# the Local Voice

TLV #495
FREE

NOVEMBER 2026
TheLocalVoice.net/TheTownies

SCAN THE CODE TO VOTE

# IT'S TIME TO VOTE IN THE TOWNIES 2027

## OXFORD'S FAVORITE POLL IS NOW OPEN!







the Local Voice™

TLV Issue #495 · November 12, 2026 · Oxford, Ole Miss, & North Mississippi · Read at Maximum Volume

# Visit Oxford MS Unveils Programming for 7th Annual Holly Jolly Holidays

The **Holly Jolly Holidays** have arrived for the 7th annual celebration and **Visit Oxford MS** is unveiling the full lineup for November 21, 2026, through Janary 3, 2027, at **mTrade Park**, offering even more festive ways to enjoy the season.

Returning with brand new displays this year, the **Walk of Lights** will feature a dazzling array of custom-designed illuminations that pay homage to Oxford's culture from the famous Double Decker Bus to the Oxford skyline. Experiential favorites like the beloved **Oxford on Ice** skating rink will return, a Santa Visits every Saturday evening leading up to Christmas.




"There's something magical about Oxford during the holidays, and Holly Jolly Holidays amplifies that spirit in so many ways," said **Kinney Ferris**, executive director of Visit Oxford. "From Walk of Lights to the Peppermint Trail throughout town, there's always a reason for locals and visitors to gather and celebrate."

The Walk of Lights will transform mTrade Park into a winter wonderland complete with a walk-through tunnel of lights, hot chocolate, s'mores by the fire, cookies, and more, but the treats extend well beyond the park. **The Peppermint Trail** will wind through **The Square** and beyond, with participating local businesses offering peppermint treats, cocktails and gifts, available wherever the peppermint sticker leads. See the full list of participating local businesses here.

## Holly Jolly Holidays Hours:

**All ticket sales and entries must be made before 8:30 pm**

**Oxford on Ice & Walk of Lights:**
Wednesday – Sunday: 5–9 pm

**Santa Visits** (November 21 & 28, December 5, 12 & 19
Saturdays: 5–8 pm

*The celebration will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*

This year, Visit Oxford is pleased to offer lower pricing for the event, including $5 admission to Oxford on Ice and $10 admission to the Walk of Lights, previously $15 for each event or $25 for combo tickets. Entry for both events is free for children 3 and under.

Visit Oxford MS thanks all the sponsors for their support of Holly Jolly Holidays: Riverland Roofing, Magnolia Materials, NESparc, Oxford Pediatric Dentistry, Looks Great Services, The Blackburn Group, Casa Mexicana, El Charro, Marchbanks Cassidy Real Estate, Debris Tech and Happy Pipes.

City GROCERY RESTAURANT GROUP
Founded by CHEF JOHN CURRENCE
WHERE OXFORD EATS
OXFORD MISS. SINCE 1992
BIG BAD BREAKFAST
BBB EST'D 2008
7am-1pm Weekdays
8am-2:30pm Weekends
SNACK BAR
Dinner 5:30–10pm Monday–Thursday
& 5:30–10:30pm Friday/Saturday
Happy Hour 4-6PM Daily
CITY grocery OXFORD MISS EST 1992
Lunch 11:30 am–2:30 pm;
Dinner 6–10 pm Monday–Thursday
& 6–10:30 pm Friday/Saturday
Upstairs Bar 4 pm-close
OXFORD BOURÉ MISSISSIPPI EST 2002
Monday–Thursday 10:30 am–10 pm
Friday/Saturday 10:30 am–10:30 pm
Looking for the perfect present?
Give the Gift of Food!
OXFORD GROWN-UP MEAL PLAN CARD
THREE RESTAURANTS, ONE CARD
CITY grocery · BIG BAD BREAKFAST BBB · SNACKBAR
PUT CARD IN WALLET - PUT FOOD IN MOUTH
Gift Cards Available Online!
Visit our website at citygroceryonline.com
Digital Menu
Sports Bar Quacks
Smash Burgers
Happy Hour
Brunch
NEW! Lunch
Open 11 am Daily

# Moe's Original
— BBQ —

## OXFORD'S FAVORITE BBQ

311 South Lamar • 662-236-6637
*The Penny Bar opens at 3 pm downstairs*

**Let Moe's take care of all your holiday needs Call us now to reserve your smoke turkeys, smoked holiday hams and all the sides!**



**Call Moe's 662-236-6637**





# THE LIBRARY SPORTS BAR

ON THE SQUARE • OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

**HAPPY HOUR**
$1 OFF ALL DRINKS
MONDAY – FRIDAY 3–7 PM

Open

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**
TAKE THE DAY OFF AT THE LIBRARY!

## OLE MISS REBELS




WATCH ALL THE ACTION LIVE AT THE LIBRARY!

AT **OKLAHOMA**
NOV 14 AT 3:15 PM

VS. **WOFFORD**
NOV 21 AT 11 AM

VS. **MISS STATE**
NOV 27 AT 11 AM



LIVE MUSIC EVERY WEEKEND AT THE LIBRARY



## Ole Miss Rebels MEN'S BASKETBALL

3-0

WATCH LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

11/17 vs. Nicholls (Oxford), 11/23 vs. Clemson (Maui),
11/24 vs. BYU or Washington (Maui), 11/25 vs. TBA (Maui),
12/1 at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA), 12/7 vs. William & Mary (Oxford)

*Women 2-0:* 11/15 vs. LA Tech, 11/18 at Ohio State, 11/22 Alabama A&M,
11/29 vs. Memphis, 12/2 vs. North Carolina State, 12/6 vs. ULM

LIVE MUSIC EVERY WEEKEND AT THE LIBRARY



## HALF DOLLAR RODEO
NOVEMBER 13 & 14

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND HANG OUT AT THE LIBRARY!

THU * FRI * SAT

*Neutral Snap*

NeutralSnap.com



NOVEMBER 19-21

• UPCOMING: THE CROWNS NOV 27-28 • JT MCCAFFREY DEC 4-5 •

# ROUNDABOUT OXFORD®

sponsored by
AJAX DINER
"OXFORD'S FAVORITE SOUL FOOD"
on the Square in Oxford, Mississippi

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

Scan the QR code for more events Roundabout Oxford® & Ole Miss
or visit RoundaboutOxford.net

### THURSDAY 11.12.2026
**The Oxford Square: The Lighting of the Square (6 pm)**
Ford Center: UM JAZZ ENSEMBLES (7:30 pm)
The Lyric: THE STEWS (8 pm)
Southside Gallery: Opening Reception for *Reflections*, by CARLYLE WOLFE LEE & THAD LEE (5–8 pm)
Barnard Observ. (UM): SouthTalks: "Sparking Epiphanies: Giving Voice to Hidden History in Plain Sight" RHONDALYN PEAIRS (5:30 pm)
Business Row (UM): OXCM Campus Market (10 am–2 pm)

### FRIDAY 11.13.2026
**The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: CIGARETTES @ SUNSET (9 pm)**
**Ford Center: BEE GEES GOLD (7:30 pm)**
The Powerhouse: Pouring Stories: Conversation and Wine w/ MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & WES TAYLOR (6 pm)
The Depot Antique Mall: Holiday Open House (4–7 pm)
Lafayette County Arena: Holiday House Arts & Craft Fair (10 am–7 pm)
University Museum: 2026 Sarahfest Artist Reception (5:30 pm)

### SATURDAY 11.14.2026
**The Library: HALF DOLLAR RODEO (9 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: THE SILVER SAINTS**
The Lyric: LASO: Glow y Flow (9 pm)
The Powerhouse: Anubis Improv presents The Armando feat. RENE PULLIAM (7 pm)
Band Hall (UM): Social Dance with Lesson (7–9:30 pm; $10 community/$5 student)
Intramural Field (UM): Sweet Potato Drop (9 am–noon)
Lafayette County Arena: Holiday House Arts & Craft Fair (9 am–3 pm)
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Family Flick (10 am); Spark Tank Workshop (1 pm)
Oxford shops: Holiday Open House (9 am–2 pm)
UM Museum: PrintFest! Family Activity Day (11 am)

### SUNDAY 11.15.2026
**Proud Larry's: THE GREAT DYING (5 pm)**
SJB Pavillion (UM): Women's Basketball vs LOUISIANA TECH (2 pm)
Oxford Church of Christ: Fall Festival (3–5 pm)

### MONDAY 11.16.2026
**Circle & Square: The Enchanted Page Society Book Club (6 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: MISSREADS (8 pm; free)**
**Voyager's Rest: Monday Social Club feat. BRAD VAN WINKLE, KODY SHADE HARRELL, DJ SWARTHY MENACE & kebabs by Tim Young of Hillhouse Pastures (6 pm; $15 entry; $10 food)**
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: LEGO Club (3 pm);Camera Club (5:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 11.17.2026
**Ford Center: UM WIND ENSEMBLE (7:30 pm)**
**The Powerhouse: Biggest, Baddest Art Show Reception (6 pm)**
Barnard Observ. (UM): SouthTalks: Moving Spirits - Encountering the Ancestors Film Screening and Q&A (5:30 pm)
NEMEPA Meeting Rm: Big Bad Business Series: Night of Genius (6 pm)
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Mahjongg Meetup (5:30 pm)
SJB Pavilion (UM): Ole Miss Basketball vs. NICHOLLS (7:30 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 11.18.2026
Southside Gallery: Southside x Side Artist Talk w/ CARLYLE WOLFE LEE & THAD LEE (5:30 pm)
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: LARRY WELLS reading (5:30 pm)
UM Museum: Discovery Day Homeschool Art Program (10:45 am)

### THURSDAY 11.19.2026
**The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)**
**The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio Season Finale featuring KATY SIMPSON SMITH for *The Maltese Version*; music by RA'SHAD THE BLUES KID, BIGG SEXY, feat. DAMEIN WASH (6 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: CODE PINK: Melt Down (10 pm)**
**Square Books, Jr.: Chapter Captains Book Club (6 pm)**
Oxford-Lafayette Public Library: Mahjongg Meetup (10 am); Homeschool Hangout (1:30 pm); The Odyssey w/ UM Classics Dept. (5:30 pm)

### FRIDAY 11.20.2026
**The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)**
**Off Square Books: BLAKE GORE signs *Hidden Wonders of the World* (1 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: NEON JUNKIES (9 pm)**
**Ford Center: PRIDE OF THE SOUTH (7:30 pm)**

### SATURDAY 11.21.2026
**Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: Ole Miss vs. WOFFARD (TBA)**
**The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP (9 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: UNCLE SAM (9 pm)**

### TUESDAY 11.24.2026
**Proud Larry's: CHADWICK FAMILY BAND (6:30 pm; free)**

### THURSDAY 11.26.2026
**THANKSGIVING DAY**

### FRIDAY 11.27.2026
**Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: Ole Miss vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE (TBA)**
**The Library: THE CROWNS (9 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: ROCKET 88 (9 pm)**

### SATURDAY 11.28.2026
**The Library: THE CROWNS (9 pm)**
The Lyric: 2nd Annual Longstar Designs Holiday Market (9 am–4 pm)
The Jefferson: Oxford Christmas Galleria (9 am–4 pm)
Chicory Market: Mid-Town Holiday Open House (10 am–2 pm)

### SUNDAY 11.29.2026
**The Lyric: 2nd Annual Oxford Community Market Hometown Hootenanny w/ music by THE GREAT DYING (5–8 pm)**

### TUESDAY 12.01.2026
**Proud Larry's: KENDALL STREET COMPANY (9 pm)**

### THURSDAY 12.03.2026
**Proud Larry's: SILVER SAINTS, THE FOGIES, GOOD HABIT (9 pm)**
**Ford Center: Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountains Christmas Carol (7 pm)**
**The Powerhouse: Holiday Art Market (11 am–7 pm; reception 5 pm); *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (6 pm)**

### SATURDAY 12.05.2026
**The Library: JT MCCAFFREY (9 pm)**
**The Powerhouse: Holiday Art Market (9 am–7 pm); *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2 pm & 6 pm)**
**Proud Larry's: HUNTER FLYNN, JAID JOICE (9 pm)** 21+

PROUD LARRYS
OPEN SUNDAYS
11 AM - 3 PM

## FEATURED WEEKLY EVENTS

### Mondays
- **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: Afterschool Zone** (3:45 pm)

**ROUNDABOUT OXFORD®** is a registered trademark owned by **Rayburn Publishing, LLC.** Unauthorized use is prohibited. © ® 2026 Rayburn Publishing LLC




SOLA
TWISTED CUISINE • LIFTED SPIRITS
Oysters
Noodles
Steaks

For up-to-date event listings in **Oxford, Mississippi** scan the **QR code** above for all things **Roundabout Oxford®**

simplyclean
OXFORD
PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE
simplycleanoxford.com
662-801-4468

OXCM
Oxford Community Market
Every Tuesday 3-6:30 PM
Old Armory Pavilion •1801 University Ave.

FREE DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION SCAN NOW

## The Local Voice is published on Thursdays

**Deadline is every Tuesday at noon. Next print deadline: December 1**

***We welcome submissions, contributions, local writers, and artists!***

**CELL: 662-832-3574 EMAIL: thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net**

*© 2026 The Local Voice – Rayburn Publishing. No part of this issue may be retransmitted or copied without the express written permission of the Publisher. Roundabout Oxford® is a federally registered trademark owned by Rayburn Publishing, LLC. Unauthorized use is prohibited.*

**THE LOCAL VOICE #495 – Newt Rayburn,** Publisher. **Nature Humphries,** Editor-in-Chief.
**CONTRIBUTORS: Randy Weeks, Drew Stevens.**
**STAFF: Sarah Burpo. DISTRIBUTION: Brady Rees.** The Local Voice LLC is a locally owned and operated media company, founded April 18, 2006 by Newt Rayburn.
Published in loving memory of **Thomas McCarver Rayburn** (June 6, 1978–August 13, 2021)

662-638-3767
SOUTHERN COOP
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
705 SISK AVENUE
OXFORD'S FAVORITE CHICKEN AND BEST WINGS IN TOWN!



PLAY GOLF ON STATE OF THE ART SIMULATORS
Chicken Wings, Tenders, Wraps, Sandwiches, Salads,
Quesadillas, Nachos, Pizza, 23 Beers on tap, & a full bar!
Order now for pickup or delivery at SouthernCoopWings.com

# the Local Voice

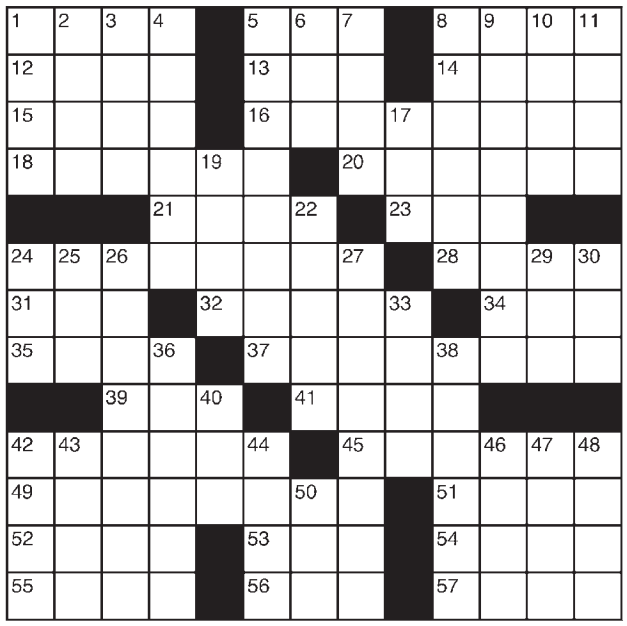


# PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

**EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!**

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

## tLV King Crossword



**ACROSS**
1 Eye drop
5 Gullet
8 Grime
12 Jazz singer James
13 Financial pro
14 Body sci.
15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

**DOWN**
1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
27 Aspiration
29 Stir-fry vessel
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Prado display
36 Bakery supplies
38 Bacteriologist's study
40 Brazilian city
42 Bands on radios
43 Lose energy
44 Crazy
46 Alimony recipients
47 Bicycle part
48 — Domini
50 Former MGM rival

## FLASHBACK POP, ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA

BY MICK HARPER

1. Though nominated for several Academy Awards after being used in the film by the same name, "The Rose" didn't get a nomination for Best Original Song. Why is that?
2. Who was the first to release "You Don't Know Me"?
3. Which group released "I'm Telling You Now"?
4. Who had a hit with "Seventh Son"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Now the night has gone, Now the night has gone away, Doesn't seem that long we hardly had two words to say."

