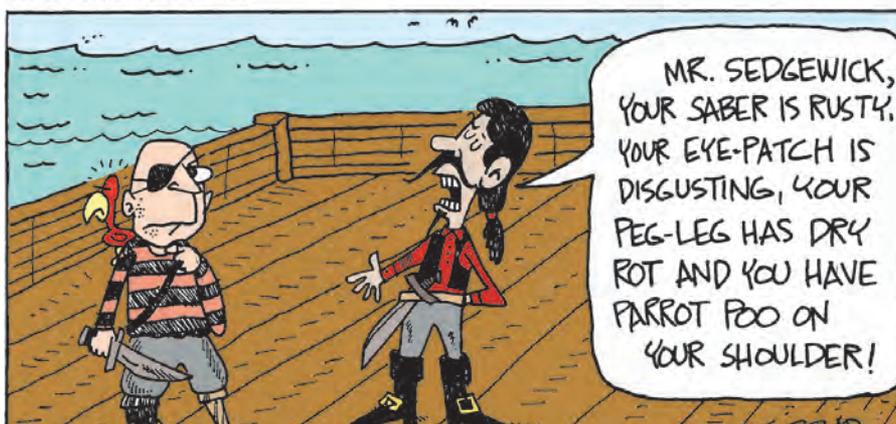
by Gary Kopervas



**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Awning is not as wide.

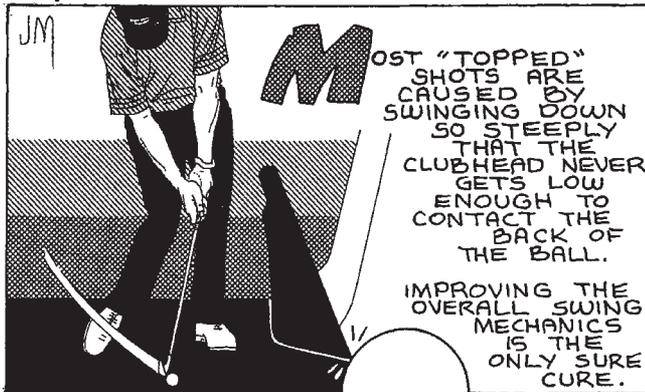


MR. SEDGEWICK, YOUR SABER IS RUSTY. YOUR EYE-PATCH IS DISGUSTING, YOUR PEG-LEG HAS DRY ROT AND YOU HAVE PARROT POO ON YOUR SHOULDER!

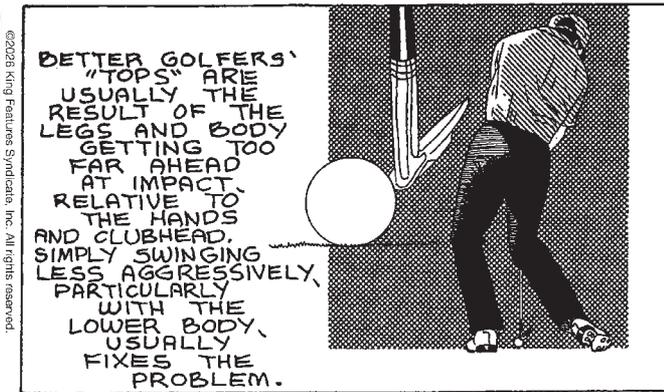


SCRUTINY ON THE BOUNTY.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



**M**OST "TOPPED" SHOTS ARE CAUSED BY SWINGING DOWN SO STEEPLY THAT THE CLUBHEAD NEVER GETS LOW ENOUGH TO CONTACT THE BACK OF THE BALL. IMPROVING THE OVERALL SWING MECHANICS IS THE ONLY SURE CURE.



BETTER GOLFERS' "TOPS" ARE USUALLY THE RESULT OF THE LEGS AND BODY GETTING TOO FAR AHEAD AT IMPACT, RELATIVE TO THE HANDS AND CLUBHEAD. SIMPLY SWINGING LESS AGGRESSIVELY, PARTICULARLY WITH THE LOWER BODY, USUALLY FIXES THE PROBLEM.

**DONNA ERICKSON'S  
BEST BITES**



**Entertaining Is Easy  
With Oven-Baked  
Cheese Sandwiches**

Is there such a thing as “easy entertaining”? In spite of my intentions, parties always become a bit of a production, with my long to-do lists and shoutouts to kids to run last-minute trips to the store to pick up mushrooms for gravy — or to our Scandinavian market for lingonberries and herring. By the time I light ice candles on our porch to welcome guests, I have to ask myself, “Could I have simplified this?”

