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Miscellanea Spirit House Earns MICHELIN Exceptional Cocktail Award & Bib Gourmand Distinction

Visit Oxford MS celebrates the city's continued culinary excellence following the second annual MICHELIN Guide American South ceremony in Nashville, where **Miscellanea Spirit House** earned two prestigious distinctions. The restaurant received a coveted **Bib Gourmand** recognition, while its own **Ally Bowen** was honored with the MICHELIN **Exceptional Cocktail Award** for her creativity and innovation behind the bar. In addition to Miscellanea's achievements, four other Oxford-area restaurants retained MICHELIN recommendations, further cementing the destination's reputation as one of the South's premier culinary destinations.

"Oxford has long been a destination for exceptional food and Southern hospitality, and seeing Miscellanea Spirit House recognized with both a Bib Gourmand and the MICHELIN Exceptional Cocktail Award is an incredible moment for our culinary community," said **Kinney Ferris**, Executive Director of Visit Oxford MS. "These honors, alongside the continued recognition of our local restaurants, are a testament to the talented chefs, mixologists and hospitality professionals who make Oxford's dining scene so special. We're proud to see their creativity and passion celebrated on an international stage."

MICHELIN Exceptional Cocktail Award: Ally Bowen, Miscellanea Spirit House

At Miscellanea, Bowen oversees the development of a highly inventive cocktail program across the



Miscellanea bar manager Ally Bowen.

establishment's experiential rooms. Her work focuses on Prohibition-inspired classics, handmade infusions, and bespoke flavor combinations. This award celebrates her technical precision, creativity, and unique approach to flavor curation behind the bar.

Bib Gourmand: Miscellanea Spirit House

Framed by global traditions and anchored in warm Southern hospitality, Miscellanea's evolving menu reads like a curated travel journal. Every bite and sip offers a familiar comfort with an adventurous twist, inviting guests to explore a world of flavors crafted to spark curiosity. Created with the ever-explorer in mind, their speakeasy invites guests beyond an unassuming storefront into a collection of three distinct cocktail rooms, each offering its own atmosphere, story, and sense of discovery. Every space is designed to encourage guests to linger, explore, and experience something unexpected.

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- **Ajax Diner** is a beloved institution that serves up soulful comfort food prepared from scratch with generous portions.
- **City Grocery** stands as a cornerstone of Oxford's dining scene and a creative force in contemporary Southern cuisine.
- **Snackbar** captures Oxford's distinctive blend of literary charm and Southern ease.
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THURSDAY 10.29.2026

The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio Sarahfest Show
featuring MICAH JOHNSTON for *The Unhaunting*; music by ANNIE
& THE CALDWELLS, DAWN BARHAM (6 pm)
Old Henry: Halloween Party & Costume Contest w/ DJ WADE
Proud Larry's: ZACH JOHN KING (8 pm)
The Lyric: COSMIC CHARLIE (8 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: Halloween Spooktacular (5–7 pm)

FRIDAY 10.30.2026

Booth's BBQ: Halloween Festival (6–8:30 pm)
Funkys: OLDIES NIGHT
The Library: CLAY BARKER (9 pm)
Proud Larry's: BASS DRUM OF DEATH, HOLY VISION (9 pm)
Quack's: HALLOWEEN PARTY W/ BEDLXM (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: JAMIE BAKER (7 pm)
The Lyric: MUSTACHE THE BAND (9 pm)



SATURDAY 10.31.2026

HALLOWEEN

Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: Ole Miss vs. AUBURN (11:45 am)
Funkys: OLDIES NIGHT
The Library: CLAY BARKER (9 pm)
Proud Larry's: THE SILVER SAINTS
Quack's: HALLOWEEN PARTY W/ BEDLXM (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: MICAH BROWN (7 pm)
The Lyric: CODE PINK - Fang Banger (LGBTQ+ dance party, 9 pm)

SUNDAY 11.01.2026

Proud Larry's: THE FAMILY (6 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (UM): Student Recital - ALYSON NUNN,
DEKYLAN JONES (2:30 pm)

MONDAY 11.02.2026

Proud Larry's: MISSREADS (8 pm; free)
Rhythm & Rye: Monday Night Football Watch Party
Ford Center (UM): LOU Side-By-Side Concert w/ UM Opera Theatre &
guest conductor DAVID ECCLES (7:30 pm)
Overby Center (UM): Screening of Natchez + Q&A w/ filmmaker
SUZANNAH HERBERT (5:30 pm)
SJB Pavilion (UM): Ole Miss Basketball vs. ALCORN STATE (7:30 pm)

TUESDAY 11.03.2026

ELECTION DAY - Polls are open 7 am–7 pm

Proud Larry's: UM JAZZ COMBOS (7 pm)
Ford Center: Don't Stop Me Now: Celebration of Rock Musicals (7:30 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (UM): Faculty Duo Recital - VINCENT MORREALE &
YOOJUNG KIM (7:30 pm)
Oxford Intermediate School: MORE THAN A MEAL (free hot meal &
fellowship; 5 pm)

WEDNESDAY 11.04.2026

Proud Larry's: FOX N' VEAD (9 pm)
Band Hall (UM): PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES (7:30 pm; free)

THURSDAY 11.05.2026

The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio Sarahfest Show
featuring EXODUS OKTAVIA BROWNLOW & ROBIN MIURA
for *New Stories from the South*; music by HUEY & THE
HEAVENSENT, TRENTON AYERS & WOLFEAGLE (6 pm)
Proud Larry's: WAX MONKEY, JACOOZY (9 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (UM): Student Recital - JACOBIE STEEN & ABBIE
ZARBACK (7:30 pm)

FRIDAY 11.06.2026

The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
Proud Larry's: THE GRINGOS (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: THE BLUES DOCTORS (7 pm)
SJB Pavilion (UM): Ole Miss Basketball vs. CENTRAL ARKANSAS (7:30 pm)

SATURDAY 11.07.2026

Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: Ole Miss vs. GEORGIA (6:30 pm)
The Library: CLAY CORMIER (9 pm)
Proud Larry's: BARNHOUSE (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: MICAH BROWN (7 pm)
Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): MIKE BAGGETTA & ELI WINTER
Double Solos Tour w/ SHERRY COTHREN
The Lyric: PANIC STRICKEN (10:30 pm)

MONDAY 11.09.2026

Off Square Books: MARCUS WICKER for *Dear Mothership* &
EMILY SKAJA for *Black Lake* (6 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: Monday Night Football Watch Party
Nutt Auditorium (UM): LOW BRASS ENSEMBLES (7:30 pm)

TUESDAY 11.10.2026

Square Books, Jr.: No Cap Chap Book Club (6 pm)
Nutt Auditorium (UM): Student recital - NOEL TERRELL, BROOKE
BUSBY (7:30 pm)
Law Center 1078 (UM): Narcan Training (4–5 pm)
SJB Pavilion (UM): Ole Miss Basketball vs. SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA
UNIVERSITY (7:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY 11.11.2026

Off Square Books: ADAM MAKOS signs *Tidal Wave* (11 am)
Ford Center: VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT (5:30 pm)

THURSDAY 11.12.2026

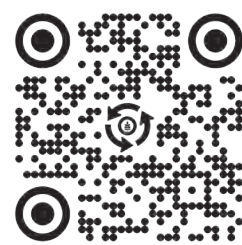
Barnard Observatory (UM): SouthTalks: "Sparkling Epiphanies: Giving Voice
to Hidden History in Plain Sight" with RHONDALYN PEAIRS (5:30 pm)
Business Row (UM): OXCM Campus Market (10 am–2 pm)
Ford Center: UM JAZZ ENSEMBLES (7:30 pm)
The Lyric: THE STEWS (8 pm)

FRIDAY 11.13.2026

The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)
Proud Larry's: CIGARETTES @ SUNSET (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: DAVIS COEN (7 pm)

SATURDAY 11.14.2026

Norman, OK: Ole Miss @ OKLAHOMA (TBA)
The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)
Rhythm & Rye: THE BLUES DOCTORS (7 pm)
UM Band Hall: Social Dance with Lesson (7–9:30 pm; \$10
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- Blind Pig: Trivia (7:30 pm)

Tuesdays

- Moe's: TRIVIA NIGHT (7 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3–6:30 pm)
- Oxford Intermediate School: More than a Meal (5 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)

Fridays

- Rafters on the Square: DJ DRUMM

Saturdays

- Rafters on the Square: DJ DRUMM
- Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME (10 am)

Sundays

- Rafters on the Water.: Live Music (5 pm)

Monday–Friday

- Lafayette Co. & Oxford Public Library: After-school Zone (3:45 pm)



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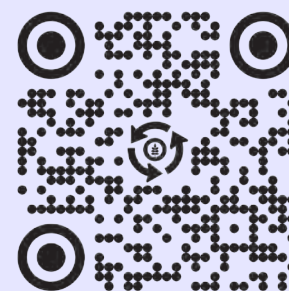
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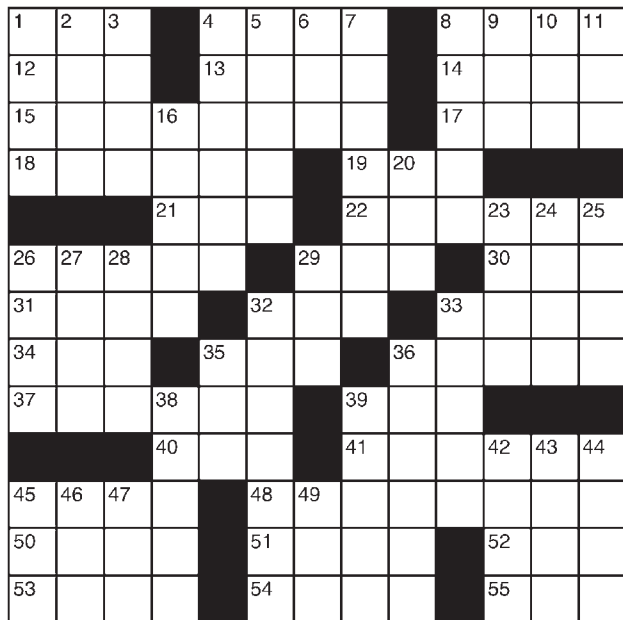


Here are some games to play, in your free time, to keep your mind sharp, and focused.

tLV King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Personal
- 4 Poi base
- 8 Fraud
- 12 Romance
- 13 — incline (tilted)
- 14 Unruly groups
- 15 Message from an admirer
- 17 Border on
- 18 On an angle
- 19 Vinyl records
- 21 Before
- 22 "Darn it!"
- 26 Scrabble pieces
- 29 Movie format
- 30 "Little piggie"
- 31 Rd. crossers
- 32 Grant's foe
- 33 1982 sci-fi film
- 34 "The Newsroom" actor Patel
- 35 Farm grazer
- 36 Resided
- 37 "I, Robot" author
- 39 Lanka lead-in
- 40 Storm center
- 41 Sculpted trunks
- 45 Sagan or Sandburg
- 48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
- 50 Squad
- 51 — Stanley Gardner