**Answers**

1. To receive a nomination for Best Original Song, a song must be written specifically for that film, and it wasn't. Bette Midler did, however, get a Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.
2. Eddy Arnold, in 1956. It was the 1962 version by Ray Charles that became most popular. Several others have released covers, including Elvis Presley and Willie Nelson.
3. Freddie and the Dreamers, in 1963.
4. Johnny Rivers, in 1965.
5. "The One That You Love" by Air Supply, in 1981. Penned by band member singer-songwriter Graham

Solutions to puzzles are inside **The Local Voice Digital Edition** sent every Thursday to subscribers. Subscribe **FREE** at **TheLocalVoice.net** or scan this QR code to subscribe.

## *MAGIC MAZE* ● SMOKED —

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: SOCKEYE —

Brisket
Cheddar
Chicken
Eel
Glass
Gouda
Haddock
Ham
Herring
Jalapeno
Mackerel
Pork ribs
Sausage
Trout
Turkey

## FEAR KNOT™

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

TBE
♥TERSDI
RDWLO
♥EHSO
♥LEDEBI
ADP
♥EBBA
HALPI
HWE
TEBSHE
♥LESBA
LPTE

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.

## Wishing Well®

| 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | M | S | O | S | D | F | T | F | A | E | M | T |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| A | E | A | I | K | N | O | E | D | J | A | L | B |
| 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 7 |
| Y | O | G | E | O | Y | Y | P | P | W | R | R | O |
| 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| O | Y | I | S | L | Y | P | C | D | E | R | G | O |
| 2 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| A | U | R | T | E | R | S | L | E | R | M | D | S |
| 2 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 8 |
| E | A | S | F | O | L | I | S | M | R | R | V | E |
| 2 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| E | E | S | L | D | C | E | L | O | E | M | A | R |

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.


NEW YORK STYLE PIZZA!
MONDAY-THURS 2 pm-til
FRIDAY Noon-til
SAT & SUN 11 am-til
FUNKYS
pizza & daiquiris
New Orleans *style* Daiquiris
*and a HUGE selection of* Beer *and* Liquor
DIFFERENT SPECIALS MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY




© 2026 Rayburn Publishing

# the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

## SUDOKU

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!


Oxford House of Music
Music Lessons ♪ Instrument Repair ♪ PA Rental
CLINT 662-234-4553
ROBERT 901-828-5379
305 Heritage Drive
Oxford, Mississippi

kwf | KEVIN W. FRYE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
General Practice & Litigation Including: Criminal Defense, Misdemeanor & Felony, Liquor Liability, Business Law, Family Law, University Policy Violations
1100 Tyler Avenue, Suite 101, Oxford, Mississippi
662.259.0050 | www.kevinwfrye.com
Free background information available upon request. Listing of these areas does not indicate any certification of expertise there in.


# tLV Super Crossword

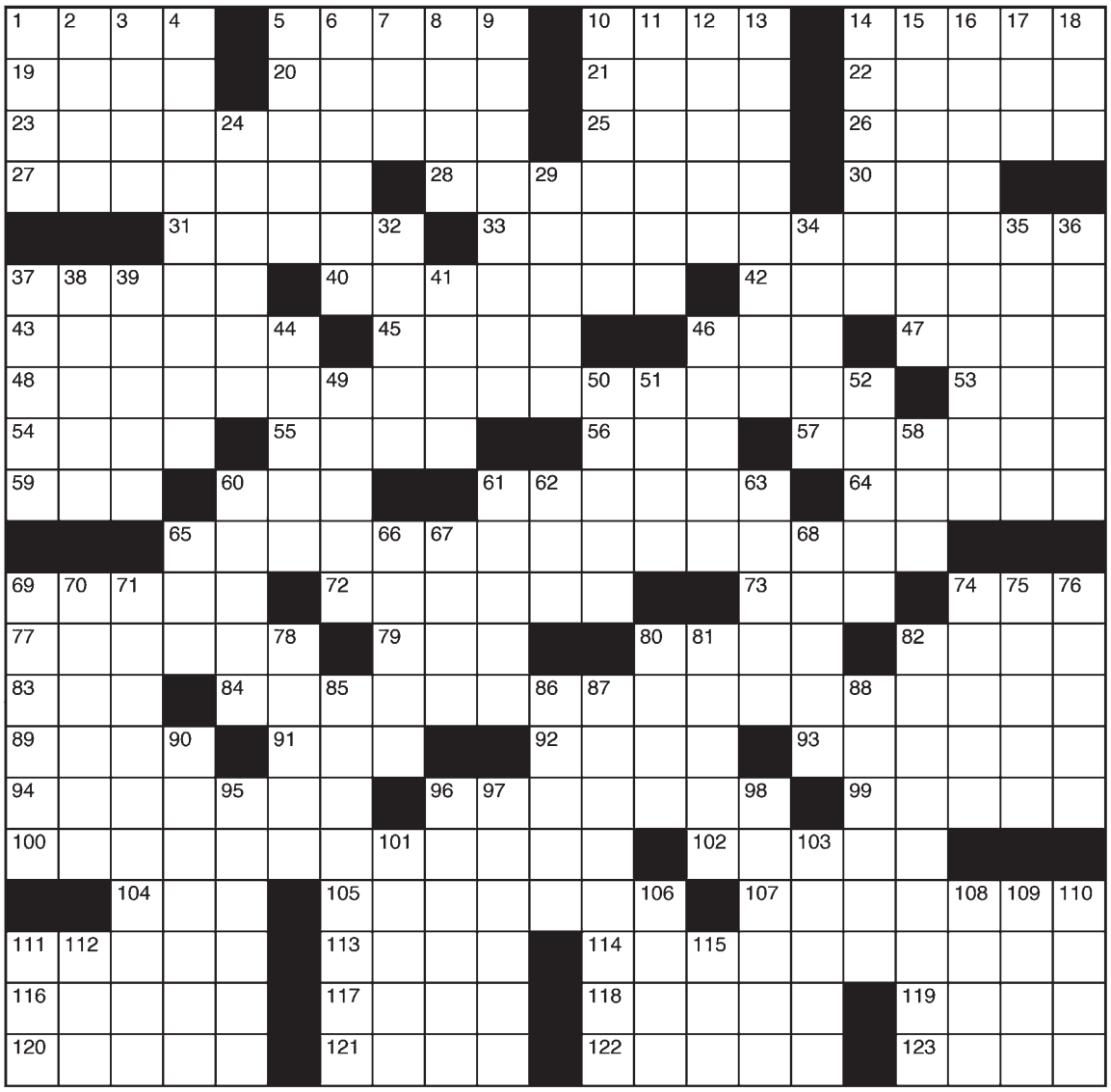
TITLE-TRACK TRACKING

**ACROSS**

1 — rush
5 Rush
10 Corp. money overseers
14 Whacks
19 Skin soother
20 Longtime Yankees manager Joe
21 Plentiful
22 Painter Rousseau
23 Mil. officer in "Beetle Bailey"
25 Tennis' Lendl
26 Potato sieve of a sort
27 Attach with glue
28 Captive's cry
30 Cry of disgust
31 Indian money
33 Old theatrical illusion making objects seem to materialize
37 Script studier
40 What "top" is to "bottom"
42 "I'm not lying!"
43 "Hah, I win!"
45 Legal wrong
46 Old sporty Pontiac
47 Former rival of Atari
48 1962 Western with Kirk Douglas, Gena Rowlands and Walter Matthau
53 Govt. lawyers
54 Scraped (out)
55 Female bleaters
56 Bovine call
57 Kingdom
59 Scarlet, e.g.
60 Viral gene material
61 Ho Chi Minh City, formerly
64 Iowa senator Joni
65 Certain inner lettuce leaves
69 Hazard
72 Explodes
73 Pea protector
74 Trinity part
77 Newborn's bodysuit
79 Texter's "I think ..."
80 Rounded hammer end
82 Bruins' sch.
83 Lupino of film
84 Instructors at golf resorts, often
89 Mardi Gras city, in brief
91 Suffix with Peking
92 Clears, as profit
93 Vigorless condition
94 Chicago newspaper
96 Evening wingdings
99 Force out
100 Leader of a marching musical group
102 The second "S" of SST
104 Boston fish
105 Title for Walter Scott
107 Be an arbiter
111 Rain forest, desert or wetland
113 2004 Chevy debut
114 Group associated with six key starting words in this puzzle
116 Fudd who bugs Bugs
117 Caulk, e.g.
118 Lop- — rabbit
119 Coup d'—
120 Valleys
121 J.D. Salinger title girl
122 Logbook, e.g.
123 Cartoon "Explorer"

**DOWN**

1 Haunted house sound
2 Gymnast Korbut
3 A ton
4 Totally ruined
5 Crouch down
6 Pupil coverer
7 Mork's planet
8 Pitcher Hershiser
9 Relocate instantly, in sci-fi
10 Having small ridges, as a piecrust
11 "1700 hours"
12 Old enough to vote, say
13 Madrid miss
14 Says "So what?" with the shoulders
15 Bodybuilders lift them
16 Firmly supported by
17 Uno + due
18 Title for Walter Scott
24 Of the brain and spinal cord
29 "0.1" portion
32 — nous
34 Kitchen range
35 Sweeteners
36 Cup-and-saucer group
37 More skillful
38 "You Send Me" singer Sam
39 Quieted (down)
41 "Piggies"
44 "Laughing" mammal
46 "I do" sayer
49 In the know
50 Islamic chiefs
51 Acronym for a twofer sale
52 Edit
58 Lead-in to nuptial
60 Saintly article
61 Abnormally deep sleep
62 Rear, at sea
63 Neck backs
65 That boy's
66 Clan
67 Drainage pit
68 Ancient Greek region
69 Destination of a trip, generically
70 "Bewitched" witch
71 Wages measured in terms of actual purchasing power
74 Scallywag
75 North fired by Reagan
76 Schnozz-related
78 Kate Nelligan title role
80 Tennis' Sampras
81 Twisty letters
82 Lacking enthusiasm
85 Software clientele
86 Shallot cousin
87 Hunted for and found, with "out"
88 Central New York lake
90 Body's midsection
95 Cow's milk sources
96 Haunted house sound
97 "The Lion in Winter" co-star
98 Very serious
101 Roof edges
103 Indigent
106 Bangkok native
108 Choir voice
109 Put a rip in
110 This, in Baja
111 Beseech
112 Feeling sick
115 Epoch



 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

Solutions to puzzles are inside **The Local Voice Digital Edition** sent every Thursday to subscribers. Subscribe **FREE** at **TheLocalVoice.net** or scan this QR code and have our digital edition sent to you.

## Five Spot™

**Puzzling work**

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T | H | I | N | K | Use your noggin |
| | | | | | Belonging to thee |
| | | | | | Octoberfest vessel |
| | | | | | Tiny landmass |
| | | | | | Eponymous jeans |
| | | | | | Figure out |

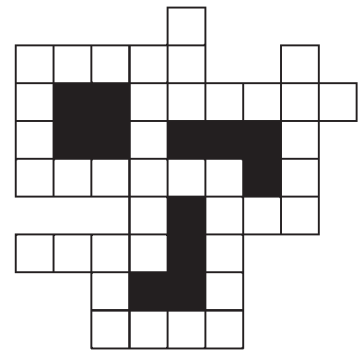
Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

## FEAR KNOT™

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

MPO
EKDTCO
♥ARPEC
♥ESRO
TOMAPI
ODC
APDM
♥ONDRO
RER
KESARO
♥ARMSE
APTC



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

### CODED RIDDLE

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

P O  U I B O L T H J W J O H ,  X I B U  D P N F T  B U

_____

U I F  C F H J O O J O H  P G  U I F  Q B S B E F ?

_____

U I F  M F U U F S  " Q . "

_____

# Even Exchange

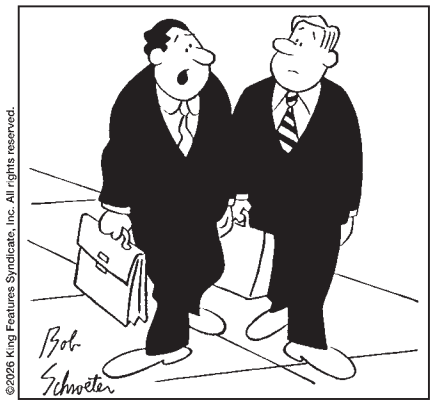
**by Donna Pettman**

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.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Streams | _ _ _ _ _ S | Model Shields | _ _ _ _ _ E |
| 2. Rigid | _ _ N _ _ | Make fun of | _ _ A _ _ |
| 3. Mailbox find | _ E _ _ _ _ | Brood of puppies | _ I _ _ _ _ |
| 4. Oust from school | _ _ P _ _ | Outshine | _ _ C _ _ |
| 5. Spring harbinger | _ _ B _ _ | Cue stick residue | _ _ S _ _ |
| 6. Small body of water | P _ _ _ _ _ | Nestle | C _ _ _ _ _ |
| 7. Identical siblings | _ _ _ _ S | Hemp | _ _ _ _ E |
| 8. Fred's spouse | _ _ _ M _ | Authoress Cather | _ _ _ L _ |
| 9. Young cat | K _ _ _ _ _ | Fingerless glove | M _ _ _ _ _ |
| 10. Shudder | _ H _ _ _ | Cobra or anaconda | _ N _ _ _ |



"I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it."
**— Mae West**
(1893–1980)



©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

## 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!**

Vast **COMICS** _ _ □ _ _ _

Human **TRAMOL** _ _ _ _ □ □

Lane **LEYLA** □ _ _ _ □

Delay **RELIGN** _ _ _ _ _ □

**"When I was in college, I used to dream of the _ _ _ _ _ _ I won't be able to get by on this year."**

**TODAY'S WORD**

_ _ _ _ _ _

Little easy Catering
SUNDAY PLATE LUNCHES
10 am - 2 pm
Serving Southern style Meat & Threes
NOW OPEN AT THREE WAY INTERSECTION
(North Lamar & Molly Barr)
on the hill at
1503 White Oak Lane Suite B
Oxford, Mississippi
662.801.4194

# For These Lifelong Friends, Hotty Toddy Is More Than a Cheer

***Ole Miss alumnae have shared more than 70 years of friendship, love for Ole Miss and a special connection to the iconic chant***

**by Marisa C. Atkinson**

For **University of Mississippi** alumnae **Dinah Jordan** and **Carol Jo Barnes**, Hotty Toddy is more than a cheer; it has become how they are known: Hotty and Toddy, respectively.

It began in the early 2000s when Jordan (BSPh 72, PharmD 98), working at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, was nicknamed "Miss Hotty Toddy" by an MSU alumnus.

"He started calling me, Miss Hotty Toddy," said Jordan, who lives in Biloxi. "I'd see him out and he'd yell, 'Here comes Miss Hotty Toddy.' Then it just kind of shortened it to, 'Here comes Miss Hotty.' And then everybody just started calling me Hotty."

Several years later, Jordan's first granddaughter, Lily, was born. "My son said, 'Well, what is going to be your grandmother name?'" Jordan said. "I said, 'Hotty.'"

It followed that Barnes (Accy 71), of Oxford, was to be Toddy.

"My two granddaughters, Lily and her younger sister, Anna Claire, think of her as a grandmother, too," Jordan said.

The granddaughters make it known that Hotty and Toddy are theirs.

"Yes, Lily gave me a Kappa Delta grandma button and she'll say, 'These are my grandmothers,'" Barnes said.

But before they were known as Hotty and Toddy, the two have been friends since birth. Their mothers, who were friends, were pregnant with Barnes and Jordan at the same time. Off they went to Ole Miss, where they were roommates, joined sororities and decided upon majors.

"We started in fall of '67," Barnes said. "We were roommates and we had a third because that year, it was really crowded in the dorms, and we were in Brown dormitory.

"We've been best friends since birth and nobody knew how that was going to work with the third one, but it worked. We were in her wedding and everything."

The two had a great time while at Ole Miss.

"We were freshmen with Archie Manning, so we had some really fun years of football," Jordan said. "And, memorable, like the Tennessee game, 38-0 in Jackson, where we stood the entire game and threw oranges.

"Then we had the Sugar Bowl against Arkansas while we were in school. There was a woman that walked up the aisles at the Sugar Bowl with a live pig in her hand. I thought that was really weird."

Now that the two have been retired for several years, they are making up for lost time in supporting Ole Miss athletics.

When it comes to women's sports, they are enthusiastic supporters.