Sometimes I want to keep our welcome candles burning for all but skip a bit of the fancy and go for the easy prep. After all, it’s the get-together that matters, right? Spending time around the table eating, laughing and connecting with family and friends matters the most.

This is where making and serving oven-baked grilled cheese sandwiches for a crowd saves the day. Bake them in the oven all at once instead of the traditional way of grilling them in batches on your stovetop in a frying pan. They’ll be evenly browned, done at the same time, and ready to be paired with a bowl of piping hot soup, such as fragrant basil tomato soup.

Slice the sandwiches in half diagonally and watch your guests enjoy dipping the pointed ends into the soup. Crispy, gooey and tasty — you’ll be creating fond food memories! Here is my basic oven-baked grilled cheese sandwich recipe.

ipe. Feel free to embellish it with spicy mustard or mayo sauce spread inside and add additional varieties of cheese. Sometimes I include a pinch of kale or other fresh greens I have on hand.

**EASY-PREP  
OVEN-BAKED GRILLED  
CHEESE SANDWICHES**

- Makes 6 sandwiches
- 12 slices white bread a half-inch thick, such as pre-sliced Texas toast
- Butter, softened for spreading
- 6 thick slices cheddar cheese
- Preheat oven to 450 F. Set parchment paper on a large baking sheet. Ask your child to count and place 6 slices of bread on the parchment-lined sheet. Butter each piece and flip over.

Lay a slice of cheese on the unbuttered side. Top with another slice of bread. Butter top side. Bake in the oven for 5-6 minutes until bread is toasted on exposed side.



Flip with a spatula and bake an additional 5 minutes until golden brown and cheese is just melted. Cool for 2 minutes. Slice in half diagonally and arrange on a platter. Serve with hot bowls of your favorite tomato soup!

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*Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com).*



1. **Hoppers**  
(PG) Piper Curda, Bobby Moynihan
2. **Reminders of Him**  
(PG-13) Maika Monroe, Tyriq Withers
3. **Undertone**  
(R) Nina Kiri, Adam DiMarco
4. **Scream 7**  
(R) Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox
5. **GOAT**  
(PG) Caleb McLaughlin, Gabrielle Union
6. **The Bride!**  
(R) Jessie Buckley, Christian Bale
7. **Kiki's Delivery Service**  
(G) Minami Takayama, Rei Sakuma
8. **Wuthering Heights**  
(R) Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi
9. **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze**  
(PG) Paige Turco, David Warner
10. **Crime 101**  
(R) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo

**THE  
POD  
REPORT**

By Dana Block



**THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:  
New and Noteworthy**

Discover what’s new in the world of podcasts this month. There’s something for everyone — bingers of British serials, the neurodivergent, true crime junkies, manifestors, and history buffs:

**“On the Box: The BritBox Podcast”**

— Launched this month, this weekly podcast from British streamer BritBox already has a ton of five-star reviews on Apple Podcasts. Fans of this genre of television say that the podcast is “long overdue” and “hilarious.” Hosted by BBC Radio broadcasting legend Edith Bowman and comedian/former host of “The View” Michelle Collins, the podcast’s insightful commentary and exclusive cast interviews will keep you coming back for more. Celebrity guests include Matthew Rhys (“The Americans”) and Rosalie Craig (“Riot Women”) so far. (BritBox.com)

**“It’s So Loud in Here!”** — Why is it easier for some of us to have a conversation in a noisy restaurant, but the sound of a car idling outside our apartments on an otherwise quiet day causes severe agitation? In this new podcast from BBC Sounds, listeners take a journey into the neurodivergent mind and learn how “every sound has an invisible cost.” Host Dr. Tom Nicholson explains how racing thoughts or even the tiniest buzzing noise outside can be overwhelming for the neurodivergent. In another episode,

he discusses how public transportation can “sound like heavy metal at full volume” and how “driving a car can feel like a savior.” (BBC.co.uk)

**“Bridge of Lies”** — In this new six-part series from ABC’s “20/20,” listeners meet a 19-year-old aspiring artist who disappeared in New Jersey a decade ago. Her car was abandoned, and there was speculation that she might have fled to Canada. However, after “troubling statements, omissions, and the discovery of a partially-burned cache of money,” the case “doesn’t sit right with investigators.” (ABCAudio.com)