- 52 PC linking system
- 53 Short cuts
- 54 Snitched
- 55 Vintage
- 9 Corn core
- 10 — Dhahi
- 11 Rockies hrs.
- 16 Tools for duels
- 20 Third degree?
- 23 To be, in Tours
- 24 "Neato!"
- 25 Superman's alias
- 26 "There!"
- 27 Currier's partner
- 28 Jeans maker Strauss
- 29 Morning moisture
- 32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
- 33 Spin
- 35 Demure
- 36 Buzzed
- 38 Thaws
- 39 Unmoving
- 42 Aviator's milestone
- 43 Track shape
- 44 Email command
- 45 Young lion
- 46 Year in Spain
- 47 Chest bone
- 49 Granada gold

DOWN

- 1 They give a hoot
- 2 Scarf material
- 3 De — (from the start)
- 4 Printer refills
- 5 Battery part
- 6 Squealer
- 7 Bob Marley hit song
- 8 Big hit



1. Name the artist who wrote and released "Pretty Thing."
2. Who wrote and released "All I Really Want to Do"?
3. Name the two cars used in Jan and Dean's 1963 "Dead Man's Curve." Bonus for knowing the location where the drag race started.
4. Who was the first to release "Just Like Me"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "When you see me shed a tear and you know that it's sincere, Don'tcha think it's kinda sad that you're treatin' me so bad?"

Answers

1. Bo Diddley, in 1955. The Animals released a cover in 1963, and Canned Heat followed with a cover in 1970.
2. Bob Dylan, in 1964, on his "Another Side of Bob Dylan" album. The Byrds and Cher released covers of the song, both in 1965.
3. Corvette Sting Ray and a Jaguar XKE at the corner of Sunset and Vine in Beverly Hills. Legend says the dead man's curve was near the corner of Sunset and North Whittier Drive.
4. The Wilde Knights, in 1965.
5. "Cathy's Clown," by the Everly Brothers, in 1960. It's said that the song was recorded in only one take. It was added to the National Recording Registry in 2013.

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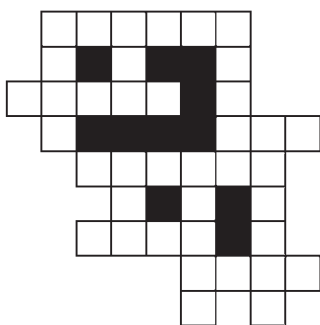
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L J I R G E F O A N N D D Y B
A Y X E G N U R G W U W U T S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: A HARD TO REMOVE SPOT



- ATV
TUFECA
♥ IDFEN
♥ NCEA
♥ EVDTEO
OAD
♥ ILEV
♥ TELCA
♥ UTN
TENTUA
EVDLE
♥ EDRO



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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GIVE P'S A CHANCE

ACROSS

- 1 "It's — cause!"
6 Square mile, say
14 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
20 Roping event
21 Broken ceramic bit
22 Trapped after a blizzard
23 Stumbled and really got hurt?
25 Starting a golf game, with "off"
26 As yet unborn
27 Don't fully believe
29 Rind
30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree
31 Stress felt after eating jalapeños?
36 Arranged like a ladder
38 Organic compound
39 Gymnast?
47 Banquet
51 One giving paid money back
52 U.S. territory since 1898
53 Noonday nap
54 Sight-related
55 Flooring square
58 Person walking with a limp?
60 Actor Mineo
62 Lac liquid
64 Pro vote
65 OR hookups
66 Bribe a judge in order to win?
74 Body part with three bones
75 Wiggly fish
76 Tram cargo
77 Actor Linden
78 Battles between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?
83 Ex-U.N. leader Annan
86 Martini & — (vermouth)
90 DeGeneres and Burstyn
91 Get really wet
93 Exchanges favors, in politics
95 More guileful
96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?
99 Hoops great Bryant
101 Last Greek letters

- 102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?
108 Himalayan guide
114 Johnson who directed "Knives Out"
115 Electric fan's sound
116 Dissolves out via percolation
117 Riddle
119 Sluggish mammal wearing a pair of hats?
124 Golden ager
125 Fearful
126 San Diego ballplayer
127 Third-largest Danish city
128 Cold carnival treat
129 Tarnish

DOWN

- 1 "— a jealous mistress"
2 — Doone (cookie brand)
3 Strong dislike
4 Train system in Philly
5 Heavy drinker
6 Raised coil
7 Negating word
8 "What was — do?"
9 General —'s chicken
10 Sound made during a physical
11 Novelist Charles
12 Mistake
13 Do a tally of
14 Glove alternative
15 High card
16 Heavy slumber
17 "Sayonara!"
18 76-Across digger
19 A right one is 90 degrees
24 Wiped clean
28 Male sibling, in dialect
31 Father: Prefix
32 Pixieish sort
33 Good bud
34 Prudish sort
35 Opera singer Anne — von Otter
37 Tech news website
39 To and —
40 Sales agt.
41 Small newt
42 Old cereal with an alien mascot
43 Open, as a drink bottle
44 British tavern

- 45 Gasol of the NBA
46 TV prizes
48 Meat jelly
49 Actor Carell of "Vice"
50 Sailors, colloquially
53 Spherical bacterium, informally
56 Zodiac feline
57 Body part with three bones
59 Establish
61 Gazes creepily
63 ET's craft
66 Cave dwarf
67 Insinuate
68 Dawn moisture
69 Blink brightly
70 Runkle
71 Olds oldie
72 Basketball great Bird
73 Socially cold
74 \$5 bills, informally
79 Looking through a keyhole, say
80 2002 scandal company
81 King, in Nice
82 Devitalize
84 Writer Fannie
85 Ames' state
87 35mm camera type
88 — -mo replay
89 Doctrine
92 Psy and BTS' music genre
94 Very excited, slangily
96 Meeting, informally
97 U.K. record label
98 Lion lair
100 Watch out for
102 Playground rejoinder
103 Like ruled paper
104 Pamphleteer Thomas
105 Saint — and Nevis
106 Writer Shaw
107 Teaser ad
109 Lock holders
110 Dazzling success
111 1970s sitcom
112 — dish (bio lab item)
113 Ghostly white
116 — majesty (high treason)
118 Year divs.
120 AAA service
121 Tolkien fiend
122 Multi- — (hybrid dog)
123 Play on words

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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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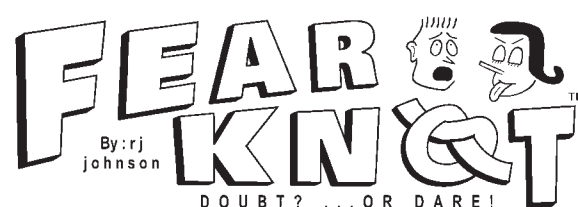
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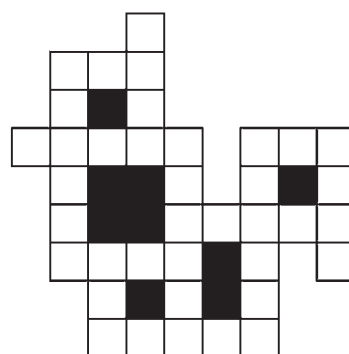
Voice ID?

S	O	U	N	D	Healthy
					Nose
					Extended family members
					Visit frequently
					Group prayer or invocation
					Soccer or tennis contest

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.



HDO
ANIMLE
♥ NERGA
♥ HCMU
RITHEM
♥ RAF
RTFE
OLTDA
♥ OMT
CRIFLO
♥ RTNHO
♥ IETD



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.

Puzzles4Kids

RIDDLE SEARCH – INDEFINITE AMOUNTS

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: **Which Halloween monster is good at math?**

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S	U	O	R	E	M	U	N	S	S

Riddle answer: _____

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. Portugal's hilly city | ___ _ _ B _ _ _ | Sonny boxer | ___ _ _ T _ _ _ |
| 2. Alert | ___ _ _ _ E | Accolade | ___ _ _ _ D |
| 3. Baseball official | U _ _ _ _ _ | Royal realm | E _ _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Fall predecessor | _ U _ _ _ _ | Cook slowly | _ I _ _ _ _ |
| 5. Bath sheet | _ _ _ _ _ L | Eiffel or Pisa | _ _ _ _ _ R |
| 6. Push | _ _ _ O _ _ | Remove whiskers | _ _ A _ _ _ |
| 7. Pester | _ _ O _ _ _ | Tub user | _ A _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Cake layers | _ _ _ _ R _ | Supermodel Cheryl | _ _ _ G _ _ |
| 9. Cologne's river | R _ _ _ _ _ | Gleam | S _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Contemplate | _ _ _ N _ _ _ | Talcum | _ _ W _ _ _ |



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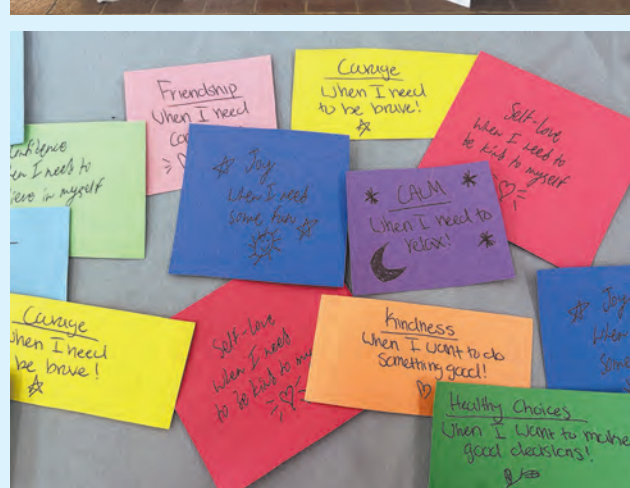
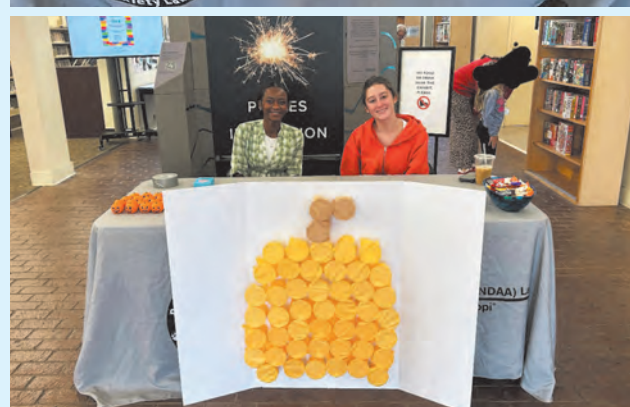
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Vicar	APRONS		
Brisk	SCRIP		
Altar	INSHER		
Absorb	PENGOS		

TODAY'S WORD

Raising Awareness of Youth Resources in Lafayette County

TLV Staff Report



Top: Full tabling spread at the Oxford Public Library.
Center: Volunteers Julia and Derenee greet students at NMYC's table.
Bottom: Self-care cards. All submitted photographs..

