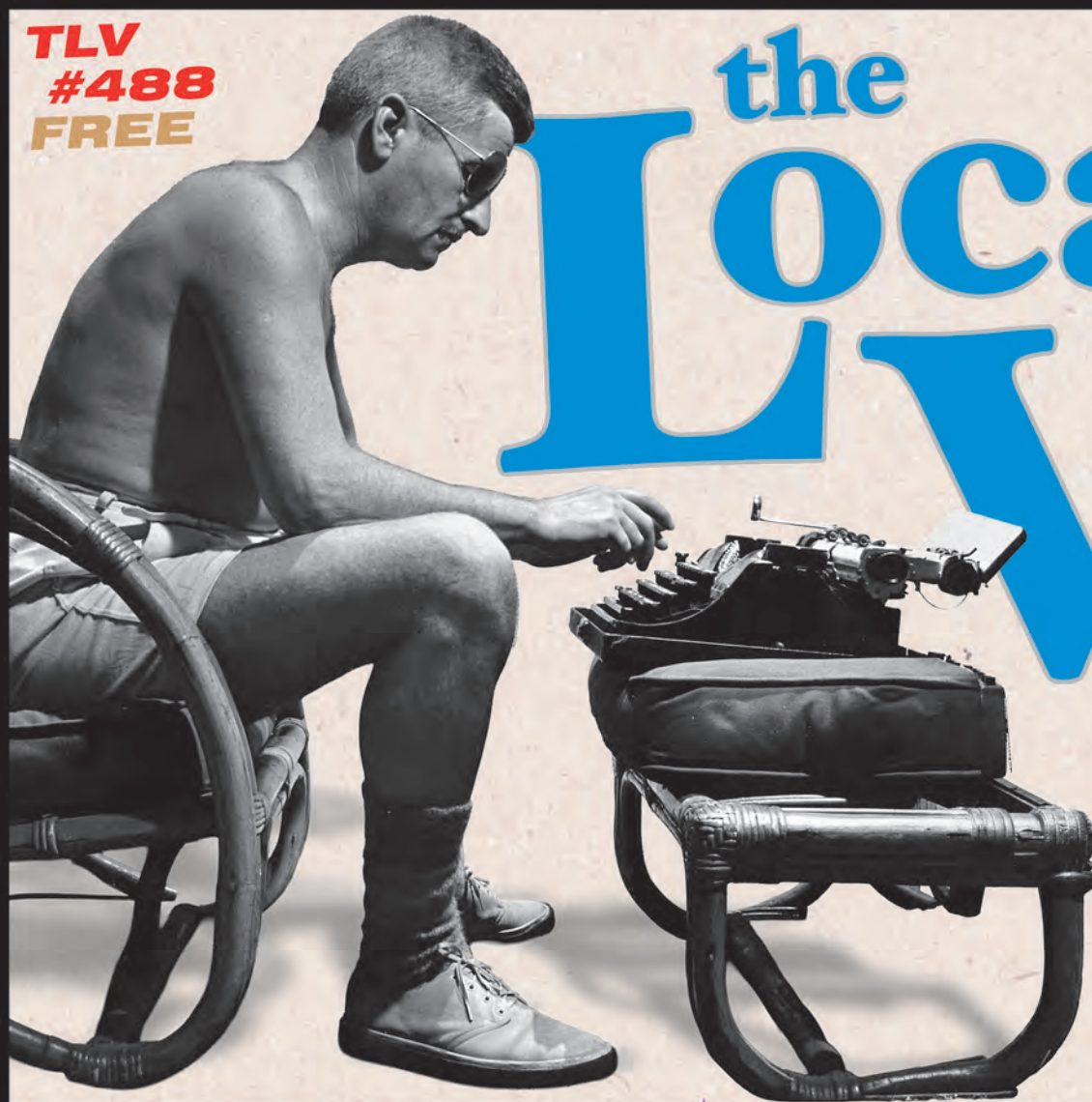


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Oxford's Culinary Scene Takes Center Stage at Bit of the Sip



From sushi rolling and martini-making classes to Hawaiian-inspired cuisine and local craft beer, Oxford's annual **Bit of the Sip** festival invites residents to experience the city's growing culinary scene in a way that goes far beyond a traditional food festival. Taking place at multiple venues over a long August weekend, there is sure to be something for everyone.

Madalyn Huey, Creative Director at the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, says one of the reasons she enjoys working at the **Powerhouse** is that "no two days are the same." She and her team have spent the last six months planning a long weekend filled with local cuisine, creative cocktails, and community engagement.

"We have events here year-round, so they all overlap," Huey said. "Recently we had a big fundraiser in June. It was an Argentine-style grilled dinner, so we were planning that and this at the same time."

Planning Bit of the Sip involves countless moving pieces.

"There is a lot of reaching out to event partners, bartenders, and working with liquor reps," she said. "You start early asking, 'What is this year going to look like?' From the posters to looking at culinary trends we think Oxford might love."

Huey believes Oxford's food scene is continuing to grow.

by **Suad Patton Bey**

"We are in a period of growth right now," she said. "It's fun to loop in those new and emerging businesses, get them plugged into the community, and show them off."

She also hopes attendees understand that Bit of the Sip offers something different from a traditional food festival.

"What you like is going to be different from what someone else likes. We want people to go into these spaces and experience what each chef has to offer."

Huey hopes attendees will experience Oxford's food scene in a variety of ways. In addition to restaurant events, visitors can participate in activities ranging from cheese & wine tasting and matcha & mat Pilates to a farm tour featuring dairy production and an ice cream-making class for families.

The festival will also feature **Circle & Square Brewery**, where attendees can enjoy a guided tasting while learning the story behind each brew. The tasting will take place Saturday August 8 from 1–3 pm at the brewery.

Known as the "Cultural Mecca of the South," Oxford has long been celebrated for its literary and artistic heritage. In recent years, its culinary scene has expanded alongside that reputation, with new restaurants joining longtime local favorites and creating a food culture that blends Southern traditions with international influences.

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Off Square Books: **STEPHANIE SOILEAU** for *Should the Waters Take Us* (5:30 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: Farm Market (3:30–6:30 pm)
Proud Larry's: **BACK ALLEY STRING BAND** (7:30 pm)

FRIDAY 7.24.2026

The Library: **BLUFF CITY BANDITS** (9 pm)
Rafters on the Water: **THE SILVER SAINTS** (7 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **JAMIE BAKER** (7 pm)
Magnolia Coffee (Water Valley): A Taste for Wine & Murder: A Murder Mystery Dinner (7 pm)
Proud Larry's: **JED HARRELSON** (8 pm)

SATURDAY 7.25.2026

The Library: **BLUFF CITY BANDITS** (9 pm)
Rafters on the Water: **REESE HORTON** (7 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **AMBER VIOLET** (7 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: 2nd Annual Oxford Open Black Rodeo (7:30–10 pm)
Magnolia Coffee (Water Valley): **WILL STEWARD DUO** (7 pm)
Old Armory Pavilion: Back to School with Word of Life (noon)
Proud Larry's: **LENNY KAYE** (8 pm; free)
University Museum: Back to School Bash (10 am–noon; free)

SUNDAY 7.26.2026

Rafters on the Water: **CARSON PRINCE** (5 pm)

TUESDAY 7.28.2026

University Museum: Brown Bag Summer Series: **JOHN T EDGE & BROOKE ALEXANDER** (noon)

WEDNESDAY 7.29.2026

Oxford Commons Cinema: Midweek at the Malco - *The Croods* (10 am; \$3)

FRIDAY 7.31.2026

The Library: **THE FENTS** (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **BRADY REES** (7 pm)
Oxford & Lafayette Public Library: Storytime w/ UM Museum (10:30 am)

SATURDAY 8.01.2026

The Library: **THE FENTS** (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **THE PISTOL & THE QUEEN** (7 pm)
Magnolia Coffee (Water Valley): Music at Magnolia (10 am)
Oxford Conference Center: 2026 United Way Flashback Bash (6 pm)
Paragon Bank: Cocktail Reception and Storytelling Competition (6 pm)
Shuffield Park (Water Valley): Classic Car & Truck Show (9 am–2 pm)

SUNDAY 8.02.2026

SoLa: Tomato Dinner (6 pm)

TUESDAY 8.04.2026

Proud Larry's: **DESIERTO SONORO** (7 pm)

THURSDAY 8.06.2026

Bit of the Sip Festival:
• Jinsei: **SUSHI BATTLESHIP** (5–7 pm)

FRIDAY 8.07.2026

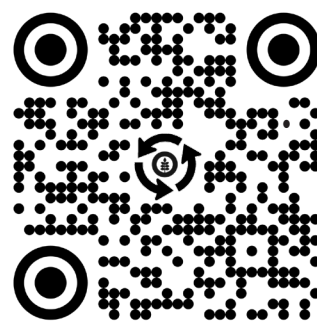
Bit of the Sip Festival:
• The Powerhouse: **IRON BARTENDER** (7 pm)

The Library: **HALF DOLLAR RODEO** (9 pm)

Rhythm & Rye: **KODY HARRELL** (7 pm)

SATURDAY 8.08.2026

Bit of the Sip Festival:
• The Old Army Pavilion: Matcha & Mat Pilates (9:30 am)
• Loco Taco: Shake, Salt & Sip Margarita Masterclass (noon)
• Circle & Square: Brewery Tour & Tasting (1–3 pm)
• Wonderbird Tasting Room (The Lyric): Wonderbird Gin Tasting Experience (2 pm & 5 pm)
• Chicory Market: Sip & Slice: Cheese & wine pairing experience (3 pm)
• Brown Dairy Farm: The Sweetest Farm Tour (4 pm & 6 pm)
• Velvet Ditch: Shaken Not Stirred: Martini Masterclass (4 pm)
• 612 McClarty Rd.: Just Roll With it Sushi Class (6 pm)
• Toad's Tobacco (Water Valley): The Humidor Hour: Cigar Tasting & Appreciation Event (6 pm)
• Rhythm & Rye: Sunset Sips (7:30 pm)



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Tuesdays

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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

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Rhythm & Rye: **BRADY REES** (7 pm)
Proud Larry's: **THE SILVER SAINTS, POTHOLE PARADISE, THE FOGIES** (9 pm)

SUNDAY 8.09.2026

Bit of the Sip Festival:
• Old Armory Pavilion: **FOOD TRUCK FIGHT** (5-7 pm)
• Snackbar: **SNEAKY TIKI** (5-8 pm)

TUESDAY 8.11.2026

Booth's BBQ: **Gameday Door Hanger**
Paint & Sip (6 pm)
Powerhouse: **A Night For Nonprofits** (6 pm)

THURSDAY 8.13.2026

The End of All Music: **PHOEBE BRIDGERS' Lost**
Weekend Midnight Album Release Party (11 pm)
Regions Bank: **Chamber After Hours** (5 pm)

FRIDAY 8.14.2026

The Library: **THE CROWNS** (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **JAMIE BAKER** (7 pm)
Oxford Activity Center: **Oxford WeeCycle Fall Sale** (8 am)
Powerhouse: **CASA Sneaker Ball** (7-11 pm)

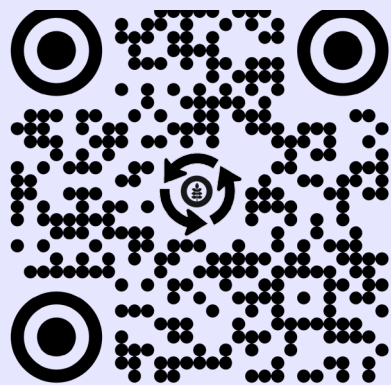
SATURDAY 8.15.2026

The Library: **THE CROWNS** (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: **LIVE MUSIC TBA** (7 pm)
Square Books: **Bookstore Romance Day** (free; all day)