"I do like going to volleyball and softball, and we're big supporters of Coach Yo and the women's basketball," Barnes said. "We just love those girls."

The two women and the Hotty Toddy cheer itself are legends to the grandchildren in their lives.

When Barnes' niece, an MSU alumna, called with news that she was expecting a baby, she was shocked to know that Barnes' grandmother name would not change.

"It's just Toddy," Barnes said. "It'll be OK. And sure enough, I'm Toddy to them."

The cheer is taught early in both families. Jordan's granddaughter attended an Ole Miss cheer day camp when she was 4 years old and came home confused.

"I said, 'Well, Lily, did you have a good time?'" Jordan said. "And she said yes, but she had this funny look on her face. And I said, 'Well, what is it?'

"She said, 'Hotty, the cheerleaders don't know the words to the cheer. They said, "Are you ready?" And then they told us to say, "Yes, ma'am." They didn't say "Hell yeah." They don't even know the words.'"

Barnes's great nephew had a realization at 6 or 7 years old that led to a question.

"He asked his mother, 'Did they name the Hotty Toddy after Toddy?'" Barnes said.




Lifelong friends Carol Jo Barnes (left) and Dinah Jordan celebrate more than 70 years of friendship.
Photo by Srijita Chattopadhyay/Ole Miss Digital Imaging Services

Through their more than three-quarters of a century, Hotty and Toddy have done all things in life together except for two.

"We're in different sororities (Barnes is a member of Delta Gamma and Jordan a member of Zeta Tau Alpha)," Barnes said. "Between that and our going into separate careers, it's the only time we've not done everything together."

They have experienced life and continue to live it to the fullest, living by their own advice to others.

"While you're at Ole Miss, work hard and play hard," Jordan said. "You'll be successful if you balance your time and take care of business, but then enjoy yourself.

"Life is short. Enjoy every day and appreciate every day that God gives you. Every morning, get up and say 'Thank you for another day, and it's my choice whether I have a good day or not. I'm not going to let anybody ruin my day.'"

The 77-year-olds' friendship has endured almost as long as the cheer itself.

"That's what I love about Hotty Toddy: it's Ole Miss," Jordan said "I was even in Europe and saw somebody; we had Ole Miss on and we said 'Hotty Toddy.' He didn't say hi, he said 'Hotty Toddy.'

"To me, that's just Ole Miss—uniquely ours." TV

UNO MAS
HAPPY HOUR 3–7 PM
MON • WED • THURS • FRIDAY
$6 MARGS • $3 TACOS • HALF-OFF APPS
$5 22 OZ DRAFT BEERS • 1/2 OFF DOMESTIC BOTTLE BEERS • $5 WINE
ALL DAY HAPPY HOUR
EVERY TUESDAY
$2.50 TACOS • $20 PITCHERS • $5 22 OZ DRAFT BEERS • HALF-OFF APPS

 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

# Local Voice Holiday Guide

**Nov 13–14**
**Holiday House Arts & Crafts Fair**
Lafayette County Arena
Fri: 10 am–7 pm
Sat: 9 am–3 pm

**Nov 28**
**Christmas Galleria**
The Jefferson
9 am–4:30 pm

**Dec 4–16**
**Holiday Village**
The Ford Center
times vary

**Nov 14**
**Shop Oxford Holiday Open House**
participating Oxford shops
9 am–2 pm

**Dec 3–5**
**Holiday Art Market**
The Powerhouse
Thu: 11 am–7 pm
Fri & Sat: 9 am–7 pm

**Dec 7**
**Christmas Parade**
The Square
6:30 pm

**Nov 20–Dec 31**
**Miracle Bar Pop-Up**
Rhythm & Rye
5–11 pm

**Dec 3**
**Dolly Parton's Smokey Mountain Christmas Carol**
The Ford Center
7:30 pm

**Dec 12**
**Holiday Ornament Auction**
The Powerhouse
7 pm


*come together brands*

oxford, mississippi

**Rafters on The Square**
1006 East Jackson Ave.
Oxford, MS 38655
RaftersMusicandFood.com

Hours:
Monday–Saturday
5 pm–1 am
Sunday closed

**Ajax Diner**
118 Courthouse Square
Oxford, MS 38655
AjaxDiner.com

Hours:
Monday–Saturday
11 am–9 pm
Sunday closed
*First Come, First Serve, No Reservations*

**The Old Henry**
1002 East Jackson Ave.
Oxford, MS 38655
TheOldHenry.com

Hours:
Wednesday–Saturday
5 pm–1 am
Sunday–Tuesday closed

**Miscellanea**
306 South Lamar Blvd.
Oxford, MS 38655
MiscellaneaOxford.com

Hours:
Wed–Saturday: 5 pm–until
Sunday 5 pm–9 pm
Monday–Tueday closed
*Reservations Recommended, Walk-ins Welcome*




© 2026 Rayburn Publishing

# the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

## SUDOKU

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

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!




**Oxford Community Market**
**Every Tuesday 3-6:30 PM**
**Old Armory Pavilion • 1801 University Ave.**

**Transfer your old Video Tapes to Digital**
VHS, MINI DV, HI-8, CASSETTE, ETC.
**662.232.8900**


## tLV Super Crossword

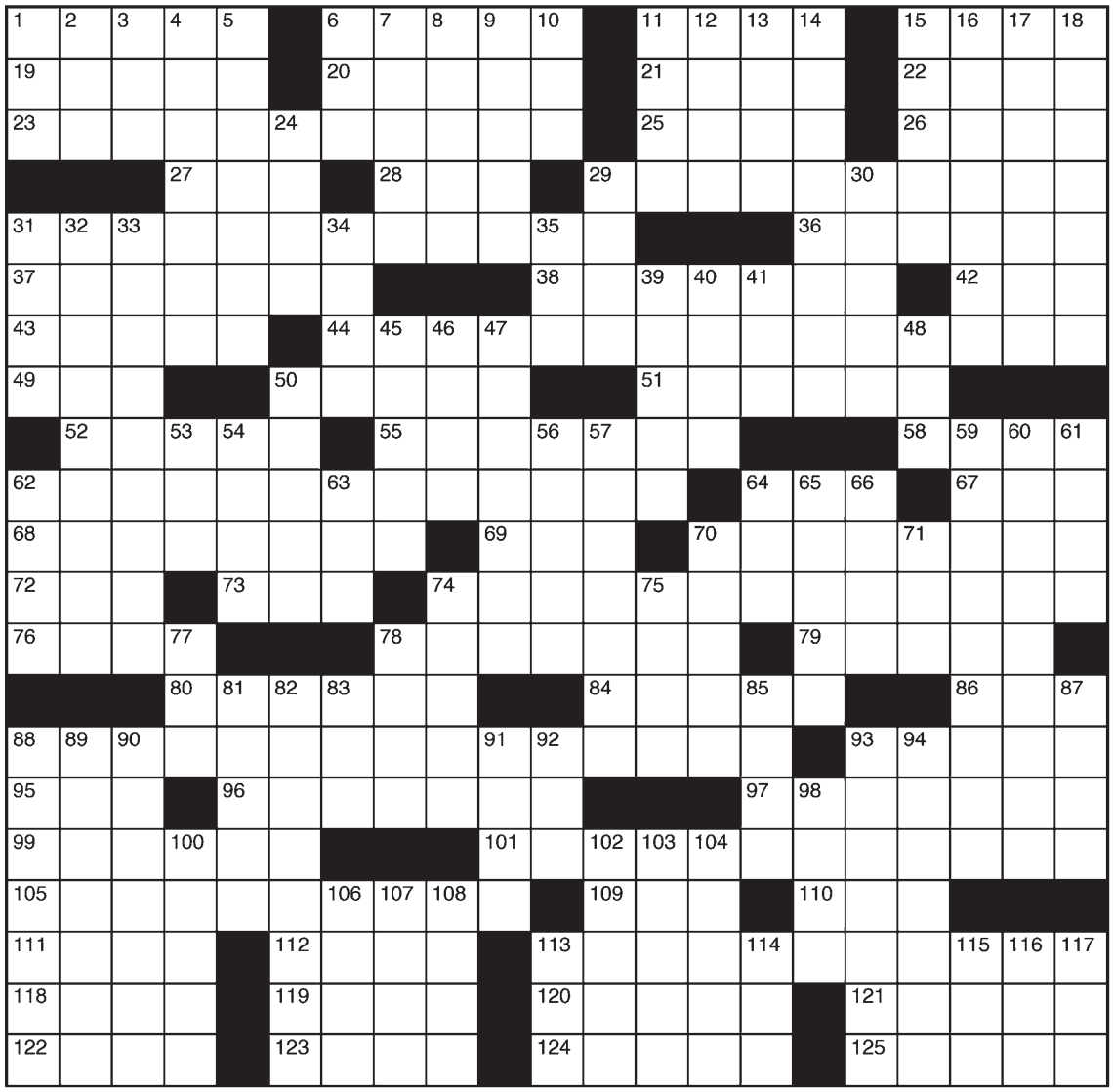
GO FISH

**ACROSS**

1 Hoops-centered cable channel
6 Hoarse-voiced
11 Similar (to)
15 Bad smell
19 "The Son" actress Dern
20 Disentangle
21 Joker Jay
22 — noire (bane)
23 Vehicle part connecting the motor to the frame
25 Art of Erté
26 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
27 Greek letters before rhos
28 "— & the Women" (Richard Gere film)
29 Niles Crane's wife on "Frasier"
31 Smartphone setting for a flight
36 Major shock
37 Metal playing marble
38 Bland
42 Bodily pouch
43 SAG- — (performers' union)
44 When it's ideal to make a move
49 Actress Zadora
50 Eat greedily, in slang
51 Place of exit
52 U.S. base in Cuba, in brief
55 Halloween wear
58 Jeer
62 Best Actress winner for "Still Alice"
64 "Tommy" has two
67 Firearm rights gp.
68 References aiding tourists
69 Nutrient std.
70 Copies
72 Lead-in to plop or plunk
73 Goof up
74 Stele or monolith
76 Canadian gas brand
78 Ballistic weapon
79 Classic Ford, for short
80 Like weight-loss plans in "Eat This, Not That!" books
84 Bay State coll.
86 Wrestling pad
88 Saint Anselm, e.g.
93 A wizard may cast it
95 "Botch- —" (Rosemary Clooney hit)
96 Grain alcohol
97 Squealed on, say
99 Squeal on
101 She's part of the Hindu Godhead
105 Pregnancy length
109 Put — show
110 Suffix with propyl
111 Bullring cries
112 Frozen drink brand
113 Hit Pixar film ... and what you are doing as you examine this puzzle's longest answers?
118 Pond wriggler
119 Mom's mom
120 Epic of Troy
121 Stylish flair
122 Language spoken by 124-Across
123 Pant
124 Scottish Celts
125 Wanda of "Black-ish"

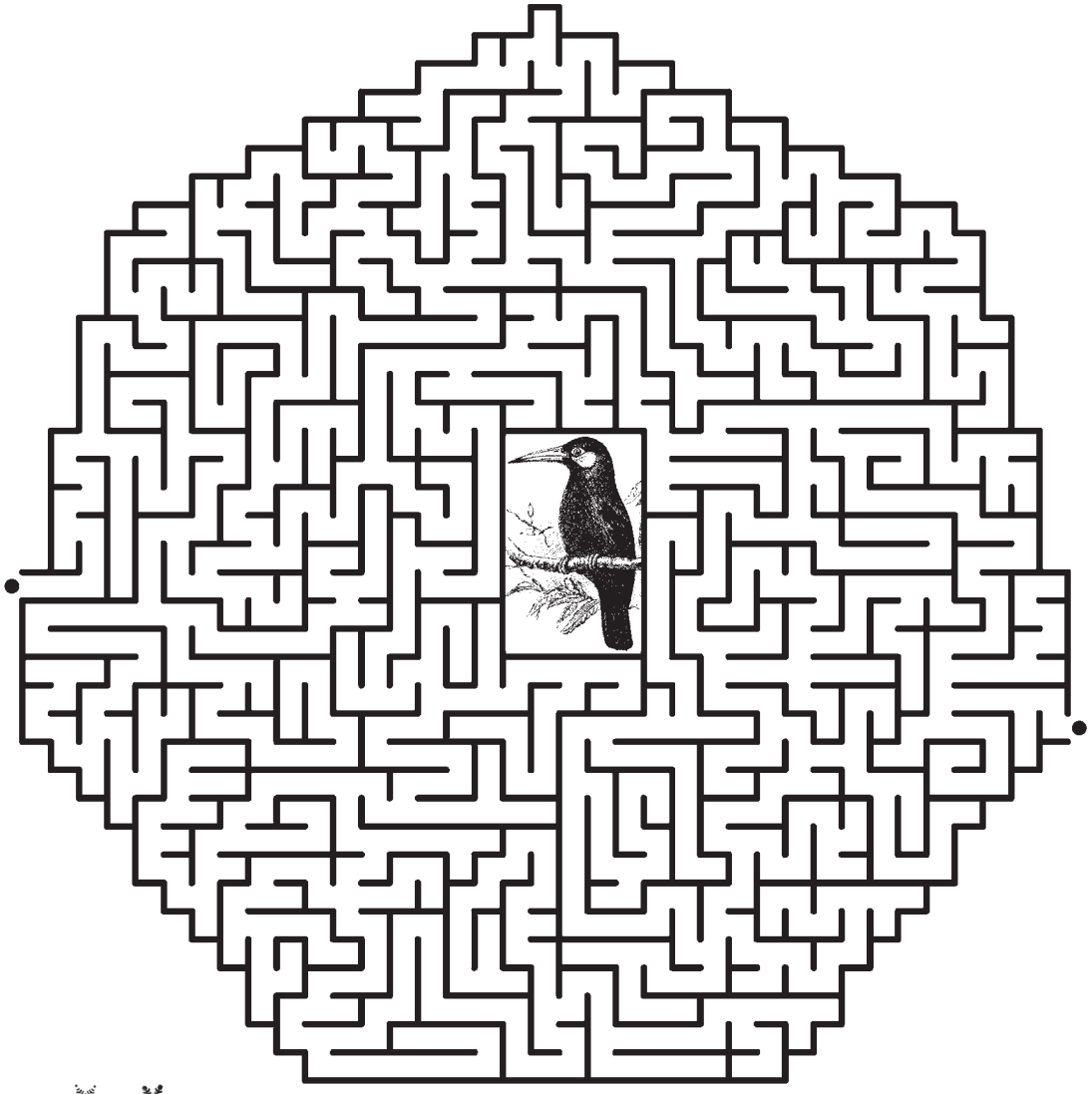
**DOWN**

1 Braves' and Mets' div.
2 Prohibit
3 Popular vacation mo.
4 Stumbling person
5 Cream soda's flavor
6 Daiquiri base
7 Battery end
8 — und Drang
9 Spotted pony
10 Nevertheless
11 Pierce player Alan
12 Retain
13 Part of a foot
14 Twelve p.m.
15 Ex-president with a Nobel
16 Remove certain insects from
17 Soft footstool
18 Simulate the events of
24 Morales of "Superfly"
29 Vehicle ding
30 Graph theory pioneer Paul
31 PDQ cousin
32 "I expected as much"
33 Many store owners
34 Gas in signs
35 Filmmaker: Abbr.
39 It may follow "So I lied!"
40 Playwright William
41 For each
45 Footsteps
46 Ball for grads
47 In a way
48 Chinese menu abbr.
50 Sub-locating system
53 Actress Carrere
54 Broadway "Auntie"
56 Foofaraws
57 Element in a reactor
59 Fit together, as gears
60 "All Alone Am I" singer
61 Sunrise side
62 Gyllenhaal of "The Guilty"
63 "Latino USA" broadcaster
64 Angsty genre
65 Breath fresheners
66 Ticket section
70 "To clarify ..."
71 Pal, in Lille
74 '60s protest
75 "Ticklish" doll
77 Certain till bill
78 Making reference to itself
81 Ancient concert hall
82 Making copies of
83 I, in Berlin
85 — -Ball
87 "I just skimmed the post" inits.
88 Omitting nothing
89 Spam sender, say
90 Current events reported via websites
91 Silent assents
92 Lilly of drugs
93 Loofahs, e.g.
94 Power
98 Marvel mutant group
100 Opposite of 61-Down, in Spanish
102 "There it is!"
103 Concave bellybutton
104 Tennis star Rafael
106 School sports org.
107 Certain till bills
108 Messy stack
113 "Newton" fruit
114 SSNs, e.g.
115 Moose cousin
116 Sallie —
117 Nail-biting NFL periods



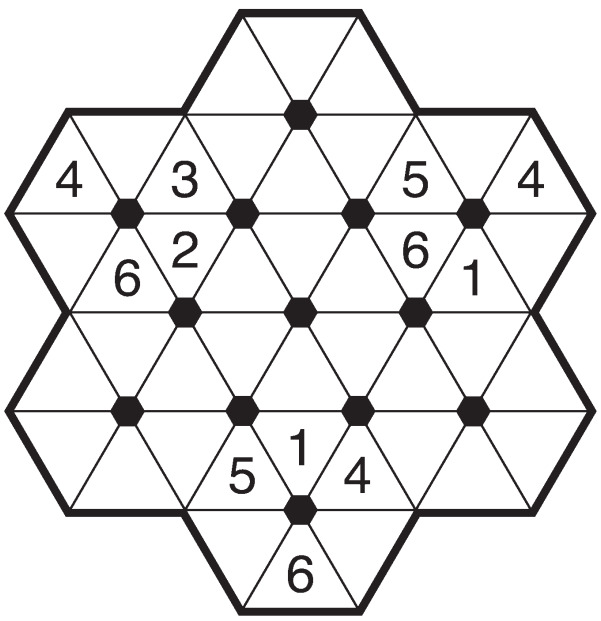
 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

# Mega Maze



# 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

# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of South Carolina?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. **COMICS:** Who is Wonder Woman's mother?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is kombucha?
5. **MOVIES:** What is the main family's name in *The Godfather* movies?
6. **LITERATURE:** Who is the author of the novel *The Martian*?
7. **MATH:** How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
8. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of the women's prison in *Orange is the New Black*?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What are espadrilles?
10. **HISTORY:** What was the main marketplace in ancient Greece 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.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | − | | × | | = 32 | | | |
| − | | + | | + | | | | |
| | + | | + | | = 9 | | | |
| ÷ | | + | | ÷ | | | | |
| | + | | + | | = 14 | | | |
| = 7 | | = 15 | | = 2 | | | | |

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

# 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.

POL NLWI PLRP DQ FDIQ

WUJ BU IBQL BR UDP

ALLVBUF DZP DQ POL

NDZFO, MZP FLPPBUF

# 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: **N** equals **H**

YS Y CDYZJ' JLXUQDJ CYZ, L'P

SNLXRLXU SND PIJS MIPPIX

WLMRKW QLXD TIKQA CD

"TNYS'J KZJLXD?"


