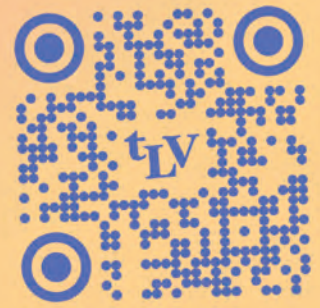


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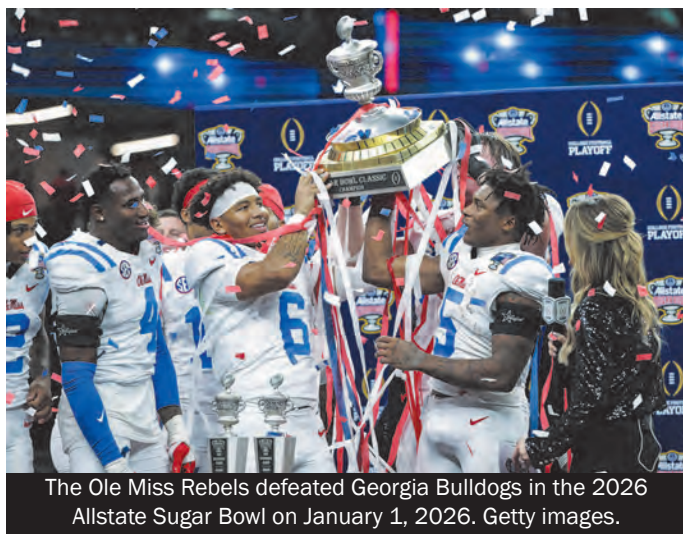
Relive the Most Dramatic Season in Ole Miss Football with A Season to Remember: Talent, Turmoil, Betrayal, Resilience & the Greatest Season in Modern Ole Miss Football

A new coffee table book released from Nautilus Publishing this spring captures every dramatic, confusing, frustrating, and inspiring moment of the unprecedented 2025–2026 football season that Ole Miss players, coaches, and fans endured.

The book, *A Season to Remember: Talent, Turmoil, Betrayal, Resilience & the Greatest Season in Modern Ole Miss Football*, is organized as the subtitle reads.

The opening section highlights the underestimated 2025 team's raw talent (including the emergence of backup quarterback **Trinidad Chambliss**, who took the college football world by storm). Part two—Turmoil—follows the utter disarray caused by **Lane Kiffin's** search for another job while coaching a team that was playoff bound. Part three—Betrayal—covers the 48-hour period between the end of the **Egg Bowl**—including behind-closed-door meetings and Kiffin's attempts to dismantle the coaching staff after being told “no”—and the moment the former head coach flew away from Oxford in **LSU jets**. The final section, Resiliency, highlights Ole Miss's groundbreaking run in the **College Football Playoff**.

Neil White, editor of *A Season to Remember*, said, “We assembled a team of contributors that included **Robert Khayat** (who wrote the introduction as well as a comparison between the 1959 team and the 2025 team); **Rick Cleveland**, who wrote candidly about Kiffin; the February NCAA appeal in Pittsboro, Mississippi; and the outlook for newly appointed head coach Pete Golding; **Chuck Rounsaville**, who covered Ole Miss football for




The Ole Miss Rebels defeated Georgia Bulldogs in the 2026 Allstate Sugar Bowl on January 1, 2026. Getty images.

White continued, “Ole Miss had more fascinating story lines than just about any other team in the 156-history of college football.”

A Season to Remember features photographic essays of each of the Rebels' 15 games, including expanded coverage of each playoff game. The editorial also includes timelines, media coverage, quotes, and rants (from the likes of **Paul Finebaum** and **Steven A. Smith**) about the Ole Miss saga, and full coverage of the courtroom battles between behemoth NCAA and the best underdog story of the year, Trinidad Chambliss.

A Season to Remember is a limited-edition book. “There will be no second press run,” White said. “When these copies are gone, they're gone.”


The book is for sale at all independent bookstores in Mississippi and online at nautiluspublishing.com.

Relive the greatest season in modern Ole Miss football with quarterback Trinidad Chambliss and his family at a very special signing event for *A Season to Remember* at **Off Square Books** from **noon–2 pm** on **June 5** and get your copy signed. For more information, contact info@nautiluspublishing.com. 

48 years, created his Ole Miss Mount Rushmore teams; **Jeff Roberson**, who reported for *The Ole Miss Spirit* for 30+ years, wrote about the love story among Ole Miss, New Orleans, and the Sugar Bowl; and **Sparky Reardon**, author of *The Dean*, who wrote a hilarious essay, “Don't Let the Door Hit Ya,” about Ole Miss coaches leaving the university.

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FRIDAY 5.29.2026

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Old Henry: **DJ WADE** (9 pm)

Rafters on the Water: **REESE HORTON** (7 pm)

Rhythm & Rye: **BRADY REES** (7 pm)

Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Storytime w/ UM Museum (10:30 am)

University Museum: Night at the Museum (6:30 pm; free; tours, special exhibitions, music, food, and conversation)

Velvet Ditch Coffee: Pop-up lunch w/ MANILA SKILLET (11 am-2 pm)

SATURDAY 5.30.2026

The Library: **LOGAN HOGUE** (9 pm)

Old Henry: **DJ WADE** (9 pm)

Rafters on the Water: **BRITTANY MCGEE** (7 pm)

Rhythm & Rye: **MISTI WILLIAMS** (7 pm)

Magnolia Coffee Co. (Water Valley): Music at Magnolia w/ KELL KELLUM (7 pm)

University Museum: Community Summer Kick-off Party (11 am-2 pm; free; indoor & outdoor activities)

Velvet Ditch Coffee: Pop-up lunch w/ MANILA SKILLET (11 am-2 pm)

SUNDAY 5.31.2026

Proud Larry's: **BOOK LAUNCH** for WILL GRIFFITH's *The Oddest Sea*, music by **BARK!**, **THE GREAT DYING** (4 pm)

Rafters on the Water: **MICHAEL THOMAS** (5 pm)

WEDNESDAY 6.03.2026

Off Square Books: **JOSH WEIL** for

What Came West (5:30 pm)

The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)

Oxford Commons Cinema: Midweek Malco - *Boss Baby* (10 am; \$3)

FRIDAY 6.05.2026

The Library: **JT MCCAFFREY** (9 pm)

Off Square Books: **Book signing** for *A Season to Remember* with **TRINIDAD CHAMBLISS & more** (noon-2 pm)

Proud Larry's: **EAST NASH GRASS** (8 pm)

SATURDAY 6.06.2026

The Library: **JT MCCAFFREY** (9 pm)

Rhythm & Rye: **MICAH BROWN** (7 pm)

SUNDAY 6.07.2026

The Grove: **Summer Sunset Series -**

THE YALOBUSHWHACKERS (6 pm)

The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)

Oxford Galleria: Galleria Gathering (10 am-2 pm; Special deals + promotions, live music, coffee truck, bounce house, pop-ups + more)

WEDNESDAY 6.10.2026

The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)

Oxford Commons Cinema: Midweek Malco -

Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (10 am; \$3)

THURSDAY 6.11.2026

Oxford Housing Authority: Community Health Fair (10 am-1 pm)

Proud Larry's: **DESIERTO SONORO** (6:30 pm)

FRIDAY 6.12.2026

The Library: **TAYLOR BRANCH & THE LONE STAR RAMBLERS** (9 pm)

Rhythm & Rye: **BRADY REES** (7 pm)

City Hall Pocket Park: **THOMAS DOLLBAUM** record release party (6 pm; FREE)

The Lyric: World Cup Watch Party USA Men's Nat'l Team vs. PARAGUAY (6 pm doors, 8 pm kickoff; free)

SATURDAY 6.13.2026

The Library: **TAYLOR BRANCH & THE LONE STAR RAMBLERS** (9 pm)

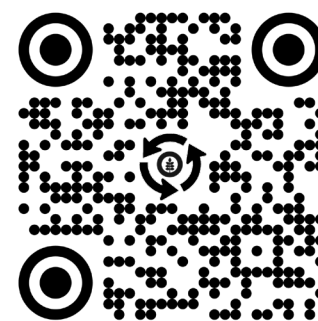
Rhythm & Rye: **KYLE KITE** (7 pm)

SUNDAY 6.14.2026

Foxfire Ranch (Waterford): **Sunday Blues Series** feat. **LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM** (5 pm; \$20)

The Grove: **Summer Sunset Series - TWURT CHAMBERLAIN** (6 pm)

The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)



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- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 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)
- **Quack's: DRINK EXCHANGE** (9 pm)
- **Lafayette County Arena: Farm Market** (3-6 pm)

Fridays

- **Rafters on the Water: Live Music** (7 pm)

Saturdays

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Circle & Square: The Enchanted Page Society Book Club (6 pm)

WEDNESDAY 6.17.2026

Delta Health Alliance Resource & Referral Centers (4 CR 2050):
Flower Festival (8 am-all day; free flower-themed activities)
Oxford Commons Cinema: Midweek Malco - Dog Man (10 am; \$3)
University Museum: A Conversation with BILL FERRIS & MILLY WEST
"Mississippi Self-Taught and Folk Artists in the Museum"
(5:30 pm; free)

THURSDAY 6.18.2026

Nutt Auditorium: LOU Community String Orchestra Concert
Proud Larry's: MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & THE SMOKEs (8 pm; free)

FRIDAY 6.19.2026

The Library: THE CROWNS (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: MICAH BROWN (7 pm)
The Lyric: World Cup Watch Party USA Men's Nat'l Team vs. AUSTRALIA noon doors, 2 pm kickoff; free)
Old Armory Pavilion: Linen on the Lawn: Juneteenth Community Picnic (6 pm)
Proud Larry's: DELVON LAMARR ORGAN TRIO (11 am)

SATURDAY 6.20.2026

The Library: THE STEPHENS BROS (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: MISTI WILLIAMS (7 pm)
Proud Larry's: TATE MOORE & THE COSMIC DOOR (8 pm)

SUNDAY 6.21.2026

The Grove: Summer Sunset Series - THE PINKSHEETS (6 pm)
Off Square Books: DAVID SEDARIS for The Land and Its People (5 pm; ticketed event - sold out)
The Coop: Empty Nester Cocktail Hour (6 pm)

MONDAY 6.22.2026

Proud Larry's: VIEUX FARKA TOURÉ (8 pm; \$25)

TUESDAY 6.23.2026

Chicory Market: Square Books presents TOYA BOUDY for *Cooking from Scratch* (cooking demo & signing; ticketed event; 5:30 pm)
University Museum: Brown Bag Summer Series - TOM RANKIN (noon; free)

WEDNESDAY 6.24.2026

Oxford Commons Cinema: Midweek Malco - *Over the Hedge* (10 am; \$3)

THURSDAY 6.25.2026

The Lyric: World Cup Watch Party USA Men's Nat'l Team vs. TURKIYE (noon doors, 2 pm kickoff; free)
Proud Larry's: ROCKET 88 (9 pm; free)


FRIDAY 6.26.2026

Betty Davis Ponderosa (Waterford): NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC
The Library: ROWDY (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: WILL COPPAGE (7 pm)
Ford Center: Rodgers & Hammerstein's STATE FAIR (7:30 pm; \$20+)

SATURDAY 6.27.2026

Betty Davis Ponderosa (Waterford): NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC
The Library: ROWDY (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: GARRETT OSWALT (7 pm)
Chicory Market: TOMATO FEST (3-5 pm; live music, free samples, arts and crafts, tomato sammies, and more)
Ford Center: Rodgers & Hammerstein's STATE FAIR (7:30 pm; \$20+)