Oxford Activity Center: **Oxford WeeCycle Fall Sale** (8 am)
The Powerhouse: **Magnolia Mint Card Show** (10 am-8 pm)
The Depot (Holly Springs): **Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area Presents Cole: Bridge to Justice** (doors 1 pm; screening 2 pm)
Proud Larry's: **LOCAL BRAND, THE PINK SHEETS** (9 pm)

TUESDAY 8.18.2026

Off Square Books: **DENISE KIERNAN for Obsinate Daughters** (5:30 pm) 



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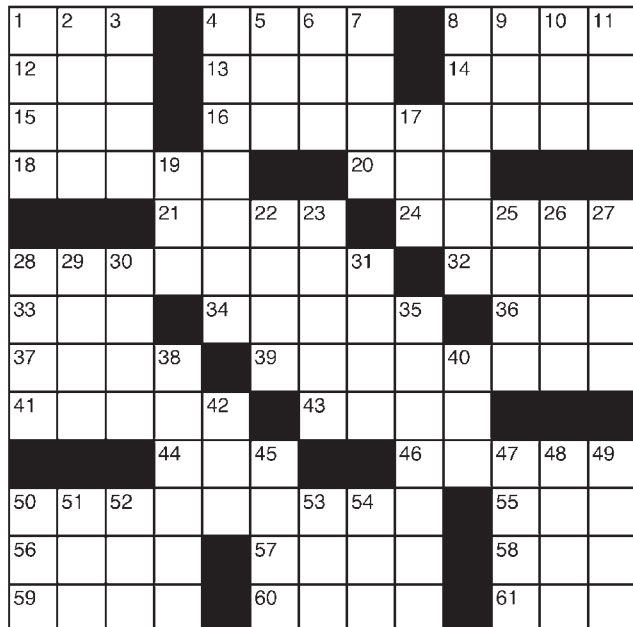


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Efron of "Parkland"
- 4 "For — the Bell Tolls"
- 8 Maui's — Highway
- 12 Rock's Brian
- 13 Continental coin
- 14 Petri dish gel
- 15 Scrape (out)
- 16 Shakable paperweight
- 18 Egypt's Anwar
- 20 Quibble
- 21 Composer Bartok
- 24 Informative
- 28 Hall & Oates ballad of 1976
- 32 Scarce
- 33 Galley item
- 34 Must, casually
- 36 Plant seeds
- 37 Radar dot
- 39 "Gems" found on a beach
- 41 "Bye!"
- 43 Poetry contest
- 44 Vat
- 46 Foolish
- 50 Scott Evil actor in the Austin



- 55 Blue bird
- 56 Saab model
- 57 Nest egg
- 58 Broad st.
- 59 Wee songbird
- 60 Lacking slack
- 61 Wine choice
- 8 Summer top
- 9 Previously
- 10 Collar
- 11 Common verb
- 17 Tonic's mixer
- 19 Six-pack muscles
- 22 Novelist Anita
- 23 Poker pot
- 25 "That — close one!"
- 26 "No seats" signs
- 27 Evergreens
- 28 Weeps
- 29 Robust
- 31 List-ending abbr.
- 35 Not for
- 38 Large constrictor
- 40 Run after K
- 42 Summer mo.
- 45 Telly watcher
- 47 Slightly open
- 48 Cathedral area
- 49 Kept tabs on
- 50 Cutting tool
- 51 Chariot trailer
- 52 Three, in Rome
- 53 Notable time
- 54 Vichy water

DOWN

- 1 Dazzling duo?
- 2 "Diana" singer
- 3 Not single-sex
- 4 Locale in "The Great Gatsby"
- 5 Attila, e.g.
- 6 Acapulco gold



- 1. "Easy To Be Hard" was used in which rock musical?
- 2. Where did the Beatles go to record "Get Back"?
- 3. Who are Alvin, Simon and Theodore?
- 4. Which group released "Tighten Up"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I still see her standing by the water, Standing there lookin' out to sea, And is she waiting there for me?"

Answers

- 1. "Hair," in 1967. It was sung by Lynn Kellogg who was playing Sheila. Three Dog Night had a hit with the song a few years later.
- 2. They went to the roof of Apple Records in London and played for 40 minutes before the police showed up and they had to turn down the volume. The song was credited to "The Beatles with Billy Preston."
- 3. The Chipmunks, a fictional cartoon group that released "Christmas Don't Be Late" in 1958. Creator Ross Bagdasarian sang all three parts by speeding up his recording. Over the years, the Chipmunks have had a TV series, a film and a video game.
- 4. Archie Bell & the Drells, in 1968.
- 5. "Galveston." It was a hit for Glen Campbell in 1969. Don Ho, however, had released the song the previous year.

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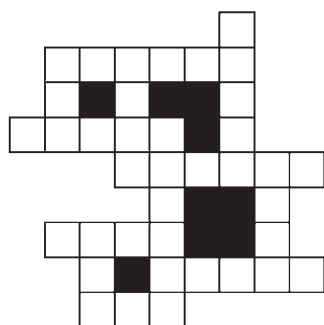
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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- BETLUS
- TPU
- PECI
- PENUD
- BTU
- SPUTHY
- OYENB
- USNP



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

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Off-guard way to be caught
- 9 Bread has a lot of them
- 14 Anchorage locale
- 20 Aspire to something specific
- 21 Love, in Lido
- 22 Hoped for
- 23 Founder of the Miracles
- 25 Lodged
- 26 Pulley part
- 27 With long suffering
- 29 Rajah's wife
- 30 Alternatives to Cokes or Pepsis
- 33 — -mo
- 34 Twice LI
- 35 Raptor's claw
- 36 Record player
- 41 Ape in an arcade game
- 43 1307-27 king of England
- 44 Prefix with natal or con
- 46 Comic book shriek
- 47 Thick deli cut
- 48 This, in Baja
- 50 Olduvai Gorge pale-ontologist
- 57 Beer cask

DOWN

- 58 Removes (oneself)
- 60 Veteran
- 61 Europe's "Eternal City"
- 62 French battle site of '44
- 63 Doesn't skip, as an event
- 65 Reagan appointee Antonin
- 67 Speak frankly
- 71 Jungle gym
- 73 Film director May
- 74 1954-76 Dodgers manager Walter
- 76 T-man Eliot
- 77 Outing ruiner
- 78 "How was — know?"
- 79 Self-server
- 81 Some IRA contents
- 84 Master of the dog Pluto
- 88 Sundown's direction
- 89 Accepted
- 90 China's Long March leader
- 91 2012 Best Director Lee
- 93 Alternative to Match or OkCupid
- 95 It's pushed in an ice rink

ACROSS

- 101 Tart gin cocktail
- 103 Once-popular anesthetic
- 104 Certain pipe shape
- 105 Maple fluid
- 106 Tax return ID
- 107 Tiger's sound
- 108 Restricting freedom of thought
- 111 Work site welfare org.
- 115 Poppas' partners
- 117 "Arrow's Fall" novelist
- 121 Of high peaks
- 122 "Rapture" singer Baker
- 123 All aspects considered
- 124 Fitting one inside another
- 125 A-bomb trial
- 126 Index entries ... or what 10 answers in this puzzle have?

DOWN

- 1 KGB's land
- 2 Lost clown fish of film
- 3 Sitting on
- 4 Stir to life
- 5 Go gray, say
- 6 Singer Acuff

- 7 It may get plugged up
- 8 Pig food
- 9 Jenner of reality TV
- 10 Prenatal exam
- 11 Suitor's flower
- 12 Rodeo horse
- 13 Submitted, as an entry
- 14 Out of whack
- 15 Taoism's — -tzu
- 16 Inuit parka
- 17 Fr. resort port
- 18 Really into
- 19 Appending
- 24 Bottom
- 28 In this way
- 30 — Nabisco (old corp.)
- 31 World Champion Bull of 2009
- 32 Clip, as a coupon
- 35 Young kid
- 36 Study fixture
- 37 Not in use
- 38 Gala bagful
- 39 Hailed car
- 40 Thing flown in the wind
- 41 Scooby- —
- 42 Wiggling fish
- 45 Otherwise
- 49 "Still I Rise" poet Maya
- 51 Until this time

- 52 Element #26
- 53 Saudis, say
- 54 Nut with caffeine
- 55 Kuwaiti royal
- 56 Positive votes
- 58 Env. alert
- 59 Santa's bagful
- 62 Short-limbed lizard
- 64 Urban haze
- 65 Reel from a wallop
- 66 Certain skin bulge
- 67 Time in office
- 68 Jai —
- 69 Secular
- 70 Green Hornet's valet
- 72 Fried stuffed dumplings
- 75 Many a new driver
- 78 "Pass the ball to me!"
- 80 Crawl (with)
- 81 Diner worker
- 82 Concluded
- 83 Vodka brand
- 85 Part of ER: Abbr.
- 86 "Huzzah!"
- 87 Cinch — (trash bag brand)
- 89 Sister station of Flix, in brief

- 92 Give the evil eye to
- 94 — Tin Tin
- 95 Politico Cain
- 96 "Troy" actor Peter
- 97 Bites, as a horse at the bit
- 98 Muppet frog
- 99 Tracey of "Mrs. America"
- 100 Patron
- 102 Apple debut of 2010
- 105 Splinter groups
- 108 Opposite of new
- 109 Spreadable cheese
- 110 It may get plugged up
- 111 Eight, in Baja
- 112 Alternative to Heath, candy-wise
- 113 Clutched
- 114 Positive votes
- 116 Netflix's "Anne With —"
- 118 Opposite of NNW
- 119 Install, as tile
- 120 "How cute!"

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In command of one's wits

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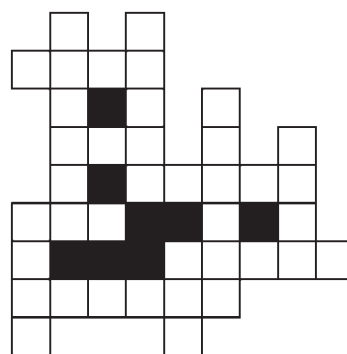
Tidy

Clooney movie role

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.



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♥ ASKET
KAOR
DISOAR
♥ ITP
RJKE
♥ UPEQI
♥ EDO
SUTRUA
PLUJE
♥ EPAS



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.

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. Shout approval | C _ _ _ _ _ | Gossamer | S _ _ _ _ _ |
| 2. Took illegally | _ _ _ O _ _ | Good taste | _ _ _ Y _ _ |
| 3. Of the mind | _ _ _ T _ _ | Tedious | _ _ _ I _ _ |
| 4. Nipped by a bee | _ _ _ _ G _ | Allotted period | _ _ _ _ T _ |
| 5. San _____ | _ _ _ E _ _ | Australian canine | _ _ _ N _ _ |
| 6. Warehouse platform | P _ _ _ _ _ | Billfold | W _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Scribble | _ C _ _ _ _ | Spread out | _ P _ _ _ _ |
| 8. No. Dakota city | F _ _ _ _ _ | Truck's load | C _ _ _ _ _ |
| 9. Confess | _ _ _ P _ _ | Hold a grudge | _ _ _ S _ _ |
| 10. June celebrity | _ _ _ _ D _ | Saltwater | _ _ _ _ N _ |

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!

Exempt
UNMIME _ _ _ _ _

Bitter
CARDI _ _ _ _ _

Accept
TOPAD _ _ _ _ _

Grove
SOFTER _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD



"It must be an exciting game — you just took a bite out of the _____!"

Puzzles4Kids

CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

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

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

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

X I Z B S F T X J N N F S T H P P E

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"Scrolling is the new smoking."