**Don’t Forget These Gems**

**“Into the Next”** — We can never have enough motivational, self-help podcasts during these chaotic times. In this newest one from beauty influencer Maya Galore, who has 900,000 subscribers on YouTube, she discusses how she transformed herself through confidence and self-love on the inside as well as the outside. Reviews on Apple Podcasts praise the fact that she digs deep and is so real. One five-star review simply states, “Maya, your authenticity is your super power, and I can’t wait to hear more of your journey back to you.” If this isn’t a ringing endorsement, I don’t know what is! (MayaGalore.com)

**“Real Vikings”** — Each week on this podcast, you can go on a journey through the Viking Age, “boarding longboats bound for new lands, from Greenland to North Africa, Constantinople to Canada.” The podcast kicks off with a story about a cold-blooded murder from long ago in seaside Dorset, “where Scandinavian warriors sailed across the North Sea.” Later in the episode, we learn how in 2008, at a modern-day construction site, the remains of 40 warriors were unearthed from a boat burial. (Shows.Acast.com)

**Fun Fact**

The painting “Salvator Mundi,” done by Leonardo da Vinci, fetched **\$450 million**, the highest ever paid for art, at a Christie’s auction in 2017. It was acquired by an anonymous buyer on behalf of the Saudi Prince Al Saud. The painting now falls under the stewardship of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Culture.



Source: [iyc.com](http://iyc.com)



**Easter flowers**

**Lilies** represents hope, love, divinity, purity, gratitude and friendship. **Daffodils** are one of the first signs of spring and have a romantic connotation. In Germany they are known as “Easter bells.” **Tulips** signify the rebirth after winter and feelings of love. Cheerful **daisies** are available in red, yellow, pink and purple. **Hyacinths** have incredible fragrance and delicate blossoms. — Brenda Weaver

Source: [www.easternfloral.com](http://www.easternfloral.com)



Hyacinths



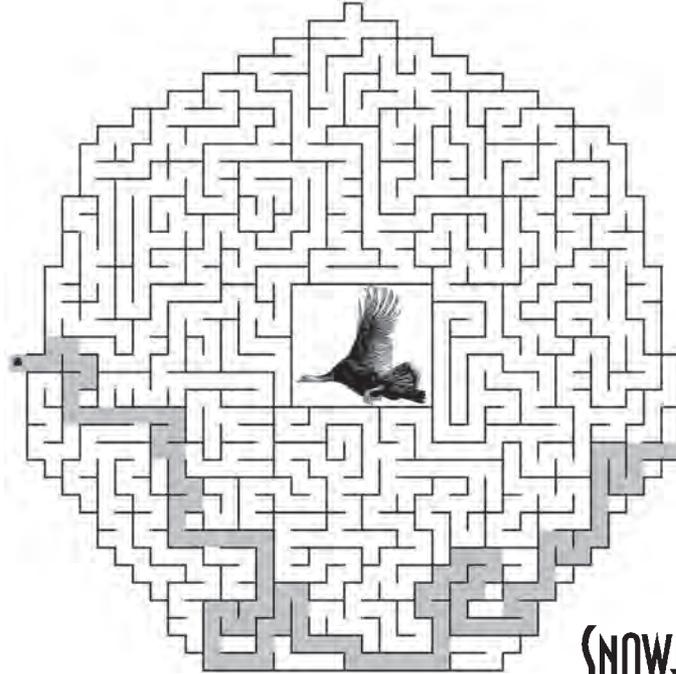
## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Mega Maze

Solution



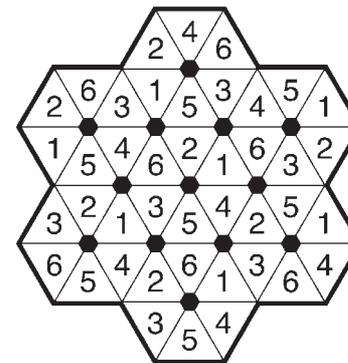
## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## CryptoQuip

answer

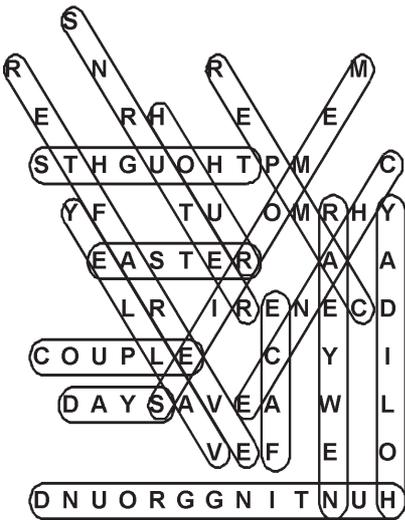
If the actors Affleck, Stiller and Kingsley are all good buddies, I suppose they're Ben pals.