The North Mississippi Youth Coalition (NMYC) is working to help young people in **Lafayette County** make informed decisions about their health and well-being. But as the group expands its presence in the community, a huge challenge has been making sure families know these services exist and are available to them.

"We would love for more families and youth to be connected to what we do," said **Lucia Booker**, the coalition's project coordinator. "Currently, an area of struggle that we have is a lack of community awareness regarding our resources."

Based at the **University of Mississippi**, the NMYC receives funding through the federal Drug-Free Communities grant program, a national initiative administered through a partnership involving the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **White House Office of National Drug Control Policy**. The program supports local coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among young people by strengthening cooperation among community partners. The coalition grew out of combined efforts involving the university's Department of Psychology and Department of Public Health. **Dr. Sarah Bilsky** serves as program director, and **Dr. Hannah Allen-King** is co-director.

Two years ago, Bilsky and Allen-King applied for the Drug-Free Communities grant, a process that also involved recruiting representatives from 12 community sectors, including schools, youth-serving organizations, religious organizations, and others. These representatives help bring different parts of the community together around this shared goal of preventing youth substance use.

Both Bilsky and Allen-King are currently on maternity leave but continue to provide Booker with guidance as she coordinates the grant's activities. Booker's primary responsibility is implementing the grant's work under their direction, while

gaining professional leadership experience and developing her own approach to the position.

NMYC's goal is reducing tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana use among students in grades 7-12. The coalition's approach involves free, evidence-based programming for schools, substance prevention workshops, and other activities focused on effective communication, mental health awareness, and wellness.

"We don't want to do anything without evidence," Booker said, explaining that the organization strictly relies on research to guide its programming.

In addition to working with schools, the coalition connects with families through community events, where it shares local mental health resource guides, distributes stress-relief items, and provides opportunities for youth to engage in conversations and tabling activities.

Building Connections through Community Outreach

Since beginning her position in June, Booker has focused on building a stronger presence for NMYC. The organization makes efforts to attend various local events each month with hopes of meeting people and introducing more residents to its services.

Tabling events have become one of the coalition's most successful ways to connect directly with young people. During these sessions, students, particularly those in seventh and eighth grades, take part in psychoeducational activities that introduce them to mindfulness and mental health topics in an engaging way.

One activity involves a board game Booker created, with each space presenting a mindfulness question or challenge. In another, students help assemble a pumpkin using small cups, each containing a mindfulness question. Students lined



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up, selected a cup, opened it, and answered the question inside.

Through these hands-on activities, NMYC can engage young people in conversations about their experiences while introducing them to practical ways to think about wellness and emotional health.

The coalition's outreach includes activities through **Afterschool Zone** at the **Oxford Public Library**, where Booker has had great opportunities to interact with children and parents. The group also programming at **Oxford High School**, including substance prevention activities during Red Ribbon Week.

Booker said those personal interactions have helped her better understand the challenges young people face and the importance of making support available to them. "Everybody struggles," she said. "I think some people don't realize that kids have as many struggles as they do, and it's important to give them spaces to talk about whatever they're going through."

Her experience working with local families has strengthened her appreciation for the community organizations. Booker said she is impressed by the number of people willing to collaborate, including partners she reaches out to for the first time.

"Oxford's a great community," she said. "It has so many people always working to help it and provide more enrichment to it."

Through partner relationships the coalition hopes to build on opportunities for educational programming and community activities. Booker said she wants everyone involved to benefit, meanwhile allowing NMYC to contribute to existing efforts and expand its own reach.

Lucia's interest in youth support is rooted in her educational background and personal experiences. She graduated from Ole Miss with degrees in psychology and political science and has a strong interest in research and clinical psychology. She aspires to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology in the coming years.

Having grown up in a rural area, Booker understands that finding support can be tough, and it's that understanding that drives her in her journey to make it easier for young people to find encouragement and connections.

Upcoming Activities and a Youth Coalition in the Works

NMYC continues building its community presence through partnerships and events that connect families with its resources. More activities and collaborations the organization has been planning include a Family Day with the **University of Mississippi Museum**, participation in **Oxford Community Market** events and an outreach activity with **More Than a Meal**.

NMYC also has plans to participate in the **William Magee Center's** wellness fair and collaborate with the YMCA on free yoga.

Beyond the events, the coalition is working toward a larger initiative designed to give local teenagers a more active role in their community. Within the next year, NMYC hopes to establish a youth coalition for students. Booker envisions a youth-centered and youth-led group where they can develop friendships, volunteer, connect with peers, and take on leadership roles.

"We also want to offer them volunteer opportunities to get into college or to go wherever they want to go in life," she said, "and also provide them with leadership opportunities that they may not have in the community as frequently."

NMYC hopes to find students willing to serve as youth leaders and help guide the coalition as it develops, meanwhile giving young people an opportunity to share their ideas, build relationships and participate in activities shaped by their interests.

As she continues to add to the calendar and work towards a youth coalition, Booker welcomes more partnerships with schools, faith-based organizations, after-school programs, community groups, and sports teams interested in offering educational opportunities for young people and urges that their involvement will be the key to success.

"We just want to help people, and we just want to provide more to the community," she said.

Families, students, schools, and community organizations interested in NMYC's free programming or partnership opportunities can send an email to: nmyc.dfc@gmail.com. Or find them on Instagram @nmyc.dfcgrant. 





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Handmade Traditions Continue at Holiday House Arts & Crafts Bazaar

by Suad Patton Bey

For **Eugenia Bellario**, one of the joys of participating in the **Holiday House Arts & Crafts Bazaar** is watching her granddaughter take pride in her handmade creations. Whether helping arrange hats and scarves or telling customers that her grandmother made the items they admire, her granddaughter has become part of a tradition Bellario first experienced as a young woman. Now, decades later, Bellario can share that tradition with a new generation.

The Holiday House Arts & Crafts Bazaar has been a **Lafayette County** tradition for more than 30 years. Organized by **Mississippi Community Volunteers (MCV)**, formerly known as **Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers**, the annual event brings together local artisans while raising money for charitable causes.

The organization has been active in Lafayette County for more than 50 years. The bazaar, previously known simply as Holiday House, adopted its expanded name this year.

“This is one of the biggest fundraisers that MCV has for the year, and that allows us to be able to donate to charitable agencies,” said Bellario, media admin for the Lafayette County MCV.

Cosponsored by the Lafayette County MSU Extension and **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council**, this year’s bazaar will feature approximately 40 vendors, a silent auction, children’s activities, and a Saturday visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visitors are also encouraged to bring nonperishable food donations for the **Oxford Food Pantry**.

Bellario remembers attending her first Holiday House as a young woman, when the event was held at the old National Guard Armory. She recalls the festive decorations and the excitement of seeing what local crafters had created with their own hands.

Decades later, she is helping organize an event

that now includes approximately 40 vendors, with offerings ranging from pottery and handmade jewelry to quilts, wreaths, baked goods, and 3D-printed creations. A silent auction is also planned.

For Oxford potter **Michael Satterfield**, the appeal of handmade goods lies partly in their imperfections.

“It’s not perfect, it’s pottery,” Satterfield said, explaining that the fingerprints and subtle irregularities left behind by the artist distinguish handcrafted pieces from mass-produced merchandise.

Satterfield, who earned a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from the **University of Mississippi**, began his pottery business in a two-car garage 15 years ago. What started as an unexpected career change has grown into a full-time operation producing stone dinnerware, decorative bowls, ornaments, and other household pieces.

Although his work now reaches retailers and establishments across several states, Satterfield believes that meeting the person behind a handmade object gives it a different kind of value.

The holiday season is particularly important to his business. While much of the production begins as early as June to prepare for holiday orders, the final months of the year offer opportunities to connect directly with customers.

At Holiday House, Satterfield plans to display examples of his dinnerware alongside ornaments, abstract bowls, animal figurines, and other decorative pieces. For Satterfield, those personal encounters are as rewarding as working with clay itself.

That same appreciation for the relationship between artist and customer is shared by jewelry maker **Malinda Hitt**, whose passion for jewelry began long before she started selling her creations.

As a teenager, Hitt dreamed of making jewelry but did not know where to begin. Around 2010, while still working at a warehouse where she would eventually complete 36 years of employment,

she began teaching herself the craft through instructional videos.

Starting with beads and simple necklace designs, she gradually developed her skills, experimenting with colors and styles that complemented different outfits. After retiring in 2016, she devoted more time to what had become a favorite hobby.

Hitt began experimenting with wire rings using leftover beads from earlier projects. The rings proved popular with customers, encouraging her to expand into wire bracelets and other designs.

Today, her creations range from beaded necklaces and delicate earrings to rings, bracelets, and jewelry sets. Rather than limiting herself to one artistic style, Hitt pays attention to the changing tastes of her customers, including younger shoppers who prefer simpler, more delicate pieces.

At this year’s bazaar, she plans to bring wire earrings shaped like crosses and angels, wire bracelets, beaded necklace sets, delicate necklaces, and an assortment of rings.

Yet for Hitt, the satisfaction of making jewelry comes less from completing a sale than from seeing someone genuinely appreciate her work.

“My thing is that what makes me happy and what blesses me is to see other people enjoy the jewelry,” she said.

Hitt, who has participated in the Holiday House bazaar for several years, believes shoppers who appreciate handmade goods understand the time and thought involved in producing them.

Beyond providing a marketplace for local artists, Holiday House serves another purpose: supporting charitable work throughout Lafayette County.

This year, MCV is collecting nonperishable food donations for the Oxford Food Pantry, an organization its members already support through regular volunteer work. Bellario said the Lafayette County council selected the pantry as a collective service project for the year.

MCV members also help stock community mini-pantries and have supported other causes, including a veteran’s home and a children’s hospital in Jackson.

For Bellario, the bazaar represents more than an annual fundraiser. It is also an opportunity to preserve a community tradition and introduce younger generations to the value of volunteering and creating things by hand.

The Holiday House Arts & Crafts Bazaar will be held Friday, November 13 from 10 am–7 pm, and Saturday, November 14 from 9 am–3 pm, at the **Lafayette County Arena**. Vendors can register for the Bazaar through the YAC website at oxfordarts.com. The registration deadline is November 6. 



Above left: a necklace design by Malinda Hitt; right: Satterfield Pottery dinnerware. Submitted photos.