— **Joshua Fields Millburn**

(born June 29, 1981)

Capturing a Changing Landscape: Thad Lee Documents Greenfield Farm

For more than a year, photographer **Thad Lee** returned again and again to **Greenfield Farm**, documenting the historic landscape through every season before it begins a new chapter as a writers residency. The result is *Unvanquished Soil*, an exhibition that captures not only the beauty of **William Faulkner**'s former mule farm, but also a rare moment in its long history when the property still bore the marks of decades of quiet change.

On Tuesday, July 21, Lee discussed that work during the **University Museum's Summer Brown Bag Series**, offering visitors an opportunity to learn more about the photographs and the process behind them. His presentation coincided with the continuing exhibition at the museum, where *Unvanquished Soil* invites viewers to experience Greenfield Farm through the changing light, weather, and rhythms of an entire year.

The lunchtime presentation offered Lee an opportunity to discuss not only the artistic process behind the exhibition, but also the deeply personal experience of returning to the historic property time and again, watching it change with the weather, the light, and the passage of time. One of Thad's goals was to reflect on the work featured in *Unvanquished Soil* and his experience documenting Greenfield Farm over four seasons before the landscape enters a new chapter in its history.

Greenfield Farm occupies a unique place in Mississippi's literary heritage. William Faulkner purchased the property in 1938 after selling the film rights to his novel *The Unvanquished* to MGM Studios. Decades after falling into decline following the Nobel Prize-winning author's death, the farm is now being transformed into the **Greenfield Farm Writers Residency** through the efforts of **Mississippi Lab**, led by **John T. Edge** and **Mary Wise Conaway**.

by **Davis Coen**
photographs and captions
by **Thad Lee**

Before that transformation should begin, Lee was commissioned to create a lasting visual record of the property as it exists today.

Rather than making occasional visits, Lee immersed himself in the landscape throughout 2025. Recently, he explained that he photographed the farm at least four times during each season, intentionally returning at dawn, in afternoon light, at dusk, and during dramatic weather events—including after a snowfall—to capture the property's changing moods. The result was thousands of images documenting not only the landscape itself but also the subtle rhythms of time.

Selecting the photographs for public display became an extensive collaborative process involving Edge, Conaway, and University Museum curator **Melanie Antonelli**. From thousands of photographs, only twenty-four images were chosen for the University Museum exhibition, while another twenty were selected for the companion exhibition at **Gammill Gallery**. Lee also wrote individual captions for each photograph, blending personal observations with historical research.

That writing process, he admitted, carried its own pressures.

Because the exhibition is rooted in Faulkner's legacy and includes an introduction by former **U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey**, Lee wanted the accompanying text to meet the same high standard as the photographs themselves. He credits the guidance of Antonelli, Edge, and Conaway for helping shape both the visual presentation and the written narrative.

While the photographs document barns, fields, creeks, and remnants of rural life, Lee says the project became much more than a landscape study.

He describes Greenfield Farm as a place where time itself became the central



Farmhouse Fall with Views through Windows • November 10, 2025, 3:55 PM

The farmhouse was the main character of Greenfield Farm. It pulled me up the walkway like a fish to a shiny lure. Trees seemed to push against the structure from all directions. That compression created a tension that I felt as walked onto the porch, passing an old dress shoe that had been there for years. I would sometimes ease inside though the front door or a window to explore and wonder why William Faulkner never boarded there when staying at the farm. He spent his time thirty yards or so up the walkway in what he called the "hunting lodge," which burned to the ground around 1992.



Light in August • August 25, 2025, 7:57 AM

In an interview Faulkner explained that "in August in Mississippi there's a few days somewhere about the middle of the month when suddenly there's a foretaste of fall, it's cool, there's a lambence, a soft, a luminous quality to the light, as though it came not from just today but from back in the old classic times."

This photograph was taken on my twentieth visit to the farm. My goal was to follow the light. It led me off the walkway to the soybean field, where treetops bathed in orange sunshine. I waited for the light to reach the ground.



Black Vulture atop Corn Crib •
April 22, 2025, 12:45 PM
In March, I discovered that I was being watched by a black vulture. Weeks later, I was startled by its booming footsteps atop the corn crib's tin roof. It lived there. Inside was a dustless circle on the floor where the bird rested.
John T. Edge asked me if I knew of Faulkner's quote, "If I were reincarnated, I'd want to come back a buzzard. Nothing hates him or envies him or wants him or needs him. He is never bothered or in danger, and he can eat anything."
Some small part of me believed the bird was Faulkner.

subject. Each visit revealed something different, whether through changing vegetation, shifting light, or seasonal weather. Located beside **Puskus Creek** within the **Holly Springs National Forest**, the farm offered an isolation that



Farmhouse Interior, Tumbledown Fireplace of North Central Mississippi Clay Bricks •
March 20, 2025, 7:02 PM

There were two fireplaces in the farmhouse. One warmed what was likely the den and the other heated the bedroom adjacent to the front door. They seemed to hold up what remained of the structure. The one in this photograph braced the only room that still had four walls. Much of its once-brilliant blue paint had flaked to the floor, where it mixed with red bricks, window shards, detached boards, and tree shadows cast by late afternoon sunlight. Somehow, the coat of blue paint on the ceiling endured.

allowed him to become fully immersed in the natural progression of the year.

"I experienced the changes in the landscape emotionally," Lee explained, describing the unfolding seasons almost like a dramatic story. Yet that beauty carried a sense of urgency, knowing the property would soon be transformed into a writers residency. The photographs therefore preserve not only what Greenfield Farm looked like, but also a fleeting moment before permanent change arrives.

That awareness also shapes the exhibitions themselves. At the University Museum, *Unvanquished Soil: A Year at Greenfield Farm* presents the images in seasonal order, emphasizing the passage of time. A companion exhibition at Gammill Gallery arranges photographs geographically while incorporating historic images by **Martin J. Dain**, archival documents, and plans for the future residency, connecting the property's past with its future.

For those who visit the exhibit, the photographs become more than beautiful landscapes. They represent the final visual record of a historic place before it evolves into a new center for writers and artists—and encourage deeper appreciation for the history of Faulkner's old mule farm and the vision guiding its future.

In many ways, *Unvanquished Soil* is both a celebration and a farewell. It preserves the character of Greenfield Farm at a singular moment in its long history while honoring the people working to ensure that the property continues inspiring creativity for generations to come. As Lee noted, the photographs will eventually become part of the writer's residency itself, returning to the very landscape that inspired them. 📷

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TV Super Crossword

CHARGING JOE

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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ACROSS

- 1 Reserves of stock
- 9 Person applying a mail stick-on
- 16 Understands
- 20 Actress Palicki of "Friday Night Lights"
- 21 Popcorn personage Redenbacher
- 22 Out of the wind, nautically
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Watson of "Little Women"
- 26 Was bested
- 27 Rug threads
- 28 Emo of zany comedy
- 30 Crafty plans
- 34 Arnaz of "I Love Lucy"
- 35 Have in mind
- 36 King, in Paris
- 37 Riddle, part 2
- 41 Unhappy
- 44 Almonds, e.g.
- 45 See
- 63-Across
- 46 Jamaican music genre
- 47 Alpine climber's tool

49 Extra NFL periods

- 51 Actress Long of "Missing"
- 53 Nobelist Bohr
- 54 Riddle, part 3
- 60 "The Taking of — 123" (2009 film)
- 61 Check casher, e.g.
- 62 Pre-2001 space station
- 63 With 45-Across, informed on the latest
- 67 Lacking living organisms
- 69 Shampoo brand
- 71 Vidal — (shampoo brand)
- 73 Some till bills
- 74 Helium, e.g.
- 76 Dot in the ocean
- 78 Fife sound
- 79 Riddle, part 4
- 82 Pong producer
- 86 Tart's cousin
- 87 Capote, to his pals
- 88 "The First 48" network
- 89 Ricky Martin's old boy band

91 "Sir," in colonial India

- 95 "Hey there, tiger!"
- 97 Wee child
- 98 End of the riddle
- 102 Yoga chants
- 103 Loosen up
- 104 Tolkien trilogy initials
- 105 To some degree
- 109 Popular rum brand
- 111 Swindling guy
- 113 Really ruin
- 114 Scraped (out)
- 115 Riddle's answer
- 120 Give for a while
- 121 Determines the sum of
- 122 Thief's activity
- 123 Uno + dos
- 124 Some tax cheats
- 125 Lays out for proofing

6 "Warzone" singer Yoko

- 7 Wildebeest
- 8 Narcissist's love
- 9 People crying loudly
- 10 Maple fluid
- 11 Greed for wealth
- 12 Russian-built fighter jets
- 13 Arafat's gp., once
- 14 Formed a secret union?
- 15 Ginger's trait
- 16 Scottish Celt
- 17 Suburb of Phoenix
- 18 Pertaining to time
- 19 Ocean coasts
- 24 "White Flag" singer of 2003
- 29 Have in mind
- 31 Tailless feline breed
- 32 Aussie bird
- 33 New Jersey's — Hall University
- 35 Smaller than large
- 38 Lens aperture setting
- 39 Russo of "The Intern"

40 Hi-tech movie effects

- 41 Hold to one's decision
- 42 Novelist Chinua
- 43 Buy and sell
- 48 Eldest of the Musketeers
- 50 Suddenly lose patience
- 52 Warts and all
- 55 Pal, in Peru
- 56 Song line
- 57 Kin of "Oy!"
- 58 Beautiful, in Bologna
- 59 Poetic Muse
- 63 Old Glory's land, informally
- 64 Really strong
- 65 City in Spain or Ohio
- 66 A short round of tennis
- 68 Al who drew the Yokums
- 70 For fear that
- 72 To the extent that
- 75 Bern's land, to the French
- 77 Australia Zoo owner Irwin
- 79 Not as messy
- 80 Harvest
- 81 "The Flight Attendant" star Kaley