UBREAKIFIX®
IPHONE · SAMSUNG · IPAD · PC · MACBOOK
662-236-5670
Laptop Power Cords In Stock!
1501 W. Jackson Ave.
Right next to Firehouse Subs
OPEN
9 am - 7 pm Weekdays
11 am - 3 pm Saturdays
PC & Mac Virus Removal
We buy broken MacBooks!
We repair your screen while you wait!


**Answers:** 1. Columbia 2. Tanzania, Africa 3. Queen Hippolyta 4. Fermented tea 5. Corleone 6. Andy Weir 7. 17 8. Litchfield Penitentiary 9. Summer footwear, usually made of canvas 10. The Agora




Rebel
Wine & Spirits
Remember the Party Starts Here!
1429 North Lamar (at Molly Barr)
Oxford, Mississippi 38655

# the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

STICKELERS [sic]. by Terry Stickels

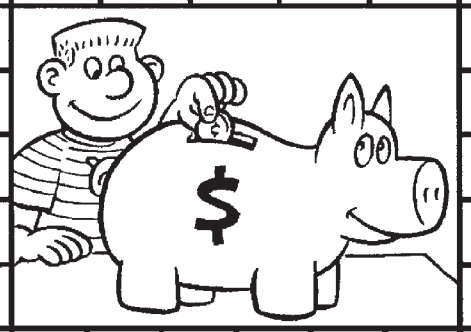
Japan is surrounded by four seas and the Pacific Ocean. What are the four seas?

## KNIGHT MOVES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| O | D | S |
| R | | U |
| L | H | E |

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.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E | R | V | A | A | E | S |
| N | | | | | | Y |
| D | | | | | | Y |
| E | | | | | | N |
| I | | | | | | N |
| D | | | | | | N |
| S | A | A | P | P | E | E | N |



**A PIGGY BANKER!** Find the hidden quotation above by reading every other letter as you go around the frame counterclockwise.

Starting at the first "A" along the bottom rail, read: "A penny saved is a penny earned."



**DOUBLE-DEALER!** A used-car dealer sold two cars for $1,980 each. On the first car he made a 10 percent profit, while on the second car he took a loss of 10 perc[illegible] Taken together, did he profit or lose on the dea[illegible]

ost $40. On the first car he made $180, while on the second car he lost $220.

**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line goes the mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. Hooded robe. 2. Nocturnal bird. 3. Flat-bottomed boat. 4. Domestic cattle.

1. Cowl. 2. Owl. 3. Scow. 4. Cow. Mystery word: Scowl.



| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S | | | | L |
| | 1. | | | |
| | | 2. | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| | 4. | | | |

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

©2019 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | | | P | A | S | S | | |
| 2. | | | | P | A | S | S | |
| 3. | P | A | S | S | | | | |
| 4. | | | P | A | S | S | | |
| 5. | P | A | S | S | | | | |
| 6. | | | | P | A | S | S | |
| 7. | | | | | P | A | S | S |
| 8. | P | A | S | S | | | | |

**FORWARD PASSES!**

Now that the football season is well under way, it's time to work on word "passes." At left are eight words, each of which contains a "pass." Figure out what the words are using the following hints:

1. **Alternate route.**
2. **Direction finder.**
3. **Adequate.**
4. **Stalemate.**
5. **Travel document.**
6. **To go beyond.**
7. **To go where forbidden.**
8. **It opens many locks.**

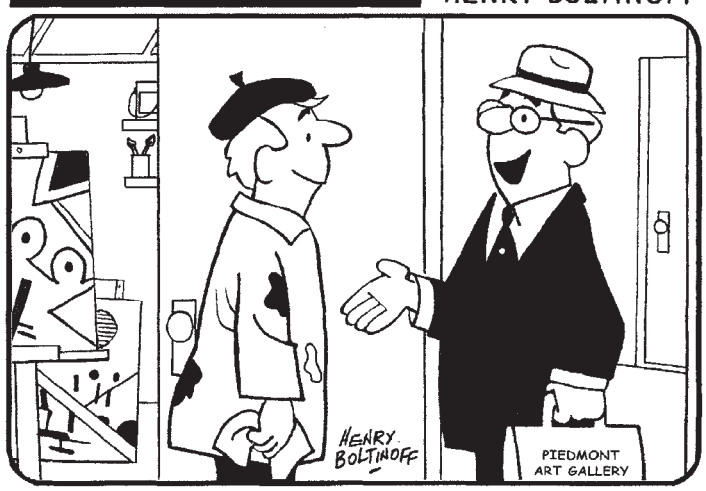


Illustrated by David Coulson

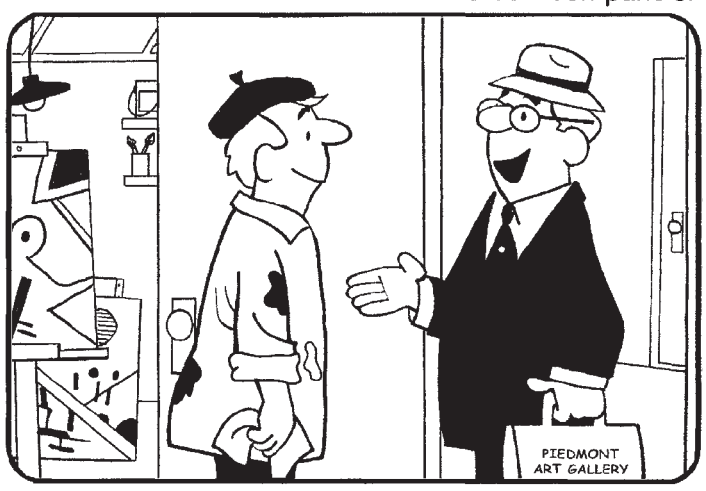
1. Bypass. 2. Compass. 3. Passable. 4. Impasse. 5. Passport. 6. Surpass. 7. Trespass. 8. Passkey.

## 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 M<u>A</u>STER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. A thousand bucks | _ _ _ _ D | 18th president | _ _ _ _ T |
| 2. Spry | _ _ M _ _ _ | Take small bites of | _ _ B _ _ _ |
| 3. Truman or Potter | _ A _ _ _ | Make haste | _ U _ _ _ |
| 4. Black eye | _ _ _ N _ _ | Quake | _ _ _ V _ _ |
| 5. In the area | A _ _ _ _ _ | Prohibit from flying | G _ _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Float, like a copter | _ _ V _ _ | Four bagger | _ _ M _ _ |
| 7. Give a speech | O _ _ _ _ | Enraged | I _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Vote | _ _ _ _ O _ | Artistic dance | _ _ _ _ E _ |
| 9. Like St. Nicholas | _ O _ _ _ | Toast topper | _ E _ _ _ |
| 10. Food cupboard | _ _ _ D _ _ | Bigger | _ _ _ G _ _ |

## WORD SPIRAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| B | | E |
| | S | |
| E | | C |

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.

Bullseye 95.5 WOXD FM



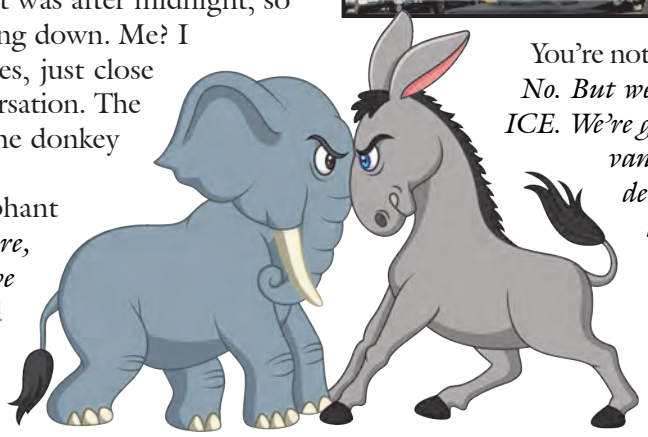
© 2026 ® Rayburn Publishing

# A Donkey, an Elephant, and a Case of Guinness




On Wednesday night, November 4, having survived the incessant and utterly exhausting pummeling of political commercials and Election Day itself, I found myself completely worn to a frazzle. My head had hardly hit the pillow before I fell into a sleep Rip Van Winkle would have envied.

In my comatose slumber I dreamed a dream. An elephant and a donkey were sitting on the Lafayette County courthouse steps, drinking Guinness Black Lager, and talking. It was after midnight, so they decided to let it all hang down. Me? I sneaked through the bushes, just close enough to hear their conversation. The elephant was crying and the donkey was trying to console it.



*Donkey* (patting the elephant on its trunk): *There, there, Ellie. I know how you feel. I've been there, too.* (Donk wiped Ellie's tears away with a towel and held it for Ellie, who blew his trunk clean. It was quite the noise and quite the mess),

Ellie: But y'all's Blue Wave means for the first time since 2011 we won't control Congress.

*Donk: I know, I know. But hey, it's only two years. You'll get another chance.*

Yeah, but now y'all are gonna undo all the things we've done.

*We're gonna do our best.*

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

You're gonna impeach everyone!

*Now, now, Ellie. Not everyone. Just the ones we don't agree with.*

That's just about everyone!

*Pretty much, but once you get shellacked like you did, there's no way to go but up. But don't worry. We'll listen to all you have to say before we vote you down. If you're a good pachyderm, we'll throw a few peanuts your way.*

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

What's Mikey gonna do?

*Mikey? You mean "The Johnson"? Don't worry. He'll slither away and hide under some rocks. He's all about surviving.*

What about RFK, Jr.? Petie? Y'all gonna impeach them?

*Naw. We're gonna exile them to an island ruled by transgender people with measles and whooping cough and no vaccines.*

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

*Ellie! Lighten up! Y'all have done some good things, like tax cuts. You've helped people keep more of their money in their pockets, which, by the way, they need since gas and beef prices are soaring. You set up educational accounts for children under 18. You've outlawed deepfake revenge porn. Y'all stopped making pennies. That's not a nickel-and-dime accomplishment. Impeach them all? Not gonna do it. Wouldn't be prudent.*

You're not?

*No. But we are gonna melt a lot of ICE. We're gonna put a halt to all the vanity projects of the Pwesident. We're gonna re-establish the voting rights that SCROTUS made limp.*

You're probably gonna fill the Cabinet with people like Hillary, Biden, Obama, De Niro, Pete Buddhajig, and Paula Poundstone.

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

*Let me walk you home, Ellie. You're drunk.*

You think you can hold me up?

*I've been trying to hold you back for years. If you'll cooperate and follow my lead, I'll hold you up, get you home, and tuck you in for at least a two-year sleep.*

You know where I live?

*Of course I do, Ellie. We live under the same domed roof. Different rooms, but the same house.*

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

*Look, Ellie. I'm not gonna kick you when you're down—at least not hard. By the way, I brought some gifts for you. Open this box.*

(Ellie opened the box.)

A blue velvet blanket! A bluegrass CD! A blues CD! Two pairs of blue suede shoes! A pair of extra-large-to-the-hundredth-power blue jeans! A case of Blue Moon beer! I love you, Donk! I owe you. I'll do anything you ask me to! Anything!

*That's what I like to hear. Now open one more Guinness, Ellie. Here's a bag of peanuts. Let's go home.*

One last thing, Donk: Mississippi?

*Too close to call today, but the state may be about to get a Colomoscopy.*

(Ellie wailed and opened another Guinness.)

Donk steadied Ellie as they stumbled into the night, singing:

"Show me the way to go home. I'm tired and I wanna go to bed…"

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

*Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Board Certified Telemental Health Provider, Certified Shamanic Life Coach, ordained minister, singer-songwriter, actor, and writer. He likes Blue Moon beer and peanuts.* TV




Brewing CIRCLE AND SQUARE Company




Open for Lunch 7 days a week 11 am–2:30 pm

BRUNCH Saturday & Sunday 11 am - 3 pm

TG TALLAHATCHIE GOURMET

1221 Van Buren Avenue • Oxford, Mississippi
662-380-5122 • Casseroles & Catering available

# EAT IN OXFORD™

## LOCAL FOOD & DRINK OPTIONS

**The Local Voice updates are posted every day by 11 am on our website and social media.**

**www.TheLocalVoice.net** /thelocalvoice @TheLocalVoice @TheLocalVoice


**Oxford Community Market**
**Every Tuesday 3-6:30 PM**
**Old Armory Pavilion • 1801 University Ave.**


### Ajax Diner
**118 Courthouse Square**

**Mon–Sat:** 11 am–9 pm
**Delivery:** TAB

### Big Bad Breakfast
**719 N. Lamar Blvd.**

**Mon–Fri:** 7 am–1 pm
**Sat–Sun:** 8 am–2:30 pm
**Early Bird Special:**
Wed & Thur 7–9 am: 10% off
**Delivery:** DoorDash

### Bouré
**110 Courthouse Square**

**Mon–Thu:** 10:30 am–10 pm
**Fri–Sat:** 10:30 am–10:30 pm
**Bar:** Mon–Wed 4 pm–midnight; Thu–Fri 4 pm–1 am; Sat 10:30 am–1 am
**Happy Hour 4–7 pm:**
M–Th $2 High Life, $3 domestics, $4 wells, $5 Freixenet, $6 Spritzes, $7 specialty wines
**Delivery:** TAB, DoorDash

### City Grocery
**152 Courthouse Square**

**Mon–Sat:**
Lunch: 11:30 am–2:30 pm; Dinner 6–10 pm; Fri & Sat till 10:30
**Bar Mon–Sat:** 4 pm–till; open early on home football weekends
**Happy Hour 4–6 pm:**
M–F $1 off wells & domestics

### Circle & Square
**100 Depot St.**

**Tap Room Hours:**
**Mon-Wed:** 7 am–9 pm,
**Thu-Sat:** 7 am–10 pm
**Sun:** 9 am–7 pm
**Kitchen Hours:**
**Mon-Tue:** 7 am–8 pm
**Wed-Sat:** 7 am–8:30 pm
**Sun:** 9 am–6:30 pm
**WED:** TRIVIA 7 pm
**Delivery:** DoorDash, Uber Eats