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

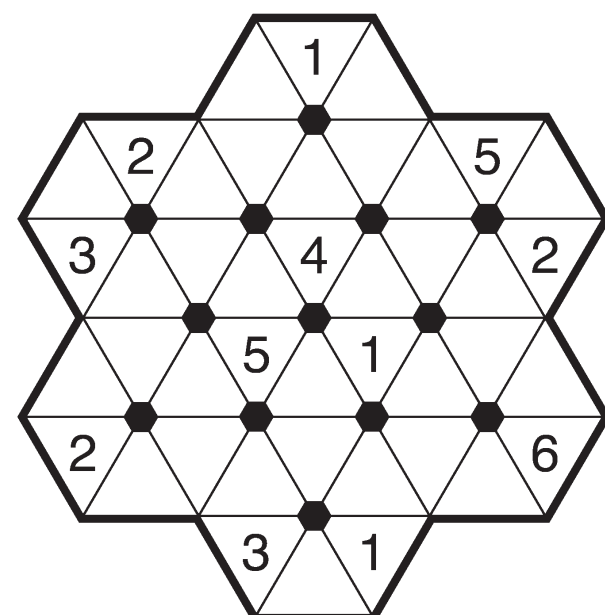
- HISTORY:** In which year was the euro currency introduced?
- UNITED STATES:** Which state is the driest in the nation?
- ANATOMY:** A phalange refers to what in the human body?
- MOVIES:** Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?
- LANGUAGE:** What does it mean to anthropomorphize?
- TELEVISION:** What's the name of Bart's teacher on *The Simpsons*?
- MONEY:** Which president is pictured on the \$50 U.S. bill?
- LITERATURE:** The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?
- MUSIC:** Who was the founder of Motown Records?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is East Timor located?

ANSWERS BELOW



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



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.

SMFXXKQYKRR MR YNA G
FIPIQH UIA G YKJKRRMAH
NW ATK TILGY RBMQMA.
— KXSGQX GUUKH

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: U equals C

KG ZUDPFYY YDXIF ZIC SFP
URXIFY GKRRFC EO Z DSFZDFP,
K YEOOXYF XIF NXERC YFF
PXNY XG YSZPXI.

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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	+		+		=	19
×		+		÷		
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Answers: 1. 1999 2. Nevada 3. Finger or toe
4. *Django Unchained* 5. To give human traits to non-human things 6. Edna Krabappel 7. Ulysses S. Grant
8. *Through the Looking-Glass*, and *What Alice Found There* 9. Berry Gordy Jr. 10. Southeast Asia, occupying half of the island of Timor



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STICK-ERS



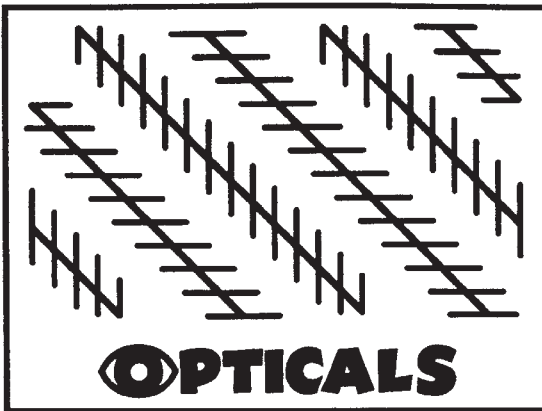
Mike's father-in-law has one daughter only. The daughter's mother-in-law has a son named Robert who has a son named Tyler. Tyler is Mike's:

- A) cousin
- B) nephew
- C) uncle
- D) son
- E) father

KNIGHT MOVES

S	I	U
R		S
T	P	R

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.



ARE THE LONG diagonal lines shown above straight and parallel?

Answer: Yes. The short lines make them appear to be unaligned.

A CROOKED CALCULATION! A dishonest tradesman measured out 20 feet of rope for a customer. Using a yardstick that was 3 inches too short, how much rope "didn't" the customer get?

Answer: 18 inches. In measuring the first 18 feet, 3 inches were lost for each yard. There was no loss for the last 2 feet.



Illustrated by David Coulson

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 4 through 13 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 47. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

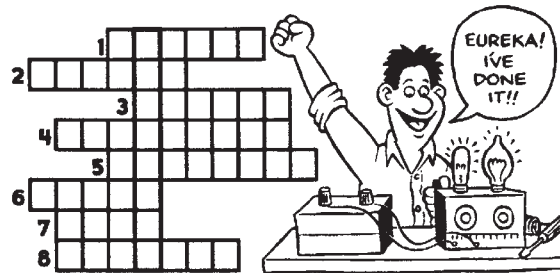
Our answer: First row: 11, 14, 18, 4. Second row: 17, 5, 10, 15. Third row: 6, 20, 12, 9. Fourth row: 13, 8, 7, 19.

	14	18	
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



AMERICAN GENIUSES! In this puzzle grid there is room for the names of eight famous American inventors. Below are hints to get you started. There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you

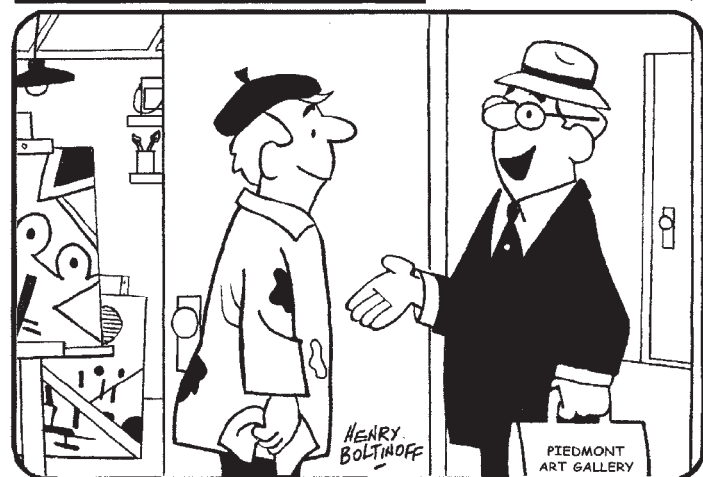
correctly name all of the inventors, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of the man who made radio possible.

1. He had over 1,000 patents.
2. He perfected the sewing machine.
3. Made sailing in calm weather easy.
4. Made a wheat harvesting machine.
5. Invented bifocal eyeglasses.
6. Made a machine for sending messages.
7. Had his ups and downs.
8. Invented a machine to clean cotton.

Answers: 1. (Thomas) Edison. 2. (Isaac) Singer. 3. (Robert) Fulton. 4. (Cyrus) McCormick. 5. (Ben) Franklin. 6. (Samuel) Morse. 7. (Elisha) Ott. 8. (Eli) Whitney. The famous radio inventor was (Lee) DeForest.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Sleeve is rolled up. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Door is moved. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Painting is different.

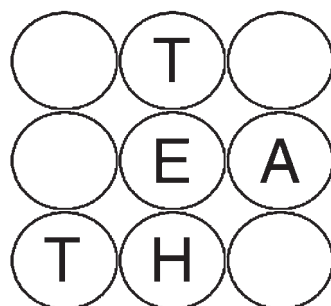
Even Exchange

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. Young canine | ___ U ___ | Fully of energy | ___ E ___ |
| 2. Fetch | ___ ___ G | Brim | ___ ___ K |
| 3. Buy stocks & bonds | ___ ___ S | Concoct | ___ ___ N |
| 4. Time regulator | ___ ___ C | Mantle | ___ ___ A |
| 5. More rapidly | ___ A ___ | Promote | ___ O ___ |
| 6. Instilled knowledge | T ___ | Seized the baseball | C ___ |
| 7. More bleached out | ___ H ___ | Author | ___ R ___ |
| 8. Outrigger | ___ ___ E | Tenet | ___ ___ N |
| 9. Tiger or mako | ___ ___ K | Like cheddar cheese | ___ ___ P |
| 10. Frontrunner | ___ A ___ | Banker | ___ 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.



Vlad the Humanitarian

On October 21, 2026, Steve Witkoff, U.S. Special Envoy met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg, Russia. Witkoff was in Russia to negotiate the release of 74-year-old American schoolteacher Stephen Hubbard, who had been imprisoned by the Russian government since 2022.

At the time of his arrest, Hubbard was living in the Ukrainian city of Izyum with his Ukrainian partner. The Russian government claimed that Hubbard was serving in Ukraine's military forces, so they arrested him. Because he was an American, inside sources say that Hubbard received more inhumane treatment than did other prisoners, including beatings, sexual humiliation, withholding of food, electric shocks, and probably more.

During the successful negotiations, Witkoff said to Putin on camera: "You talk so much about my president, President Trump, being a humanitarian; you are a humanitarian also, sir, and I salute that, I commend you, and I thank you again."

Let that sink in. Now, take a look at a few of Vlad the Humanitarian's war crimes. The following comes from AI and relates only to the period of the invasion of Ukraine. Prior to that, there was much more of the same ilk from Vlad and his predecessors.

In 2023, Putin oversaw the forced abduction and relocation of thousands of Ukrainian children. (NPR)

Over 16,000 to 20,000 Ukrainian children have been forcibly taken to Russian-controlled locations.

International organizations have documented that the Russian government has made widespread use of illegal detention, sexual violence, torture chambers, and executions.

Prior to the unprovoked and hostile Russian invasion of Ukraine, under Vlad the Humanitarian's control, heinous, inhumane treatment occurred in Chechnya, Georgia, and Syria, to name just a few places. Wikipedia cites inhumane actions including crimes against humanity, genocide, torture, rape, looting, and enforced disappearances as well. Of course, Vladimir Putin is a humanitarian! Right? Wrong! In fact, he is the polar opposite of such. And now, under our President's regime, Putin is called a humanitarian by a United States government official and appears to be kowtowed to.

As a licensed mental health counselor, I know that many times adults who have not received appropriate validation in childhood subconsciously seek outside validation from others who, quite often, bear the same or similar characteristics as those who raised them and who have not given them the appropriate love and care that all children



want, need, and deserve. A significant number of those factors can easily push one toward narcissism. Out of fear, shame, and feelings of inadequacy, they must glorify themselves in order to feel worthy. They fear rejection should anyone else see their deep inner wounding. They can be like an injured dog that will bite you when you're only trying to help it.

I strongly believe that Vlad the Humanitarian knows exactly what he's doing and is laughing behind the backs of all citizens of the United States.

Since I was a child, Russia has been considered our main enemy. Fun fact: When I was a child in the winter of 1957-1958, we were told we shouldn't eat from the beautiful blanket of snow that

had fallen because the Russian satellite Sputnik had contaminated the snow with radiation. In truth, the slight radioactivity was due to direct environmental fallout from America's testing of nuclear weapons. I was sad that we couldn't have the snow ice cream I craved. Nevertheless, I "sneak-ate" the snow anyway. Perhaps that explains my glowing personality!