## CryptoQuote

answer

Age wrinkles the body; quitting wrinkles the soul.  
— Douglas MacArthur

## HAPPY



## Even Exchange

answers

1. Poodle, Noodle
2. Carter, Barter
3. Plate, Place
4. Flock, Frock
5. Wither, Either
6. Novel, Nobel
7. Bikini, Biking
8. Cairo, Cairn
9. Spine, Spike
10. Humble, Hubble

## Go Figure!

answers

1	+	5	+	8	=	14
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6	+	9	+	2	=	17
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## Five Spot™

Solution

F	A	N	C	Y
C	A	N	D	Y
D	A	N	C	E
R	A	C	E	D
C	R	I	E	D
B	R	I	D	E

## FEAR & KNOT

answer

C	A	M	P	U	S
C	I	T			
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T	P	I	N		
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R	P	A			
D	E	C	A	M	P
E	I	S			
D	I	R	G	E	

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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

## Word Spiral

Answer  
BADMINTON

## KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

A	E	R
8	5	2
E		Z
3		7
N	C	D
6	1	4

CREDENZA

## Stickelers Answer

The number whose letters are in alphabetical order is FORTY.



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

J	U	T	S		S	B	A		R	S	V	P
E	C	H	O		P	E	C		O	P	I	E
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P	A	N	A	M	A		S	I	M	I	L	E
				C	A	W			N	I	N	
B	A	S	E		L	A	S	V	E	G	A	S
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A	R	I	A		A	R	K		I	A	G	O
S	S	N	S		R	O	E		T	R	A	M
S	A	G	E		E	D	T		H	A	L	E

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Parade; 2. Manner
3. Mental; 4. Sacred

Today's Word

SEPARATE

Even Exchange

answers

1. Oldest, Oddest
2. Paris, Parts
3. Austin, Dustin
4. Camper, Casper
5. Phony, Peony
6. Place, Peace
7. Blanch, Branch
8. Blank, Blink
9. Pride, Prime
10. Shore, Short

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

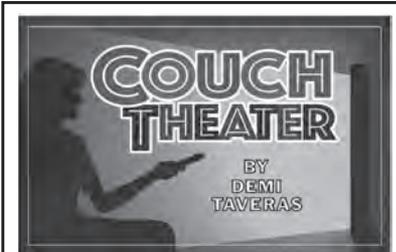
What did one rabbit say to the other rabbit?

Some bunny likes you.

FEAR KNOT

answer

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"Hannah Montana 20th Anniversary Special" (PG) — Premiering on March 24, this TV special celebrates 20 years since Miley Cyrus' hit show "Hannah Montana" first aired on the Disney Channel. In 2006, a 13-year-old Cyrus became adored for donning a blonde wig, wearing sparkly outfits, and performing songs like "The Best of Both Worlds" and "Nobody's Perfect." Now, in this special, a beautifully matured Cyrus revisits her time on the show by filling fans in on behind-the-scenes moments. In addition, an in-depth interview with "Call Her Daddy's" Alex Cooper will be featured, as well as never-before-seen footage from the "Hannah" archives. (Disney+)

"Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen" (TV-MA) — Camila Morrone ("Daisy Jones & the Six") and Adam DiMarco ("The White Lotus") lead this eight-episode horror miniseries premiering on March 26. Morrone and DiMarco, respectively, play Rachel and Nicky, an engaged couple who are set to be married within the week. However, as they gear up for the wedding, doubt starts to creep in at an abnormal pace, leaving Rachel to wonder whether her "soulmate" Nicky is the right person for her to be marrying in the first place. Not to mention Nicky's off-putting family, led by a beady-eyed performance from Jennifer Jason Leigh ("Fargo"). Fun fact: The Duffer Brothers (creators of "Stranger Things") serve as executive producers on the show. (Netflix)

"Rooster" (TV-MA) — This slice-of-life comedy series stars none other than comedy legend Steve Carell

("The Four Seasons"). Carell plays a middle-aged novelist named Greg, who writes beach-read detective novels. When his daughter, Katie (Charly Clive), hits a rough patch in life due to marital issues with her estranged husband, Greg clears his super-busy schedule to pay a visit to her at the college where she teaches. While Greg's intentions seem to revolve around being a doting father, his motivations suddenly change when he's back in the atmosphere of a college campus, leading to shenanigans that undoubtedly could've been avoided. The first three episodes are out now, with subsequent episodes premiering every Sunday! (HBO Max)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB  
From left, Avantika, Lana Condor, Maddie Ziegler, Millicent Simmonds and Iris Apatow star in "Pretty Lethal."