82 Bandleader, informally

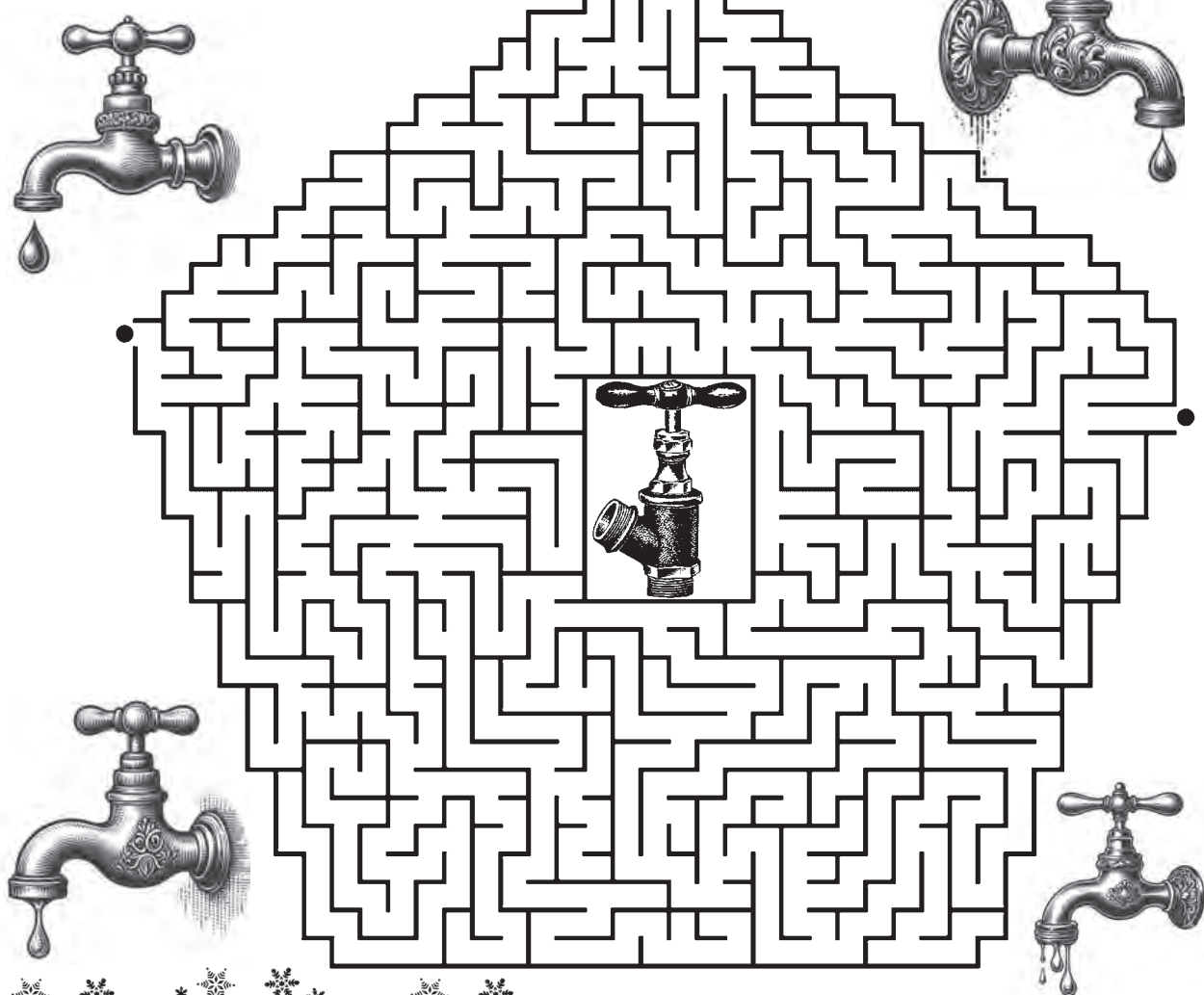
- 83 Drink infusing device
- 84 Cutoff cry from a film director
- 85 Long to undo
- 90 Out with one's sweetie
- 92 Hint-providing columnist
- 93 "My thoughts exactly"
- 94 Alternatives to GIFs or JPEGs
- 96 Hulk Hogan's 1980s org.
- 99 Isaac of sci-fi
- 100 Actress Drescher
- 101 Sings in the Alps, perhaps
- 106 Perez of film
- 107 Quaint reply of denial
- 108 Canoodles, in Cambridge
- 110 Determines the sum of
- 111 Street rep
- 112 Hawk's home
- 116 Plato's "H"
- 117 Hog's home
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- 119 "Little" actress Issa

DOWN

- 1 Cries loudly
- 2 Like a one-off committee
- 3 Fail suddenly
- 4 Purring baby
- 5 Precept

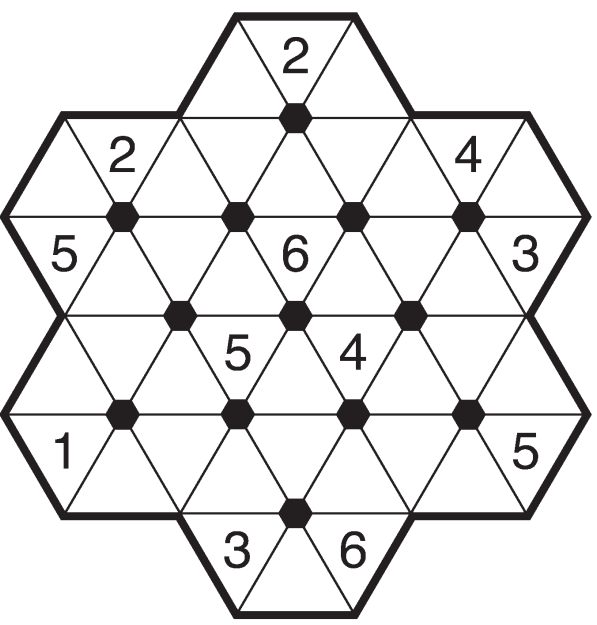
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SNOWFLAKES

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



"One has to shut off that nagging part of the mind and go on without it with bravo and philosophy."
- Sylvia Plath
 (Oct 27, 1932 - Feb 11, 1963)

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.

VFNKN EVK VKA, BGA CN
 XVFOW, RPK OFFAN EVK
 XKRRKV RPEW EWU WCLPR

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **R** equals **C**

L REXKW FEO OSLFV EJ OSY
 FUZY EJ OSUO PUALR
 RSYZLRUK AXPAOUFRY.
 L SUW UF YKYZYFOUK PKERV

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY:** How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
- U.S. CITIES:** Which city is home to the Gateway Arch, known as the tallest arch in the world?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1970s sitcom introduced a neighbor named Phyllis Lindstrom?
- HISTORY:** When was the first heart transplant performed?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Cape Verde islands located?
- MOVIES:** Which 1991 film featured a villain named Max Cady?
- MUSIC:** When did Taylor Swift's second studio album ("Fearless") win the Country Music Association's Album of the Year award?
- SCIENCE:** What is nephology?
- MEASUREMENTS:** What instrument is used to measure the depth of oceans?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby deer called?

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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Answers: 1. 33. 2. St. Louis, Missouri. 3. "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." 4. 1967. 5. Off the west coast of Africa. 6. "Cape Fear." 7. 2009. 8. The scientific study of clouds. 9. An echo sounder or fathometer. 10. A fawn or calf.

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STICKELERS

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

ever GREEN horn

- 1) copper _____ quarters
- 2) spokes _____ able
- 3) brain _____ proof
- 4) back _____ craft

KNIGHT MOVES

T	D	C
K		S
E	O	A

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

Riddle Card

1. What did the big rose say to the little rose?
2. What has five eyes but cannot see?
3. What is the biggest jewel in the world?
4. What is the best name for a lady engineer?
5. Why are playing cards like wolves?



Answers: 1. Hiya, bud. 2. The "Mississippi River." 3. A base-ball diamond. 4. Bridget. 5. Because they come in packs.

ODD MAN OUT!

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

Answers: Danger. The other words all contain the name of some part of your body. (1. Hya, bud. 2. Eye. 2. Ear. 4. Rib. 5. Skin.)

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

ARE YOU IN SHAPE FOR THIS PUZZLE?



MILE
PILE
POLE
POSE
POST

You're a winner if you can finish this puzzle in under five minutes. In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed MILE to POST in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. COWS to BARN
2. GALA to FETE
3. DARE to RISK
4. SINE to MATH
5. NAIL to BOLT

Illustrated by David Coulson



1. GREYED
2. GEARBOX
3. DANGER
4. CARIBOU
5. RISKING

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

Answers: (Across): Let, era, age, pod. (Down): Leap, ergo, feed.

DEPART

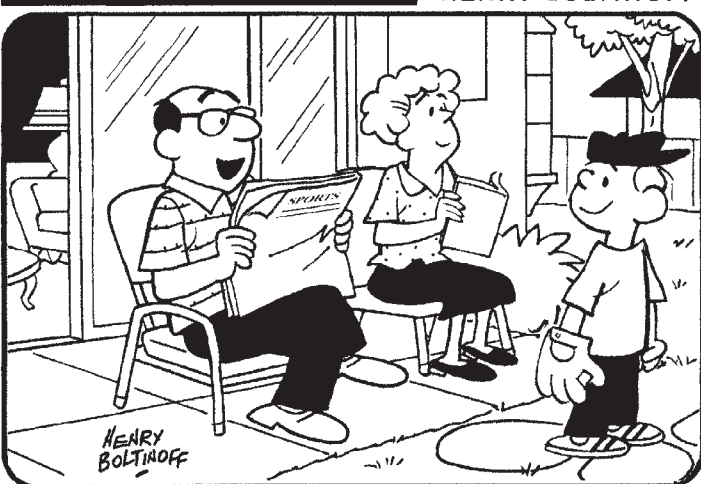
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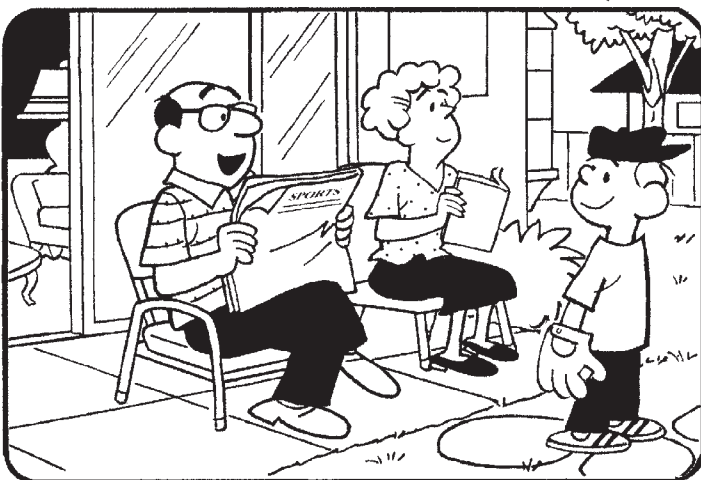
Answers:
1. COWS, CAWS, CARS, BARS, BARN.
2. GALA, GALE, GATE, FATE, FETE.
3. DARE, RARE, RASE, RISE, RISK.
4. SINE, MINE, MITE, MATE, MATH.
5. NAIL, BAIL, BALL, BOLL, BOLT.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Arm is not showing. 4. Lamp is larger. 5. Window is added to house. 6. Back of chair is smaller.

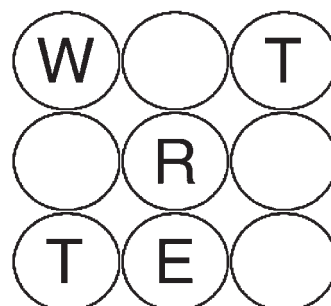
Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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| 1. Small river | ___ T ___ | Shriek | ___ C ___ |
| 2. Wave summit | ___ E ___ | Bread edge | ___ U ___ |
| 3. Poe's bird | ___ N ___ | Tangle and snag | ___ L ___ |
| 4. Speaker's lectern | P ___ | Table salt | S ___ |
| 5. Tonsil location | ___ O ___ | Menace | ___ E ___ |
| 6. Farmyard sound | ___ U ___ | Use a mouse | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Keep | ___ N ___ | Put up for sale | ___ L ___ |
| 8. Frighten | ___ A ___ | Tally | ___ O ___ |
| 9. Blokes | ___ P ___ | Pandemonium | ___ O ___ |
| 10. Late morning meal | ___ U ___ | Large twig | ___ A ___ |

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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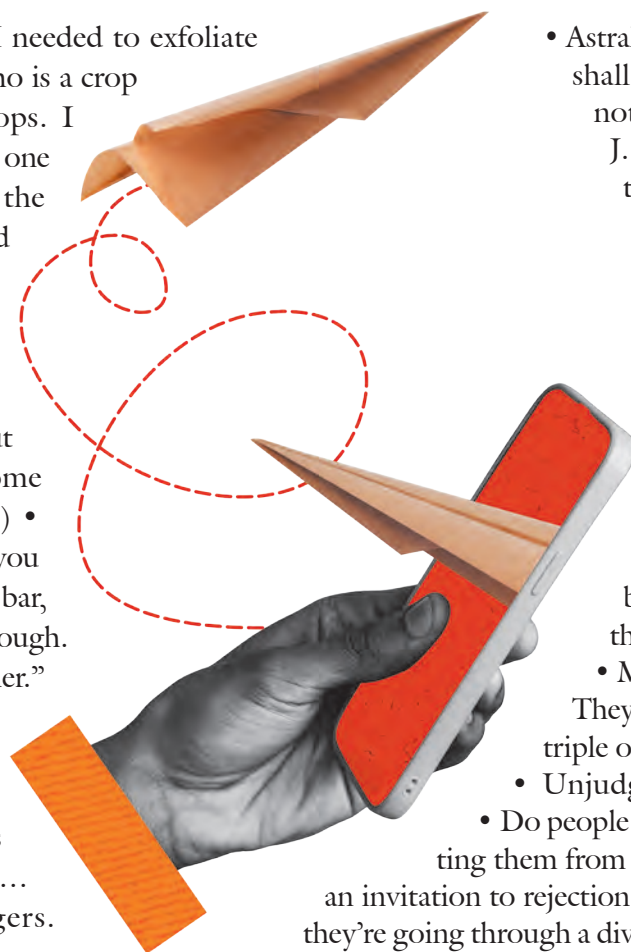
by Randy Weeks

For those of you who haven't followed this series over the past eight years (shame on you!), what follows is a collection of phrases and comments that others have made that caught my attention. I serve them up with no context so you, the reader, can take them anywhere you wish.