As is often the case, Bob Dylan penned the song "With God on Our Side," which chronicles many of the inhumane events throughout our own nation's history. Here's a relevant verse:

*I learned to hate the Russians all through my whole life.
If another war comes, it's them we must fight
To hate them and fear them, to run and to hide,
And accept it all bravely with God on my side.**

Is it better to have God on our side or for us to be on God's side? Pause and think on that.

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

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Fri: 11 am-2 pm; 4-10 pm

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Dinner: 4-10/9 pm

Happy Hour 4-5 pm: \$4 select

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Sun: 5 pm-9 pm

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Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm

Penny Bar open 3 pm

Penny Bar Happy Hour 3-6 pm:

Mon-Fri ½-price apps,

\$15 High Life buckets,

\$6 Bushwhackers

Mon: \$3 domestics (7p-till)

Tue: TRIVIA + 2-for-1 drafts (7p-till)

Wed: OPEN MIC; ½-price wine & well

whiskey (7p-till)

Thu: BINGO + \$5 Bushwhackers (7p-till)

Sun: \$3 PBR (3 p-till)

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Thu-Sat: 10 am-8 pm

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The Old Henry

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Wed: \$1 WINGS; ½-price wine;

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Thu: Happy Hour 6-8 pm

½-priced cocktails & wine

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Wed: Old Fashioned Night: \$6 burger,

\$7 Old Fashioned

Thu: \$5 drafts

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Wed: Spaghetti + \$6 wine

Thu: Ramen & \$6 Rosé

Sun: Oyster Happy Hour \$2/shuck (5-6 pm)

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Mon-Sat: 11 am-10 pm; **Sun:** 9 pm

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

\$3 tacos; \$5 drafts & wine, ½-price

apps & domestics

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

pitchers, \$5 drafts, ½-price apps

Delivery: DoorDash

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Miller Light + Yuelling; \$4 High Noon

Fri-Sat: 11 am-9:30 pm;

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Midterm Election Day is November 3

by Taylor Vance and Geoff Pender, Mississippi Today

Midterm elections in November will determine control of both chambers of Congress. In Mississippi, a U.S. Senate race tops the ticket.

U.S. Senate

Cindy Hyde-Smith (Republican, Incumbent)

Native of Brookhaven, she is a former state agriculture commissioner and previously served as a Democratic state senator. She was appointed to the U.S. Senate by then-Gov. Phil Bryant in 2018, later won a special election, then a full six-year term in 2020. She is the first woman to represent Mississippi in Congress.

Committee roles: Serves on the Senate Agriculture, Appropriations and Energy committees

Scott Colom (Democrat)

Native of Columbus, Colom was elected district attorney for the 16th Circuit serving Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Clay, and Noxubee counties in 2015. Colom is the first Black DA for his district.

Notable: Nominated by President Joe Biden in 2023 for a northern Mississippi federal judicial seat, but his nomination was blocked by Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith.

Ty Pinkins (Independent)

Vicksburg-based attorney and military veteran, former White House communications aide and lawyer with the Mississippi Center for Justice. Pinkins ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for U.S. Senate in 2024 against incumbent Roger Wicker and ran unsuccessfully for secretary of state in 2023.

Focus: Pinkins says partisan politics and big-money influence have caused government to fail Mississippians.

U.S. House; 1st Congressional District, northern Mississippi

Trent Kelly (Incumbent), Republican

From Saltillo, Kelly is a six-term U.S. representative, a former district attorney in northern Mississippi and a 39-year Mississippi Army National Guard veteran, retiring in 2025 as a major general. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee and is chairman of the Seapower Subcommittee.

SAMPLE Official Election Ballot
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For United States Senate Vote for ONE		NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION For Chancery Court 18 Chancery District 18 Place 1 Vote for ONE	
☐ Scott Colom ☐ Cindy Hyde-Smith ☐ Ty Pinkins ☐ Write-In	Democrat Republican Independent	☐ Jenessa Carter Hicks ☐ Sarah J. Lundy ☐ Jennifer L. Shackelford ☐ Michael Watts ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan Nonpartisan Nonpartisan
For US House Of Rep 01 1st Congressional District Vote for ONE		NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION For Chancery Court 18 Chancery District 18 Place 2 Vote for ONE	
☐ Johnny Baucom ☐ Cliff Johnson ☐ Trent Kelly ☐ Write-In	Libertarian Democrat Republican	☐ Bob Whitwell ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan
NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION For Court of Appeals 01 District 1 Position 1 Vote for ONE		NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTION For Circuit Court 3 Circuit District 03 Place 1 Vote for ONE	
☐ Derek Dewayne Hopson Jr. ☐ John Weddle ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan	☐ Gray Tollison ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan
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☐ Donna M. Barnes ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan	☐ Bart M. Adams ☐ Shirley C. Byers ☐ Steven Patrick Jubens ☐ Write-In	Nonpartisan Nonpartisan Nonpartisan

Cliff Johnson, Democrat

From rural Lafayette County, Johnson is director of the MacArthur Justice Center and a professor at the University of Mississippi School of Law and is a former assistant U.S. attorney.

Johnny Baucom, Libertarian

From Columbus, Baucom is an Army National Guard veteran, health and safety technician and has managed mechanic shops.

Mississippi's federal midterm Election Day is November 3. Polls will be open from 7 am-7 pm. All Mississippi voters are required to present a photo ID(PDF). If you do not present an acceptable form of photo ID, you are entitled to cast an affidavit ballot, but must then present an ID in the local circuit clerk's office within five business days. For voter ID information or help obtaining valid identification, call 1-800-829-6786. **TV**



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TITLEHOLDERS

ACROSS

- 1 Perp's excuse
6 Bee-related
11 Lipids
15 In addition
19 "Cheers!" in Spain
20 Cousin of largo
21 Concept
22 Geometry, e.g.
23 Photo-sharing app, casually
24 Be finished by
25 "Shakespeare in Love" Oscar winner
27 "A Pocket Full of Rye" novelist
30 Device connecting to a computer port
31 "Alley —!"
32 High mountain peaks, in Italy
33 "J to — L-O!" (2002 album)
34 Put on
35 Portrayer of Emma Peel on "The Avengers"
40 Longtime editor-in-chief of Vogue
44 Purported psychic gift
45 Reebok rival
46 One-celled swimmer
47 — 500 (auto race)
48 Ren or Stimpy, e.g.
50 "Peanuts" blanket toter
52 Cherry-hued
53 "Dr." of rap
55 Gazes at creepily
57 "Rebecca" novelist
63 Fee-free, as a mutual fund
65 Come — halt
66 Succotash ingredient
67 Kung — chicken
68 12-month period, in Rio
69 Longtime Royal Ballet luminary
74 Sick-dog link
75 Levy
76 Conical-bore woodwind
77 Wed.-Fri. link
78 Kind of gas that's banned for autos
80 Best Actress winner for "BUtterfield 8"
86 Large-eyed primate
87 — jiffy
88 Cattle call
89 Presley called "The King"

- 91 Morning TV's Kelly
92 Trotsky of Russia
95 Copier clogs
97 Free-for- (melees)
99 Eggy drink
100 "The Good Apprentice" novelist
103 1986 Grammy winner for Best Jazz Vocal Performance
105 La Paz's country: Abbr.
106 Tee preceder
107 See 53-Down
109 Cut the lawn
110 Old Jewish ascetic
112 With 119-Across, "South Pacific" song ... or a declaration about the nine women featured in this puzzle?
119 See 112-Across
121 Mann of pop
122 Apple drink
123 Pernicious
124 British trolley
125 Atlantic, e.g.
126 Siri's cousin?
127 Bears' lairs

- 128 1980s Dodge
129 Quickness
130 Catnaps, e.g.
DOWN
1 China's home
2 Singer k.d. —
3 "Casablanca" woman
4 Part of a blouse or a mouse
5 Boise native
6 A Baldwin brother
7 Phnom —, Cambodia
8 How RuPaul performs
9 "Garfield: — of Two Kitties" (2006 film)
10 "Move to inbox" email phrase
11 Pacific island nation
12 In unison, in music
13 TV coach Lasso
14 Voiced a quick greeting
15 "That's for sure!"
16 "Arnie" actress Sue Ane —
17 City NW of Minneapolis
18 Classic chocolate candy bar

- 26 — about-face (flip-flop)
28 May preceder
29 Unrefined source of element #50
33 Pan Am rival
35 Explode, as a bomb
36 Having equal angles
37 Moon-landing mission
38 "Just jokin' with you"
39 Actress Rowlands
41 Must-have
42 Carry off illegally
43 Arena level
46 Take — at (try)
49 Prefix with colonial
51 As many as
53 With 107-Across, he had many hit songs with John Oates
54 Small stream
56 Apia native
58 Three-nation pact of '94
59 Skier Tommy from Apple
61 De-intensify
62 Driver's fit of anger
64 "Yabba — doo!"
70 Fish eggs
71 Become irate
72 "That's for sure!"
73 — and void
79 — Lingus
81 California wines, in brief
82 — sapiens
83 "Ooh, good comeback!"
84 Circle relative
85 Irritate
90 Replay mode, for short
92 Defamed in print
93 Causing to wear down
94 Raincoat fabric
95 Srs., last year
96 Ancient Egyptian king
98 Toy racer
101 Actress Suvari
102 In the habit of
103 Regions, weatherwise
104 For a bit
108 Camera brand
111 Morays, e.g.
112 IRS guy, e.g.
113 Half: Prefix
114 Chair part
115 Hawaiian goose
116 — of March
117 Following
118 Mardi —
120 Chair part

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I TOLD YOU I DON'T LIKE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES. LAST TIME I FOUND A SHIRT THAT FIT, I WAS IN THE MATERNITY SECTION.

