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Celebrate Independence Day with the Return of the Children's Parade, Fireworks, and Weekend Fun at the Lake

With June coming to an end, it's time to start making your Independence Day plans. Even though Oxford tends to slow down a bit during the dog days of summer, there will be no lack of patriotic activities to fill your holiday.

You can start out with the most important meal of the day because Big Bad Breakfast will be open their regular hours serving up their award-winning menu. Once you've filled up on grits, eggs, and biscuits, head over to the Oxford Square to watch the parade.

Returning for the first time since the pandemic, the 4th of July Children's Parade will turn the Square festive starting at 10 am on Independence Day. Sponsored by the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council and presented by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Marine Corps League, the parade will honor our veterans as local families ride around the Square decked out in their best stars and stripes décor.

If you'd like to participate, visit www.oxfordarts.com, and gather your children with bikes, scooters, and wagons to join in the parade fun.


After the parade, if you're looking for a spot for lunch, several places will be open for business, including Moe's Original BBQ, Saint Leo, and Uno Mas. Funky's will open at noon serving \$5 Red, White & Blue daiquiris and \$3 Budweisers all day in addition to Oxford's Favorite Pizza. The Library will also open earlier than usual serving FREE BBQ for all.

When the sun goes down, find your spot near the north side of town, as the city's official fireworks display will again be launched from the back of Oxford High School starting at 9 pm. Sponsored by NE SPARC, the display will be visible all around the area, including Sisk Avenue, the Conference Center, and the Oxford Commons. You can tune into Bullseye 95.5 to hear a patriotic simulcast to accompany the show.

by Nature Humphries

If that's not enough for you, head over to beautiful Sardis, Mississippi, on Saturday, July 6 for a full day of live music and fun at Rafter's on the Water. Their annual Red, White & BOOM party includes a lake Poker Run sponsored by Performance Marine, a cornhole tournament, and food trucks in addition to Rafter's own delicious food and beverages. Close out the night with spectacular fireworks display at the lake and the rocking tunes of Cadillacfunk.

While you're enjoying the holiday, remember that it's essential to take precautions to keep pets safe during the fireworks. Consider keeping your pets indoors: because of their sensitive hearing, fireworks can be terrifying for pets. Keeping cats and dogs indoors during the celebrations will minimize their exposure to loud noises and flashes of light. You can also create a calm space by providing a quiet and safe area for your pet. Include familiar bedding, toys, and perhaps soothing music or white noise to help them feel secure. Don't forget to ensure your pet's microchip and ID tag information is up-to-date. In case they get scared and escape, proper identification will increase the chances of a safe return home.

We hope you have a safe and fun Fourth of July this year, and we hope to see you out enjoying the holiday in Oxford and the surrounding areas. 



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THURSDAY 6.27.2024

- **Moe's: BINGO** (8 pm)
- Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library: Teen Game Day (2-5 pm); Landscaping with Native Plants with Camp Creek Native Plants (5:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: **ROCKET 88** (Cathead Distillery Summer Concert Series, 7 pm)

FRIDAY 6.28.2024

- Waterford, Miss.: **NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC**
- **The Library: JAYSON ARENDT** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: OPIE & THE BOYS** (7-10 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE**
- The Ford Center: Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! (7:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)
- Proud Larry's: **CODE PINK** (LGBTQ+ dance party + drag show; 9:30 pm)

SATURDAY 6.29.2024

- Waterford, Miss.: **NORTH MISSISSIPPI HILL COUNTRY PICNIC**
- **The Library: JAYSON ARENDT** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: HAGGARD COLLINS BAND** (7-10 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE**
- The Ford Center: Rodgers & Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! (7:30 pm)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- Old Armory Pavilion: **FAMILY FUN FAIR** (noon-2 pm; free)

SUNDAY 6.30.2024

- **The Grove: Summer Sunset Series: TERRY "HARMONICA" BEAN** (6 pm, free)
- **Rafters on the Water: JOE AUSTIN** (1-4 pm)
- Foxfire Ranch (Waterford, Miss.): **LIGHTNIN' MALCOLM & SPECIAL GUESTS** Picnic Afterparty (5 pm)