I'm floundering, but it's a comfortable floundering. • Condommints. • My children aren't perfect. They're perfectly imperfect. (Gavin Newsom, Gov. of CA) • It was kind of a dream except for reality. • Please re-innerate that. • Love did not end when he, my father died. It just changed rooms. (Facebook post) • Sometimes I have to tame my freakiness. • I ain't a' goin' ho'in' 'round town. • We need to get people out of their immediacy. • Love does not pass. It changes shape. • Putin pootin'. • Fake news. Flake news. • "Hey! I threw up in my mouth!" (Christopher Walken in *The Good Guys*) • Keep America green. Plant oregano.

Notes in My Phone XIII

• My dermatologist said I needed to exfoliate my skin. I have a friend who is a crop duster who defoliates crops. I thought, "Hey. There's only one letter difference between the two," so I got nekkid, stood out in a cotton field and he defoliated my skin. Now I don't have any boll weevils in my body. • I didn't do nothin' this morning but b*ng my girl and eat some Cocoa Puffs. (*NYPD Blue*) • Do whatever it takes to get you through—God, a Snicker's bar, or whatever will get you through. • Herefur: "I am here for her." • Once you let evil into your home it brings the rest of its family along. • When silence becomes a family inheritance... • Christian war mongers.



• Astral. Ass trail. • "The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights." J. Paul Getty • I'm selectively codependent. • Lord of the bad knees. • Lies we tell Dracula. • I could stand to raise my cholesterol a bit. • Where do you put your hate? • My DNA is written in Comic Sans. • The tongue has no bones, but it crushes just the same. (*The Forgiven*) • My heart's in bad shape. They tell me I have to have a triple overpass. (*Hill St. Blues*) • Unjudge someone yourself. • Do people know when you're texting them from the toilet? • My face is an invitation to rejection. • Your teeth look like they're going through a divorce. • I'm somewhere between hope and despair.

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

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\$7 Old Fashioned

Thu: \$5 drafts

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Sun: 11 am-9 pm

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pitchers, \$5 drafts, ½-price apps

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Bit of the Sip ... continued from page 1

Today, Oxford is home to a growing number of restaurants, including a new Greek restaurant, artisan pizza and taco shops, and elevated Southern dining destinations such as **Tallahatchie Gourmet** and **Snackbar**. The latter will be featuring a Hawaiian/Polynesian themed event called **Sneaky Tiki** for Bit of the Sip.

Snackbar's annual Sneaky Tiki pop-up has become one of the festival's signature experiences, transforming the restaurant into a tropical-themed dining event. This will be held at Snackbar on Sunday, August 9 from 5-8 pm.

"We're doing a couple of different small bites such as tuna poke with some fried plantain chips," says **Sebastian Markowitz**, chef de cuisine at Snackbar. The New Jersey native moved to Oxford originally for school and joined the Snackbar family three years ago.

"I just really found a passion and the cooking side of things. I've always loved the service part of the industry, translating my ideas and the things I grew up eating onto a plate," says Markowitz.

Kalua wonton cups are another of the dishes Markowitz is looking forward to serving. *Kalua* pork is traditionally cooked underground, wrapped in leaves for several hours, creating its signature smoky flavor and tender texture.

"They normally cook it underground; of course I'm not doing that, but there's some methods that you can use to get that same sort of feeling and texture," added Markowitz.

Modern-day chefs often navigate the line between cultural appreciation and appropriation. "I just think it's very important when you do things like this to highlight other cultures that you really respect the methods and processes that were invented," says Markowitz.

And a Hawaiian menu would not be complete without matching beverages. For Sneaky Tiki, Markowitz gears the food to complement the drinks.

Snackbar's new bar manager, **Kyle Dozier**, said



Markowitz develops the menu around the cocktail list. As the restaurant's newest leader, this year's Sneaky Tiki will also be his first major festival event.

Preparations for an event of this scale take months. Going from Snackbar's standard "Southern Brasserie" menu to a tropical one is an interesting challenge for the staff.

"This is out of everybody's league, but like I said, it gives us a great opportunity to learn, be familiar with a new culture that is something that we don't play around with every day," says Markowitz.

"At the Arts Council, we are so privileged to do so many great things in the community from culinary arts to fine arts to performing arts," says Huey.

As Oxford's culinary scene continues to grow, Bit of the Sip aims to celebrate not only the city's restaurants but also the community that brings them together.

Individual event ticket prices vary, and advance registration is recommended because many events have limited seating. Tickets and the full festival schedule are available at OxfordArts.com.



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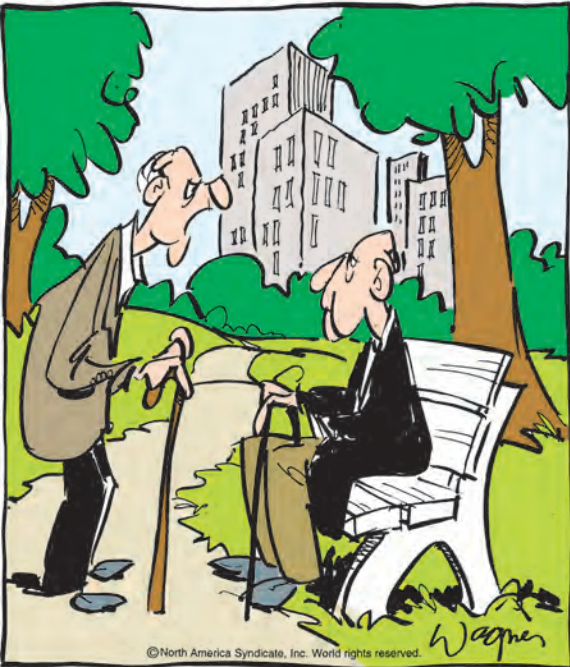


Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

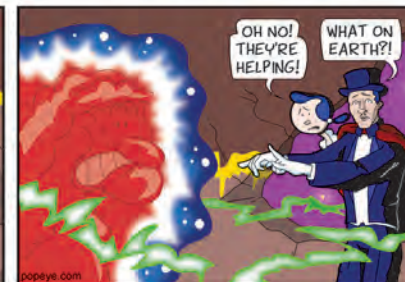
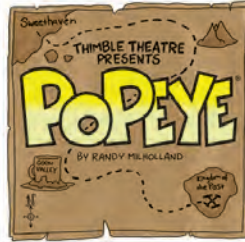
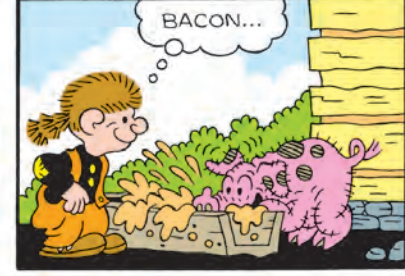
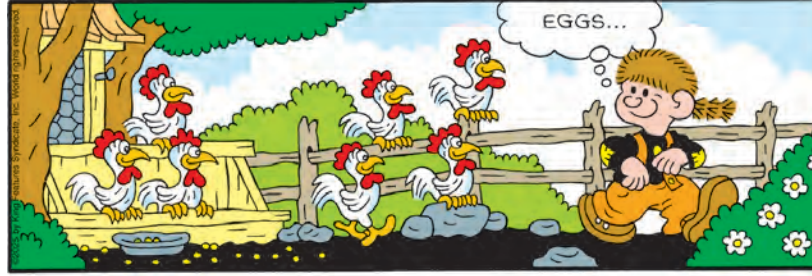
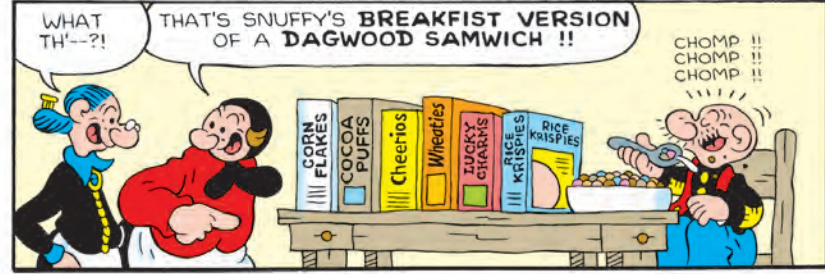
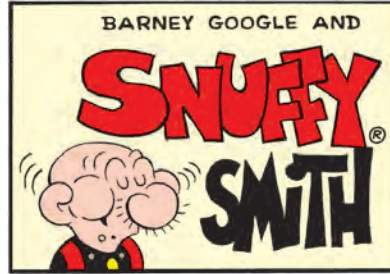
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT GOING GRAY. BY WHAT I'M SEEING, IT'LL HAVE ALL FALLEN OUT BEFORE THAT.



GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"I could have been a bigger success than you could have been!"



Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VALETA IS AN OLD-FASHIONED GIRL, QUITE UNINTERESTED IN THE SWORD AND SHIELD, UNTIL, THAT IS, SHE FALLS FOR THE NORSEMAN HARALDR.

TO GAIN HIS ATTENTION, SHE PRESSURES THE ADEPT KAREN TO TRAIN HER FOR COMBAT. ALAS, THERE IS NOTHING COMBATIVE IN VALETA...

YEATES 5/24/15

... UNTIL VAL APPEARS AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS WITH ZULFIA, THE FIERCE IMAZIGHEN WHO HAS CAPTURED HARALDR'S WARRIOR HEART. ZULFIA LOOKS CONFUSED, BUT VAL URGES HER FORWARD.

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Americanisms

"Friend something better than chocolate ice cream ... Maybe friend somebody you give up last cookie for."

— Cookie Monster

... AND LAUNCHES HERSELF VIOLENTLY, IF INEPTLY, AT HER UNSUSPECTING RIVAL!

VAL LOOKS SMUGLY PLEASED AS A SURPRISED HARALDR SUDDENLY APPEARS.

"VALETA," SAYS ZULFIA, "I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY, BUT YOUR FATHER HAS ASKED ME TO SPAR WITH YOU. SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO." AND JUST LIKE THAT, VALETA FINDS HER FIGHTING SPIRIT...

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KAREN IS NOT SO SURE SHE LIKES HOW VAL IS "FIXING" THINGS.

NEXT: Victory in defeat

Amber Waves

THESE FISH WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM. I'VE CREATED MY OWN SECRET WEAPON.

I TOOK CORN DOGS AND STUFFED THEM WITH CHUNKY PEANUT BUTTER AND SKITTLES.

OK, FISHIES, IT'S CHOW TIME!

GEEZ, I THINK THERE'S MORE NUTRITIONAL VALUE IN THOSE DUMB PLASTIC LURES.

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by Dave T. Phipps

BLUES BROTHERS 2026

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The Spats

I NEED TO JOIN WEIGHT WATCHERS

...BEEN EATING WAY TOO MANY OF MY OWN WORDS LATELY.

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by Jeff Pickering

LOOK FOR the SOVIET UNION LABEL!

MICHIGAN UAW ENDORSES EXTREMIST FOR SENATE

ABDUL EL-SAYED

HITCH

TIGER

WHATCHA MAKING?