### Funkys
**1012 E. Jackson Ave.**

**Mon–Thu:** 2 pm–1 am
**Fri:** noon–1 am; **Sat:** 11 am–1 am
**Sun:** 11 am–9 pm
**Mon:** $5 Octanes
**Tue:** $5 Grape Gatorade
**Wed:** LADIES' NIGHT: $5 Skinny Bitches
**Thur:** $4 domestics (til 9 pm)
**Delivery:** TAB

### Kingswood
**425 S. Lamar Blvd.**

**Breakfast:** 7–11 am, Mon–Fri
**Mon–Wed:** 4–9 pm; Thu: 4–10 pm
**Fri:** 11 am–2 pm; 4–10 pm
**Sat & Sun:** Brunch: 9 am–2 pm; Dinner: 4–10/9 pm
**Happy Hour 4–5 pm:** $4 select drafts, $8 Classic Cocktails, $7 wines, food specials
**Mon:** Industry Night - 25% off for service industry professionals
**'Tini Tues:** ½-price classic martinis & $7 specialty 'tinis
**Wine Down Wed:** ½-price bottles of wine (under $200)

### Little Easy Catering
**1503B White Oak Ln.**

**Catering:** 662-801-4194

**Sunday Plate Lunches**
**Sun:** 10 am–2 pm

### The Library
**120 South 11th St.**

**Mon–Fri:** 3 pm–1 am
**Sat:** 11 am–1 am
**Sun:** 11 am–9 pm
**Happy Hour 3–7 pm**
Mon–Fri $1 off all drinks
**LIVE MUSIC**

### Miscellanea
**306 S. Lamar Blvd.**

**Wed–Sat:** 5 pm–until
**Sun:** 5 pm–9 pm
**Monday–Tuesday** closed
**Reservations:** website

### Moe's BBQ
**311 S Lamar Blvd.**

**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)
**Delivery:** DoorDash, TAB

### Nightbird
**425 S. Lamar Blvd.**

**Open at 4 pm nightly**
**Mon:** Industry Night - 25% off for service industry professionals
**'Tini Tues:** ½-price classic martinis & $7 specialty 'tinis
**Wine Down Wed:** ½-price bottles of wine (under $200)

### Offbeat in General
**Plein Air, Taylor**

**Tue–Wed:** 10 am–6 pm
**Thu–Sat:** 10 am–8 pm
**Sun:** 10 am–3 pm
**Pizza Knights Thu–Sat 5–8 pm**

### The Old Henry
**1002 E. Jackson Ave.**

**Wed–Sat:** 5 pm–1 am
**Wed:** $1 WINGS; ½-price wine; $15 beer/seltzer buckets
**Thu:** Happy Hour 6–8 pm
½-priced cocktails & wine

### Proud Larry's
**211 S. Lamar Blvd.**

**Mon–Sat:** Kitchen, 11 am–9 pm
Bar open late
**Sun:** Lunch 11 am–3 pm

### Quack's
**122 Courthouse Square**

**Mon–Sat:** 11 am–close
**Sun:** 11 am–9 pm
**Fri–Sun:** Brunch 11 am–3 pm; Mimosa specials & $9 Espresso Martinis
**Happy Hour:**
**Mon:** $1 off drafts ALL DAY
**Tues:** $1 off drafts ALL DAY, $1 off bottles & cans (4–6 pm)
**Wed:** $1 off drafts, bottles & cans, 2-4-1 wells ALL DAY
**Thur & Fri:** $1 off drafts, bottles & cans (4–6 pm)
**Delivery:** DoorDash, TAB

### Rafters on the Square
**1006 E. Jackson Ave.**

**Tue–Sat:** 6:30 pm–1 am
**DJ DRUMM Fri & Sat**

### Rhythm & Rye
**Rooftop Tavern**
**305 E. Jackson Ave.**

**Sun:** 5–9 pm
**Mon–Thu:** 5–10 pm
**Fri–Sat:** 5–11 pm
**Tue:** Taco Night: $2 tacos, $5 Margs
**Wed:** Old Fashioned Night: $6 burger, $7 Old Fashioned
**Thu:** $5 drafts
**LIVE MUSIC Fri & Sat**
**Sun:** BOGO ENTREE NIGHT

### Southern Coop
**705 Sisk Ave.**

**Mon–Sat:** 11 am–9 pm
**Delivery:** DoorDash, TAB

### Snackbar
**721 N. Lamar Blvd.**

**Mon–Thu:** 4–10p; **Fri–Sat:** –10:30p
**Happy Hour 4–6 pm:**
$2 domestics, $4 drafts, $6 wines, $8 classics, select food & oysters
**Mon:** INDUSTRY NIGHT: $8 select cocktails, 25% off food

### SoLa
**401 S. Lamar Blvd.**

**Wed–Sun:** 5–9 pm
**Happy Hour 5–6 pm:** $6 Margaritas
**Wed:** Spaghetti + $6 wine
**Thu:** Ramen & $6 Rosé
**Sun:** Oyster Happy Hour $2/shuck (5–6 pm)

### Tallahatchie Gourmet
**1221 Van Buren Ave.**

**Mon–Wed:** 11 am–2:30 pm
**Brunch Sat & Sun** 11:30 am–3 pm
**Delivery:** TAB

### Uno Mas
**1101 E. Jackson Ave.**

**Mon–Sat:** 11 am–10 pm; **Sun**–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

### Volta Taverna
**710 N. Lamar Blvd.**

**Mon–Thu:** 11 am–9 pm; $2 Coors & Miller Light + Yueling; $4 High Noon
**Fri–Sat:** 11 am–9:30 pm;
**Happy Hour 4–6 pm:** $1 off all drinks
**½-price Margaritas & Mojitos**
**Monday, Thursday, & Saturday**



# Oxford School District Foundation Celebrates 40 Years of Giving

## Investing in our Classrooms since 1986

As the **Oxford School District Foundation** gears up for their annual Giving Day on November 17, 2026, we take a minute to flash back to where it all began.

In the spring of 1986, students across Oxford witnessed the return of Halley's Comet orbiting the midnight sky above Barnard Observatory, the cast of Oxford High School took their final bow in *The Sound of Music*, and Superintendent **Bob McCord** spearheaded an endowment aimed at enhancing public education in the OSD, organizing 17 families in establishing what is now the Oxford School District Foundation (**OSDF**). A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of individuals, families, and businesses across Oxford who raise money throughout the year for the sole purpose of funding grants requested by our teachers to bring innovative programs to our classrooms.

Founding member and then OHS Librarian **Jolee Hussey** said, "Our goal was to make [OSD] the best school district possible . . . we wanted to step in and help provide something the district could or should have, but could not afford." And who better to know the direct needs than our teachers—those on the front lines of this mission."

The following fall in 1987, the OSDF funded nearly $9,000 in local grants (then the average price of a brand-new car), for enhanced reading projects and science labs at Bramlett; media equipment and math labs at the Middle School; and art history slides, theatre supplies, interactive maps, and the purchase of a $1350 Apple computer for the high school.

Over these past 40 years the OSDF has continued this mission—raising millions directly re-invested in our classrooms. We are proud to report that last year




the OSDF approved all requested grants, funding nearly $25,000 for projects currently utilized across the District; including "Reading and Rhythm" at Della, virtual reality equipment and projects benefitting Central Elementary's Science and Art Labs, expanding the piano lab and 3D printing at OIS, and a program aimed at making music theory visible at OHS.

As Superintendent McCord's dream became a reality 40 years ago, he looked to the future with pride and optimism, and the hope that "may all who come behind us find us faithful."

In 35 years Halley's Comet will return to our inner solar system, and the OSDF will celebrate its 75th continuous year. Today we are asking you to contribute to the limitless future of our Oxford School District. To be just as bold, just as ambitious as those founding members in 1986 who reached for the stars—whose commitment to funding innovative projects continues to transform the classrooms of tomorrow.

On behalf of the OSDF Board of Directors, our students, parents, teachers, and friends, we all thank you.

Drew Stevens*; Oxford School District Foundation President, 2026–2027*

RHYTHM & RYE
ROOFTOP TAVERN
OXFORD
SPECIALS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!
Tu TACO NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE
$2 STREET TACO (EACH)
$5 MARGARITAS
We BULLEIT OLD FASHIONED NIGHT | 5P - CLOSE
$6 BURGERS
$7 PER CLASSIC OLD FASHIONED
Th THIRSTY THURSDAY | 5P - CLOSE
ALL DRAFTS $5.00
Fr LIVE MUSIC | 7P - 10P
LOCAL & SEMI LOCAL VOICES
OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING
Sa LIVE MUSIC | 7P - 10P
LOCAL & SEMI LOCAL VOICES
OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING
Su BOGO NIGHT | 5PM - CLOSE
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE ENTREE
(OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE)
DAILY HAPPY HOUR 5-6P!
FOLLOW US
+ SCAN FOR AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER!
LOCATED ON TOP OF THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT
305 E JACKSON AVE., OXFORD
662-638-6017

How can you donate?
Pay by check
- Text 662-316-5777 and we'll come to you for pickup
- Mail to OSDF P.O. Box 765 OxMS 38655

Upgrade to an OSD car tag
- All proceeds go directly to OSDF

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION
SCAN TO GIVE VIA VENMO

OFFBEAT IN GENERAL
114 Town Square Lane • Taylor, Mississippi 38673
PIZZA KNIGHTS
Thursday–Saturday Night
5:00–8:00 pm
NOW SERVING The Jimmy Pesto, The CRAZY German, and My First Love
Plus, your all-time favorites, including: Pepperoni, Supreme, and Veggie!
Cauliflower crust also available.
Dine-in or pick-up. Call 415-412-8610 menu at: www.offbeatgeneralstore.com




## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

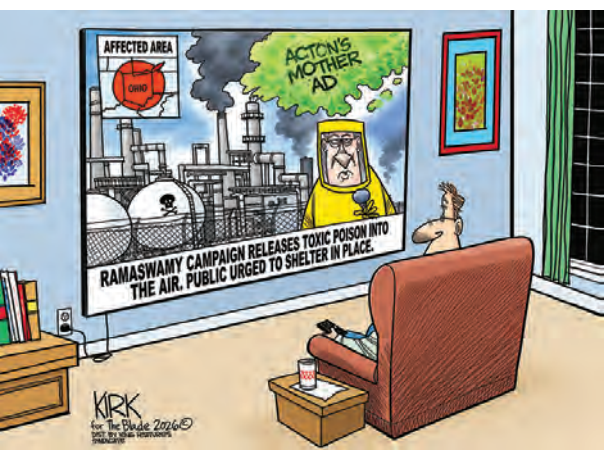


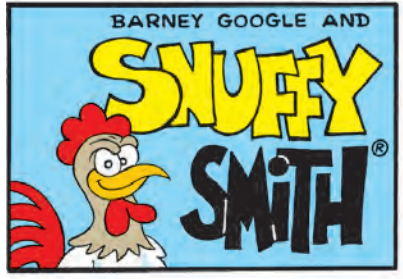

## GRIN and BEAR IT®

by Wagner



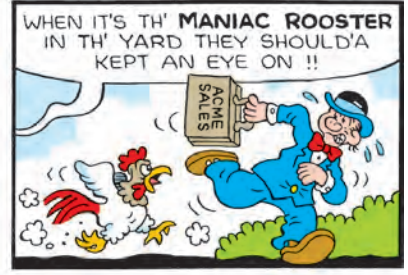

"There's more Christmas cheer in the car!"

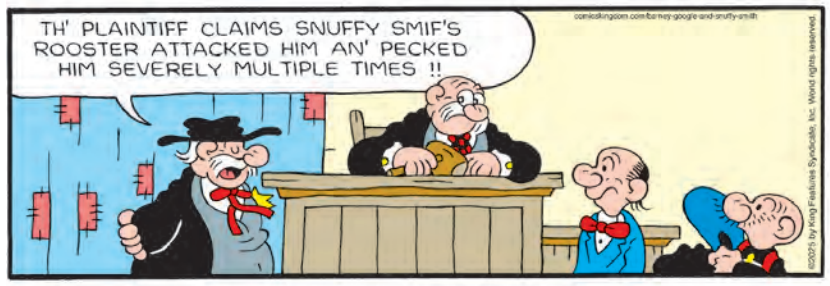


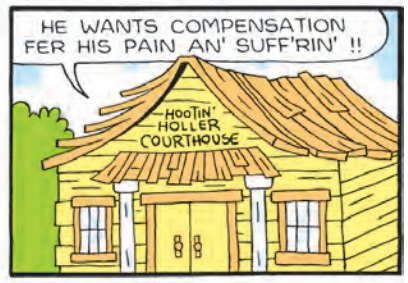



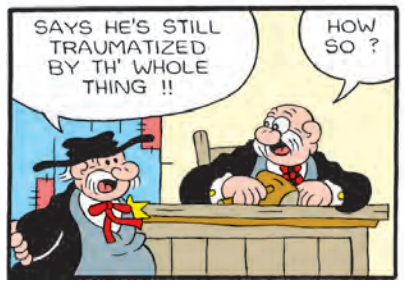


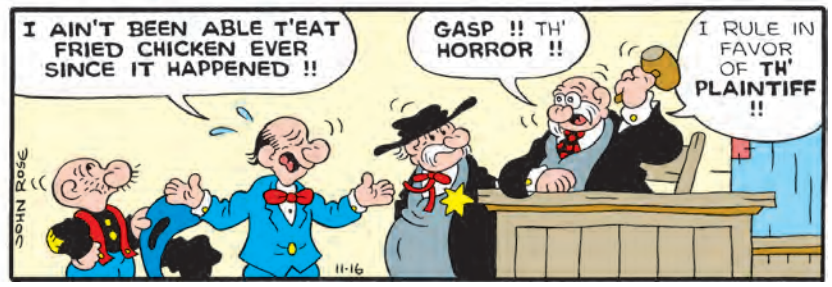




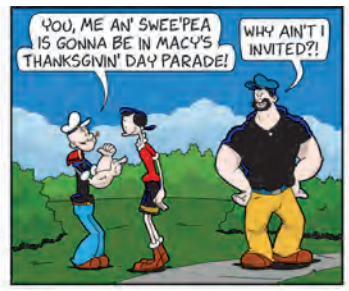











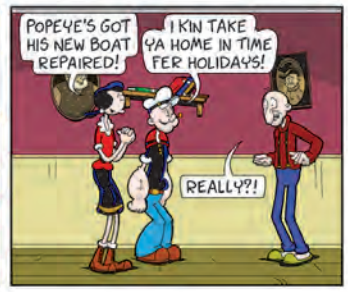






















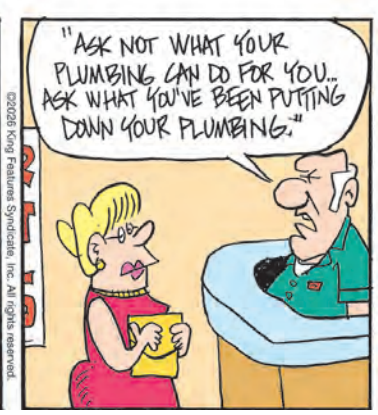




## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas







 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

HAL FOSTER'S

# Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

KAREN, MURSHID AND GURYAN HAVE JOINED A CARAVAN MOVING EAST ALONG THE SILK ROAD. CAREFULLY PLACED CARAVANSERAIS PROVIDE REST AND SECURITY FOR THE MERCHANTS AT THE END OF EACH DAY'S MARCH.

EVEN AMONG THIS ECLECTIC COMPANY, THE COMPANIONS SEEM A BIT ODD, AND ARE SUBJECT TO MUCH SCRUTINY...

YEATES 9/13/15



...UNTIL SOME OF THE YOUNGER BULLIES, TESTING THEIR OWN METTLE, PUSH THINGS TOO FAR. GURYAN IS TAUNTED AS A BACK-COUNTRY, CENTRAL ASIAN OAF...



...ALLOWING THE RESERVED, TACITURN GUARDIAN THE CHANCE TO FINALLY RELEASE SOME OF THE COILED ENERGY THAT HE HAS, BY NECESSITY, KEPT CONTAINED.

©2015 King Features Syndicate, Inc.