MONDAY 7.01.2024

- **Off Square Books: BOYCE UPHOLT** presents *The Great River: The Making & Unmaking of the Mississippi* (5:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Tie-Dye Socks (ages 6-12 @10 am; ages 13-17 @2 pm)

TUESDAY 7.02.2024

- **Moe's: Trivia** (7 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Day-Glo Family Dance Party (5:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY 7.03.2024

- **Funkys: LADIES' NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Circle & Square Brewing: **TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)

THURSDAY 7.04.2024 INDEPENDENCE DAY

- ***Fireworks Display from behind Oxford High School** (9 pm)
- ***4th of July CHILDREN'S PARADE on the Oxford Square** (10 am)
- **Big Bad Breakfast: OPEN REGULAR HOURS**
- **Funkys: OPEN AT NOON w/ \$5 Red, White & Blue Daiquiris & \$3 Budweiser**
- **The Library: OPEN EARLY - FREE BBQ!**
- **Moe's: OPEN REGULAR HOURS; BINGO** (7 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES** (7-10 pm)
- **Rooster's: OPEN REGULAR HOURS**
- **Saint Leo: OPEN REGULAR HOURS**
- **Uno Mas: OPEN REGULAR HOURS**

FRIDAY 7.05.2024

- **The Library: FENTS** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: PARTY SHOT** (7-10 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale

SATURDAY 7.06.2024

- **The Library: FENTS** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY + CADILLACFUNK headliner; **FIREWORKS****
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Popsicles & Pictures (10 am)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 pm)

SUNDAY 7.07.2024

- **Rafters on the Water: ROCKET 88** (1-4 pm)

MONDAY 7.08.2024

- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Pokemon Playdate (2 pm)

TUESDAY 7.09.2024

- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Amazing Service Animals (10 am); Art with Jan: Suncatchers (5:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY 7.10.2024

- **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC**
- **Off Square Books: LAWRENCE WELLS** presents *Fair Youth & Ghostwriter* (5:30 pm)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Circle & Square Brewing: **TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Christmas in July Book Sale; Library Services Tech Bar (10 am-noon); Mississippi magician DORIAN LACHANCE (2 pm); Library Services Tech Bar (4:30-6:30 pm)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)

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4:45	78 ^{5:45} ROCKET 88
6:45	ROBERT KIMBROUGH SR. BLUES CONNECTION
7:30	KUDZU KINGS
8:45	KENT BURNSIDE
10:00	ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART'S MUSCLE THEORY
11:15	DUWAYNE BURNSIDE

SATURDAY JUNE 29

10AM	LITTLE JOE AYERS
11:00	MARLOW DORROUGH & FRIENDS
NOON	LIBBY RAE WATSON & BILL STEBER
1:00	DUWAYNE BURNSIDE & KENNY BROWN DUO
2:00	WOLFEAGLE FT TRENTON AYERS
3:00	AFRISISSIPPI
4:00	RISING STARS
	FIFE & DRUM BAND
5:15	JIMBO MATHUS
6:45	ERIC DEATON
8:00	KENNY BROWN
9:30	ROBERT FINLEY
11:00	GARRY BURNSIDE

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Lawrence Wells Presenting “Fair Youth” and “Ghostwriter” at Off Square Books on Wednesday, July 10

Square Books will welcome author Lawrence Wells for a discussion and signing of his new books, *Fair Youth* and *Ghostwriter: Shakespeare, Literary Landmines, and An Eccentric Patron's Royal Obsession*. The event will take place Wednesday, July 10, at 5:30 pm at Off Square Books.

Lawrence Wells' *Ghostwriter* manuscript was awarded the 2014 Faulkner-Wisdom Prize for narrative nonfiction at the Words and Music Festival in New Orleans.

Part literary mystery, part an examination of what constitutes fiction versus reality, *Ghostwriter* is based on the true story of the author, then 45, hired by the University of Mississippi in 1987 to ghostwrite a novel for a wealthy, eccentric donor (“Mrs. F,” then 75), who was convinced that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, was William Shakespeare. Believing herself to be the reincarnation of Queen Elizabeth I, Mrs. F treated ghostwriter Wells as a “modern day” Edward de Vere.