IT'S A FLAG, THE BOYS ARE MAKING THE FLAGPOLE

HOW'S IT LOOK? THE STRIPES ARE CROOKED!

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT MATTERS

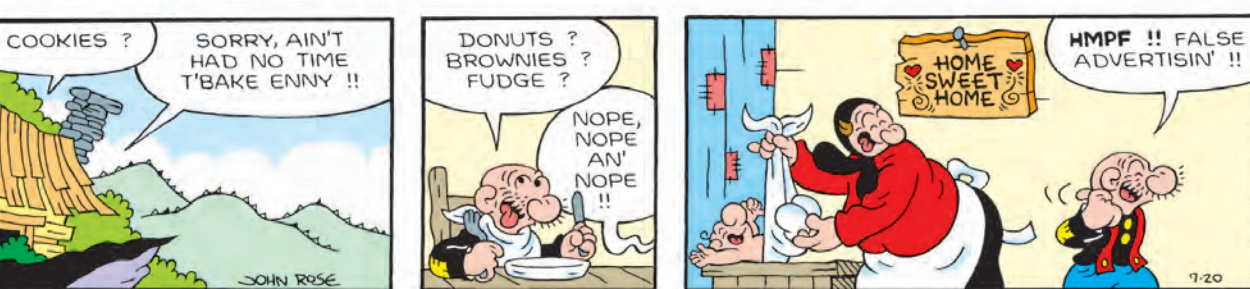
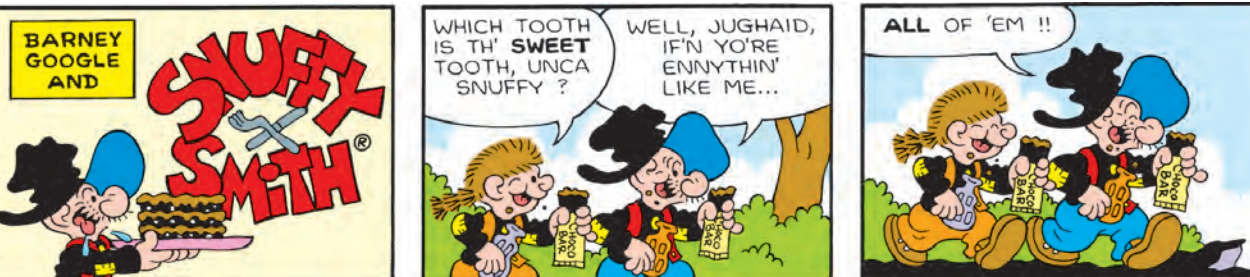
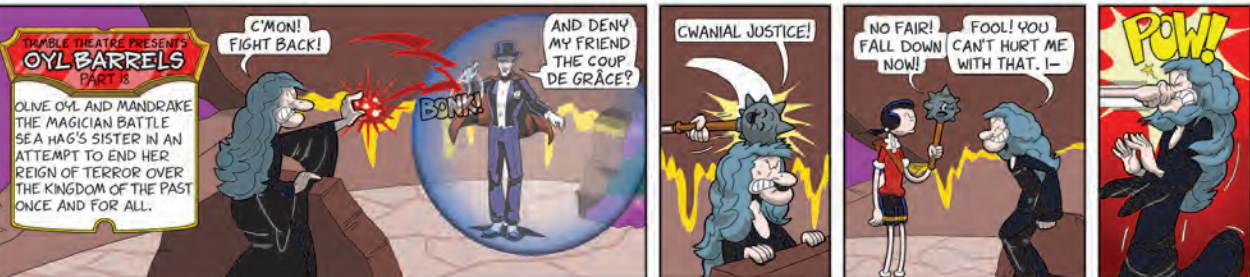
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Amber Waves



“Our once-in-a-lifetime offer has

Americanisms



“I don’t have pet peeves like some people. I have whole kennels of irritation.”
— Whoopi Goldberg

TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK. IT'S MY FRIEND ELMA'S SPECIAL RECIPE. HER LATE HUSBAND ATE IT ALL THE TIME.



WHAT DO WE WANT? DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM! WHEN DO WE WANT IT? BEFORE ALL THE MILLIONAIRES FLEE NEW YORK!



The Garden Bug

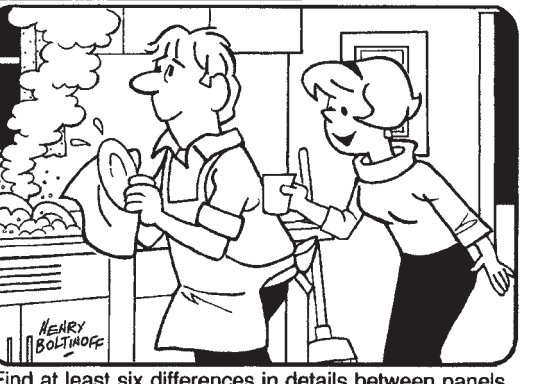
Also known as "tickseed" or "pot-of-gold," coreopsis is easy to grow. Sprinkle the seeds over a prepared area of soil in a very sunny location, and cover lightly with soil. Keep this area watered until the seeds germinate in about 3 weeks. This plant tolerates heat, humidity, and drought. It is well suited to beds, borders, and containers. Not only do bees and butterflies love its nectar, but also birds like goldfinches love its seeds. - Brenda Warner

Sources: linnet.geog.abc.ca, www.gardeningknowhow.com, almanac.com

Coreopsis



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



FLASH GORDON



FLASH GORDON

FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST JOINING US... THE TIME: NOW THE PLACE: THE PLANET MONGO

6-27 BY JIM KEEFE www.kingfeatures.com

A WORLD WHERE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY EXISTS SIDE BY SIDE WITH PREHISTORIC SAVAGERY.

LIGHT-YEARS FROM EARTH ARE CASTAWAYS FLASH GORDON, DALE ARDEN AND DR. HANS ZARKOV.

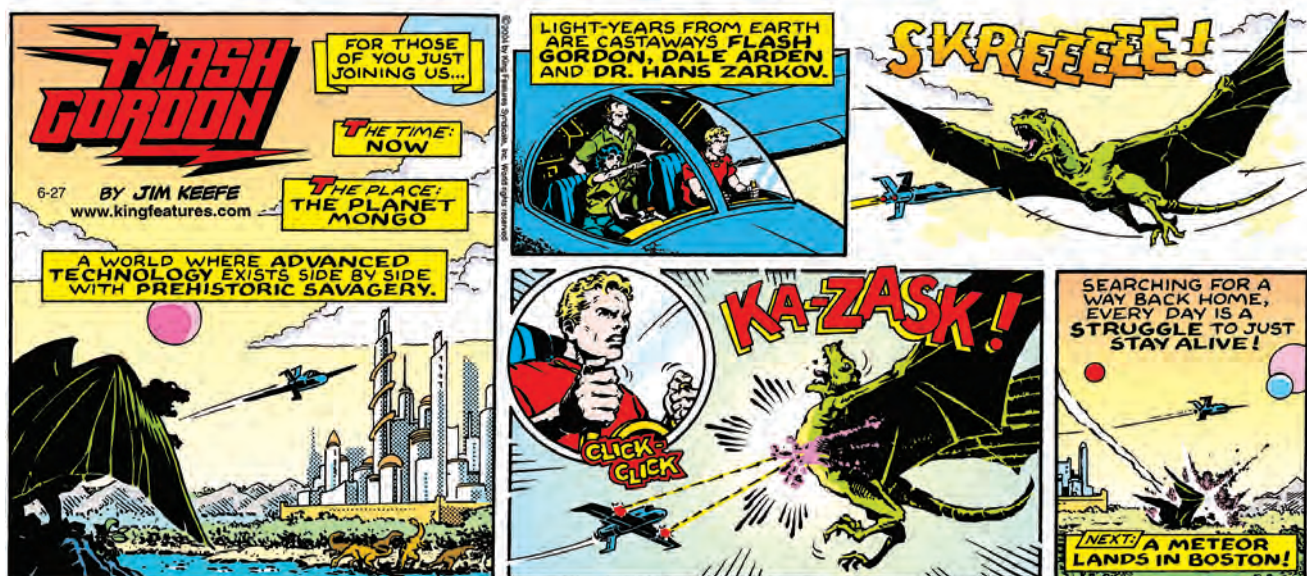
SKREEEE!

KA-ZASK!

CLICK-CLICK

SEARCHING FOR A WAY BACK HOME, EVERY DAY IS A STRUGGLE TO JUST STAY ALIVE!

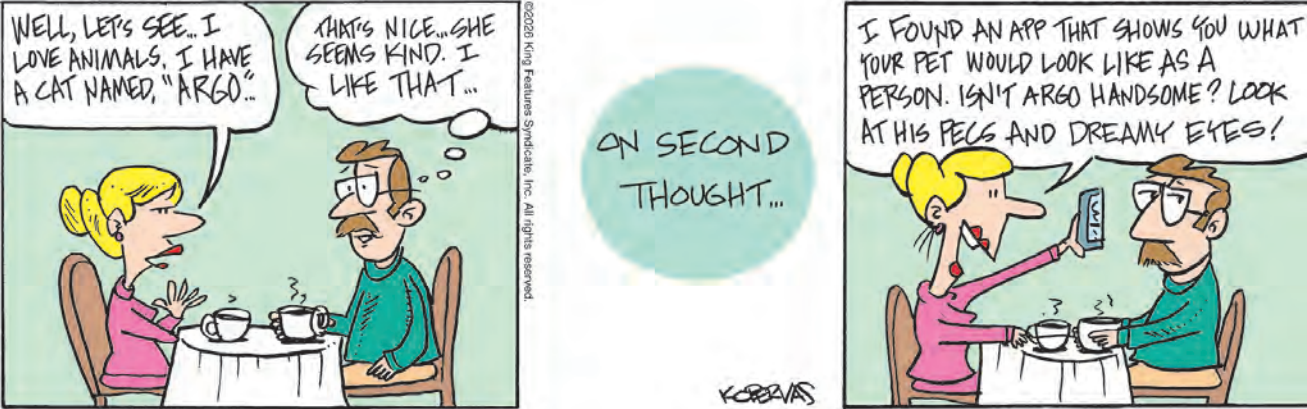
NEXT: A METEOR LANDS IN BOSTON!



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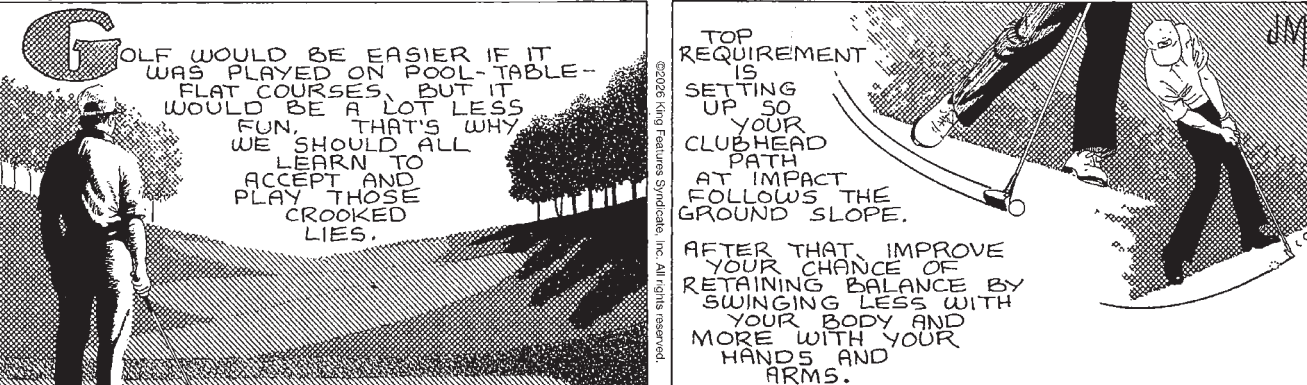


Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

GOLF WOULD BE EASIER IF IT WAS PLAYED ON POOL-TABLE-FLAT COURSES, BUT IT WOULD BE A LOT LESS FUN. THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD ALL LEARN TO ACCEPT AND PLAY THOSE CROOKED LIES.