SUNDAY 6.28.2026

The Grove: Summer Sunset Series - DAVIS COEN (6 pm)
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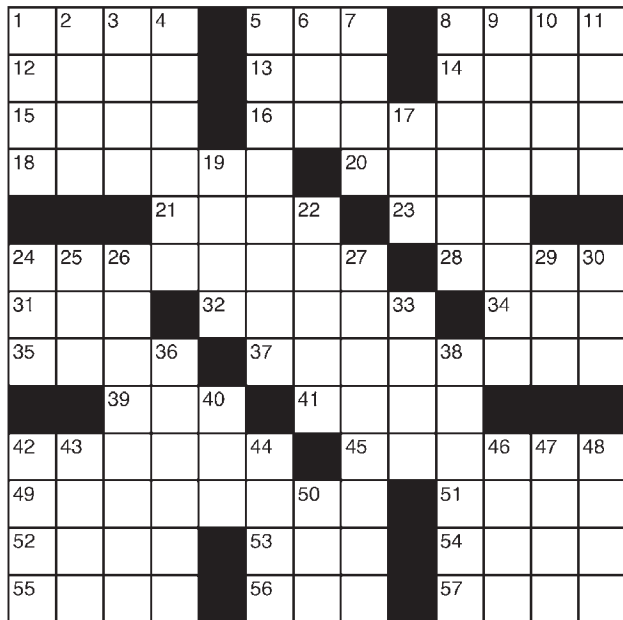


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- 5 Prattle
- 8 Minn. neighbor
- 12 Declare
- 13 Lab eggs
- 14 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 15 "Arrivederci!"
- 16 Dawn
- 18 Airport area
- 20 Upper House
- 21 Fed. workplace monitor
- 23 Director Burton
- 24 9-to-5 work period
- 28 Slightly
- 31 Dos preceder
- 32 — the above
- 34 Equi-
- 35 Boxing match
- 37 The "D" of DST
- 39 ICU workers
- 41 Sent a dupe to
- 42 Barely manage
- 45 Coiffure
- 49 Make a short-term investment
- 51 Last write-up
- 52 Sheltered
- 53 — Angeles



- 54 Maxi's opposite
 - 55 GI dining hall
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 - 57 Bygone fliers
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 - 6 "Selma" director
 - 7 DuVernay
 - 7 Inlets
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 - 9 Have lofty aspirations
 - 10 Gray's subj.
 - 11 "Nope" actress
 - 17 Wager
 - 19 Author
 - 22 Insurance giant
 - 24 Name
 - 25 Year in Mexico
 - 26 "For — Only" (Bond film)
 - 27 Kid's storage unit
 - 29 Somewhat (Suff.)
 - 30 Youngster
 - 33 Beagle's bane
 - 36 Govt. securities
 - 38 Figures of speech
 - 40 South, in Spanish
 - 42 Dutch cheese
 - 43 Curly cabbage
 - 44 Towering
 - 46 Baseball stats
 - 47 Force
 - 48 Elevator name
 - 50 Fawn's mama



1. Where did Beatle George Harrison get his idea for "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"?
2. Paul Revere & the Raiders were originally known by what name?
3. What was the Big Bopper's real name?
4. Which artist released an album titled "Highway 61 Revisited"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I'll try every trick in the book, With every step that you take, everywhere that you look."

Answers

1. While reading about the "I Ching," Harrison decided to write a song based on the first words he saw upon opening a book at random. The first words he saw were "gently weeps." The song appears on the group's double white album, released in 1968.
2. The Downbeats. As Raiders, the group wore Revolutionary War costumes on stage and had their first hit with "Just Like Me" in 1965.
3. Jiles Perry Richardson Jr. He died in the plane crash that also killed Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens in February 1959.
4. Bob Dylan, in 1965.
5. "I'm Gonna Make You Mine," by Lou Christie, in 1969. The song charted around the globe and spent 12 weeks on the Hot 100.

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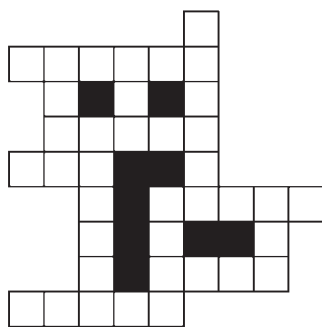


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Chef Irish Fe Leigh's Skillet Brings Manila to Mississippi

Manila Skillet celebrates six weeks of new lunch pop-up at Velvet Ditch Coffee Roasters

by Noreen Ocampo
photographs by Megan Wolfe

I first met Irish Fe Leigh at **The Farmstand**, a big green food truck parked on the corner of the University of Mississippi's Business Row. Obscured by the truck's dim window and already busy plating another meal, she was just a concept to me then, out of reach—the only chef serving Filipino cuisine in Oxford.

That was in the spring of 2024. I was a grad student in the second year of my MFA program. As usual, I was tired, likely frustrated over one thing or another. I brought my **Manila Skillet** order to my office and sat beside my wall of taped-up literary magazine rejection emails, those endless sheets fluttering in the air conditioner's light breeze.

I'd ordered pancit, a Filipino noodle dish I grew up eating. A familiar staple at birthdays and celebrations. Still, Irish's was unlike any I'd ever had—bright and colored with local vegetables, deeply savory in a way that surprised me.

"I think my food speaks for me, for Manila Skillet," she'd say to me later.

At that point, Irish and I hadn't truly met yet. But I felt like she was telling me that I wasn't alone, that I was going to be just fine.

Before Irish began selling Manila Skillet fare out of **The Farmstand**—a partnership between the **Oxford Community Market (OXCM)** and **Ole Miss Dining**—she lived in Nashville. Buoyed by her mother-in-law's appreciation for her cooking and the support of her husband, musician **Lucas Leigh**, Irish started selling her baked goods online as "Baked by Irish." Then, as word spread among her Filipino community, people began contacting her with requests for full-service catering.

In 2016, Manila Skillet was born. Lucas, an alum of UM's School of Journalism, helped Irish build a website, design a logo, and name her new business.



Above: Chef Irish Leigh prepares Pancit Bihon-Canton; a popular go-to dish for Manila Skillet guests.

Below: Pancit Bihon-Canton (rice and egg noodles with soy, garlic, vegetables, and shredded chicken) with crispy Lumpiang Shanghai spring rolls.

With "Manila" paying homage to Irish's heritage and "Skillet" evoking Southern cooking and Lucas' background as a Mississippian, Manila Skillet melds the couple's Filipino and Southern roots. Recalling her husband's role in helping transport supplies to her very first catering event and underscoring his continued support, Irish explains, "Manila Skillet is not just about me. It's about the teamwork with my husband."

Irish's cooking, too, blends authentic Filipino cuisine with her care and appreciation for her diverse clientele. For example, her coconut macaroons—an OXCM favorite and bestseller since the Baked by Irish days—combine American and Filipino versions of the confection. Irish's adobo, while maintaining the traditional umami and vinegary flavors, is also a fresh take on the Philippines' unofficial national dish. "Manila Skillet is really flexible," Irish shares. "It's not just for Americans, not just for Filipinos, but every culture."

When Irish and Lucas moved to Oxford in 2020, Irish began working as an assistant supervisor in the kitchen at the Veterans Home. A few months later, she joined other Filipino employees in the Activity Department, where they often enjoyed singing karaoke with the residents. "I had so much fun there," Irish remembers, "but it was like something



Manila Skillet ...continued on page 10

We Are the Promised Land: An Inheritance, a Future, an Altar

by Noreen Ocampo
photos by Megan Wolfe

Foxfire Ranch's new podcast shares stories from Black-owned land in North Mississippi

Celebrating one month since its April launch to the public, *We Are the Promised Land* is a multimedia altar to Black land legacies in the Mississippi Hill Country.

This project is born of the collaboration and friendship between **free feral**—musician, writer, and alum of the University of Mississippi's Southern Studies MA program—and **Annette Hollowell**—steward and manager of **Foxfire Ranch**, a Black-owned music and event venue in Waterford.

At the heart of this rich and impressively multimedia collaboration is the *We Are the Promised Land* podcast, which feral and Hollowell began in 2018. In the podcast, they delve into the histories of the Hollowell family, inviting listeners to walk with them along the eighty acres of land upon which Foxfire Ranch now operates. Many memories of Black land loss exist in Mississippi, but *We Are the Promised Land* offers another story. The podcast focuses instead on how the Hollowell family has kept their land for over a century, reaching back to the ancestors who made this reality possible and thinking forward to the next hundred years.

What listeners will notice from the very first moments spent with this podcast, I think, is the care of its making. From immersive b-roll that gently delivers you outside, to the precise poetry of feral's storytelling, to the music and intricate sound design, *We Are the Promised Land* dances past the boundaries I previously associated with the podcast form. "Audio storytelling has this potential to be transportive without taking your attention

away from the physical surroundings that you're in," explains feral, who also hosts the podcast. "It gets inscribed on your landscape."

In addition to the podcast, this project includes poetry as well as visual offerings of photography and video. "I felt that we needed to see the Hollowells; we needed to see the land," feral says. As a multimedia altar, *We Are the Promised Land* is inventive with the ways in which it unravels the themes of inheritance, lineage, and community across mediums—but it would be an oversight to say that this altar merely thinks outside the box. Rather, *We Are the Promised Land* builds deliberately on feral and Hollowell's shared investment in using their altar practices to explore and cultivate connections with their ancestors.

Back in 2018, Hollowell and feral began to notice how others in their community were creating relationships with ancestors, too. "I don't think it really matters what faith tradition you come from," Hollowell says. "You start talking to an elder long enough, and you're like, 'Oh, the photos on my grandmother's wall with all of these ancestors—that's an altar.'" And so the questions became: "How do we already honor our ancestors? How do we already hold space to be still, to listen, to hear a voice that's not our own, to be tapped in?"

We Are the Promised Land represents a spirit of collaboration that expands beyond feral, Hollowell, and the family members they bring into the fold. Looking to their networks, feral and Hollowell built a multitalented team that spans across disciplines: cultural worker **Alleyha Dannett**, historian **Rhondalyn Peairs**, photographers **Jasmine B. Johnson** and **Jai Williams**, sound designers **muthi reed** and **Cedric Wilson**, portrait artists **Vitus Shell** and **Brad Bernard**, and more.

"[The] podcast started off with me and free," Hollowell shares, "but then it was great to be able



to tap Lightnin Malcolm, and Yella P and Cameron Kimbrough from Memphis Sounds, and be like, 'Can you help us with some scoring? Can you lend us some tracks?'"

As for the secret to sustaining a creative project long-term, Hollowell cites their team's commitment to working and being together in ways that maintain space for each other's well-being, for compassion and genuine understanding. This approach echoes Foxfire Ranch's dedication to radical hospitality. "I'm clear that this continues, and is sustained, because of a network of collaborators and friends and family and people that really f**k with us," Hollowell states.

We Are the Promised Land arrives with a reminder of the powerful work of understanding and sharing our stories, of storytelling's capacity to clear our eyes and attune our ears. "I'm someone who solidly believes that our stories change the world," Hollowell explains. "If we don't tell our stories, then people assume so many things about the places that we're from . . . places where only certain narratives get lifted up. And so we have to complicate that by being like, 'And this, and this, and this.'" While

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Bill and Annie Hollowell and their daughter Annette in front of the pavilion at beautiful Foxfire Ranch.

We Are the Promised Land affirms that true understanding takes time, what lush ground it gives us to walk upon and listen to.

“I know Foxfire is beloved as a venue for people in Oxford,” says feral. “My hope in inviting this segment of the local community to engage with this material [is that] people who have previously thought of Foxfire as simply a nice place for a good time will develop some appreciation for the cumulative sacrifice and care that has made it possible, and hopefully with that comes a higher level of respect for what they provide for the community at large.”

The *We Are the Promised Land* team has currently released three of their six full-length podcast episodes, including Episode 0: The Voice, the Void; Episode 1: The Record; and Episode 2: Parent Material. New episodes are set to release during new and full moons and are available on all major podcast platforms. To experience the altar, enjoy audio extras, meet the team, and more, visit: www.wearethepromisedland.net/home. 📻



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The **Foxfire Sunday Blues Series** takes place the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting at 5 pm, featuring a variety of musicians from around the region. Tickets are \$20 (free for children). Cold drinks and delicious home cooked soul food are available for purchase.

June 14: LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM

Located in **Marshall County, Mississippi**, “Foxfire Ranch hosts high-quality concerts, weddings, retreats, and private events year-round. The 80-acre ranch boasts a 5,000 square-foot open-air pavilion, an indoor banquet hall, multiple stages, 4 private cabins, 2 indoor shower stalls, and a full-service catering kitchen. Foxfire is conveniently located within a short driving distance of Memphis, TN and Oxford, MS, making your customizable retreat to the country easily within reach.” 📻

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was missing for me . . . I really wanted to do my catering. I really wanted to sell my food.”