4101

# Americanisms



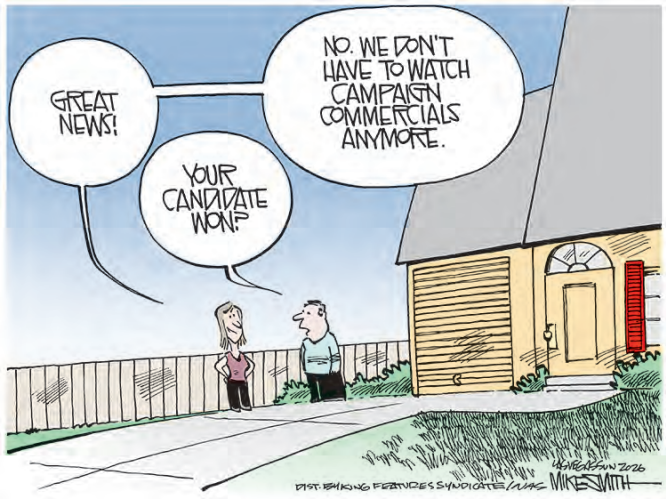
"There's a thin line between to laugh with and to laugh at."
— *Richard Pryor*

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps




©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.

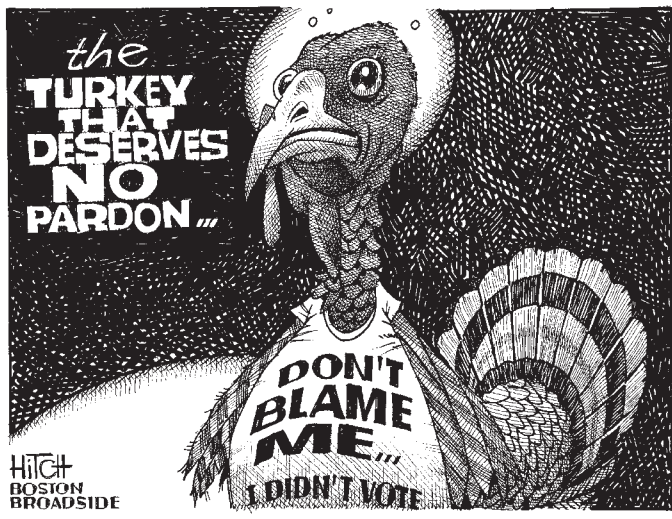



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

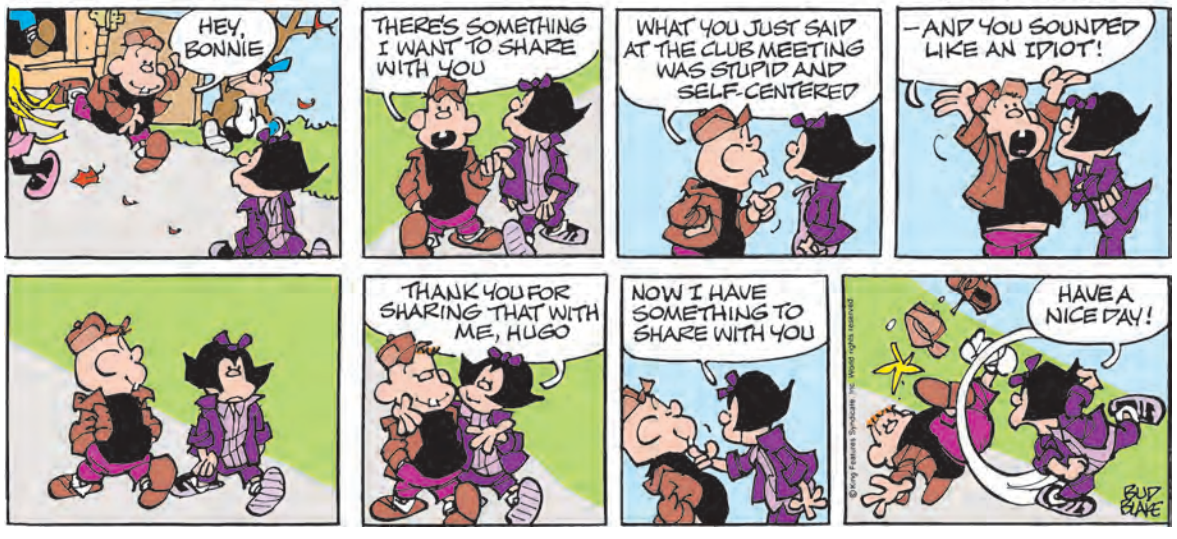


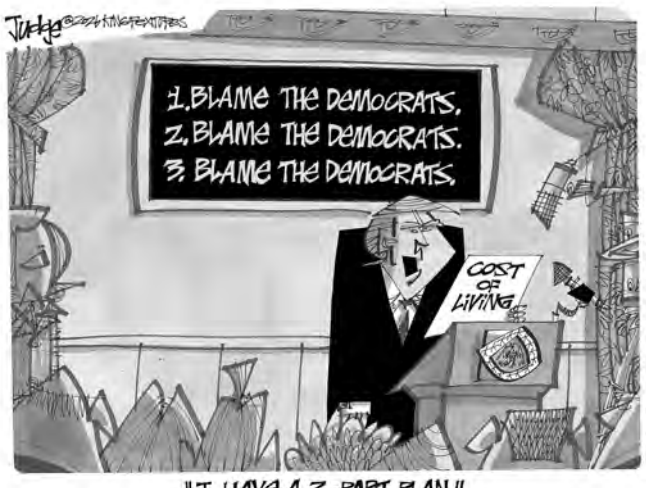

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc. All rights reserved.




TIGER

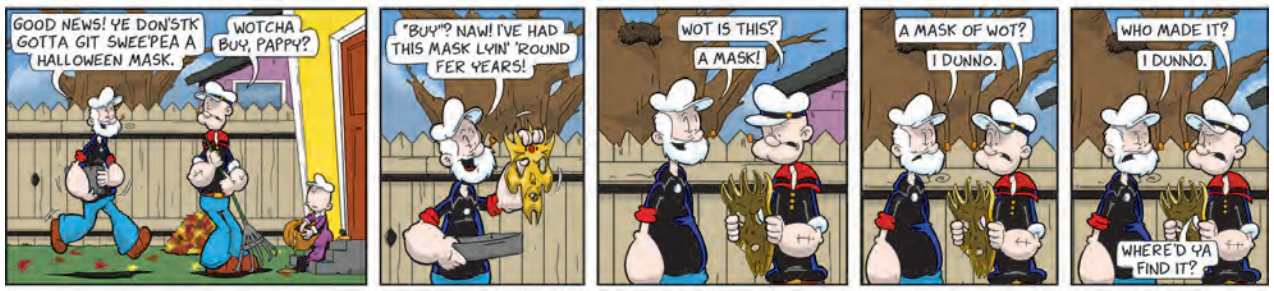
by BUD BLAKE



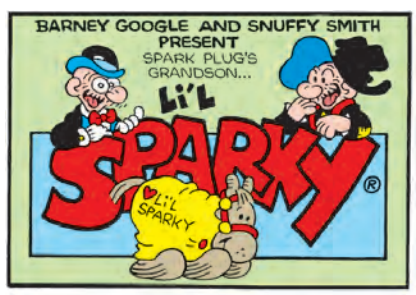

 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing 

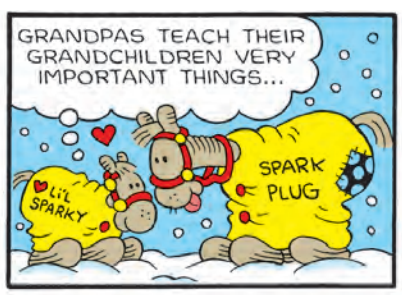






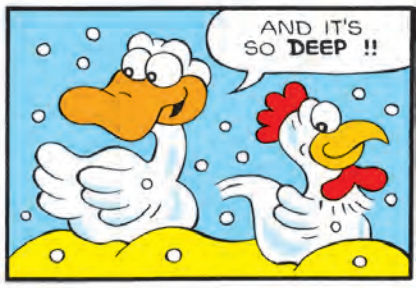




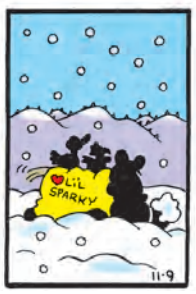

















LAST TANGO IN PARIS



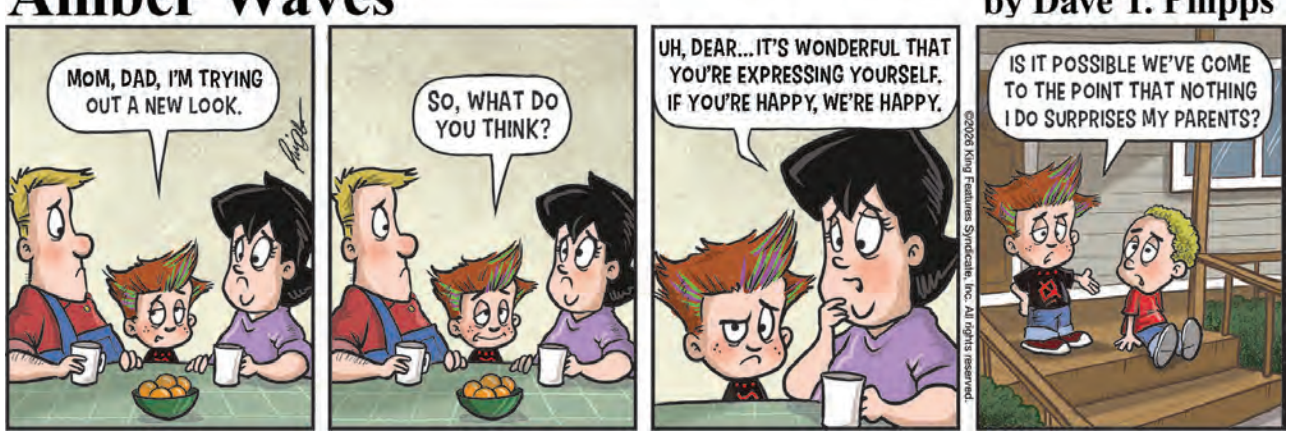




"Santa wants his letters in Morse code!"

# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

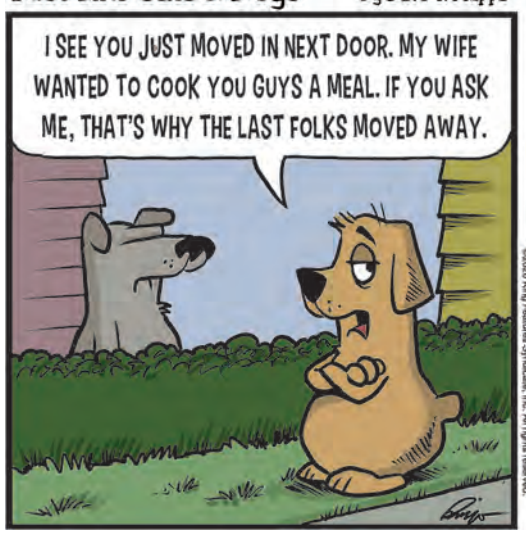



# Americanisms



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps







## The Garden Bug

**Sedums**

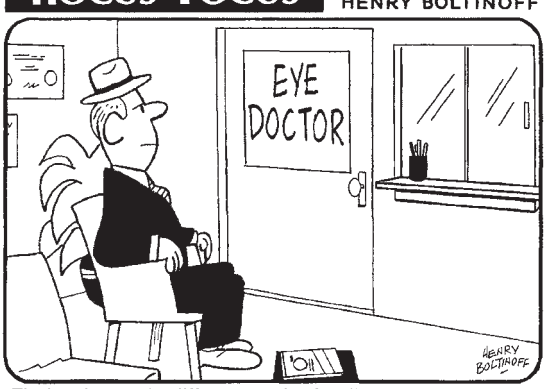


There are multiple species of sedum available to growers. "Autumn Joy" is a popular choice for many. When the leaves start to droop late in the season, trim them off and collect the stalks and blooms for dried floral arrangements. Sedums are perennial and bloom from spring to fall each year. They are drought-tolerant and don't need much care. Bees and butterflies love feeding from them. - *Brenda Weaver*

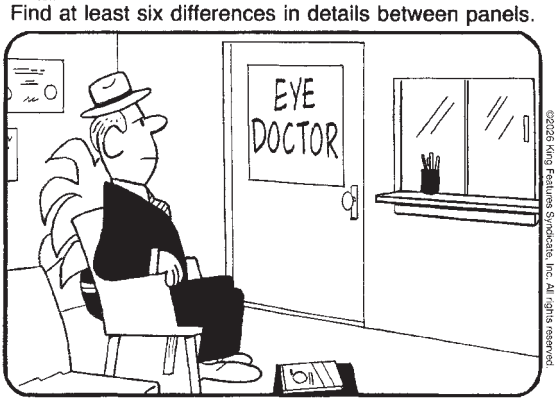
**Sources: countryliving.com, bhg.com**

## HOCUS-FOCUS

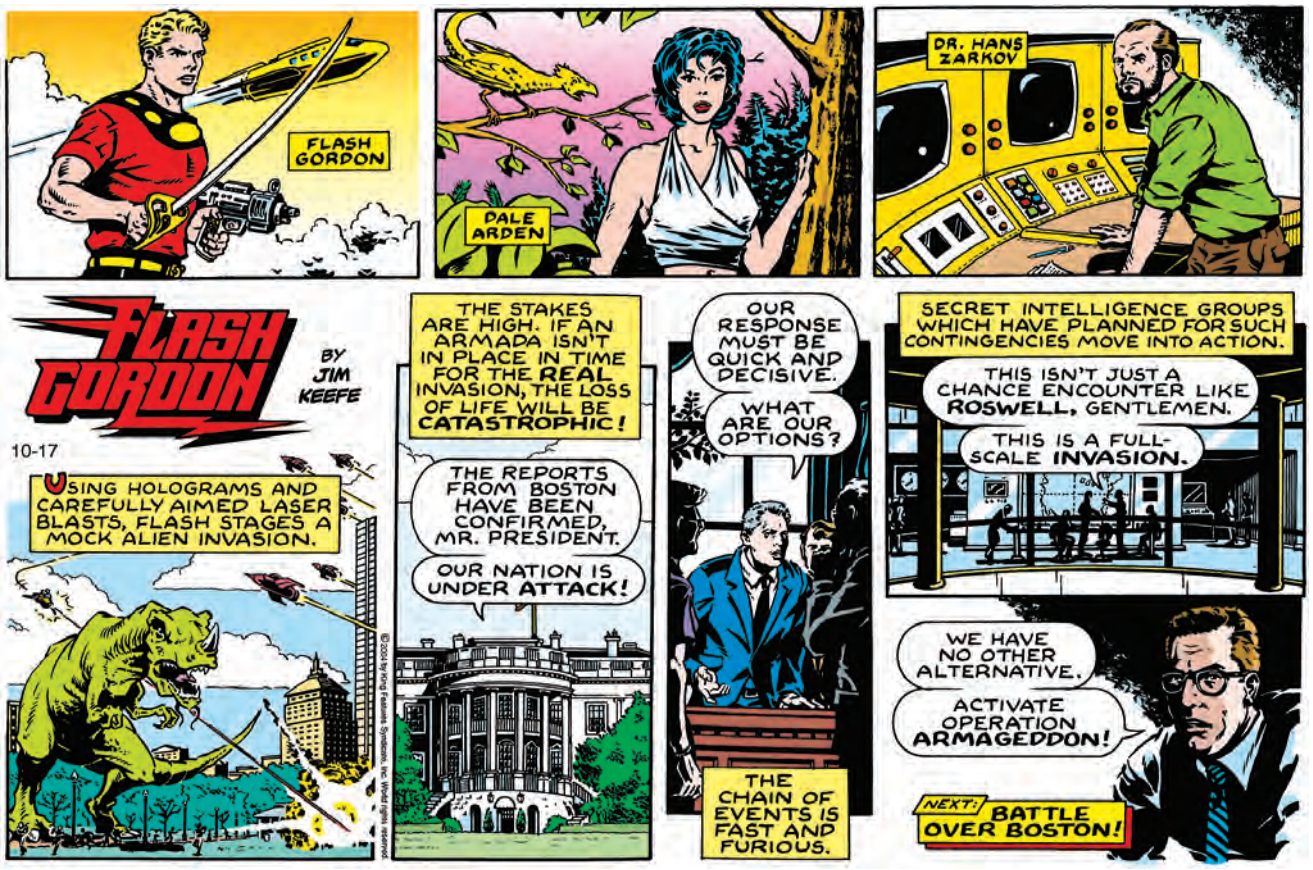
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

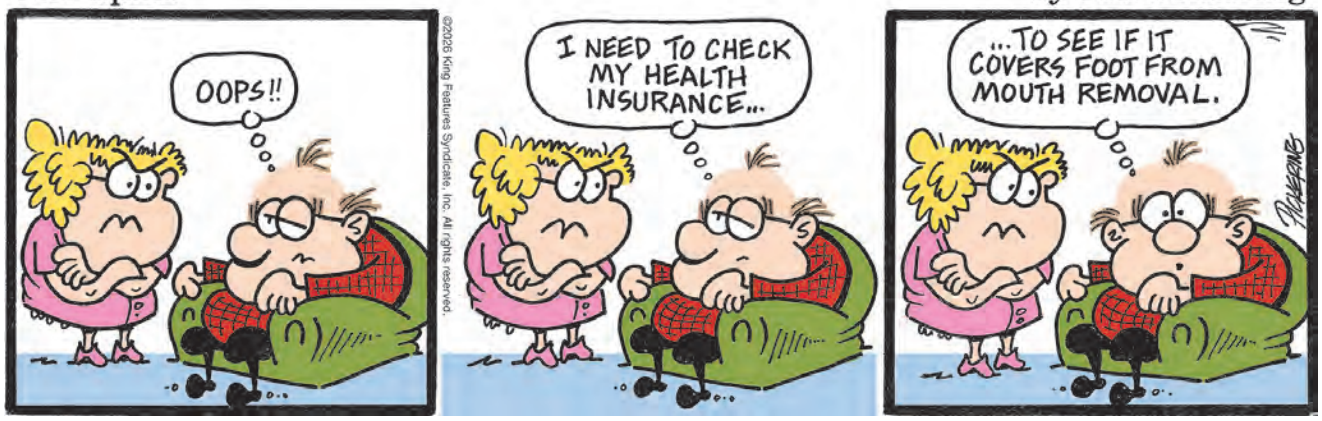



Differences: 1. Door is narrower. 2. Window is smaller. 3. Left arm is not showing. 4. Pencil cup is moved. 5. Chair leg is moved. 6. Plant leaf is moved.




## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

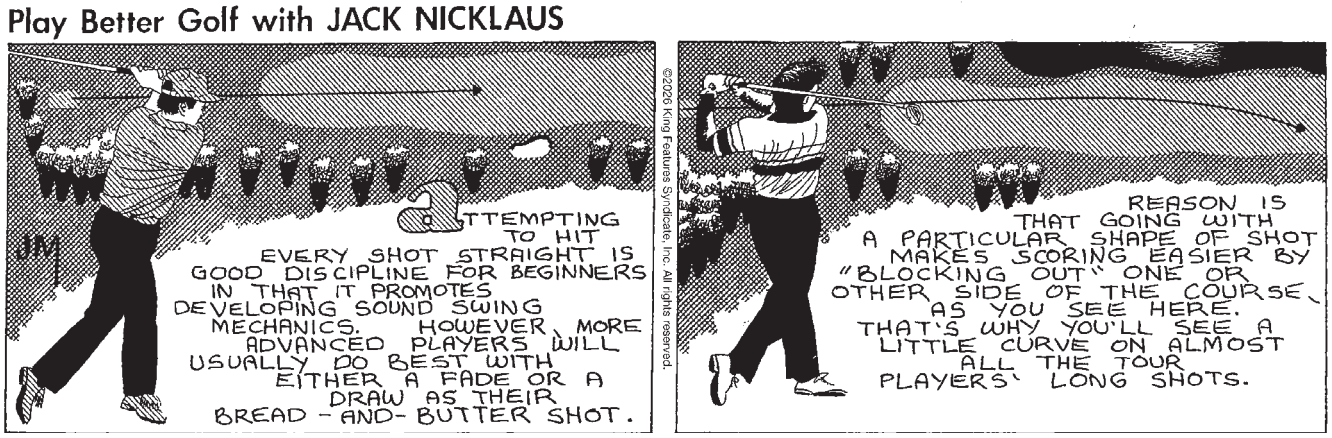



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas




## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS






## Make Crispy Potato Chips in the Microwave

When you hear "farm to table," potato chips probably aren't the first thing to come to mind as a natural food you can prepare from your local grower. Say "potato chips" to kids, and they no doubt associate them with the crinkly bags bulging from grocery-store shelves.

With a myriad of choices of tasty chips, I'm not inclined to regularly make my own, but it's super-fun to show children how crispy potato chips can come out of your own kitchen in just minutes to accompany a sandwich at lunchtime.

Even if you don't have kids to share the experience with you, slice up a spud (a medium potato makes about 35 chips) and give them center stage with appetizers when friends pop over. I season the chips with garlic salt to add zip to the crunch.

Oh, you may be wondering, "But do they taste good?" Just ask my adult son who saw my fresh batch neatly piled on a plate and declared that they were the best chips ever. "Umm, Bjorn, they were for the photo for the column," I said when I caught him in the act.

"No worries, Mom," he said, tossing the last chip in his mouth. "Like you say, they only take minutes to make."

MICROWAVE POTATO CHIPS

Makes about 35 chips

— 1 medium russet or red potato, peeled or unpeeled

spices (optional)

Use a mandoline slicer or hand slicing tool to cut the potato widthwise into 1/8- to 1/16-inch slices. If you opt to slice them with a knife, make sure that the thickness is equal. Place in a bowl of cold water for about 5 minutes.

Ask your child to set the slices on a paper towel or clean kitchen towel. Pat well to dry.

Drizzle a dinner-sized plate with olive oil. (I prefer a clear glass plate.) Your child will enjoy using a basting brush to spread a thin layer of oil over the plate. Arrange some slices in a single layer, making sure that they don't touch. Lightly brush them with oil.



Place in the microwave on high for 3 minutes. An adult should open the microwave and turn slices over with a spatula. (The plate will be very hot.) Microwave them for another 2 minutes or more until brown to ensure that they're crisp. You may need to do an additional minute. Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle with salt and additional seasonings, if you wish.

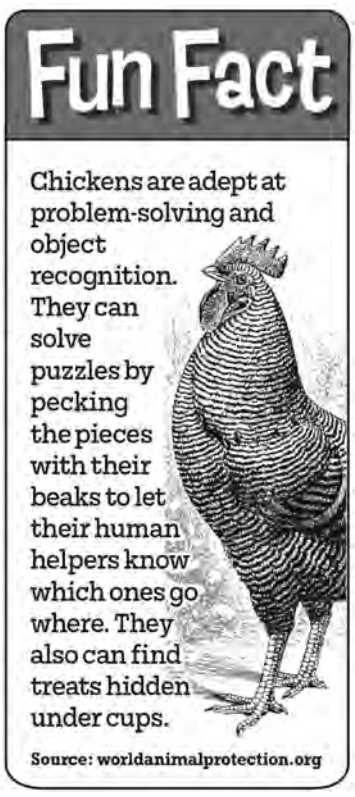
Drizzle a bit more olive oil on a microwave-safe plate and repeat with the remaining slices. Serve the same day.

**Cook's Note:** Times will vary according to your microwave, your plate, and the thickness of the slices.

***




1. **Clayface**
(R) Tom Rhys Harries, Tim Faraday
2. **You Can See Everything**
(R) Amanda Seyfried, Christopher Abbott
3. **Wildwood**
(PG-13) Peyton Elizabeth Lee, Jacob Tremblay
4. **Street Fighter**
(PG-13) Noah Centineo, Andrew Koji
5. **Wicker**
(R) Olivia Colman, Peter Dinklage
6. **BTS World Tour Arirang: Buenos Aires**
(NR) BTS
7. **Other Mommy**
(R) Jessica Chastain, Jay Duplass
8. **Sense and Sensibility**
(PG) Daisy Edgar-Jones, Esmé Creed-Miles
9. **Whalefall**
(PG-13) Austin Abrams, Josh Brolin
10. **Verity**
(R) Anne Hathaway, Dakota Johnson







***"You just need one person to listen, get your message, and pass it on to someone else. And you've doubled your audience." — Robert Gerrish***

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:

***Film Reviews:*** **"The Good, The True, and The Cinema"** — If you grew up in the '80s, you probably remember watching Siskel & Ebert's syndicated movie-review show or reading your local movie critic's column before heading to the theater on Friday night. This new podcast gives you a taste of the classic movie review in audio format. In addition to the hosts' timely topics, they also provide double-feature recommendations by pairing up a new flick with "an oldie but a goodie." (GoodTrueCinema.com)

***Leisure:*** **"The Room We Wanted"** — Do you wish you still had a photo of your childhood bedroom, the one with purple walls and posters of your favorite heartthrob as a teen? If you don't have a photo, this podcast can take you back there. Its bio states: "The things we loved when we were young were never just things. They were pieces of us." Which records do you remember singing along to? Which video game via Atari or Nintendo caused a callus on your thumb before we even had cell phones? Each episode, the hosts sit down along with a guest to "build the room" of their nostalgic dreams. (TheRoomWeWanted.com)

***History:*** **"The UnBelievable"** — The northern states of the U.S. have their own version of the Bermuda Triangle in the form of the Lake Michigan Triangle, and it's just one of the scary topics that gets discussed in the first episode of this podcast from the History Channel. Shipwrecks, plane crashes, disappearances and UFO sightings are also explored — basically anything wild and weird! If you have generalized anxiety disorder, perhaps don't tune in to the recent episode about how beards can be deadly — or how someone died after consuming too much H2O. (ART19.com)

***Entrepreneurship:*** **"Confession with Ali Partovi"** — Each week, host Ali Partovi, founder and CEO of Neo, invites tech leaders on to his podcast to discuss the stories that aren't worth bragging about — aka the "deal that fell apart, the agonizing period of self-doubt, or the moment they hit rock bottom." Guests include Microsoft chairman and CEO Satya Nadella, who was bullied as a child and was introduced to computing before joining Microsoft in the early '90s. (Neo.com)

***Sports:*** **"Is She Game?"** — Women's college and professional sports are more popular than ever, and this new podcast serves as "a hub for the ever-expanding, culture-shapin" world of women's sports," according to its bio. Tennis legend Billie Jean King appears on the first episode, where she not only discusses her impressive achievements but also her latest book and her love for "Dancing with the Stars." Other guests include fellow podcast hosts Sydney Colson and Theresa Plaisance, who challenge Coach Jackie J in a virtual game of HORSE. (ART19.com)

© 2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.




 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

# PUZZLES & BRAIN TEASERS SOLUTIONS

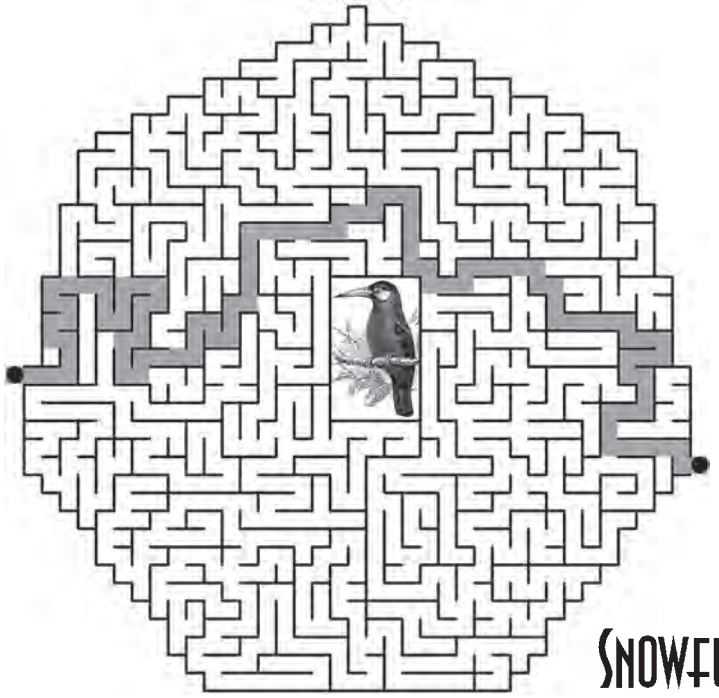
## Super Crossword

*Answers*

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G | O | L | D | ■ | S | C | O | O | T | ■ | C | F | O | S | ■ | S | W | A | T | S |
| A | L | O | E | ■ | T | O | R | R | E | ■ | R | I | F | E | ■ | H | E | N | R | I |
| S | G | T | S | N | O | R | K | E | L | ■ | I | V | A | N | ■ | R | I | C | E | R |
| P | A | S | T | E | O | N | ■ | L | E | T | M | E | G | O | ■ | U | G | H | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | R | U | P | E | E | ■ | P | E | P | P | E | R | S | G | H | O | S | T |
| A | C | T | O | R | ■ | A | N | T | O | N | Y | M | ■ | I | T | S | T | R | U | E |
| B | O | O | Y | A | H | ■ | T | O | R | T | ■ | ■ | G | T | O | ■ | S | E | G | A |
| L | O | N | E | L | Y | A | R | E | T | H | E | B | R | A | V | E | ■ | D | A | S |
| E | K | E | D | ■ | E | W | E | S | ■ | ■ | M | O | O | ■ | E | M | P | I | R | E |
| R | E | D | ■ | R | N | A | ■ | ■ | S | A | I | G | O | N | ■ | E | R | N | S | T |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | H | E | A | R | T | S | O | F | R | O | M | A | I | N | E | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| P | E | R | I | L | ■ | E | R | U | P | T | S | ■ | ■ | P | O | D | ■ | S | O | N |
| O | N | E | S | I | E | ■ | I | M | O | ■ | ■ | P | E | E | N | ■ | U | C | L | A |
| I | D | A | ■ | C | L | U | B | P | R | O | F | E | S | S | I | O | N | A | L | S |
| N | O | L | A | ■ | E | S | E | ■ | ■ | N | E | T | S | ■ | A | N | E | M | I | A |
| T | R | I | B | U | N | E | ■ | S | O | I | R | E | E | S | ■ | E | X | P | E | L |
| B | A | N | D | D | I | R | E | C | T | O | R | ■ | S | O | N | I | C | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| ■ | ■ | C | O | D | ■ | B | A | R | O | N | E | T | ■ | M | E | D | I | A | T | E |
| B | I | O | M | E | ■ | A | V | E | O | ■ | T | H | E | B | E | A | T | L | E | S |
| E | L | M | E | R | ■ | S | E | A | L | ■ | E | A | R | E | D | ■ | E | T | A | T |
| G | L | E | N | S | ■ | E | S | M | E | ■ | D | I | A | R | Y | ■ | D | O | R | A |

## Mega Maze

Solution

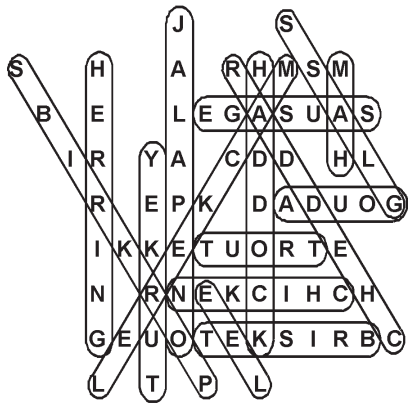


## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## SMOKED



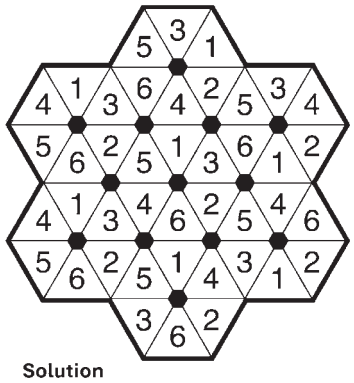

## Even Exchange

answers

1. Grand, Grant
2. Nimble, Nibble
3. Harry, Hurry
4. Shiner, Shiver
5. Around, Ground
6. Hover, Homer
7. Orate, Irate
8. Ballot, Ballet
9. Jolly, Jelly
10. Larder, Larger

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## CryptoQuip

answer

At a bears' singles bar, I'm thinking the most common pickup line would be "What's ursine?"

## CryptoQuote

answer

The real test of golf and in life is not keeping out of the rough, but getting out after we are in.
— Source Obscure

## Word Spiral

Answer

BLEACHERS

## KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| O 3 | D 6 | S 1 |
| R 8 | | U 4 |
| L 5 | H 2 | E 7 |

SHOULDER

## Go Figure!

answers

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | - | 5 | × | 8 | = 32 |
| - | ■ | + | ■ | + | ■ |
| 2 | + | 3 | + | 4 | = 9 |
| ÷ | ■ | + | ■ | ÷ | ■ |
| 1 | + | 7 | + | 6 | = 14 |
| = 7 | ■ | = 15 | ■ | = 2 | ■ |

## Stickelers Answer

The Sea of Japan, East China Sea, Philippine Sea and Sea of Okhotsk.