TOP REQUIREMENT IS SETTING UP SO YOUR CLUBHEAD PATH AT IMPACT FOLLOWS THE GROUND SLOPE.

AFTER THAT, IMPROVE YOUR CHANCE OF RETAINING BALANCE BY SWINGING LESS WITH YOUR BODY AND MORE WITH YOUR HANDS AND ARMS.





Bring Home a Taste of Spain with Healthy No-Cook Gazpacho

Spain is one country that's on our minds with the ongoing 2026 FIFA World Cup, so why not prepare gazpacho for a "Euro Summer" feel at home? Plus, it's so easy to stir up a no-cook meal for your family on a hot July day!

The season's freshest tomatoes, cukes, peppers and onions come together in this satisfying and zesty cold Spanish soup. Let your kids harvest some of the ingredients from your family garden, or choose them in peak condition at a farmer's market. Teach your school-age children basic cutting and chopping techniques. They'll have lots of practice with this recipe!

If you don't mind turning on your oven for a few minutes, top off the soup with whimsical kid-made croutons in fun shapes. Serve it in the fanciest bowl that you normally use for special occasions. For 4-6 servings, here's what you'll need:

GAZPACHO

- 2 cups seeded, finely diced plum tomatoes
- 1 cup cored, seeded, finely diced yellow bell peppers
- 1/2 cup peeled, seeded, finely diced cucumbers
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/4 cup minced carrots
- 1/4 cup minced celery leaves
- 1/4 cup minced yellow onion

— 2 cups tomato vegetable juice (such as V8)

- 1/2 cup clam juice (optional)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Let your child mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours to chill and enhance the flavor. Scoop into a serving bowl and top with shaped croutons.

SHAPED CROUTONS

- 1 loaf French bread, sliced lengthwise with crust removed
- 3 tablespoons butter or olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, pressed
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste



Make shapes from bread with your favorite mini cookie cutters. Combine melted butter or olive oil with garlic and salt and pepper. Brush on top of cutout bread pieces. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese (optional). Bake in an oven set to 350 F for 10 minutes.

Cook's Tip: Put freezer-safe serving bowls for gazpacho in the freezer before serving!

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



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(PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker
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(R) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



THIS WEEK'S CATEGORY:

Bravo, Bravo, Bravo!

"The Real Housewives of Orange County" was the first show to give us a glimpse into what it's like to be a wealthy housewife in suburbia — at least in the reality TV genre. These five podcasts will all be celebrating the 20th anniversary season of "RHOC," which premiered on Bravo on July 9:

"Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen"

— Audio versions of the interviews from Andy Cohen's weeknight talk show on Bravo are available to download for free. Vicki Gunvalson will likely have been a guest by the time that you read this. Haven't heard of her? She's the CEO of an insurance company in Orange County who has screamed and yelled her way into a lucrative reality show career. She was fired from "RHOC" after she filed a lawsuit against the network in 2020. All's now forgiven, and she's been hired back to stir the pot just in time for season 20! (BravoTV.com)

"Everything Iconic with Danny Pellegrino"

— If there's one name I hear the most about who would be the best successor to Andy Cohen's throne as a talk-show host, it's Danny Pellegrino. His hit podcast is like appointment radio the day after your favorite Bravo show has aired. He just finished up recapping a scandalous season of "Summer House" with "In

the City" and "The Valley" closely on its heels, but this just leaves more room on Pellegrino's rundown for "RHOC." (EverythingIconic.com)

"Jeff Lewis Has Issues"

— One of Bravo's original divas, Jeff Lewis, hosted the home renovation show "Flipping Out" for 11 seasons on the network. He's since become quite a successful podcast host, and a condensed form of his talk show on Sirius, "Jeff Lewis Live," is available wherever you get your podcasts. His guests, most of whom are his friends, visit frequently and include reality stars like "RHOC's" Tamra Judge and "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'" Kyle Richards. But he's also had on actors and comedians like Jamie Kennedy, Molly Sims, Mindy Cohn, and singer Carnie Wilson. (SiriusXM.com)

Don't Forget These Gems

"Watch What Crappens"

— Hosts Ben Mandelker and Ronnie Karam are the opinionated impersonators who hilariously recap almost all of the Bravo shows, practically word for word. Their "Real Housewives" episodes (especially the "Orange County" franchise) are arguably their finest work with spot-on impressions, but be sure to check out episodes on "Below Deck," "The McBee Dynasty," and "Next Gen NYC." You also have access to most, if not all, of their library of recaps for the past 14 years. (ART19.com)

"Drama, Darling: A Real Housewives Comedy Podcast"

— Impressionist Amy Phillips' reality TV recaps shouldn't be listened to while sipping coffee. Her impression of "RHOC's" Shannon Storms Beador has even been endorsed by Ms. Beador herself. Amy also takes on other pop-culture shows, true-crime documentaries, and cooking shows like "Top Chef." (Spreaker.com)

Fun Fact

Yakutsk in Siberia, Russia (population 350,000) is known as the world's coldest city, and the largest built on permafrost. The average winter temperatures easily plummet to -41° F. The ground remains frozen year-round. Cars are kept running non-stop in the winter, as the oil and fuel can freeze solid if the vehicle is turned off.

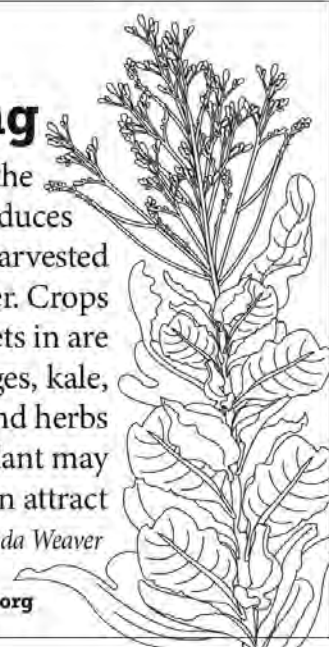
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Bolting

Bolting, or "going to seed," is the stage of crop plant growth that produces flowers and seeds. If the crop plant is harvested after bolting, it's likely to taste bitter. Crops well-known for bolting as summer heat sets in are lettuce, spinach, arugula, broccoli, cabbages, kale, collards, carrots, radishes, beets, turnips and herbs such as cilantro, dill and parsley. A bolted plant may not taste very good, but its flowers can attract many pollinators to your garden. — Brenda Weaver

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

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SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Immune; 2. Acrid
3. Adopt; 4. Forest

Today's Word
REMOTE

Even Exchange answers

1. Cheer, Sheer
2. Stole, Style
3. Mental, Menial
4. Stung, Stunt
5. Diego, Dingo
6. Pallet, Wallet
7. Scrawl, Sprawl
8. Fargo, Cargo
9. Repent, Resent
10. Bride, Brine

Puzzles4Kids Answer

Why are swimmers good at school projects?
They dive right in.

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“The Hawk” (TV-MA) — This absurd comedy series was co-created by and stars a comedic actor who’s well-versed in absurdity, the fabulous Will Ferrell (“You’re Cordially Invited”). Starring alongside another “Saturday Night Live” alum, Molly Shannon, Ferrell plays professional golfer Lonnie “The Hawk” Hawkins, aka 2004’s top golfer. Determined that he has what it takes to get back to the top, Lonnie signs on for a PGA tour with his son, Lance (Jimmy Tatro). With his can-do attitude, good humor, and awful fashion sense, nothing can stop Lonnie from redeeming his golf legacy. All 10 episodes premiere on July 16. (Netflix)

“Tron: Ares” (PG-13) — The sequel to “Tron: Legacy” (2010) didn’t quite make up its \$220 million budget in theaters, with only \$142.2 million recouped at the box office. It also failed to receive glowing reviews from critics, which is surprising considering its lead actor, Jared Leto (“Masters of the Universe”). Rounding out the rest of the cast are “The Morning Show’s” Greta Lee, “Dahmer’s” Evan Peters, and “The Abandons” Gillian Anderson. Taking place in 2025, the film follows two companies that are locked in a race to bring digital programs into the real world. One company, led by Julian Dillinger (Peters), introduces the “perfect expendable soldier” in his program Ares, but what Julian never expected is that Ares’ self-awareness might overpower his expendability. Out now to stream! (Disney+)

“Reminders of Him” (PG-13) — Romance and young adult novelist Colleen Hoover keeps cranking out

books, and major studios keep adapting it into films for fans to enjoy! This latest adaptation out now is based on Hoover’s 2022 novel and stars Maika Monroe (“Longlegs”) as Kenna Rowan. After spending six years in prison for vehicular manslaughter that resulted in her boyfriend Scotty’s (Rudy Pankow) death, Kenna plans to start anew in her hometown and meet the daughter she had while she was serving time. Coincidentally, she meets Ledger (Tyriq Withers), who just happens to be Scotty’s lifelong best friend. The two have an instant connection, leaving them both with a choice to remain stuck in the horrors of the past or brave a different future together. (Peacock)



Courtesy of Netflix
Molly Shannon, left, and Will Ferrell star in “The Hawk.”

“Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro” (TV-PG) — This new spinoff of the long-running “Dancing with the Stars” is set to premiere on July 14. As the title teases, the spinoff will focus on finding the next dancer who’ll join the “DWTS” cast as a pro. Hosted by reigning mirror ball champ Robert Irwin, the series features 12 contestants who will live and train together in a “grueling audition process” for the length of the eight-episode show. Additionally, the charming mom-and-son duo Shirley and Mark Ballas serve as judges for these 12 contestants, which is a treat for anyone who’s seen them (or dad Corky!) as pros on the original show. Contestants hail from all over the United States, as well as Ukraine, England and Canada. (Hulu)



The Most Underrated Bargain in the Grocery Store

Every grocery store has an aisle filled with ingredients people buy without thinking. Flour. Rice. Pasta. Oats. Then there’s the one ingredient many shoppers pass week after week because they’re not quite sure what to do with it. That’s polenta. And it might be one of the best bargains in the store.

Polenta isn’t fancy. In fact, it’s one of the oldest comfort foods around. It’s simply coarse cornmeal slowly cooked until creamy, but don’t let its humble beginnings fool you.

You see, polenta has a marketing problem. It sounds fancy pants, so shoppers assume it’s difficult or expensive. In reality, it’s just cornmeal wearing its Italian name tag.

If you’re wondering whether polenta is just fancy grits, the answer is ... sort of. They’re close cousins. Polenta is usually made from yellow corn and has a heartier texture, while grits are made from white corn and cook up a bit smoother.

A single bag costs just a few dollars yet makes many generous servings. Because its flavor is mild, it happily soaks up whatever you pair it with. A spoonful of butter and Parmesan turns it into comfort food. Top it with hearty meat sauce, roasted vegetables, braised meats, mushrooms or today’s Italian sausage and peppers, and suddenly an inexpensive

pantry staple becomes dinner worthy of a cozy Italian restaurant.

The leftovers are where polenta really shines. Once chilled, it’s firm enough to slice. Pan-fry the slices until golden, grill them alongside burgers or chicken, or tuck them beneath a fried egg for breakfast.

If you’re pressed for time, fully cooked tube polenta is a handy shortcut. Just don’t let convenience empty your wallet. Making it from scratch takes only about 20 minutes and costs a fraction of the price.

CREAMY POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings
Total Time: 25 mins.
2 cups water
2 cups whole milk
½ teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups cornmeal
1 tablespoon butter
4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



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Creamy polenta provides the perfect bed for savory Italian sausage, peppers and onions.