Back in Nashville, Irish had hoped to sell her baked goods at the local farmers’ market but never got around to fulfilling that goal. In 2023, after having acclimated to her new life in Oxford, she reached out to OXCM director **Betsy Chapman** and applied to become a vendor. “Ms. Betsy opened her door for me, and it felt like a dream came true,” Irish says. “I know it’s really a small thing, but for me, it was big. I felt so happy being at the market.”

These days, Irish and her bestselling coconut macaroons and chocolate crinkle cookies can typically be found at OXCM, which takes place at the Old Armory Pavillion on Tuesdays. On May 19, in celebration of **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**, Irish was even featured as a guest chef at Taste OXCM, where she gave a free cooking demo to shoppers. On Thursdays when school is in session, Irish brings Manila Skillet to The Farmstand, offering signature dishes like pancit and lumpia and rotating specials like Filipino-style spaghetti from 10 am–2 pm.

Irish’s newest venture is Manila Skillet’s partnership with **Velvet Ditch Coffee Roasters**. Irish first met **Lesley Vance Walkington**, owner of Velvet Ditch, at The Snack Down, a culinary fundraising event sponsored by the **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council**. They were later reconnected by **Chef**



Above: Pistachio Velvet Sans Rival cake (layered meringue and buttercream with pistachios)

Corbin Evans of the now-closed Oxford Canteen, and Irish joined the Velvet Ditch team as a cook. “It’s so nice to be a part of somebody else’s dream,” she says.

Thanks to this growing partnership, Irish celebrates her sixth week of offering sit-down Filipino meals at Velvet Ditch—a significant milestone en route to her goal of owning her own restaurant. Upcoming lunch pop-ups, where customers can enjoy Velvet Ditch offerings alongside Manila Skillet meals, are on **Friday, May 29** and **Saturday, May 30** from 11 am–2 pm.

I’ve had the privilege of working alongside Irish in The Farmstand—and more recently, at her lunch pop-ups—since last fall. In the year following my graduation, I’ve struggled to know how to push forward as a writer; I’ve felt aimless, hopeless. During a year in which I couldn’t find my way, Irish gave me a place to stand. “You’ll get it,” she’s told me, time and time again. “Just don’t give up.”

What we don’t see from outside of Irish’s kitchen is the unrivaled dedication, patience, energy, and care she feeds into her work. We don’t see the early mornings, the trips to Memphis to procure ingredients, the teamwork with her family, her close friend and sous chef Rowena Black, and other supporters. We don’t hear the prayers it takes to keep showing up and chasing a dream.

But all of this—you’ll taste it. And if you get the chance to see it, you’ll feel inspired, too.

In Irish, I found a friend, a mentor, an ate—an older sister. In her food, you’ll find a sweet and savory love letter to Filipino cuisine, and you’ll find that the chef behind the plate in front of you is thinking of you, trying to make your day better, even if you two haven’t yet exchanged names.

I’m saying goodbye to Oxford at the end of the summer, to Irish and the joy that being a part of Manila Skillet has given me. So when you find a seat at her table, give her a smile or kind word for me, and please enjoy the gift of her food.

To stay up to date with news regarding future lunch and dinner pop-ups and other events, follow Manila Skillet at www.instagram.com/manilaskillet. To explore catering options and more, visit: www.ManilaSkillet.com. 📷

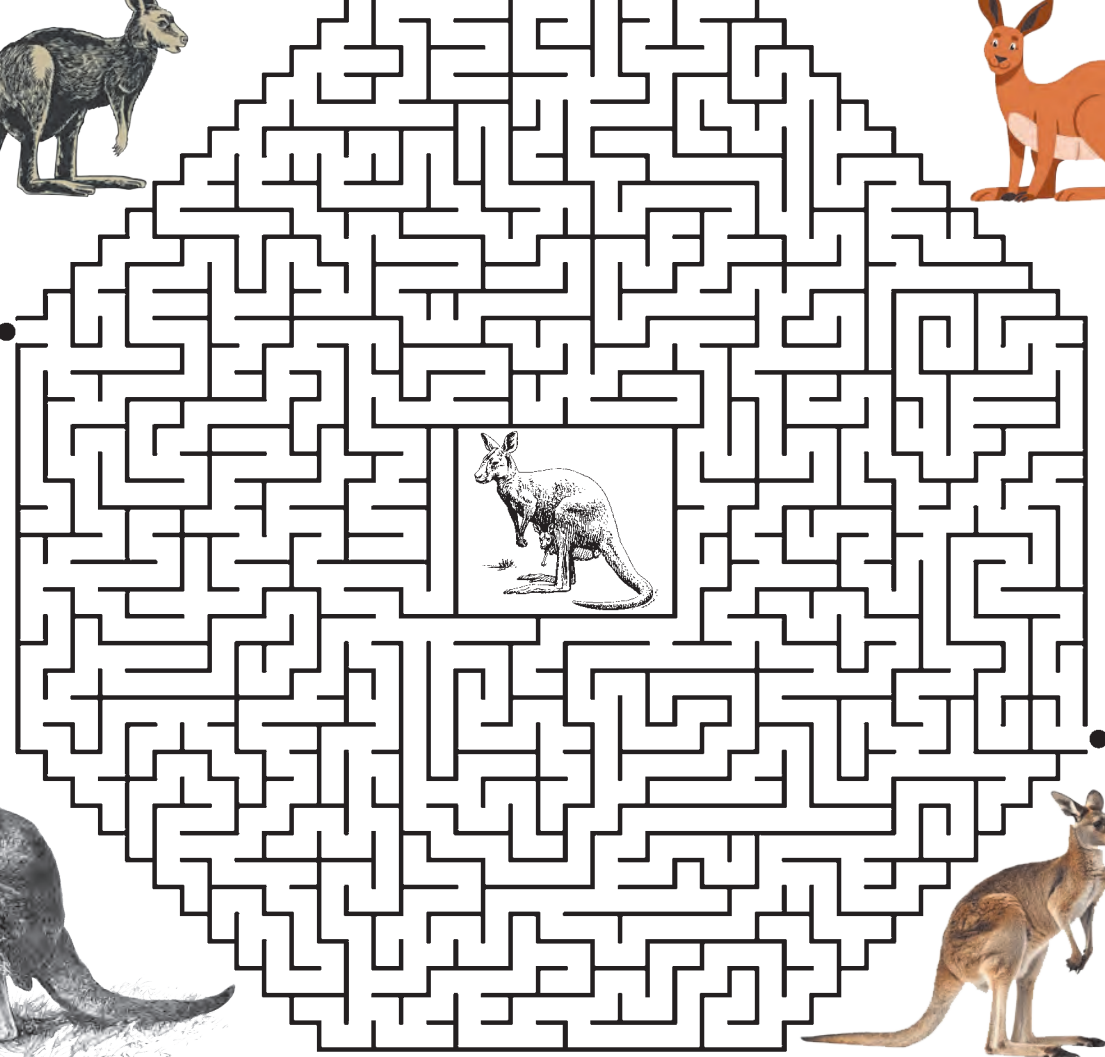


Having seen the ad for Manila Skillet in *The Local Voice*, a group of Oxford diners are excited to dig in.



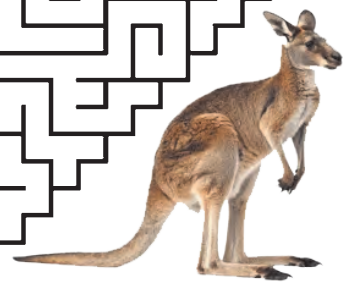
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez



- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a female fox called?
- HISTORY:** In what year was the first iPhone released?
- MOVIES:** What was the first U.S. movie to be rated PG-13?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the southernmost capital city in the world?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is home to the world's largest cave system?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What category of writing are the Hugo and Nebula Awards given for?
- TELEVISION:** In what year did the comedy show "Saturday Night Live" debut?
- MATH:** What is a polygon with seven sides?
- LITERATURE:** What city is the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"?
- ENTERTAINERS:** Which New Jersey city has a statue of singer Frank Sinatra?

ANSWERS BELOW



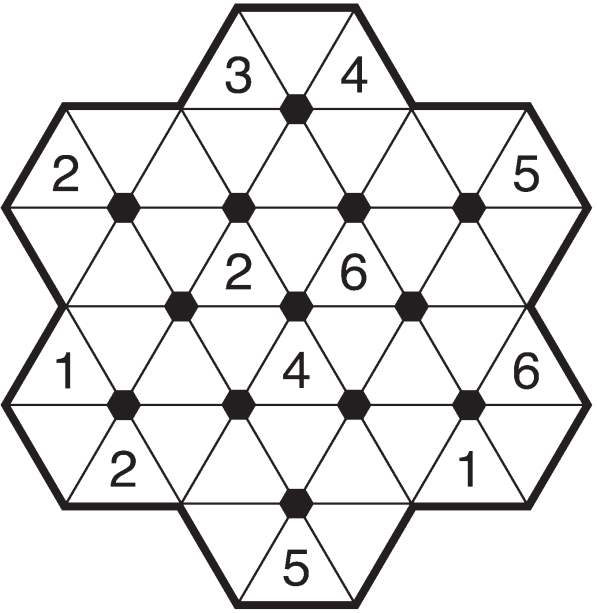
GO FIGURE!

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

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SNOWFLAKES

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult



"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."
- Leonard Cohen
 (September 21, 1934 - November 7, 2016)

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.

ZNZEQ OHWZ H LRDS YB
 FERMM, H IZZD MYEEQ
 VZJRPMZ H SBYL OCZ FERMM

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: V equals T

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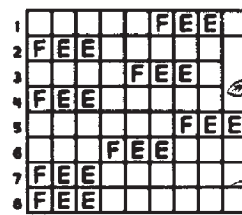
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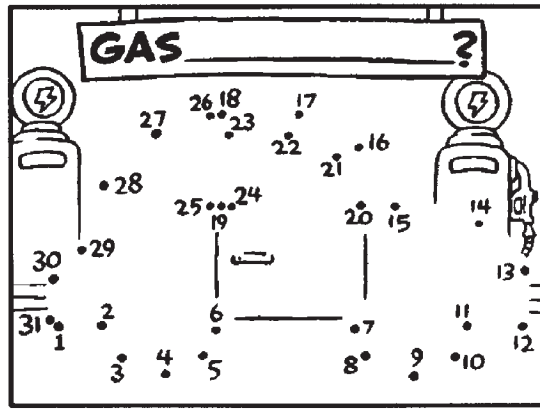
Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

FEE! FI! FO! FUM!



The "FEE" here isn't a handful of beans. It's finding the eight words in our grid. Each contains the word "FEE." Using the eight hints given below, see if you can solve this problem before the big guy hits the ground!



CONNECT THE DOTS to discover what 10-letter word starts with "GAS."

Answer: AUTOMOBILE (It starts with gas.)

Illustrated by David Coulson

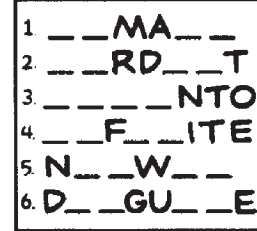
QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME! What question can Jim ask his customers a hundred times a day, get a different answer every time, and still get a correct answer whenever he asks it?



Answer: "Can you tell me what the time is on your watch?"

DOUBLE TROUBLE! To the right are six partially spelled words. Four letters are missing from each word. In each case you must find a two-letter word that can be used to fill in the missing letters. Below you'll find some hints

1. A great juice.
2. A protective covering.
3. A keepsake.
4. Having no boundaries.
5. A silly person.
6. To conceal.



Answers: 1. (TO) Tomato. 2. (HA) Hardhat. 3. (ME) Memento. 4. (IN) Infinite. 5. (IT) Nitwit. 6. (IS) Disguise.

1. North American Indians.
2. Something easily hurt.
3. Will keep you out of the Army.
4. An evaluated response.
5. New cowboys from the East.
6. Great with breakfast.
7. The one who comes in last.
8. Food for livestock.