Their roller-coaster literary collaboration dramatized Elizabeth and de Vere's romance, which according to legend produced a son (Henry Wriothesley) born in secret. Henry grew up to become the 3rd Earl of Southampton, who is

universally acknowledged as “The Fair Youth” of Shakespeare's sonnets and whose real-life descendants include Princess Diana and her sons, Prince Harry and William, Prince of Wales.

Wells and his late wife, Dean Faulkner Wells traveled to England to research the life of Edward de Vere and interview proponents of the Shakespeare authorship debate. That summer, London tabloids headlined the royal breakup of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, incidentally echoing Wells and Mrs. F's tempestuous love story about Edward de Vere and Queen Elizabeth I.

Flashbacks weave several elements together: the seventeenth-century mystery of Queen Elizabeth's “royal bastard,” Wells' evolving relationship with his eccentric patron, his search for the “real” Shakespeare, and the bawdy Elizabethan narrative he composed for his benefactor. The stories merge, leading to a surprising conclusion.

Fair Youth, a fictional sequel to Wells' new memoir *Ghostwriter* is the novel that Wells ghostwrites for his literary patron, “Mrs. F.”

A historical novel set in the Renaissance, *Fair Youth* explores the legend that a love affair between Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, 20, Lord



Great Chamberlain, and Queen Elizabeth I, 37, produced a son, Henry, born in secret and given to a nobleman whose heir died in infancy.

Acting as Lord Chamberlain in charge of producing plays for Elizabeth's court, Oxford circulates sonnets that idolize a “Fair Youth” and hint that he is an unacknowledged heir to the Tudor throne. Believing himself to be Queen Elizabeth's unrecognized heir, Henry joins the Essex rebellion and attempts to seize the Tudor throne. He is captured and tried for insurrection. Oxford begs Elizabeth to commute Henry's sentence to life in prison. She reluctantly agrees on the condition that Oxford heads the jury that sentences Henry to death.

Those unable to attend the event in person can reserve signed first editions of *Ghostwriter* and *Fair Youth* at www.squarebooks.com, or attend a live event at [facebook.com/SquareBooks](https://www.facebook.com/SquareBooks) on July 10 at 5:30 pm.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mortgage again, for short
 - 5 Carried out
 - 8 Classic Fords
 - 12 Golf bag item
 - 13 King, in Cannes
 - 14 Black-and-white cookie
 - 15 Candidate
 - 17 Texas city
 - 18 Fall flowers
 - 19 Activate
 - 21 Wee bit
 - 22 Elevator name
 - 23 Enjoy the Alps
 - 26 "Family Guy" daughter
 - 28 "Have --!"
 - 31 Teller's partner
 - 33 '60s war zone
 - 35 Canyon sound
 - 36 Loses color
 - 38 eBay offer
 - 40 Badge metal
 - 41 Computer debut of 1998
 - 43 Wrong (Pref.)
 - 45 Tranquil
 - 47 Circular window
- DOWN**
- 51 War god
 - 52 Cancel a choice
 - 54 Pudding variety
 - 55 Greek H
 - 56 Hardy cabbage
 - 57 Deeds
 - 58 Radiator sound
 - 59 Lovers' quarrel
 - 1 Morning co-host Kelly
 - 2 Messes up
 - 3 Yard fraction
 - 4 Map within a map
 - 5 City on the Elbe
 - 6 Winter Games org.
 - 7 "Same here"
 - 8 Like some jeans
 - 9 Cut across
 - 10 1920s art style
 - 11 Anon
 - 16 Baby carriage
 - 20 Actress
 - Hagen
 - 23 Suntan lotion letters
 - 24 Mauna --
 - 25 Roundabout
 - 27 Prattle
 - 29 Sushi fish
 - 30 Great weight
 - 32 Archrivals
 - 34 Brunch
 - cocktails
 - 37 -- Diego
 - 39 "Monopoly" cubes
 - 42 Surrenders
 - 44 Mopes
 - 45 Poet Teasdale
 - 46 Idle of Monty Python
 - 48 Bound
 - 49 Golden State sch.
 - 50 Editor's "keep it"
 - 53 UFO crew

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 P S N M L J K L T I R R R W H

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: A BOOK OF MAPS

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| Amansinaya | Irena | Peacock | Tianguan |
| Copernicus | Izar | Polaris | Vega |
| Fang | Kang | Rasalhague | Wasat |
| Hoggar | Lionrock | Solaris | |



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STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

How many of the words below are misspelled, if any?