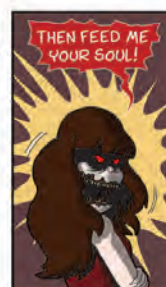
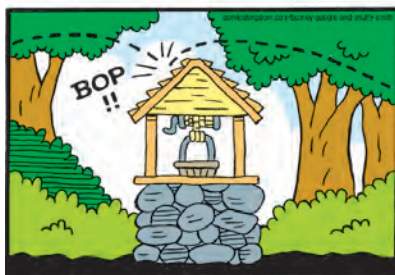
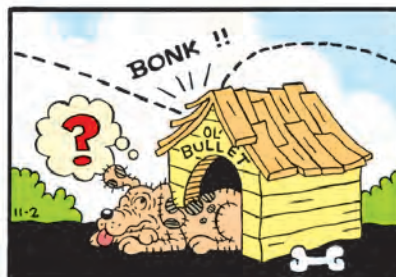


GRIN and BEAR IT *Wayne*

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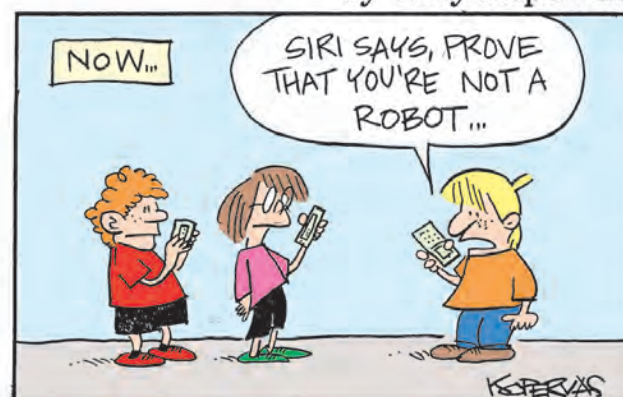
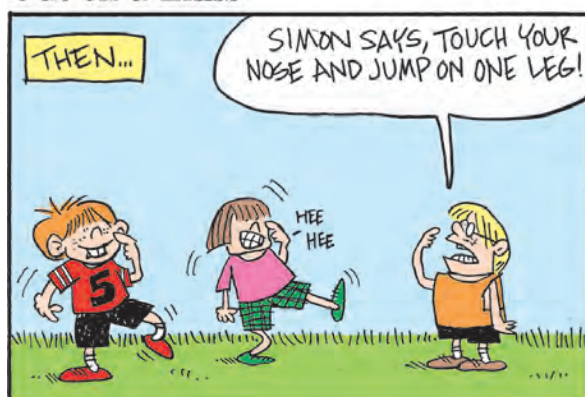


"I've since come to realize that forever is, like, too long."



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Prince Valiant
BY HAL FOSTER

WHILE KAREN HAS SAILED DIRECTLY FOR THE LEVANT, A FRUSTRATED VAL HAS WASTED TIME SEARCHING FOR HER IN THERE.

Prince Valiant
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

BUKOTA PULLS HIS FRIEND AWAY FROM THE UNFORTUNATE HARBORMASTER: "I KNOW YOU ARE DISTRAUGHT, BUT THE TRUTH IS YOUR DAUGHTER DID NOT COME THIS WAY."

"LET ME OFFER ANOTHER THOUGHT AS TO THEIR COURSE. MURSHID, THE ARAB WITH WHOM SHE SAILED, WORE GARMENTS THAT I KNOW ARE THE HANDIWORK OF THE WEAVERS OF GABALA..." VALS MOOD INSTANTLY IMPROVES.

AND IN GABALA, MURSHID, ACCOMPANIED BY GURYAN AND THE DISGUISED KAREN, NEGOTIATES WITH THE MASTERS OF AN EASTBOUND CARAVAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE MERCHANT'S JOURNEY, FOR THERE IS SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

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THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES AS AGENTS OF A WEALTHY BUYER IN RHODES, EAGER FOR NEW FABRICS FROM THE EAST. THE MASTERS CARE NOT, SO LONG AS THEIR PRICE IS MET.

IT IS, AND THE THREE COMPANIONS BEGIN A LONG, DUSTY TREK TOWARD GIOVANNI FAR TO THE EAST.

NEXT:
Far-flung family

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YEATES 8/30/15

Americanisms

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."
— George Adair

Amber Waves

THIS HALLOWEEN IS SURE TO BE OUR BIGGEST SCORE! REMEMBER BIG SMILES!!

WELL, LOOK AT YOU GUYS. HERE YOU GO.

WHOEVER CAME UP WITH "FUN SIZE" FOR SMALLER CANDY WAS JUST CRUEL.

by Dave T. Phipps

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SECRETARY OF WAR HEGSETH

"WHAT PART OF 'THOU SHALT NOT KILL' DID YOU FIND CONFUSING?"

The Spats

I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLED HUMMINGBIRDS?

BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

by Jeff Pickering

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HITCH

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WITH ANY LUCK, SOMALIA OFFERS ASYLUM...

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ILHAN OMAR IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

PASS INTERFERENCE!

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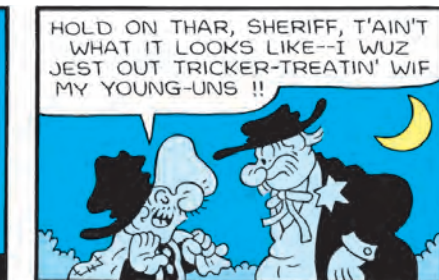
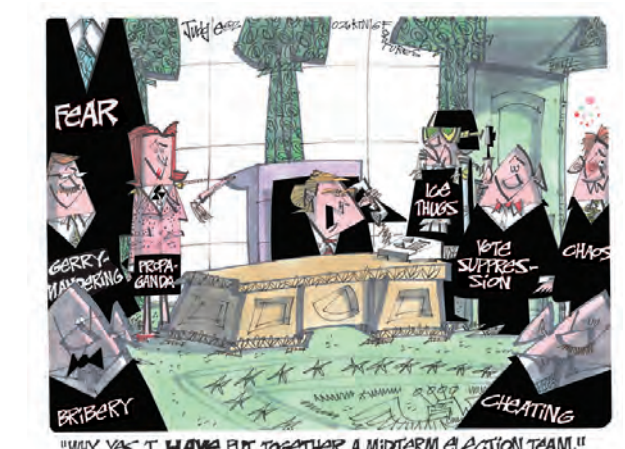
Students continue to show learning loss from the pandemic

EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

How many active shooter drills will they need to catch up?

SCHOOL SHOOTING CRISIS

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



"I'm afraid shock over my making a house call may have complicated his condition."

Americanisms







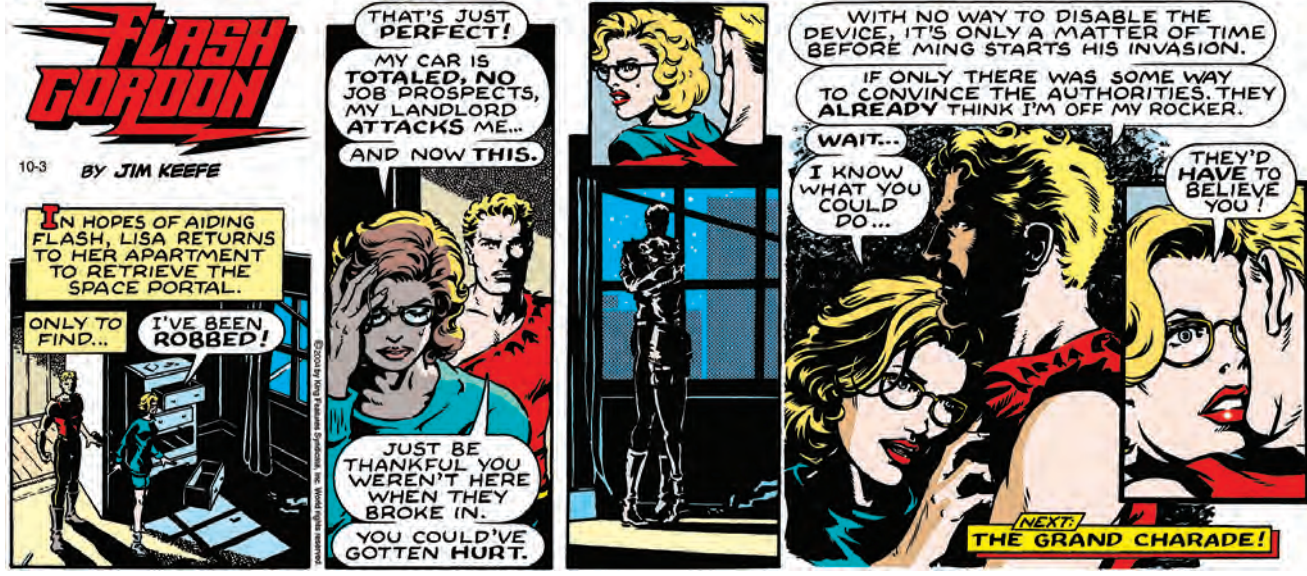
This plant's low-growing habit and captivating blooms make it a great choice for bordering garden beds and lining pathways. Its tidy growth adds definition and structure to the scenery. Candytuft thrives in rock gardens, and is rabbit- and deer-resistant. When used in pots and containers, it creates charming focal points on patios, balconies and decks.

Candytuft

Pollinators love candytuft! "Autumn Beauty" is a type of candytuft that blooms in spring, then again in fall.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: martinursery.com, bloomhandworks.com, garden.org



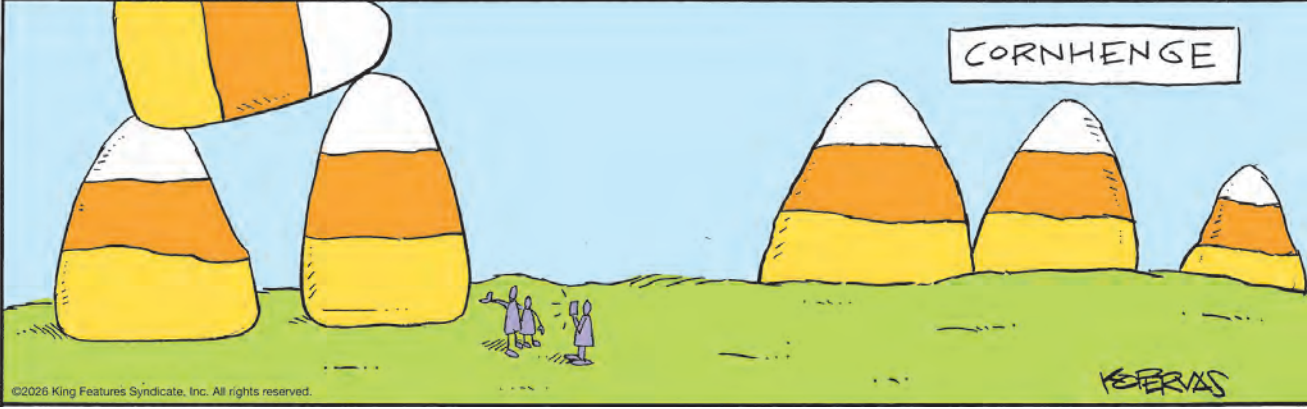
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Flip and Serve Swedish Pancakes

I went on a quest to find the best Swedish pancake recipe from my friends and their Swedish-American friends. I soon discovered that there are probably as many recipes as there are Swedish grandmothers and grandfathers.

Growing up, I recall that my Grandma Ruth, a second-generation Swede, actually didn't work from a formal recipe. "A little bit of this, a lot of that," she'd say to me as I stood on a footstool by her side, carefully pouring milk into a wide bowl. A lot of "that" usually meant melted butter that would blend smooth as silk into the batter.