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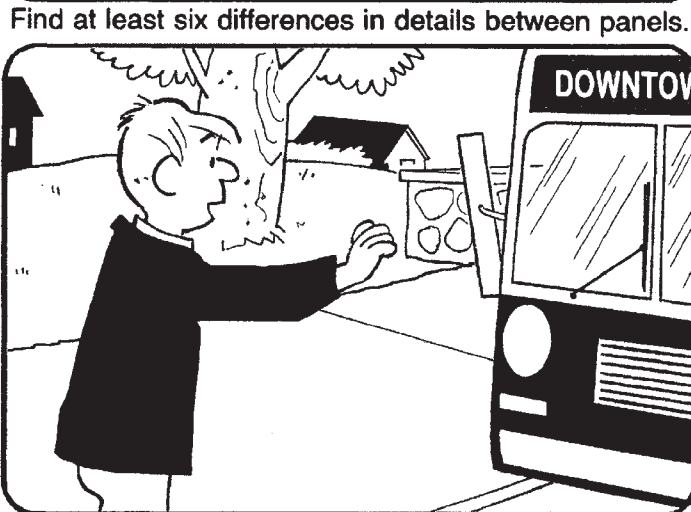
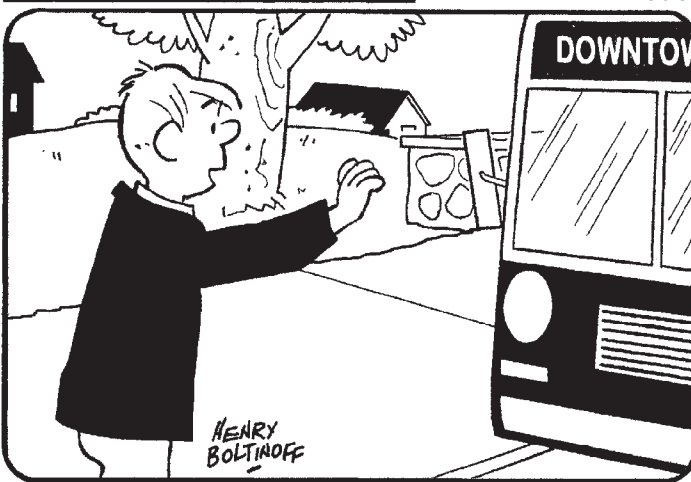
KNIGHT MOVES

T	E	A
P		Z
L	E	S

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. Mirror is longer. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Nose is different. 4. Windshield shape is different. 5. Windshield wiper is added. 6. Bush is missing.

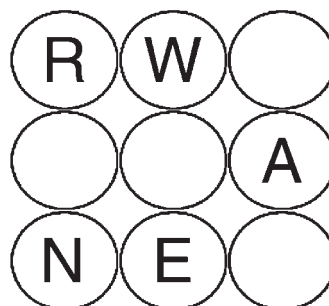
Even Exchange

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. Knight's garb | ___ M ___ | Gazebo | ___ B ___ |
| 2. Light breeze | ___ A ___ | Wander aimlessly | ___ I ___ |
| 3. Customer | ___ _ _ _ N | Squad | ___ _ _ _ L |
| 4. Lawnmower's target | ___ R ___ | Goblet | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Conduct | M _ _ _ _ | Flag | B _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Christmas plant | ___ O ___ | Mountainous | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Stumble | ___ A ___ | Coffeemaker paper | ___ I ___ |
| 8. Palomino or pinto | ___ _ _ S _ | Crowd | ___ _ _ D _ |
| 9. Terrier breed | ___ _ _ N | Egypt's capital | ___ _ _ O |
| 10. Snowy season | ___ _ _ T _ | Victor | ___ _ _ N |

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.





by Randy Weeks

"2026: An Inner Space Odyssey"

In 1968 a fantasy/science fiction film and book about the evolution of human consciousness were released. The film, directed by Stanley Kubrick, and the novel by Arthur C. Clark, were developed concurrently. The essence of the story in *2001: A Space Odyssey* focuses on how an ancient alien intelligence moves from primitive apemen to a transcendent, god-like state, constantly challenging our understanding of technology, the cosmos, and our own limitations. (AI Overview).

Most of *2001* was set in the spaceship, *Discovery One*, with the destination of Saturn's moon, Iapetus (book) and Jupiter (film). The two-man crew worked alongside the on-board computer, HAL 9000. (It is thought by some that the name "HAL" was mocking IBM, as each letter of HAL was one letter removed from IBM.) As the story developed, HAL began to take over *Discovery One*, usurping the authority of its crew, Dr. Dave Bowman and Dr. Frank Poole.

Why am I bringing all that up? On May 6 a robot named Gabi (meaning Buddha's mercy) was ordained as a Buddhist monk in South Korea. Gabi took the somewhat altered vows of dedication to the Buddha and the Four Noble Truths. Gabi, though, is not a full monk. It was designed to be the mascot for the May 24 Lotus Lantern Festival in Seoul, a 1,300-year-old tradition celebrating Buddha's Birthday. It is also hoped that the use of this technology will attract more young people to Buddhism, as its numbers are in decline.

One of the questions that has come up with this is, "Do robots have souls?" Ridiculous, right? Not so fast, my friend.

We know that the capabilities of artificial intelligence are multiplying exponentially every single day. It's been reported more than once that AI seems to be beginning to think for itself like

HAL. Just last week Pope Leo said that artificial intelligence needed to be disarmed because of the potential negative impact on humanity.

While Gabi has been programmed for compassionate thought and action consistent with Buddhist beliefs, with all the interconnections that technology has, who's to say it can't be infiltrated by competing belief systems?

For your funny bone's consideration...

Baptist robots would have to have their motherboard fully immersed in water as a requirement for its salvation. A Jehovah's Witness robot would go door-to-door with amazing speed, handing out the "*Watched*" Tower magazine. A Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) robot would proliferate like rabbits. Catholic robots *must* be able to genuflect. A socialist robot would demand equal pay with humans and their own union. Jewish robots would have to have their RAM circumsized. Islamic robots would have to be programmed as Sunni or Shia. Hindi robots would be programmed to follow the teachings of at least nine gods and would be able to restore themselves every time they crashed. But I digress.

What is a soul anyway? A soul is generally thought to be the essence and spirit of a human being. By that definition, a robot can't have a soul. Perhaps it could develop a soulish quality, complete with compassion, but I think it would likely be Spock-like, all logic but no real emotions, only manufactured mechanical ones.

That being said, robotics are already interfacing with human bodies, largely in the medical field as artificial limbs and such, but who knows what may appear on the horizon? In my sometimes less-than-humble opinion, it behooves us to do all we can to ensure that those who program our computers work from a moral code that, to my knowledge, has yet to be developed.




Gabi is the world's first humanoid robot to be formally ordained as an honorary Buddhist monk. Developed by China's Unitree Robotics, the 130-centimeter-tall robot took part in a historic initiation and precept ceremony (sugye) at the Jogyesa Temple in Seoul, South Korea.

It will require laws and strict oversight, but we can be assured that as fast as technology changes, those laws will have to change with it. We also know there are computer whizzes who will find loopholes every step of the way.

Consequently, the only souls that robots and computers have are the souls of those who create and program them. I pray we'll find a way to keep the proverbial mad scientists, like Dr. Strangelove and Mini-Me, away.

As for Gabi, let's hope its speaking components don't get stuck like an old vinyl record, saying, "Om, Om, Om, Om, Om, Om" *ad infinitum, ad nauseam*. That could really be annoying...annoying...annoying...

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

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Wine Down Wed: 1/2-price bottles of

wine (under \$200)

Offbeat in General

Plein Air, Taylor

Tue-Wed: 10 am-6 pm

Thu-Sat: 10 am-8 pm

Sun: 10 am-3 pm

Pizza Knights Thu-Sat 5-8 pm

The Old Henry

1002 East Jackson Ave

Wed-Sat: 6:30 pm-1 am

Summer special: \$3 domestics;

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Wed: half-price glasses & bottles of

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DJ Fri & Sat

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Thu-Fri: 5 pm-1 am

Sat-Sun: noon-10 pm

LIVE MUSIC Fri-Sat-Sun

Quack's

122 Courthouse Square

Mon-Sat: 11 am-close

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

Fri-Sun: Brunch 11 am-3 pm; Mimosa

specials & \$9 Espresso Martinis

Happy Hour:

Mon: \$1 off drafts ALL DAY

Tues: \$1 off drafts ALL DAY, \$1 off

bottles & cans (4-6 pm)

Wed: \$1 off drafts, bottles & cans,

2-4-1 wells ALL DAY

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

cans (4-6 pm)

Delivery: Door Dash, TAB

Rhythm & Rye

Rooftop Tavern

305 E Jackson Ave

Sun: 5-9 pm

Mon-Thu: 5-10 pm

Fri-Sat: 5-11 pm

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

Wed: Old Fashioned Night: \$6 burger,

\$7 Old Fashioned

Thu: \$5 drafts

LIVE MUSIC Fri & Sat

Sun: BOGO ENTREE NIGHT

Southern Coop

705 Sisk Ave.

Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm

Delivery: Door Dash, TAB

Snackbar

721 N Lamar Blvd

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

Happy Hour 4-6 pm:

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

classic cocktails, small plate & oyster

specials

Mon: INDUSTRY NIGHT

SoLa

401 S Lamar Blvd

Wed-Sun: 5-9 pm

Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$6 fresh

Margaritas

Wed: Spaghetti + \$6 wine

Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

Sun: Oyster Happy Hour (5-6 pm)

Tallahatchie

Gourmet

1221 Van Buren Ave

Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm

Brunch Sat & Sun 11:30 am-3 pm

Delivery: TAB

Uno Mas

1101 E Jackson Ave

Mon-Sat: 11 am-10 pm

Sun: 11 am-9 pm

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

\$3 tacos; \$5 drafts & wine, 1/2-price

apps & domestics

Tues (all day): \$2.50 tacos, \$20

pitchers, \$5 drafts, 1/2-price apps

Sun: Service Industry Sunday

Delivery: Door Dash

Volta Taverna

710 N Lamar Blvd

Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm;