## FiveSpot™

Solution

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| F | I | R | S | T |
| T | I | R | E | S |
| S | P | I | R | E |
| S | P | I | N | E |
| A | S | P | E | N |
| P | A | N | E | L |

## FEAR KNOT

answer

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | O | S | E | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E | ■ | T | ■ | E | | | | | | | | | | |
| W | O | R | L | D | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | I | ■ | I | | | | | | P | | | | |
| P | A | D | ■ | B | L | A | S | E | | | | | | |
| H | ■ | E | | L | ■ | ■ | ■ | L | | | | | | |
| I | ■ | ■ | B | E | H | E | S | T | | | | | | |
| A | B | B | E | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L | | | T | | | | | | | | | | | |

## King Crossword

*Answers*

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T | E | A | R | ■ | M | A | W | ■ | D | I | R | T | | |
| E | T | T | A | ■ | C | P | A | ■ | A | N | A | T | | |
| S | T | E | W | ■ | K | E | N | T | U | C | K | Y | | |
| H | U | M | E | R | I | ■ | D | A | N | I | E | L | | |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | G | E | N | A | ■ | P | T | S | ■ | ■ | | |
| V | I | R | G | I | N | I | A | ■ | S | O | W | N | | |
| I | R | E | ■ | N | O | R | M | A | ■ | R | O | B | | |
| N | A | V | Y | ■ | N | E | B | R | A | S | K | A | | |
| ■ | ■ | E | E | R | ■ | S | I | T | E | ■ | ■ | ■ | | |
| A | T | R | A | I | N | ■ | T | E | R | E | S | A | | |
| M | I | S | S | O | U | R | I | ■ | O | X | E | N | | |
| F | R | E | T | ■ | T | K | O | ■ | B | E | A | N | | |
| M | E | S | S | ■ | S | O | N | ■ | E | S | T | O | | |

 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing 

## — King Crossword —

*Answers*

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ■ | D | E | C | O | R | ■ | S | C | A | P | E | S |
| R | E | D | O | N | E | ■ | O | H | R | A | T | S |
| F | E | N | N | E | L | ■ | L | E | A | R | N | T |
| D | R | A | G | ■ | A | S | I | F | ■ | T | A | S |
| ■ | ■ | ■ | A | N | T | E | ■ | S | P | Y | ■ | ■ |
| A | L | P | ■ | A | I | R | S | ■ | E | D | I | E |
| S | E | L | F | P | O | R | T | R | A | I | T | S |
| P | E | A | R | ■ | N | A | R | Y | ■ | P | O | P |
| ■ | ■ | Y | O | O | ■ | N | E | E | D | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| A | F | B | ■ | W | H | O | A | ■ | O | C | T | O |
| B | L | A | I | N | E | ■ | K | I | L | L | E | R |
| B | E | C | K | E | R | ■ | E | M | B | E | R | S |
| R | A | K | E | R | S | ■ | R | A | Y | O | N | ■ |

## SCRAMBLERS

*Solution*

1. Cosmic; 2. Mortal
3. Alley; 4. Linger

*Today's Word*

**SALARY**

## Puzzles4Kids

Answer

On Thanksgiving, what comes at the beginning of the parade?

The letter "P."

## FEAR KNOT

**answer**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | M | | | | |
| R | O | N | D | O | | | S | |
| O | ■ | ■ | O | P | T | I | M | A |
| E | ■ | ■ | C | ■ | ■ | ■ | E | |
| S | O | A | K | E | R | ■ | A | |
| | | | E | ■ | E | R | R | |
| P | A | C | T | ■ | C | | | |
| | | O | ■ | ■ | A | | | |
| | | D | A | M | P | | | |

## Even Exchange

answers

1. Brooks, Brooke
2. Tense, Tease
3. Letter, Litter
4. Expel, Excel
5. Robin, Rosin
6. Puddle, Cuddle
7. Twins, Twine
8. Wilma, Willa
9. Kitten, Mitten
10. Shake, Snake




**"Primetime"** (R) — Director Lance Oppenheim has had two culturally resonant films that have been released this year: a meta-documentary film titled "You Can See Everything," and this psychological thriller led by Robert Pattinson ("The Odyssey"). Much to the real-life Chris Hansen's dismay, in "Primetime," Pattinson portrays "To Catch a Predator" journalist Chris Hansen circa 2006. The potential reveal of an extramarital affair of his causes Hansen to ramp up his efforts toward making his show a success, rather than focusing on the overall mission of catching child predators. While viewers themselves can watch Hansen slowly unravel due to pressure, they can also see him spiral through the eyes of aspiring actor Dan Plum (Skyler Gisondo), who becomes Hansen's mentee. The film is out now to rent; see if it's as "detached from reality" as the real-life Hansen said it was! (Amazon Prime Video)

**"Other Mommy"** (R) — Jessica Chastain ("Dreams") leads this creepy psychological-horror film based on the 2024 novel "Incidents Around the House" by Josh Malerman. The film zeroes in on a family of three: 7-year-old Bela (Arabella Olivia Clark), her father Russ (Jay Duplass), and her mother Ursula (Chastain). Ursula is laser-focused on her career, which doesn't leave her much time to spend with Russ or Bela. Craving attention from her mother, Bela begins to see a supernatural entity around her house that looks like her mom, so she names this entity "Other Mommy." (Wink.) But as the Other Mommy becomes increasingly contorted and angry, she begins to attack Bela, hoping that Bela will finally let her into her heart. Available to rent on Nov. 10. (Apple TV)

**"The Good Daughter"** (TV-MA) — If HBO's "Sharp Objects" was your kind of show, look no further than this new mystery series, which similarly emulates that small-town, gritty, rugged feel. Oscar nominee Rose Byrne ("If I Had Legs, I'd Kick You") stars alongside Emmy nominee Meghann Fahy ("Sirens") as a pair of estranged sisters who tensely reunite after a murder case consumes their hometown. This new case brings back dark memories from a traumatic event when they were young girls, forcing them to reconcile the past and present in order for both sisters to fully move on. Emmy winner Brendan Gleeson ("Spider-Noir") plays their endearing hospitalized father, who hopes to harmonize the relationship between them. All six episodes will be available to stream on Nov. 12. (Peacock)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

**Rose Byrne, left, and Samantha Quinn star in "The Good Daughter."**

**"Heartland"** (R) — And she's back already! Jessica Chastain ("Other Mommy") is also the lead of this mystery-thriller film premiering on Nov. 13. A completely different change of tune from the film detailed above, "Heartland" takes viewers into the underbelly of Nashville after a young 22-year-old star named Charlie Heart (Carter Faith) disappears. Her aunt, former country music star Misty Jones (Chastain), is pleaded by her brother to go to Nashville and dig around for information about Charlie herself, since she knows her way around the city. At first, Misty is hesitant to go back to this previous chapter in her life, but with Charlie's life on the line, nothing will stop her from finding her niece. (Netflix)




## One Little Cheese Ball, So Many Holiday Possibilities

Every holiday season needs a dependable little appetizer. Something special you can make ahead, carry to a gathering and set on a plate without needing an outlet, an oven, or a set-up committee.

This cranberry orange cheese ball is one of my favorites. I teach versions of it in my charcuterie classes because it demonstrates a useful entertaining principle: A few ordinary ingredients, thoughtfully combined, can become something extraordinary.

Cream cheese and butter make a rich, spreadable base, while shredded white cheddar or Monterey Jack brings a savory note. Orange zest and juice brighten the mixture, and dried cranberries add chewy, sweet-tart bites. A cranberry-and-nut coating gives it a festive finish without requiring you to sculpt anything resembling a reindeer.

It walks that lovely line between sweet and savory, fitting comfortably beside cured meats, fresh fruit, nuts and other holiday favorites. Offer it with baguette or crisp apple slices, tuck it onto a charcuterie board, or let it be the entire appetizer department. You are allowed to put one good thing on a plate and declare yourself done.

On a board, I like appetizers that offer different flavors and textures. This creamy, citrusy cheese provides a delicious counterpoint to salty ham, crunchy nuts and crisp crackers.

And nobody says it must be a ball. Shape it into a log, or make tiny, mini-meatball-size portions, each with a decorative pick with crackers alongside. For the least fuss, spoon it into an attractive crock or serving bowl and sprinkle the coating over the top. Same delicious appetizer, less wrestling with plastic wrap.

The optional green onion gives it a savory nudge. Leave it out for a tangy, sweeter version. Either way, the orange flavor becomes more pronounced as it rests in the refrigerator. A lovely reward for planning ahead.

The recipe doubles easily. Make two balls rather than one enormous cheese monument: one for your gathering and another for the next invitation. Or divide the mixture into smaller balls for gifts. Package with crackers, include a little serving note and keep refrigerated until delivery. Tell the recipient to refrigerate it, too.

Consider it one small holiday obligation you can meet with cheese.



www.JasonCoblentz.com

*A little holiday magic: This cranberry orange cheese ball makes a delicious centerpiece.*

### CRANBERRY ORANGE CHEESE BALL

Yield: 2 18/2 cups (12-16 servings)
Prep Time: 10 mins.

*1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened*
*1/4 cup butter, softened*
*1 teaspoon sugar*
*Pinch of table salt*
*Zest of 1 orange*
*2 tablespoons juice from the orange*
*1 cup shredded white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese*
*1/2 cup dried cranberries, roughly chopped*
*1 tablespoon finely minced green onion, optional*

**For the coating:**

*1/4 cup chopped pecans or pistachios*
*1/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped*

In a medium bowl, using a hand mixer, beat the cream cheese, butter, sugar, salt, orange zest and juice until fluffy. Add the shredded cheese, 1/2 cup cranberries and green onion, if using; mix until combined.

Line a bowl with plastic wrap and spoon in the mixture. Gather the wrap at the top, like making a ponytail, and twist gently to shape the cheese into a ball. Refrigerate for 4 to 24 hours to firm up and let the flavors marry.

Combine the coating ingredients on a plate. Unwrap the chilled cheese ball and roll in the mixture or press handfuls onto the surface.

Let stand at room temperature for about 20 minutes before serving to soften. Serve with crackers and apple slices, and refrigerate leftovers promptly.

You could also just eat it with a spoon. I don't judge. It has cranberries, an orange and calcium. It's practically a salad.

***

*Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com*

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.

 © 2026 Rayburn Publishing

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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

## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

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







**"Verity"** (R) — This erotic psychological thriller is yet another adaptation of a novel from Colleen Hoover ("It Ends With Us"). Led by the trio of Anne Hathaway ("The Odyssey"), Dakota Johnson ("Materialists"), and Josh Hartnett ("Below"), the film follows a writer named Lowen (Johnson) who gets approached by the husband of a mainstream author for a ghostwriting opportunity. Lowen just needs to finish the final book of Verity Crawford's (Hathaway) popular series, since Verity is unable to do so due to a terrible car accident that left her catatonic. Verity's husband, Jeremy (Hartnett), allows Lowen to move into their house, where Lowen then discovers an unfinished manuscript of Verity's autobiography with a confession that sends her into an all-out spiral. The film is out now to rent after pulling in $162.7 million at the box office (at the time of this writing). (Fandango at Home)

**"Buddy"** (R) — Next up to rent this week is this black-comedy horror film that might seem like it's for the entire family, but it's definitely the stuff of nightmares! The film first lures viewers into a 1990s children's show (Think "Barney & Friends") that's hosted by a talking unicorn with magical powers, named Buddy (Keegan-Michael Key). Then, it simultaneously weaves in and out of "the real world," where a woman named Grace (Cristin Milioti) senses that her house is haunted by a spirit. After hiring a psychic investigator who performs a ritual to contact said spirit, Grace gets sucked into Buddy's show, where she sees firsthand that Buddy tends to get very angry, and this tendency can turn deadly very quickly. Only then is she able to put together the puzzle pieces behind the show's existence. (Amazon Prime Video)

**"The Uprising"** (R) — Last but not least is this historical drama film led by Andrew Garfield ("The Magic Faraway Tree"), which will be available to stream on Nov. 6. The film was briefly marketed as "The Uprising: The Rise of Robin Hood," since Garfield's character is inspired by the iconic outlaw. But undoubtedly, having a similar title to Hugh Jackman's recent film "The Death of Robin Hood," which was released shortly before this, would probably be overkill. (Oh, Hollywood and all their adaptations!) Taking place in 1381 England, the film follows a ploughman (Garfield) after he loses his wife and children to the Black Plague. King Richard II's council determines that taxes will be imposed on England's peasantry, but as our lowly ploughman goes to pay his dues, he sees how revolted the townspeople are by the council's greed. So, he decides to lead a rebellion against the kingdom, with his fellow townspeople all too ready to join his cause. (Peacock)

© 2026 King Features Synd., Inc.



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

**Andrew Garfield stars in "The Uprising."**




## One Pot Now, Several Dinners Later

This time of year asks a lot of us. Calendars fill, to-do lists multiply and somehow the family still expects dinner every evening. They're traditional that way.

Before the season gathers speed, make this the week you cook a little ahead. One big pot now can put dinner in the freezer for those evenings when your energy runs out before your obligations do.

This big pot of chicken, carrots, celery and onion becomes several meals, depending on what you add later. Serve it over rice or biscuits, tuck it beneath a pot-pie crust, give it a mashed-potato roof or turn it into creamy chicken soup.

We're doing the chopping and simmering once, then leaving ourselves options.

Chicken thighs bring rich flavor and stay tender during simmering, but use breast or whatever cut is on sale. The seasoning is intentionally simple, so you can add flavors to suit each meal when you serve it.

A light, dairy-free gravy keeps everything moist and makes the starter easy to reheat. It also freezes beautifully. For creamy chicken soup, add evaporated milk when that dinner comes around.

Serve one portion for tonight and freeze the others in amounts your household will actually eat. Label each with its name, date and quantity. Your future self has many talents, but identifying frozen mystery rectangles shouldn't be a requirement.

BIG-BATCH CHICKEN DINNER STARTER

Yield: About 12 cups
Prep: About 1 hour 15 minutes

*3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed*
*3 tablespoons olive oil, divided*
*2 large onions, diced*
*2 pounds carrots, cut into 1/2-inch pieces*
*4 celery stalks, sliced*
*4 garlic cloves, minced*
*3/4 cup all-purpose flour*
*6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth*
*2 teaspoons dried thyme*
*1 teaspoon rubbed sage*
*1/2 teaspoon black pepper*
*Salt, to taste*



www.JasonCoblentz.com

*Tender chicken and vegetables turn golden biscuits into a comforting dinner, one of several meals from a single pot.*

Pat chicken dry. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large, heavy pot over medium-high heat. Brown half the chicken briefly on both sides; transfer to a plate. Repeat with another tablespoon oil and remaining chicken. It will finish cooking later.

Add remaining oil, onions, carrots and celery. Reduce heat to medium; cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic; cook 30 seconds. Sprinkle in flour and stir for 2 minutes.

Gradually stir in broth, scraping up browned bits. Add thyme, sage, pepper, chicken and accumulated juices. Bring to a gentle simmer. Partially ring occasionally, until vegetables are tender and chicken reaches at least 165 F.

Remove chicken, shred or chop, then return it to the pot. Adjust seasoning and gravy consistency with additional broth if needed.

Store: Divide promptly into shallow containers and refrigerate within two hours. Use within 3-4 days or freeze portions for later. For best quality, use frozen portions within three months. Thaw in the refrigerator; reheat to 165 F.

CHOOSE YOUR FUTURE DINNER

For each 4 cups of starter, try:

**Dinner tonight:** Heat and spoon over cooked rice, noodles, biscuits or mashed potatoes.

**Pot pie:** Place hot filling in a baking dish and top with pastry. Bake at 400 F until pastry is cooked and golden and filling reaches 165 F, approximately 25-35 minutes.

**Potato-topped chicken "cottage pie":** Spread hot filling in a baking dish, top with 3 cups warm mashed potatoes and bake at 400 F until bubbling and 165 F throughout, approximately 20-30 minutes.

**Creamy chicken soup:** Add 1 cup broth and heat thoroughly. Stir in one 12-ounce can evaporated milk; heat gently to 165 F. Add more broth for a thinner soup and adjust seasoning.

Consider those freezer portions an early holiday gift to the person who usually makes dinner. (That's you.)

***

*Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com*

# the Local Voice

TLV #495
FREE

NOVEMBER 2026
TheLocalVoice.net/TheTownies

SCAN THE CODE TO VOTE

# IT'S TIME TO VOTE IN THE TOWNIES 2027

## OXFORD'S FAVORITE POLL IS NOW OPEN!