"Pretty Lethal" (R) — This action-thriller film takes ballet rehearsals to another level. Starring Iris Apatow ("Tell Me Lies"), Lana Condor ("Mean Girls"), Avantika ("My Old Ass"), and Maddie Ziegler ("Mean Girls"), the film follows a ballet troupe whose bus breaks down on the way to a competition. The girls are forced to take shelter at a mysterious inn, where they encounter a former dancer named Devora (Uma Thurman). Upon meeting them, she is reminded of her dancing past and broken dreams. So, Devora nefariously decides to kidnap them, and the prima ballerinas must use whatever means necessary to escape from Devora's flock of gang members. Releases March 26. (Amazon Prime Video)



How a Little Lemon Changes Everything

The first week of spring always feels like a modest little victory. We made it through the gray days, heavy coats, fogged-up cars, and the long stretch of winter cooking. As the first daffodils begin pushing through the soil, our appetites start waking up too.

After months of hearty soups, casseroles and slow-simmered stews, we crave something brighter. The good news is that you don't need expensive ingredients or complicated recipes to bring that fresh energy back into the kitchen.

When a dish tastes dull, the first thought is usually "needs salt." But the solution is rarely more salt. More often, it simply needs brightness. A squeeze of lemon, a splash of vinegar or a handful of herbs can transform the simplest ingredients.

Small ingredients often make the biggest difference. A little lemon or vinegar, a dab of mustard, a spoonful of plain yogurt, or fresh herbs or green onions can completely transform a simple meal. With just one or two of these bright additions, even a modest pantry dish can taste vibrant and new.

One of my favorite ways to brighten everyday meals is with a quick lemon herb finishing sauce. I call this one Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing, and a spoonful over vegetables, beans, pasta, salad, fish or chicken instantly wakes everything up.

BRIGHT & BOLD LEMON HERB DRESSING

- Yield: about 10 ounces  
Total Time: 5 minutes  
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
Zest and juice of 1 lemon (about 1/4 cup juice)  
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1 green onion, white and green parts, chopped  
1 cup fresh parsley leaves  
1 clove garlic (see note)



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Creamy white beans and spinach finished with Bright & Bold Lem-on Herb Dressing.

In a small food processor, blend all ingredients until smooth and emulsified.

Note – Raw garlic is potent. If you prefer a milder garlic flavor, do this instead: Add a smashed garlic clove to the jar and let it infuse in the refrigerator. Remove it before serving.

Here's how those bright flavors come together in practice. This quick one-pan skillet of white beans and greens is finished with Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing for a lively burst of flavor. Ready in about 20 minutes, creamy beans, garlic, greens and lemon create a simple meal perfect for spring.

QUICK CREAMY WHITE BEAN & SPINACH SKILLET

Yield: 4 servings

- Total Time: 20 minutes  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
1/4 cup cooked bacon crumbles, optional  
2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini beans or other white beans, drained  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese + more for serving  
1 cup half and half  
2 tablespoons Bright & Bold Lemon Herb Dressing + more for serving  
4 cups spinach

Heat olive oil in a deep skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook for about 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add bacon if using.

Add the beans, pepper, Parmesan, half and half, and the lemon herb dressing. Simmer for about 5 minutes until slightly thickened.

Stir in the spinach, cover, and cook until wilted. Spinach cooks almost instantly. Taste and adjust seasonings.

Serve with warm crusty bread, topped with lots of Parmesan and plenty of lemon herb dressing.

As the season changes, the kitchen changes too. The heavy dishes of winter begin to give way to meals that feel fresher and livelier. Sometimes that transformation doesn't require a whole new recipe.

Sometimes it simply starts with a squeeze of lemon.

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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stars Riz Ahmed ("The Phoenician Scheme"), but it was written by him as well. Ahmed plays Shah Latif, an up-and-coming actor in London who lands his big break as the new James Bond. Now thrust immediately into the spotlight, Shah struggles with the difficult disadvantages of fame, like paparazzi and internet comments, which send him into a bit of an existential crisis. The series feels like a character study on what it's like to suddenly wake up as a celebrity in modern times. All six episodes are out now to stream. (Amazon Prime Video)



Guz Khan, left, and Riz Ahmed star in "Bait."