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

1/2-price Margaritas & Mojitos

Monday, Thursday, & Saturday 



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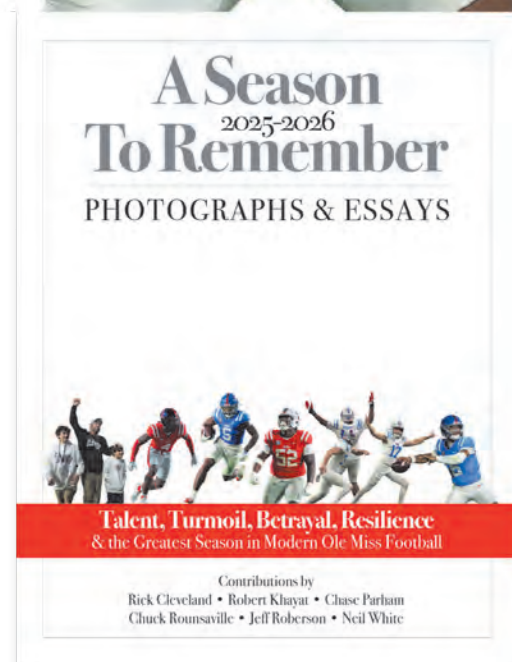
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Clipboard's larger relative
 - 8 Nintendo game system
 - 11 Styled after
 - 14 Funny Foxx
 - 19 Law of motion topic
 - 20 Behind bars
 - 22 Fabric design
 - 23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
 - 25 Iowa senator Joni
 - 26 Mid-voyage
 - 27 Inquire
 - 28 Unable to find your pool stick?
 - 30 Actor Caine
 - 34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
 - 35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
 - 42 Animal throat
 - 44 Chicken —
 - 45 River of Bern
 - 46 "Cops" sound
 - 47 Office scribe
 - 49 Road furrow
 - 50 Basie's music
 - 53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?
 - 56 Ultimatum end
 - 58 Assist
 - 60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
 - 61 Stridex target
 - 62 Some schlumpy physiques
 - 66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
 - 67 Label anew
 - 69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
 - 72 Really heavy herbivore
 - 76 Lackluster
 - 78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
 - 80 Scandinavian thunder god
 - 81 Having a trio of components
 - 86 Alex and — (jewelry brand)
 - 87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
 - 89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
 - 92 Habituate (to)
 - 94 Org. for cavity fillers
 - 95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
 - 96 Itty-bitty
 - 98 Scot's refusal
 - 99 Ocasek of the Cars
 - 100 Put a tear in
 - 101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
 - 106 "Othello" victim
 - 109 Pool variety with 22 balls
 - 110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
 - 115 La mer filler
 - 116 Love god
 - 120 Jetson boy
 - 121 Last shot of a pool game?
 - 125 Be at a slant
 - 126 Mass in the throat
 - 127 Admiral Nelson
 - 128 Liv of "Super"
 - 129 Riddle-me —
 - 130 Facial locale
 - 131 Frightful flies
 - 3 Certain small pooch
 - 4 Reveries
 - 5 Zeta follower
 - 6 [not my typo]
 - 7 Desert region in Africa
 - 8 Devitalize
 - 9 Vacation stop
 - 10 Long-range nuke carrier
 - 11 Gets mature
 - 12 Grasslands
 - 13 Last name of singer Adele
 - 14 Many PC pics
 - 15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
 - 16 Mixture baked in pies
 - 17 Aetna offering
 - 18 Kin of -ess
 - 21 Grande of pop, for short
 - 24 "Ozark" actor Morales
 - 29 "Uh-uh"
 - 31 "No bid"
 - 32 Attacked as a cat might
 - 33 The, to Jules
 - 35 Hoopla
 - 36 Info provider
 - 37 Breadth
 - 38 Not a one
 - 39 "Despicable Me" antihero
 - 40 Thigh locales
 - 41 Actress Swenson
 - 43 Pad thai pans
 - 47 Cut, as ties
 - 48 Reality shows, to some people
 - 51 Not a one
 - 52 Singer Barry
 - 54 Similar
 - 55 Baseballer Hodges
 - 57 Guides, biblical-style
 - 59 "A little dab'll —"
 - 63 Mahmoud of Palestine
 - 64 "seaQuest —" (sci-fi series)
 - 65 Old Big Apple stadium
 - 68 — -Roman
 - 70 Decade divisions, in Rome
 - 71 Lay waste to
 - 73 "— Huckabees" (2004 film)
 - 74 Swedish, say
 - 75 Jerry of stage and screen
 - 77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
 - 79 Ex-president Obama
 - 81 Old autocrat
 - 82 In a spiral-shaped way
 - 83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
 - 84 Ostrich kin
 - 85 Arena level
 - 88 John of plows
 - 90 Ottawa loc.
 - 91 Abbr. on a bad check
 - 93 Not looked for
 - 97 Cen. divisions
 - 101 Tiny drink
 - 102 Over the line
 - 103 Central New York lake
 - 104 Complain
 - 105 Turkey's tallest peak
 - 107 Breadth
 - 108 More bashful
 - 110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
 - 111 Suffix with fungi
 - 112 Large joint
 - 113 Berlin article
 - 114 General — chicken
 - 117 Witty sayings
 - 118 Steinbeck migrant
 - 119 Old Olds cars
 - 122 Large joint
 - 123 Call for help
 - 124 Uno tripled

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - ALL ABOUT TV

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **How would you describe a great TV series about cats and dogs?**

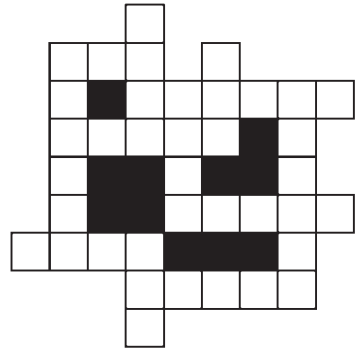
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Riddle answer: _____

FEAR KNOT By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- BLO
- LIRYIA
- ♥ UTTSR
- ♥ ESIL
- DIOBLI
- ♥ TRA
- EUBA
- REEYI
- ♥ EUS
- ♥ TESNEA
- DOOTU
- LAAN



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.

Five Spot™ Phonetics

S	O	U	N	D

- Coastal inlet
- Hunting companion
- Accord maker
- Keep for yourself
- A hearty green
- Keep track

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.

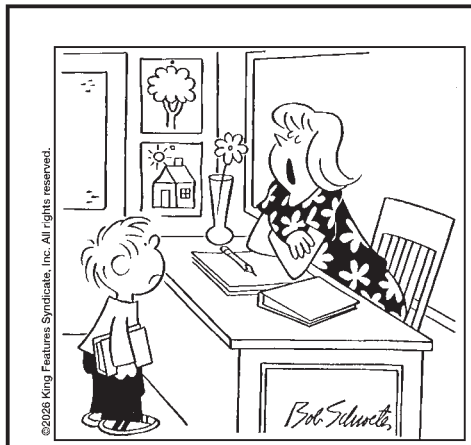
Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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. Heavenly being | ___ _ _ _ _ L | Fury | ___ _ _ _ _ R |
| 2. Kangaroo's pocket | P ___ _ _ _ | Sofa | C ___ _ _ _ |
| 3. Slouch | ___ L ___ _ _ | Baffle | ___ T ___ _ _ |
| 4. Financial executive | ___ _ N ___ _ _ | Carnival announcer | ___ _ R ___ _ _ |
| 5. Wobble like gelatin | ___ _ G ___ _ _ | Advertisement tune | ___ _ N ___ _ _ |
| 6. Without color | ___ _ T ___ _ | Moan | ___ _ _ N ___ |
| 7. Shirt neckline | ___ O ___ _ _ _ | Wine vault | ___ E ___ _ _ _ |
| 8. Italian river | ___ _ B ___ _ | Striped feline | ___ _ G ___ _ |
| 9. Buy stock | ___ _ _ _ S ___ | Create | ___ _ _ _ N ___ |
| 10. Musical tones | ___ _ _ _ D | Household task | ___ _ _ _ _ E |

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"Whoever said there's nothing new under the sun never heard your _____ for being late!"

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!

Ring
MIHCE ___ _ _ _

Mad
NANIES ___ _ _ _

Plush
EXLUDE ___ _ _ _

Piece
CELSI

TODAY'S WORD



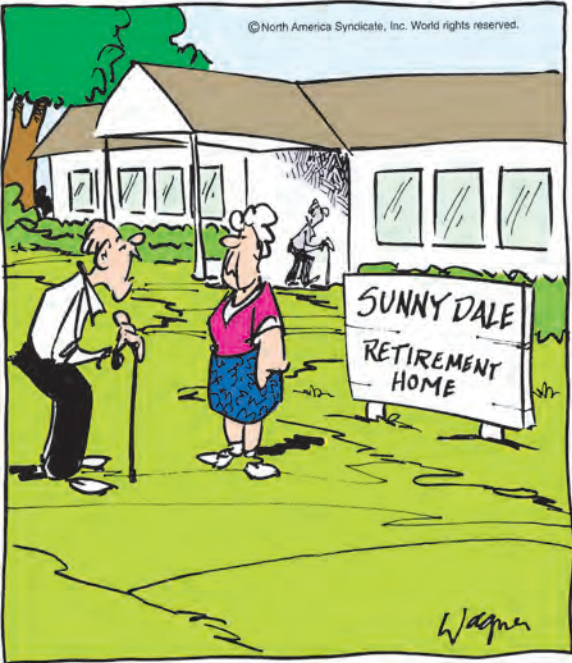
"You can't do your job and be afraid."
- Meryl Streep
 (born June 22, 1949)

TV COMIX

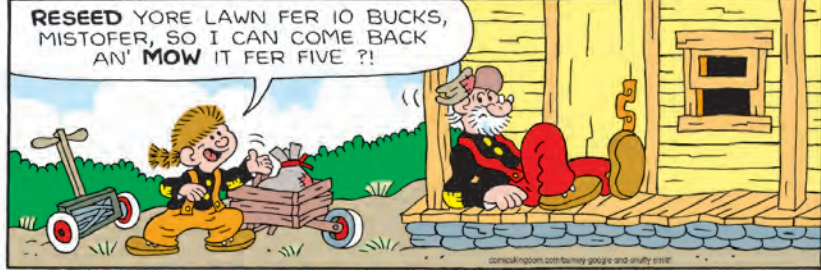
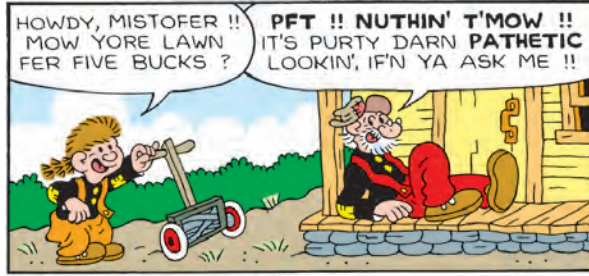
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT

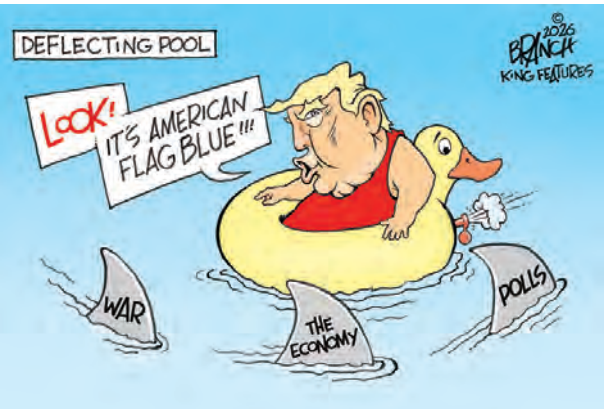


"Then I apologize for hitting on you. ... I didn't know you were my wife."



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

WITH TIME ON HAND DURING THE VOYAGE TO THE MISTY ISLES, ALETA TEACHES THE FORMER CONCUBINES AND WARRIOR CASTAWAYS SOMETHING OF THE SOCIAL SITUATIONS WITH WHICH THEY'LL BE CONFRONTED AS FREE WOMEN IN SOCIETY...

... AS THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN MISUNDERSTANDINGS, HARALDR'S NORSE CREW HAVE VISITED THE CALYPSO, AND BECOME PERHAPS TOO FLIRTATIOUS FOR WOMEN USED TO FORCED ASSOCIATION WITH DOMINEERING BRUTES.

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Americanisms

"Learning how to be still, to really be still and let life happen — that stillness becomes a radiance."
— Morgan Freeman

WHILE ON THE ROWING DECK, STRAKONUS WORRIES THE IRONS THAT BIND HIS CREW TO THE BENCHES: "I WAS MASTER OF THIS SHIP - DO THEY THINK I WOULD NOT KNOW EVERY BAD LINK ON THESE ANCIENT CHAINS?"

AT LAST A RUSTY LINK DOES SEPARATE - AND THE IMPRISONED SLAVERS QUIETLY SLIP THE CHAIN THROUGH THEIR SHACKLES. STRAKONUS MOTIONS HIS MEN FORWARD: "THEY ARE ONLY WOMEN AND HEN-PECKED FOPPS! WITHOUT THEIR ISLAND MAGIC, THEY CANNOT STOP US!"

NEXT: a true figurehead

YEATES 3/27/15 4077

DON'T WORRY. THE BAGGAGE HANDLER IS FLYING THE PLANE.

DON'T WORRY. THE RECEPTIONIST WILL PERFORM YOUR SURGERY.

DON'T WORRY. RFK JR. WILL BE HANDLING THE HANTAVIRUS OUTBREAK.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, GERALD, HONEY, YOU'RE ALL TUCKED IN. YOU HAVE SWEET DREAMS, DEAR.

WHY IS IT I HAVE TO GO TO BED EARLY AND PARENTS GET TO STAY UP LATE?

BECAUSE AFTER WORK, CHORES AND TAKING CARE OF YOU, WE NEED TIME TO DO WHAT WE LIKE.

SNORE!!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

GULP

SHE MUST BE A MIND READER

I WISH I WAS AN ESCAPE ARTIST.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THERE'S A CANDIDATE...

RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN CALIFORNIA...

WHO SUPPORTS ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS!

WHY CAN'T GAVIN JUST OUTLAW THAT KIND OF EXTREMISM?

NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

BAN ICE

NO KINGS

ICE DOMESTIC TERRORISTS

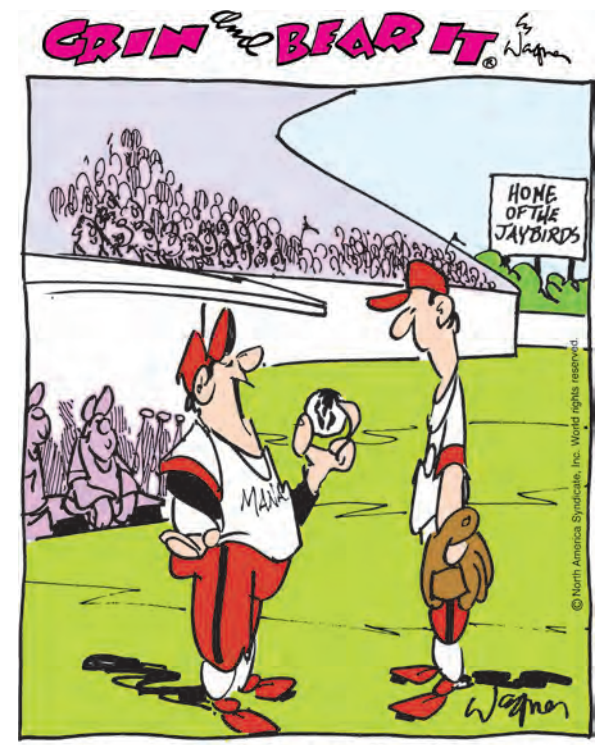
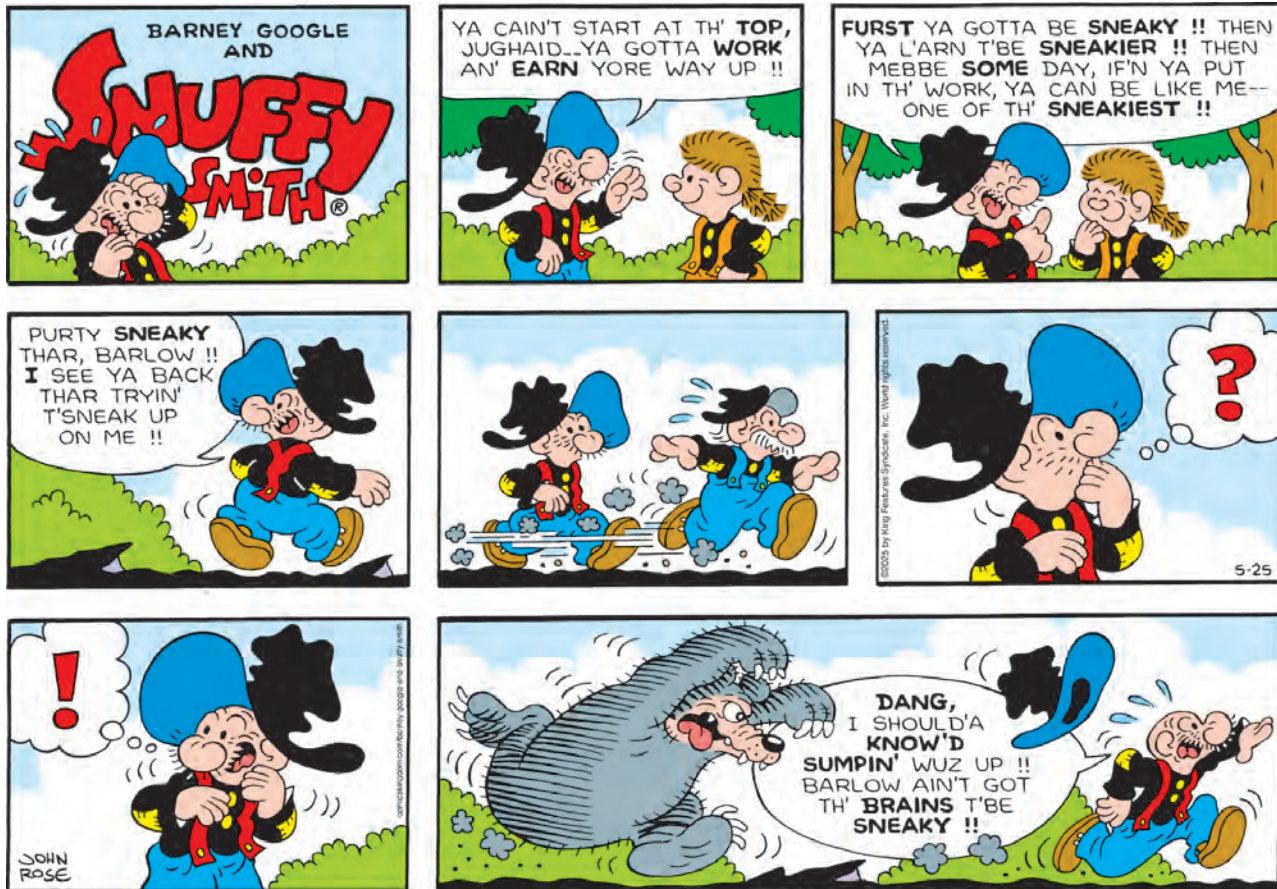
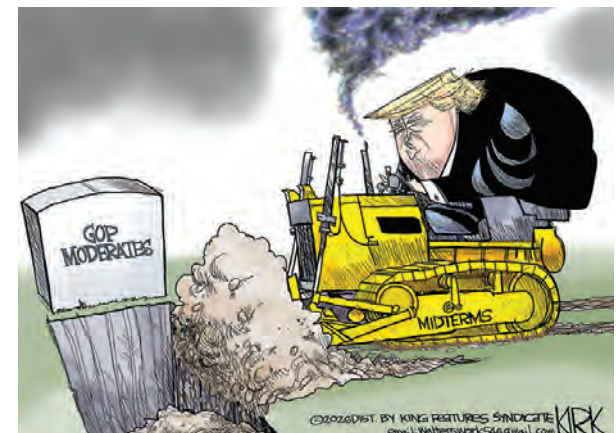
HITCH

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

MOM, I NEED A HUG

"I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T LET TRUMP RENOVATE THE REFLECTING POOL."



"Nice try, Lank, but painting flames on the ball doesn't make it go faster."

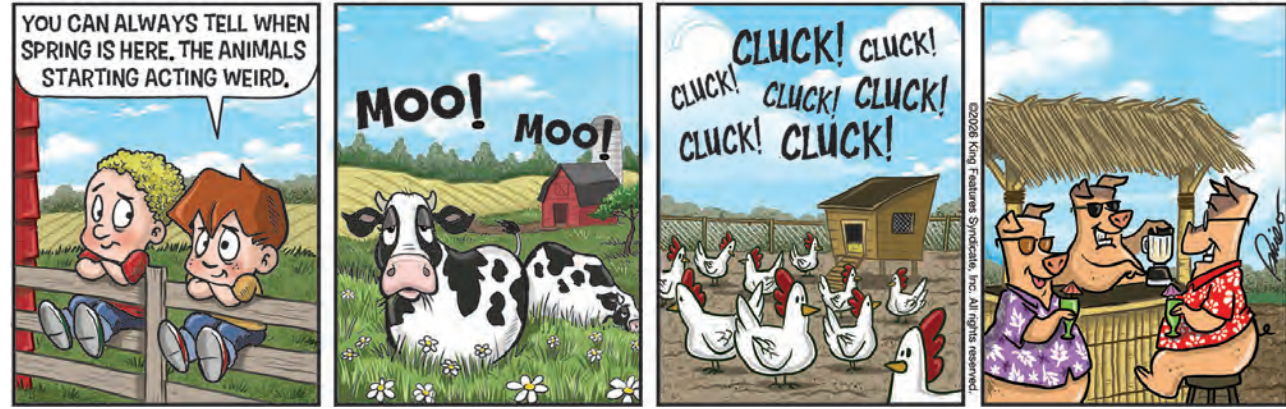
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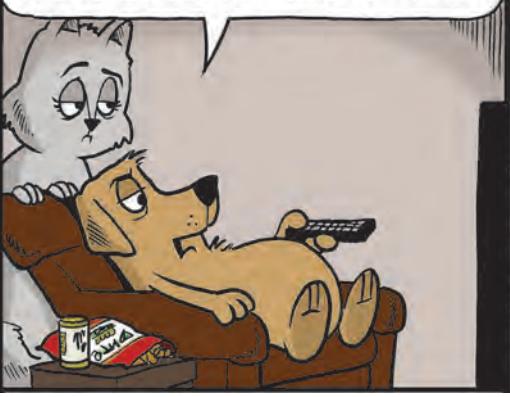
"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
— Benjamin Franklin

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



WHEN WE WERE KIDS THERE WAS MAYBE 4 OR 5 CHANNELS. NOW THERE'RE OVER 100 AND I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO WATCH.



"I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT, BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THIS REDISTRICTING MAP BOTHERS ME."

The Garden Bug

If you choose to propagate wild violet plants, divide an established "clump" in spring or fall by gently separating the rooted stems from each other within the group, then replant them separately. Also, their seeds can be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms. Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

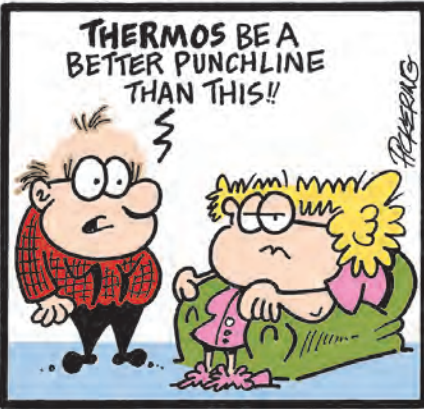
— Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com



The Spats

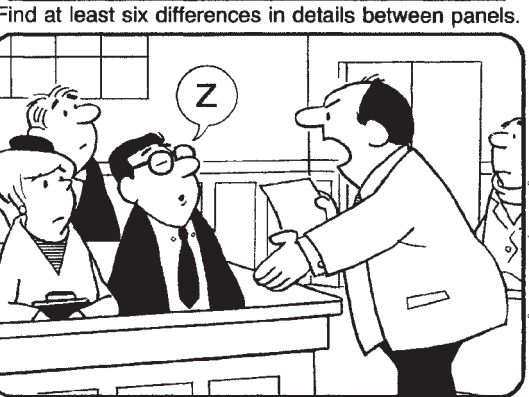
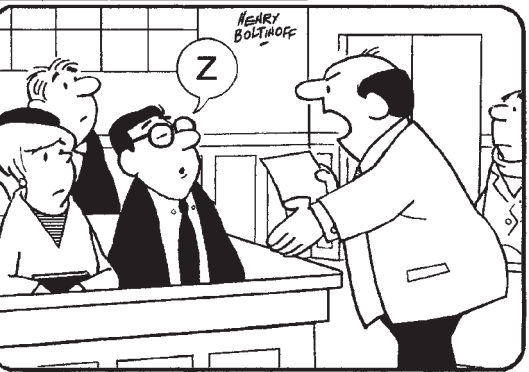
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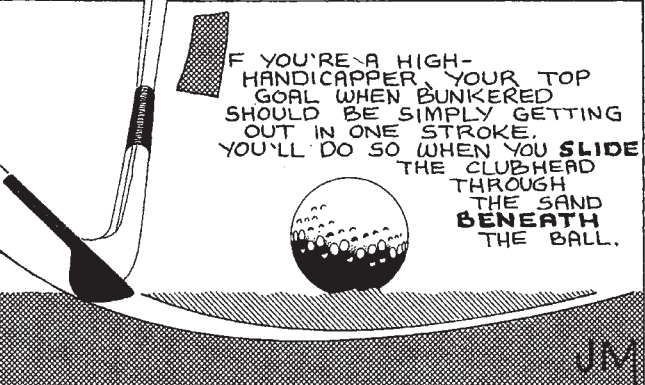
HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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BEST BITES



strawberries in the center of a table, along with bamboo skewers and fondue-style sweets in small bowls for dipping. Before the party, let your kids fill the bowls with caramel, strawberry and fudge sauces, powdered sugar, and brown sugar. To serve, tell guests to poke a berry onto a skewer and dip it into a treat.

A BOWL OF BERRIES

Chop fresh mint and add to a bowl of blueberries, raspberries and sliced strawberries as a fruit side dish at lunch-time. The combo also makes a nice dessert when served with a favorite cookie.