I later learned the basic techniques for flipping pancakes from my dad. (Unlike the thicker American flapjack, a Swedish pancake is more like a French crepe, so flipping can be unwieldy at first.) Happily, my family and I have continued the tradition of making Swedish pancakes, which are topped with bright-red lingonberry preserves and a dusting of confectioners' sugar. It's a satisfying, easy meal for a lazy Saturday morning breakfast or a casual weeknight supper.

Here's my easy and best recipe. Stir it up for your family and make it your own with a little of this ... maple syrup on top? Or that ... some freshly sliced strawberries and a dollop of whipped cream?

SWEDISH PANCAKES

Makes 12 pancakes
— 1 cup flour
— 1/4 teaspoon salt
— 2 cups milk, or 1 1/2 cups milk and 1/2 cup half and half (optional)
— 3 eggs
— 1/4 cup butter, melted and cooled, plus butter for cooking

Here's the fun: In a medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients with a whisk until smooth. Do not overbeat.

For each pancake, lightly butter griddle or large skillet; heat over medium-high heat. When quite hot, pour 1/3 cup of the batter into skillet. Swirl it around so that it forms a thin 8- to 9-inch layer on the bottom of the pan.

Cook until the pancake is golden brown on the bottom (lift up a corner to check the color) and small bubbles are visible on the top. This happens quickly. Flip with a narrow spatula and cook until it's lightly brown on the other side.



Set on a plate and fold in half or quarters, if you wish. Serve hot with traditional lingonberry, strawberry or raspberry preserves. Top with a dusting of confectioners' sugar.

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1. **Other Mommy**
(R) Jessica Chastain, Jay Duplass
2. **Verity**
(R) Anne Hathaway, Dakota Johnson
3. **Resident Evil**
(R) Austin Abrams, Zach Cherry
4. **Heart of the Beast**
(PG-13) Brad Pitt, J.K. Simmons
5. **The Social Reckoning**
(R) Jeremy Allen White, Mikey Madison
6. **Forgotten Island**
(PG) H.E.R., Liza Soberano
7. **Primer**
(R) Robert Pattinson, Merritt Wever
8. **Digger**
(R) Tom Cruise, Riz Ahmed
9. **The Odyssey**
(R) Matt Damon, Tom Holland
10. **Angel and the Badman**
(PG-13) Zachary Levi, Neal McDonough

THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block



"If you care about a subject, there's a podcast for it." — Michelle Dean

Looking for a new podcast to add to your listening library? These five shows are new and noteworthy and could be the next "Serial," the next "SmartLess," or simply your personal favorite:

True Crime: "The Woman in the Woods" — Veteran "48 Hours" host Erin Moriarty leads this true-crime mystery about Mindi Kassotis, who began sending her friends alarming messages about being threatened — possibly due to her attorney husband's classified work with the military. With two deaths in a short period of time and a dismembered body found in the woods, everything isn't what it seems. When confronted, the accused relays a doozy of a story involving a "man in the shadows," but is it believable enough to clear his name? (48HoursPodcasts.com)

History: "What the Fact with Connor Tomlinson and Carter Roy" — Connor Tomlinson ("Love on the Spectrum") and Carter Roy ("Found Footage 3D") headline this new podcast where they share some unbelievable true facts about events in history, pop culture, myths, monsters — you name it! Recent episodes include revelations about three classic motion pictures that almost didn't see the light of day, followed by another discussion about the "three worst years in human history." (No, it doesn't

include 2026.) (Acast.com)

Society and Culture: "Deep Secrets" — When comedian Hunter Hill takes an interest into his family's past, he learns of a long-buried secret that connects his grandfather to one of the most-covert CIA operations in history — one that the Smithsonian Magazine refers to as "a real-life 'Ocean's Eleven.'" He enlists the help of his sister Kaylan, historian Dawn Brodey, and the listeners of this podcast to help him piece together each layer of the mystery involving a Russian submarine and more — much more. (DeepSecretsPod.com)

Documentary: "No One Is Coming" — "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth" is the premise of this podcast, which has the benefit of hindsight when it comes to the unexpected. Without laying blame, we can learn from others' mistakes when disaster strikes, whether it's inflicted by Mother Nature or an unscrupulous scammer. In a recent episode, host Lance Still explores the "terrifying physics of tsunamis and the hidden history buried right beneath our feet." In an episode titled "The Urgency Trap," listeners can learn how to outsmart a crook and protect themselves when a call or text "demands immediate action." (NoOneIsComingPodcast.com)

Sports News: "House of Troy" — The prestigious University of Southern California has been in the news over the past couple of decades for various scandals. In this new podcast from LA Times Studios, listeners revisit the rise and fall of a college football dynasty, which preceded and pales in comparison to many that have followed. Hear from the coaches, players and USC officials who were there during the glory years (back-to-back national titles), as well as during the fallout from the Reggie Bush scandal. (LATimes.com)

Fun Fact



From our earth, the moon and the sun appear to be virtually the same size in our sky. The sun is about 400 times wider than the moon, but it's also about 400 times farther away. This allows us to see spectacular displays and prominences during eclipses.

Sources: astronomy.com, fastforward.com.cy



This plant's low-growing habit and captivating blooms make it a great choice for bordering garden beds and lining pathways. Its tidy growth adds definition and structure to the scenery. Candytuft thrives in rock gardens, and is rabbit- and deer-resistant. When used in pots and containers, it creates charming focal points on patios, balconies and decks.

Candytuft

Pollinators love candytuft! "Autumn Beauty" is a type of candytuft that blooms in spring, then again in fall.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: martinnursery.com, bloomhandworks.com, garden.org



PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS SOLUTIONS

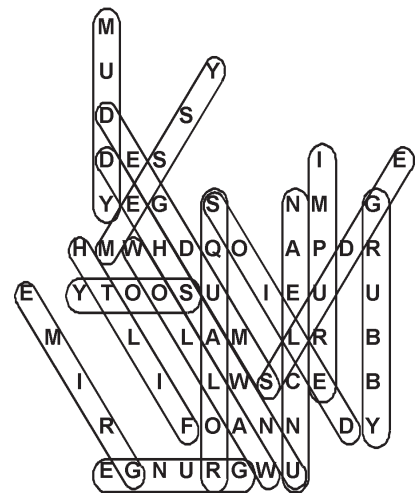


Super Crossword

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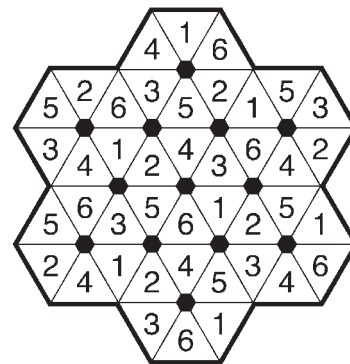
Even Exchange

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1. Puppy, Peppy
2. Bring, Brink
3. Invest, Invent
4. Clock, Cloak
5. Faster, Foster
6. Taught, Caught
7. Whiter, Writer
8. Canoe, Canon
9. Shark, Sharp
10. Leader, Lender

SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip

answer

If actress Stone and her clones filled up a theater, I suppose one would see rows of Sharon.

CryptoQuote

answer

Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit.

Five Spot™

Solution

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FEAR & KNOT

answer



Go Figure!

answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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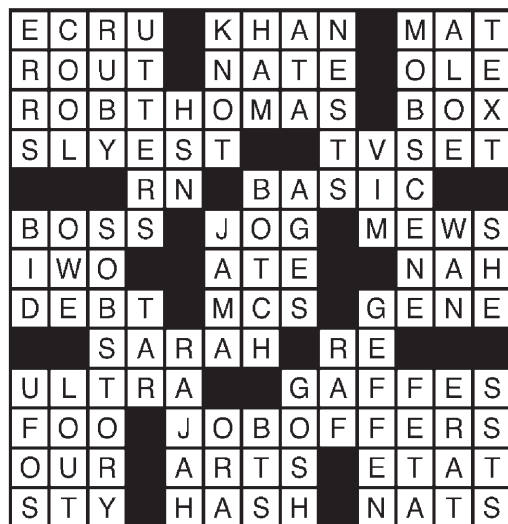
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.



SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Parson; 2. Crisp
3. Shrine; 4. Sponge

Today's Word

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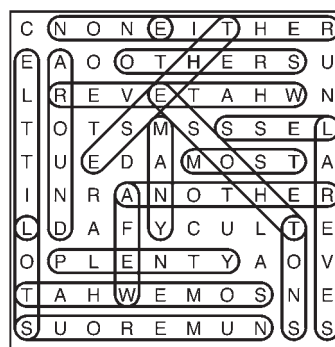
Even Exchange

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1. Lisbon, Liston
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3. Umpire, Empire
4. Summer, Simmer
5. Towel, Tower
6. Shove, Shave
7. Bother, Bather
8. Tiers, Tiegs
9. Rhine, Shine
10. Ponder, Powder

Puzzles4Kids

Answer



Riddle Answer:
Count Dracula.

FEAR KNOT

answer



"The Death of Robin Hood" (R)

— Don't be misled by the name of this thriller film and sit the kids down to watch this one; this definitely isn't Disney's version of Robin Hood's story. Based on the 17th century ballad "Robin Hood's Death," this film is led by none other than Hugh Jackman ("The Sheep Detectives") with a supporting cast that includes Jodie Comer ("28 Years Later") and horror aficionado Bill Skarsgard ("Dead Man's Wire"). Jackman portrays the aged outlaw Robin, who is widely known as a folk hero across 1247 England but remains tormented by the crimes he's committed. After a few more treacherous duels leave him delirious, Robin finds himself on a remote island at the Priory of St. Clement, left only with the reminder of his sins as Sister Brigid (Comer) nurses him back to health. Out now. (HBO Max)

"Crystal Lake" (TV-MA) —

Calling all slasher lovers! (Because I fear I am not one.) This new series starring Linda Cardellini ("DTF St. Louis") serves as a prequel to the 1980 film "Friday the 13th." Cardellini takes on the role of Pamela Voorhees (originally played by Betsy Palmer in the 1980 and 1981 films in the franchise), who has a young son with physical differences named Jason. (Hint, hint.) While Pamela's working as a lunch lady at Camp Crystal Lake, where her son's also a camper, Jason mysteriously drowns in the lake when the camp counselors aren't looking. Traumatized by grief, Pamela attempts to go back to work at the camp a year later but is unable to move on. Simultaneously, dead bodies begin appearing around town. All eight episodes are available to stream now! (Peacock)

"Phony" (TV-MA) — Sam Nivola follows up his brother-loving role in season three of "The White Lotus" with a mother-loving role in this comedy-mystery series, co-starring Connie Britton ("Rooster"). Nivola plays teenage boy Sonny, who lives with his mom, Ellen (Britton), and has a great relationship with her. After a wild car accident places Sonny in the hospital, he awakens to his mom in the hospital with him — or so he first thinks. Upon further investigation, Sonny gets the feeling that his mom has been replaced with an impostor. Although his friends deny that this is possible, Ellen appears different than before the accident and doesn't remember their secret hand signals, leaving Sonny's mind completely scrambled. The first two episodes of the eight-episode series premiere on Oct. 20. (Hulu)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

Hugh Jackman stars in "The Death of Robin Hood."