In a large saucepan, bring the water, milk and salt to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Add the cornmeal in a steady stream, whisking to avoid lumps. Keep stirring on low heat until thickened, about 15 minutes. Switch to a wooden spoon and add the butter, cream cheese and Parmesan. Keep stirring. You can tell it’s done when it

pulls away from the sides of the pot. Serve immediately.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPERS WITH POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings
Total Time: 30 mins.
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 pound Italian sausage links
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
2 medium zucchinis, sliced
1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
1 (15 oz.) can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

In a large skillet, heat 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and brown the sausages. They will cook more later, so they don’t need to cook completely now. Set aside and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add remaining oil and saute the onion until softened. Add the bell pepper and zucchini, continuing to cook until both are mostly cooked through. Add the garlic and stir to combine, followed by the tomatoes and Italian seasoning. Let this come to a simmer and return the sausage links to the skillet and let this cook for 10 minutes to marry the flavors and finish the sausages. Serve over polenta.

Sometimes the smartest grocery bargains are the humble, old-fashioned ingredients patiently waiting on the shelf for someone new to discover them.

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Super Crossword

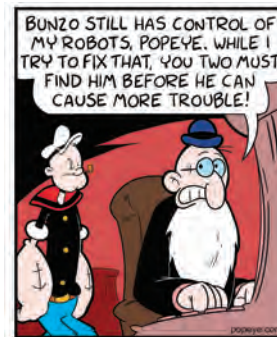
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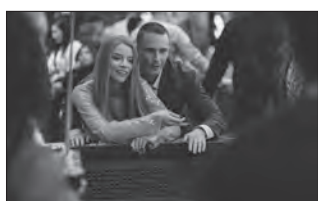
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"72 Hours" (R) — Comedian/actor Kevin Hart ("Jumanji: Open World") leads this comedy film releasing on July 24, and he's got a handful of fellow comedians who round out the rest of the cast, including Marcello Hernandez, Ben Marshall and Kam Patterson (all of whom you might recognize from "Saturday Night Live"). Hart plays Joe, a 40-year-old business executive who's feeling desperate to cling to his remaining youth. So, when Joe gets added to a group chat for a three-day bachelor party with twenty-somethings, he's overjoyed that he gets a chance to reconnect with his inner rager. But it doesn't take long for poor Joe to realize in those mere 72 hours that he's in way over his head. (Netflix)

"The Sheep Detectives" (PG) — This family-friendly film, out now, isn't just a fun blend of a mystery and comedy movie that's appropriate for all ages; it features a stacked ensemble cast that is full of familiar faces and voices. Taking place in a small English village, a shepherd named George (Hugh Jackman) reads murder-mystery novels to his flock of sheep each night. When George suddenly passes away and is found outside his trailer, the sheep overhear the local police's hunch that it was a murder. With an extensive background in mystery-novel sleuthing, George's sheep are convinced that they can track down the murderer themselves. The live-action cast features names like Nicholas Braun ("Succession"), Emma Thompson ("Dead of Winter"), and Hong Chau ("Wuthering Heights"), while the voice cast includes Bryan Craston ("Chili Finger"), Julia Louis-Dreyfus ("Thunderbolts") and Regina Hall ("The Five-Star Weekend"). (Amazon Prime Video)

"Lucky" (TV-MA) — Under her production company Hello Sunshine, Reese Witherspoon ("You're Cordially Invited") serves as an executive producer for this new crime-thriller miniseries, which just premiered the first two episodes out of its seven-episode season. Starring Anya Taylor-Joy ("The Super Mario Galaxy Movie") as the titular character, this series follows Lucky Armstrong — a con artist who pulls off a multi-million-dollar heist with her husband/partner-in-crime, Carey (Drew Starkey). When Carey goes missing with the money the very next day, Lucky is forced to live on the run from her boss, Priscilla (Annette Bening), who's also her mother-in-law and was expecting the money. Oh, and the FBI's hot on her heels as well. Sounds like Ms. Armstrong is not-so-lucky! (Apple TV)



Courtesy of Apple TV
Anya Taylor-Joy, left, and Drew Starkey star in "Lucky."

"Marc by Sofia" (PG-13) — Director Sofia Coppola ("Priscilla") just released her first feature-length non-fiction film! The topic? None other than American fashion designer Marc Jacobs. With footage that leads up to his 2024 paper doll runway show, Coppola interviews her close friend about his early life, his creative process, and the details of how he produces a show. Jacob also speaks about his time at Parsons School of Design in New York and working for Perry Ellis. Other faces who appear in the doc include actress Chloe Sevigny ("The Five-Star Weekend"), musician Kim Gordon, filmmaker Spike Jonze ("Her"), and former model/creative director Grace Coddington. Out now! (HBO Max)



The Chicken Recipe You'll Use Every Week

"What is there to eat?" That question plays on repeat in households everywhere.

Today I'm sharing one of the handiest short cuts to give you a great answer when the inevitable question is asked. Now you can say, "There's chicken in the fridge, go make yourself something!"

I call this recipe "Every Week Chicken" because I make this chicken nearly every week for my family. And once you try this, you might do the same. Chicken breast can be troublesome because they're so lean, it's easy to overcook. You'll find this recipe produces tender, juicy chicken every time.

This is a simple recipe for oven-roasted chicken breasts. It's perfect for an easy dinner or to make in advance for meal prep all week long. Moist and flavorful, this is the chicken you want waiting in the fridge to expedite your dinner, stick in a salad, slam on a sandwich, toss in a pasta, put on a pizza. You get the idea.

This simple salt and pepper seasoning gives the chicken tons of flavor yet keeps it neutral enough to play well with other flavor profiles. As always, feel free to adjust to your personal preferences.

EVERY WEEK CHICKEN

4 pounds boneless skinless chicken

breast (about 6 breasts)
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
Olive oil or your choice of cooking spray

Preheat oven to 375 F degrees. For easy clean up, line a baking sheet with parchment or foil. Brush the chicken with olive oil or give it a quick spray of cooking spray. Mix the salt and pepper in a small bowl and season both sides of the chicken breasts with the mixture, then put them on the prepared baking sheet, uncovered. Place them in oven and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the chicken when it reaches 160 F. Carryover heat will bring it to a safe final temperature while it rests. Remove the chicken and rest, covered with foil, for 15 minutes.

This cooking time works on chicken breasts of nearly all sizes, 3/4 inch to 1 1/2 inches thick. If your chicken breast is thinner than 3/4 inch thick, reduce cooking time to 25 minutes.



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One batch of juicy "Every Week Chicken" today means faster, easier dinners all week long.

To store, place in a storage container with the accumulated pan juices over the chicken for flavor and to keep the chicken moist. Store in the fridge for up to five days.

So, what do you do with all that

chicken? Well, besides chicken salad, sandwiches and wraps, here are three fabulous ideas:

BBQ Chicken French Bread Pizza: Split a loaf of French bread lengthwise and spread with barbecue sauce. Top with shredded mozzarella, cooked shredded chicken and chopped red onion. Bake at 400 degrees until the bread is crisp and the cheese is melted and bubbly, about 15 minutes. Finish with a drizzle of additional barbecue sauce and a sprinkle of chopped cilantro before slicing and serving.

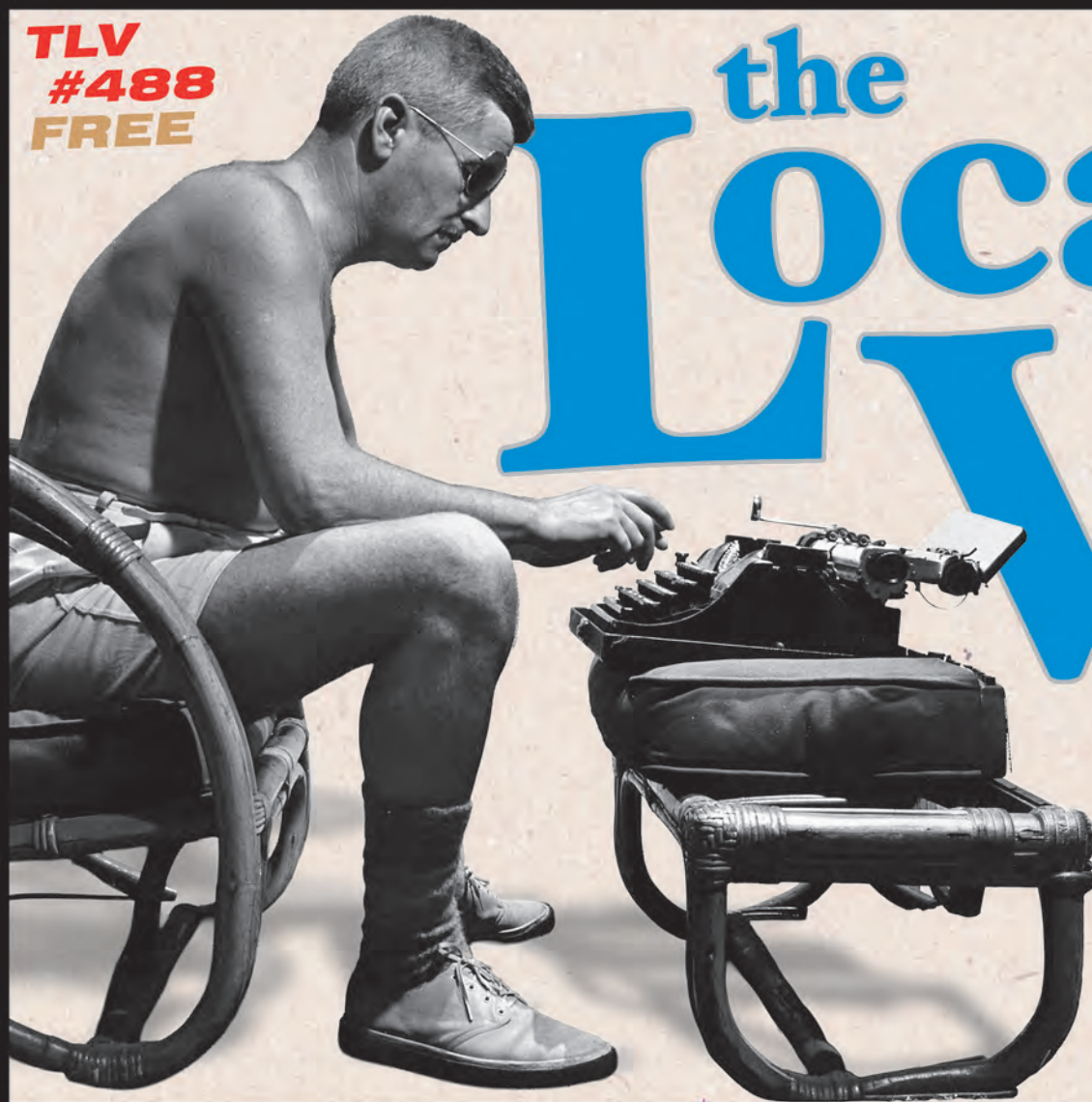
Chicken Avocado Quesadillas: Layer shredded mozzarella, cooked chicken and diced avocado between two flour tortillas. Add a drizzle of your favorite sauce, such as ranch, barbecue or teriyaki, if you'd like. Cook in a skillet over medium heat until both sides are golden brown and the cheese is melted, then slice into wedges and serve.

Quick Chicken Alfredo: Make sliced leftover chicken into a fast comfort meal by simmering it with jarred Alfredo sauce, a splash of milk, butter and Italian seasonings. Spoon over cooked egg noodles and finish with chopped parsley.

Sometimes the simplest recipes become the ones you reach for again and again. I have a feeling this will be one of them. Enjoy!

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