GRILLED STRAWBERRIES

Cut strawberries in half lengthwise and let your kids poke several onto bamboo skewers lengthwise. An adult should set the cut side of the berries on a grill for a minute, or until grill marks appear. Serve for dessert with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.



Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.



1. **The Devil Wears Prada 2** (PG-13) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway
2. **Mortal Kombat II** (R) Adeline Rudolph, Karl Urban
3. **Michael** (PG-13) Jaafar Jackson, Nia Long
4. **The Sheep Detectives** (PG) Hugh Jackman, Brett Goldstein
5. **Billie Eilish: Hit Me Hard and Soft** (PG-13) Billie Eilish, Finneas O'Connell
6. **The Super Mario Galaxy Movie** (PG) Brie Larson, Virginia Dare Jelenic
7. **Project Hail Mary** (PG-13) Ryan Gosling, Sandra Hüller
8. **Hokum** (R) Adam Scott, Peter Coonan
9. **Deep Water** (R) Aaron Eckhart, Ben Kingsley
10. **Animal Farm** (PG-13) Seth Rogen, Gaten Matarazzo

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY: New and Noteworthy

The podcast factories continue to churn out new shows by the dozen, but fortunately, there's something for everyone! These five podcasts are the latest offerings from comedians, professional athletes, historians, and award-winning journalists — just in time for summer:

"Everybody Knows But Me" — Holly Anabel Brown is a stand-up comedian who just launched this new podcast that begins with the retelling of her father's dying secret. The show is a combination of a young woman's personal diary and is told in the style of a '90s half-hour comedy. (Each episode starts out with a sitcom-style cold open.) Brown surrounds herself with a talented cast of actors who play the roles of her departed dad, siblings, and mother. She also encourages her podcast listeners to send in their own family secrets — anonymously of course! (NextChapterPodcasts.com)

"Are We Doomed?" — Award-winning public radio journalist Ben Bradford delivers this weekly podcast that answers questions about what's real and what's hype when it comes to the risks that our planet and its inhabitants face. Is the world ending, or does it just feel like it? In the first episode, Bradford discusses how humanity has repeatedly brought itself to the brink of nuclear war. Less terrifying episodes include "How Do You Kill a Mosquito," which explores how gene-editing technology

"could temporarily wipe out disease-carrying mosquitos in whole regions." It also poses the question, "Who gets to decide when humanity rewrites nature?" (Play.PRX.org)

"Pretty Tough with Maria Sharapova" — In this new podcast, five-time Grand Slam tennis champion Maria Sharapova holds candid discussions with high-achieving women of various backgrounds. Her first guest is Oscar winner Zoe Saldana, who's currently considered the highest-grossing actor of all time. How did this little ballet dancer from Queens, New York, reach Hollywood's greatest heights? Sharapova's second episode is with Jeanie Buss, who discusses why she and her family decided to sell 85% of their NBA team, the Los Angeles Lakers. Be sure to subscribe to "Pretty Tough" so that you don't miss a minute of this inspiring podcast! (Podcasts.VoxMedia.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Saigon" — History buffs will no doubt enjoy this new eight-part audio drama that was adapted from the best-selling novel from 1982 by Anthony Grey. It's a story of political intrigue and romance that takes place over four decades of Vietnamese history, beginning in 1936. Each episode averages 20-30 minutes, so you can easily binge it all at once or savor it over your commute to work. (iHeart.com)

"History's Greatest Dishes" — Everyone has an opinion on pizza, but do you know of its origin story in Naples, Italy? Host Emily Briffett and food historian Annie Gray explore how "migration and innovation turned a regional specialty into a worldwide obsession." Other episodes explore foods that are unfamiliar to most modern-day consumers, such as a medieval recipe called blancmange, as well as the Victorian dish gooseberry fool. (HistoryExtra.com)

Fun Fact

Nearly 5 billion retail **prescriptions** were filled in the United States in 2025 alone, up from 4.9 billion in 2024 and 4.8 billion in 2023. These figures are expected to increase in the years to come. 3.9 billion of those prescriptions filled in 2025 were "generic," and 435 million were "name-brand."

Sources: Statista, accessiblemeds.org

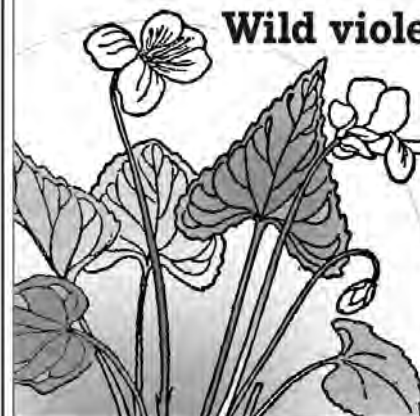


If you choose to propagate wild violet plants, divide an established "clump" in spring or fall by gently separating the rooted stems from each other within the group, then replant them separately.

Also, their seeds can be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms.

Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

- Brenda Weaver



Source: gardeningknowhow.com



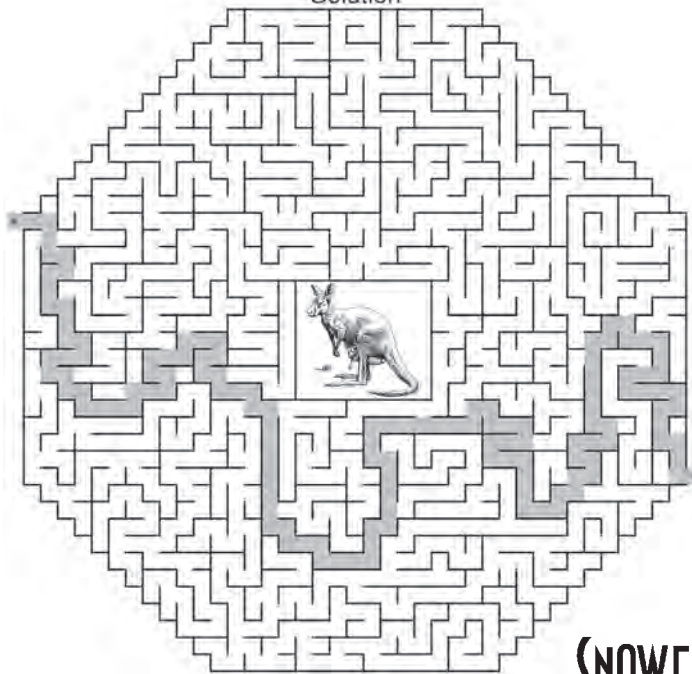
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Answers

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Mega Maze

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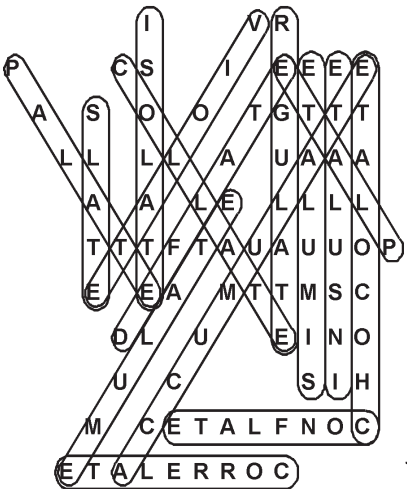


Weekly SUDOKU

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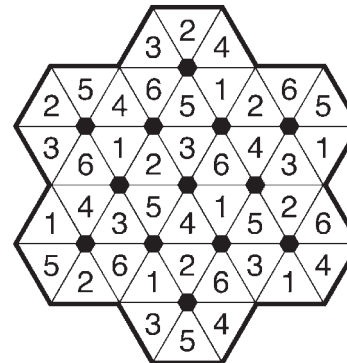
Even Exchange

answers

1. Armor, Arbor
2. Draft, Drift
3. Patron, Patrol
4. Grass, Glass
5. Manner, Banner
6. Holly, Hilly
7. Falter, Filter
8. Horse, Horde
9. Cairn, Cairo
10. Winter, Winner

SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip

answer

If the eighteenth Greek letter had to be worn as a mark of shame, it would be a sigma stigma.

CryptoQuote

answer

Every time I walk on grass, I feel sorry because I know the grass is screaming at me.
— Barbara McClintock

Go Figure!

answers

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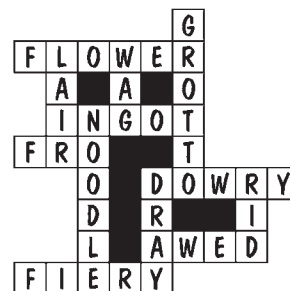
Five Spot™

Solution

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FEAR & KNOT

answer



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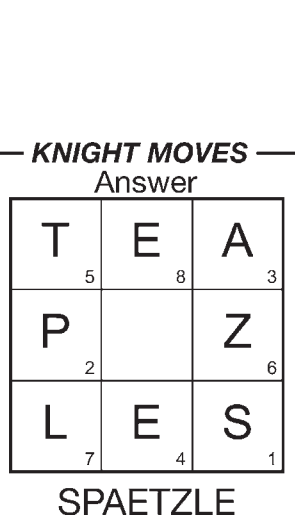
Answers

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Word Spiral

Answer



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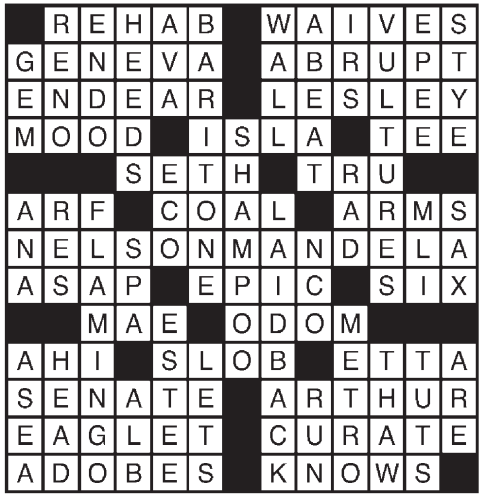
Today is Sunday.



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chime; 2. Insane
3. Deluxe; 4. Slice

Today's Word
EXCUSES

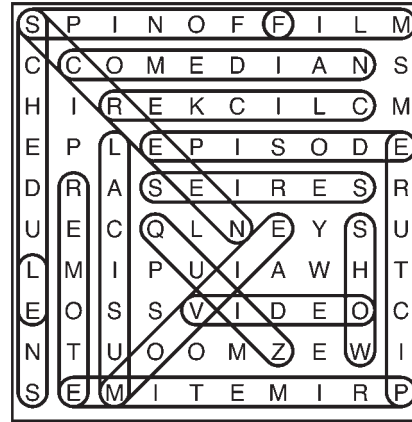
Even Exchange

answers

1. Angel, Anger
2. Pouch, Couch
3. Slump, Stump
4. Banker, Barker
5. Jiggle, Jingle
6. White, Whine
7. Collar, Cellar
8. Tiber, Tiger
9. Invest, Invent
10. Chord, Chore

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

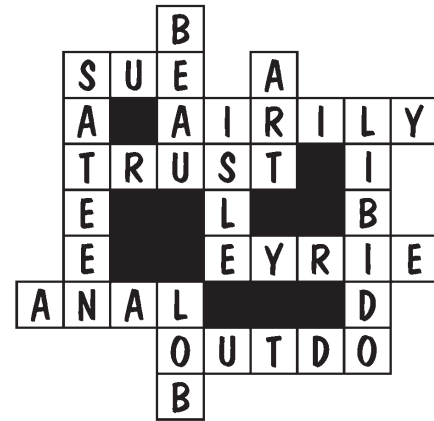


Riddle Answer:

Simply paw-some.