"Pizza Movie" (PG-13) — Gaten Matarazzo, known for his portrayal of Dustin in "Stranger Things," leads this comedy film alongside Sean Giambrone ("The Secret Life of Pets 2"). The film follows two college roommates Jack and Montgomery, who find a mysterious box of "mints" in their dorm on a tragically lame night. They discover that these mints are actually hallucinogenic drugs, and with the burden of higher education, Jack and Montgomery have no choice as college students but to indulge! But when the high proves to be too intense for them, they learn that the only solution to properly come down is to eat pizza, so viewers watch along as the boys attempt to overcome their trip. (Clearly the writers of this film were high, too.) Look out for appearances from Sarah Sherman ("Saturday Night Live") and Daniel Radcliffe (of the "Harry Potter" franchise) as the Butterfly. Premieres April 3. (Hulu)

"Bait" (TV-MA) — This thriller/drama/comedy series not only



### A Taste of Spring: Carrots in Sweet Disguise

Carrots bring natural sweetness, moisture and vibrant color to these wholesome biscotti, while cinnamon and turmeric add depth and gentle complexity. Three forms of ginger — fresh, ground and candied — layer in warmth and bursts of sweet spice. Coconut and golden raisins add chewy sweetness, and a light sprinkle of turbinado sugar gives just the right crunch (regular sugar can be used if needed).

Lightly sweet and fragrant with orange and ginger, these biscotti feel a little indulgent and a little virtuous. Think of them as carrot cake's crisp Italian cousin — perfect with coffee or tea.

Made with simple ingredients, they're ideal for lunchboxes, snacks or a quiet moment. They keep well for up to a week — though, in my house, they last about two days, and only if I hide a few on the first day.

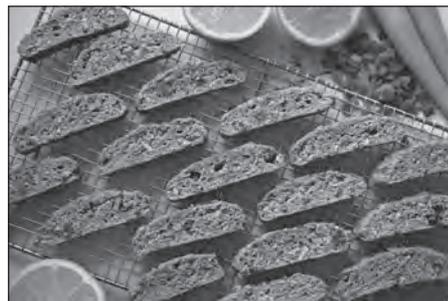
#### CARROT BISCOTTI WITH ORANGE & GINGER

Yield: 24 cookies  
Total Time: 1 hr. 40 min. (+ cooling)  
2 cups whole wheat or all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1 orange, zest and juice  
1 cup peeled carrots, shredded  
1 tablespoons fresh ginger, grated  
6 tablespoons butter, at room temperature  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 large eggs, divided  
1/2 cup golden raisins  
1/2 cup shredded coconut  
1/4 cup crystallized ginger, minced  
2 tablespoons turbinado sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ground ginger, turmeric and salt; set aside.

Zest the orange, then juice it into a measuring cup, adding water as needed to make 1/2 cup. Reserve a pinch of zest and mix it with the turbinado sugar for topping. Shred the carrots using the large holes of a box grater.



Carrot, ginger and orange biscotti offer a lightly sweet, spiced treat perfect for spring.

In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the carrots, fresh ginger, orange juice and remaining zest. Bring to a simmer, cover, and cook until the carrots are tender and the liquid is syrupy and nearly reduced, 10 to 12 minutes. If needed, uncover and cook over higher heat for 1 to 2 minutes more to reduce further.

Set aside to cool. In a large bowl, beat the butter and granulated sugar with a mixer on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes, scraping down the bowl as needed. Beat in the cooled carrot mixture and vanilla.

Add 1 whole egg and 1 egg yolk (reserve the white) and mix to combine. Add the flour mixture and mix on low just until the dough comes together. Fold in the raisins, coconut and candied ginger.

Divide the dough in half and shape into two 10-by-4-inch logs on the prepared baking sheet, flattening slightly (damp hands help). Beat the reserved egg white until foamy and brush over the logs. Sprinkle with the orange sugar. Bake until puffed and set, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool until just warm, 15 to 20 minutes.

Reduce the oven temperature to 300 F. Trim the ends, then slice each log into 12 biscotti, about 1/2 inch thick. Arrange cut-side down and bake 15 to 20 minutes. Flip and bake until lightly golden, 12 to 15 minutes more. Cool completely on the baking sheet.

Carrots are one of the most economical vegetables, making them a natural choice when you want to bake something special without spending much. It's a reminder that simple, everyday ingredients can create something comforting and a little elegant and just right for spring.

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