"Lorne" (R) —

As the title suggests, this documentary film focuses on the career of film and television producer Lorne Michaels ("Saturday Night Live"). Beginning with his work on Canadian television, the doc walks viewers through the moments in Michaels' life that led him to create the legendary sketch-comedy show. It also touches on his five-year departure from the show from 1980 to 1985 and how he eventually returned to serve as the executive producer. The list of celebrity appearances in this doc is enormous, but a notable few include Tina Fey, Jimmy Fallon, Alec Baldwin, Bill Hader, Steve Martin and Chris Rock. Additionally, behind-the-scenes footage of "SNL" episodes is featured! Check it out now. (Netflix)



Humble Ingredients, Showstopping Lasagna

Some recipes get dinner on the table. Others make you want to stand beside the table and announce, "I made this!" This butternut squash lasagna is shamelessly the second one.

It's simply roasted squash, garlic, sausage, ricotta and browned butter bechamel. Humble ingredients; technique makes them shine. Roasting concentrates the squash and garlic's sweetness; browning the butter gives the sauce rich, nutty flavor.

Choose Italian sausage, sweet or hot, or a favorite breakfast sausage. Sage, maple or apple varieties fit beautifully here, too. For a vegetarian version, skip the sausage and keep the onion-ricotta filling.

ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH LASAGNA WITH BROWNED BUTTER BECHAMEL

Yield: 8 servings
Total Time: 2 hours, including resting

Squash filling:
1 butternut squash (3 to 4 pounds), halved

3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
4 to 6 garlic cloves, peeled
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 egg
1 tablespoon milk or cream

Sausage-ricotta filling:
1 pound Italian or breakfast sausage
1 large onion, thinly sliced
Pinch of sugar

1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 (15-ounce) container ricotta

Bechamel:

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups milk, warmed
1/2 cup grated Parmesan
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, sage or a combination
1/4 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

Assembly:

12 regular lasagna noodles
2 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella
1/2 cup grated Parmesan
Butter or cooking spray for greasing



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Roasted butternut squash, sausage and browned butter bechamel bring autumn comfort to every cheesy layer.

1. Roast the squash and garlic. Heat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Scoop seeds from squash, rub cut sides with 2 tablespoons oil and place cut side down. Wrap garlic and remaining oil in a foil packet; place alongside squash. Roast about 45 minutes, until squash is tender and garlic is soft. Let cool enough to handle. Reduce oven to 350 F.

2. Prepare the sausage filling. While squash roasts, brown sausage in a skillet over medium-high heat, breaking into crumbles. Add onion, sugar and pepper; reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sausage is cooked through and onion is soft and golden. Add a little oil if needed. Remove from heat; stir in ricotta.

3. Make the bechamel. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, swirling frequently until golden brown and nutty-smelling. Whisk in flour; cook 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in warm milk. Cook, whisking, until thick enough to coat a spoon. Remove from heat; stir in cheeses, nutmeg, herbs and salt. Mash roasted garlic into a paste and stir into sauce. Taste and adjust seasoning.

4. Prepare noodles and squash filling. Boil noodles in salted water until pliable, about 5 minutes. Drain; lay separately on a lightly oiled baking sheet. Scoop cooled squash flesh into a bowl; mash with nutmeg, salt and pepper. Beat egg with cream; stir into squash.

5. Assemble. Grease a 9x13 baking dish. Combine assembly cheeses; reserve 1 cup for topping. Spread a thin layer of bechamel in dish. Add three noodles, one-third each of squash and sausage filling, a thin layer of bechamel and one-third of the remaining cheese mixture. Repeat twice. Top with the last three noodles, remaining bechamel and reserved cheese.

6. Bake. Cover with foil, tented above cheese. Bake 30 minutes. Uncover; bake another 10 to 15 minutes, until bubbling and golden. Rest 20 minutes before slicing.

Yes, this takes time, but most of the preparation happens while the squash roasts. Save it for an afternoon when you can enjoy the process. The reward is a bubbling pan of autumn comfort, and every right to say, "I made this and it is divine."

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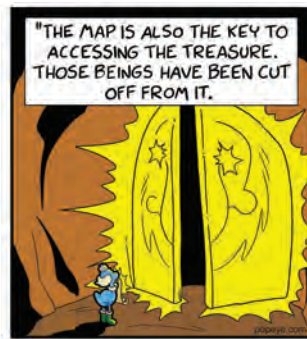
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"Nocturne" (TV-MA) — Liev Schreiber ("Splinter Cell: Deathwatch") leads this six-episode crime-drama series premiering on Oct. 30. The series follows homicide detective Jonah Lynn (Schreiber), who gets pulled back into one of his previous cases after more victims start to go missing. At a loss as to how there could be more victims when the original perpetrator is behind bars, Jonah's FBI agent daughter, Saga (Zazie Beetz), volunteers to go undercover and get closer to the serial killer. But as determined as Saga and Jonah are, serial killer Jurek Walter (Stephen Graham) is a master manipulator and knows how to unearth the buried emotions inside those he has affected. (Apple TV)

In Case You Missed It "Carrie" (TV-MA) — The 1974 novel "Carrie" by Stephen King has seen a few adaptations, including Brian De Palma's 1976 film, the 2013 version starring Chloe Grace Moretz, and now a 2026 eight-episode miniseries! Summer H. Howell ("Normal"), who began working in film and TV as a child actress, takes on the iconic role of the telekinetic Carrie White. Howell was undoubtedly in great hands under the direction of Mike Flanagan, who's known as the showrunner for horror series like "The Haunting of Hill House" and "The Fall of the House of Usher." Other notable names in the cast include Matthew Lillard ("Behemoth!") and Samantha Sloyan ("The Exorcist: Martyrs"). Stream it now before spooky season comes to a close! (Amazon Prime Video)

"East of Eden" (TV-MA) — Florence Pugh ("Dune: Part Three") is no stranger to period pieces, having

starred as the well-mannered Amy March in Greta Gerwig's "Little Women" (2019). So, she's an excellent choice to portray Cathy Ames in this seven-episode TV adaptation of John Steinbeck's 1952 novel. Taking place in the late 1800s through World War I, the series tells a story that explores similar themes to the story of Cain and Abel in the Book of Genesis. It particularly focuses on the marriage between Cathy and her husband, Adam, her subsequently leaving her twin sons and husband, and the emotional turmoil it left behind to each of them. Mike Faist ("Challengers") and Christopher Abbott ("You Can See Everything") co-star alongside Pugh. The entire series is out now to stream. (Netflix)



Courtesy of Apple TV
Stephen Graham, left, and Liev Schreiber star in "Nocturne."

"War" (TV-MA) — It's clearly a week for television, and this week's final pick is a sleek legal-drama series led by Dominic West ("The Crown") and Sienna Miller ("Horizon: An America Saga"). Since it's deemed an anthology series, it will change as the seasons progress. This first season, which has already premiered its first four episodes, focuses on a divorce case between a tech mogul named Morgan (West) and an international actress named Carla (Miller). Each has the backing of a top London law firm, and although their intentions are to keep the proceedings as civilized as possible, war is sure to erupt once the case starts leaning too far in either direction. (HBO Max)

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Dinner Is Watching You This Halloween

Halloween dinner has a tricky job. It needs to be fun, ready when everyone is hungry, patient when the costumes take longer than expected and appealing to people who would rather be eating candy. I think I've found the answer: monster eyeball turkey meatballs.

You can make the meatballs ahead, reheat them in a sweet and smoky sauce, and keep them warm in a slow cooker while the evening unfolds. They're satisfying, rich in protein and willing to dress for almost any occasion. Serve them over fettuccine "worms," on hoagie rolls or as little party bites. The mozzarella-and-olive eyes supply the Halloween mischief; the meatballs do the practical work.

Sweet potato adds moisture and autumnal sweetness. The sauce keeps it a delightful secret from anyone who considers vegetables suspicious.

Dinner before the candy parade won't guarantee a meltdown-free night. But everyone gets something more substantial than a miniature candy bar. That's progress.

MONSTER EYEBALL TURKEY MEATBALLS

Yield: 60 meatballs
Total Time: 40 mins.
2 large eggs
3/4 cup milk
1 (6 ounce) box turkey stuffing mix
2 pounds ground turkey

2/3 cup cooked, cooled, mashed sweet potato
1/4 cup onion, finely minced or grated
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl combine eggs and milk, then add the stuffing mix. Let this sit for about 5 minutes to allow the stuffing to absorb the milk mixture. Add turkey, sweet potato, onion, parsley, Parmesan, maple syrup, garlic and pepper. Mix gently with your hands until well combined. Use a spoon or scoop to measure heaping tablespoons of the mixture and roll into balls. Place on prepared baking sheet and bake for 18-20 minutes or until they reach 165 F in the center.



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Turkey meatballs in sweet and smoky sauce stare out from a tangle of fettuccine "worms."

To make the eyeballs:

Make the eyeballs with thin rounds of mozzarella string cheese or small fresh mozzarella pearls (cut in half so they don't roll), topped with black olives sliced crosswise into rounds. Once the meatballs are hot, turn off the heat and place a mozzarella circle and an olive round on each meatball

visible above the sauce. Let the cheese soften slightly, then serve before the eyeballs slide off into the fettuccine worms. (Add that to the "sentences I never thought I'd write" file.)

SWEET AND SMOKY TOMATO SAUCE

Yield: 4 1/2 cups
Total Time: 20 mins.
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 (28-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 cup barbecue sauce

Warm the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook briefly, just until fragrant. Stir in the crushed tomatoes, Italian seasoning and barbecue sauce. Simmer gently for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Taste and add more barbecue sauce, a little at a time, if you'd like a sweeter, smokier sauce.

Add the cooked meatballs and warm them gently in the sauce. For a make-ahead dinner, reheat meatballs and sauce on the stovetop to 165 F. Transfer to a preheated slow cooker; keep at 140 F or above.

Halloween shortcut: Use fully cooked store-bought meatballs and your favorite jarred marinara. Combine about 3/4 cup barbecue sauce with a 24-ounce jar of marinara, taste and adjust. Heat the meatballs according to the package directions, then let the kids add mozzarella-and-olive eyeballs to the meatballs on their plates.

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