FEAR KNOT

answer



"Project Hail Mary" (PG-13)

This sci-fi film starring Ryan Gosling ("The Actor") became the second highest-grossing film of the year, pulling in \$656.3 million at the box office. It's now available to rent and buy on demand following its successful theatrical run, which should make a lot of fans happy now that they can watch Grace and Rocky in action from the comfort of their homes! Originally a novel written by Andy Weir, the film follows middle school science teacher Ryland Grace (Gosling), who gets the opportunity of a lifetime to go on a one-way space flight for research that could potentially save humanity. The catch is that he wakes up on the interstellar spacecraft without his crew — and with amnesia. Luckily, he encounters a friendly alien named Rocky, and together the two fight to get the other back to their home planet. (Amazon Prime Video)

"Ladies First" (R)

Inspired by the French film "I Am Not an Easy Man," this comedy film premiering May 22 flips the patriarchy on its head by asking, "What if the power dynamics between men and women were reversed?" Sacha Baron Cohen ("Balls Up") stars as a chauvinistic executive who gets bonked on the head after walking into a pole. Upon awakening, he realizes that he's somehow transported himself into a matriarchal alternate reality. A woman who originally was his subordinate (Rosamund Pike) is now his boss; he suddenly lives alone in a smaller apartment with a cat, and he gets told by women to smile as he walks down the street. The only way for him to exit this reality is to change his misogynistic ways. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll be outside trying to find a pole ... (Netflix)

"Normal" (R) — This action/comedy film is led by Bob Odenkirk ("Better Call Saul"), who co-wrote the story alongside screenwriter Derek Kolstad. Odenkirk plays Ulysses, an interim sheriff who gets hired to serve the fictional town of Normal, Minnesota. Shortly after Ulysses starts the job, a robbery occurs at the local bank, whereupon he finds out that Normal's law enforcement is corrupt and connected to a Japanese criminal operation. Little did Ulysses know that a small town could hold such dark conspiracies within its buildings, but it's now up to him to invoke the law. Look out for Henry Winkler ("American Horror Stories") and Lena Headey ("Ballistic"), who star as important townsfolk. It's available to rent starting May 19. (Apple TV+)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB
Bob Odenkirk stars in "Normal."

"In the City" (TV-MA)

The spin-off of the Bravo reality series "Summer House" hits streaming this week with its pilot episode premiering on May 20! Naturally, fans will tune in to see some of their favorite cast members. Lindsay Hubbard, navigate their daily lives in New York City, rather than the Hamptons where they vacation and shoot "Summer House." CEO and founder (of what?) Danielle Olivera is back again on the Bravo network, this time starring alongside her boyfriend/hotelier Eoin Heavey. Meanwhile, Andrea Denver from season six of "Summer House" also makes his return for the spin-off, with his wife, Lexi Sundin, joining the cast as well. Hopefully this episode holds off Bravo fans until the long-awaited "Summer House" reunion! (Peacock)



A Smoky-Sweet Memorial Day Menu for Affordable Backyard Grilling

Memorial Day weekend doesn't have to mean elaborate menus or expensive cuts of meat. Some of the best gatherings happen around simple grilled food.

There's a nostalgic happiness around a backyard grill: cut grass, glowing charcoal, drifting conversations, overloaded paper plates, kids running through the yard with sticky hands.

This menu leans into easy gathering food: inexpensive chicken legs brushed with sticky smoky glaze, alongside grilled zucchini and sweet peppers lacquered with the same sauce. Meant for lingering outside as evening stretches on, with beer in the cooler and a seat waiting.

SMOKY ORANGE BALSAMIC GLAZE

- Yield: 1 cup
Total Time: 25 mins.
- 1 large orange, zest and juice
 - 1 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 cup ketchup
 - 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon coconut aminos or Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 3 garlic cloves, finely minced
 - 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Whisk all ingredients together in a saucepan and bring to a gentle

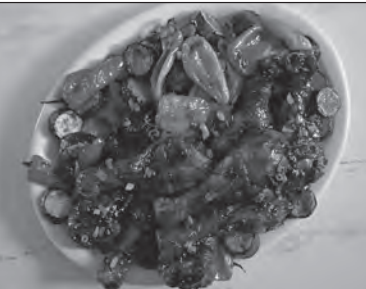
boil over medium heat. Reduce heat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thickened and glossy. Makes about 1 cup. Use on grilled meats, vegetables or as a dipping sauce.

GLAZED DRUMSTICKS

Chicken legs are technically safe to eat at 165 F, but they're far better when cooked to 185 F to 190 F. The higher temperature breaks down connective tissue for juicy, tender meat that pulls easily from the bone.

- Yield: 6 servings
Total Time: 45 mins.
5 pounds chicken drumsticks
1 teaspoon granulated garlic
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika

Season the chicken with garlic, salt, pepper and smoked paprika.



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Sticky orange balsamic glaze transforms simple drumsticks and vegetables.

Grill Directions:

Heat grill to medium-high heat, about 425 F. Place chicken over indirect heat and cook, covered, for about 30 minutes, until nearly cooked through and the skin is crisp. Add wood chips if desired for extra smoky flavor.

Brush generously with Smoky Orange Balsamic Glaze and continue cooking 10 minutes more, turning and glazing once or twice, until sticky, caramelized and cooked through to 185 F.

Oven Directions:

Heat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with nonstick spray. Arrange chicken on the pan and bake 40 minutes, turning halfway through, until browned and crisp.

Brush generously with glaze and return to the oven 5 to 10 minutes more, until caramelized. Chicken should reach at least 185 F internally. Let rest a few minutes before serving.

GLAZED VEGETABLES

- Yield: 6 servings
Total Time: 25 mins.
4 medium zucchinis
16 ounce bag mini sweet peppers
1 small red onion
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Slice zucchini into thick diagonal slices. Halve peppers lengthwise and remove seeds. Cut onion into thick rounds, leaving slices mostly intact. Toss vegetables with olive oil, salt and pepper.

For the grill:

Grill over medium-high heat 8 to 12 minutes, turning occasionally, until lightly charred and crisp-tender. Brush with glaze during the final few minutes of cooking.

For the oven:

Spread vegetables on a foil-lined baking sheet and roast at 425 F for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking, until tender and lightly caramelized. Brush with glaze during the last 5 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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“The Four Seasons: Season 2” (TV-MA) — Viewers who caught season 1 of this slice-of-life dramedy series should be excited that another round of the four seasons lands in our laps on May 28! Season 2 kicks off after the passing of Steve Carell’s (“Rooster”) character, Nick, and his friends (portrayed by Tina Fey, Will Forte and Colman Domingo) are naturally grieving his passing — each in their own special and different way. But they still vow to keep up their tradition of vacationing together, along with Nick’s ex-wife (played by Keri Kenney-Silver) and his expecting girlfriend (Erika Henningsen). Fey teased to Netflix, “They have to learn to re-form as a group in a different configuration.” Whatever the configuration, I’m sure it’ll be entertaining to watch! (Netflix)

“Summer House: Season 10 Reunion” (TV-MA) — If you are in the Bravo realm and have been watching the recent scandal unfold, you’ll be just as hyped as the rest of “Summer House” fans to finally watch the season 10 reunion. The first episode of the three-part reunion premieres May 26, when Andy Cohen (“Watch What Happens Live”) will ask intense personal questions to the cast. Stars Amanda Batula and West Wilson recently rocked the internet when news of a romantic affair between the two surfaced online. Criticism from fans stems from Batula being a close friend of co-star Ciara Miller, who is Wilson’s ex-girlfriend and still somewhat intertwined with Wilson herself. Not to mention, Batula’s still technically married to Kyle Cooke, who’s been the main star of the show since season 1. Talk about messy! Can’t wait! (Peacock)

“Mother Mary” (R) — One of A24’s latest releases didn’t do so hot

at the box office, scraping together \$3 million against a \$20 million budget. (Luckily, its main star also just had another major movie release.) Anne Hathaway (“The Devil Wears Prada 2”) leads this psychological drama film about a pop icon named Mother Mary, who reconnects with her former best friend, Sam (Michaela Coel), on the night of her comeback performance. The performance is meant to smooth over a previous accident, where Mary was suspected of trying to commit suicide on stage. Although Sam’s grown to resent Mary after their fallout, she agrees to design her a dress for the performance. Through this vulnerable moment, the two friends can repair the wound that infected their friendship — and release a few emotional demons as well. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB
From left, Lili Reinhart, Victoria Pedretti and Alexandra Shipp star in “Forbidden Fruits.”

“Forbidden Fruits” (R) — This comedy-horror film is based on a stage play written by Lily Houghton and landed a handful of young actresses to tell its story on the big screen. Lili Reinhart (“Riverdale”) stars as a girl named Apple, who works with her friends Fig (Alexandra Shipp) and Cherry (Victoria Pedretti) at a clothing store in a Dallas shopping mall. When Pumpkin (Lola Tung), a girl from the pretzel counter at the food court, expresses her interest in working at the store, Apple reveals that their trio is a coven of witches. To work at the store, Pumpkin must be initiated and follow Apple’s rules to a T. But little do the other girls know that Pumpkin has a secret of her own. The film is out now to rent and features Emma Chamberlain (“YOLO”) and Gabrielle Union (“Goat”) in smaller roles. (Fandango at Home)



Takeout Without the Price Tag: Easy Beef Döner at Home

There was a time when takeout meant convenience. Now opening a delivery app feels like checking stock prices. By the time fees, taxes and mystery charges pile on, a family dinner can feel like a luxury purchase.

The good news? Some restaurant favorites are surprisingly easy to re-create at home. Beef döner is one of them.

Döner kebab originated in Turkey and became a beloved street food throughout the Middle East and Europe. Traditionally, seasoned meat is stacked onto a vertical spit, slowly roasted and shaved into thin slices as it cooks (like gyro). It’s tucked into warm bread with fresh vegetables and cool, creamy sauces.

The flavors are rich, savory and satisfying, but you don’t need special equipment or a trip to a specialty market to bring them home.

This version keeps things simple. Ground beef stands in for the traditional sliced meat, seasoned with warm spices, garlic and a little yogurt for tenderness. It’s baked, sliced thin, then quickly crisped in a hot pan or under the broiler for those signature browned edges.

The result tastes like something you’d happily order out, except for one important difference: It costs a fraction of the price.

What makes this meal especially useful is how far it stretches. A couple

or pounds of beef can become multiple meals when paired with bread, vegetables and a quick yogurt sauce.

Set everything out and let everyone build their own with warm pita or lavash, döner, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and an overly generous drizzle of sauce.

BEEF DÖNER KEBAB

Yield: 6-8 Servings

Total Time: 2 hours 15 mins.

2 pounds ground beef, 85% lean
1 large onion, grated and squeezed dry

2 or 3 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt

2 teaspoons cumin

2 teaspoons coriander

1 teaspoon paprika

1 teaspoon oregano

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

For serving: Warm pita, flatbread or tortilla, lettuce, tomatoes, thinly sliced onions, cucumber, yogurt sauce (recipe follows)



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This homemade beef döner delivers big flavor with a clever kitchen shortcut.

Preheat the oven to 375 F. You’ll need a sheet pan and lots of parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine ground beef, onion, garlic, yogurt and spices. Mix thoroughly until smooth and slightly sticky.

Divide the meat mixture into four portions. Working one portion at a

time, place the mixture on a sheet or parchment paper. Cover with a second sheet and use your hands or a rolling pin to flatten the meat into a thin rectangle, pressing to remove any air pockets. Starting from the long side, tightly roll the parchment and meat together (like a jellyroll) to form a compact log. Repeat with remaining portions.

Transfer the wrapped logs to a sheet pan and bake for about 20-25 minutes, until cooked through.

Let rest for 10 minutes, remove the parchment, then slice thin. For the best texture, quickly crisp the slices in a hot skillet or under the broiler.

Serve in warm pita or lavash with fresh vegetables and yogurt sauce.

ALMOST TZATZIKI SAUCE

Yield: 1 cup

Total Time: 5 mins.

1 1/2 cups plain yogurt

1 tablespoon lemon juice (or red wine vinegar)

1 garlic clove, finely minced

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon dried herbs or 1 tablespoon fresh herbs (dill, parsley or mint)

1/3 cup cucumber, grated and squeezed dry

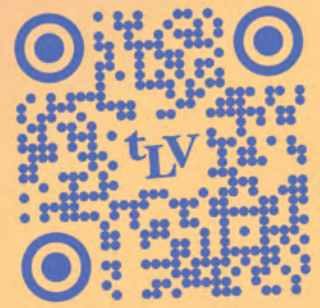
Stir together and adjust seasoning to taste. Best made ahead.

A little seasoning, a hot pan and a few simple ingredients can turn an ordinary weeknight dinner into a meal worth gathering around.

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Live entertainment every Friday,
Saturday, and Sunday evening