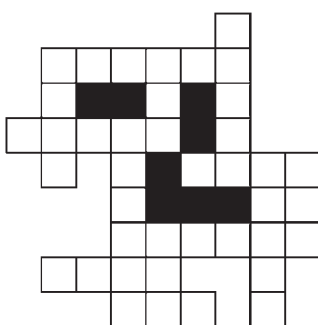
- MINUSCULE
- BATALLION
- SHIRTTAIL
- MILLENNIUM
- IRRESISTIBLE
- LIAISON
- HARASS

FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ OEG
- ♥ HOSTER
- ♥ IGDLE
- EDGR
- ♥ ORINGE
- ♥ OTG
- NOTI
- ♥ ERTSE
- ♥ DGO
- ♥ NAGERD
- ♥ RNWGO
- OHRE



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

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6	7	6	3	8	7	2	6	4	6	8	2	7
E	E	L	O	A	A	E	F	U	I	W	X	P
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L	S	R	U	B	T	O	H	S	R	A	R	S
7	4	5	2	4	6	4	5	2	7	2	3	7
R	S	A	E	I	I	S	R	M	P	E	L	O
3	7	3	6	4	5	7	8	3	8	4	5	4
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E	E	T	N	S	E	P	U	S	Y	S	R	E

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.



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

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- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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tLV Super Crossword CABINET-MAKING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cha-cha's cousin
 - 6 Chain selling dog chains
 - 11 Honeycomb unit
 - 15 Molar point
 - 19 Ring around a lagoon
 - 20 Sag down
 - 21 Medley
 - 22 Concerning
 - 23 Basketball guarding strategy
 - 25 Not dependent on eyesight
 - 27 U.S. Navy petty officers
 - 28 What a moving body has
 - 30 Massey of movies
 - 33 Lith. was one until 1991
 - 34 Run for a long football pass
 - 35 Gym class
 - 42 Sts. and aves.
 - 43 Remini of "Fired Up"
 - 44 Decorative wheel cover
 - 45 Put an — (cease)
 - 47 Higher-ranking
 - 49 Ballet garb
 - 50 Emergency removal, for short
 - 52 Construction girder
 - 56 Commoners, collectively
 - 58 Transaction of business via e-devices
 - 61 Volcano in Japan
 - 63 — Jose
 - 64 "Luck Be a Lady" composer Frank
 - 65 Enter
 - 69 Work contrasted with a desk job
 - 73 To be, in Marseilles
 - 74 Belly
 - 76 Mao — -tung
 - 77 Investments for later yrs.
 - 79 Nickname for Michigan
 - 83 Egnog spice
 - 88 Typed (in)
 - 89 Trial run
 - 90 Supplies with a staff
 - 92 Oyster's prize
 - 93 Cars for VIPs
 - 95 Big arteries
 - 97 "Auld Lang —"
 - 98 Police alert, for short
 - 101 Flight travel
 - 105 Arab leaders
 - 107 Really cold
 - 108 Sparkly crown
 - 109 Fitting retribution
 - 114 Composer Jean-Philippe —
 - 118 Possess with shallow passion
 - 119 Eight U.S. ones are featured in this puzzle
 - 122 Fishing spool
 - 123 Eternally
 - 124 Verdugo of "Panama Sal"
 - 125 Art film, often
 - 126 Water swirl
 - 127 Maple fluids
 - 128 First-string athletic group
 - 129 Ceases
- DOWN**
- 1 Labyrinthine
 - 2 Dip — in the water
 - 3 Part of MSG
 - 4 Ugly blotches
 - 5 Nickname for Yale University
 - 6 Adobe file suffix
 - 7 Sooner than
 - 8 Honky- — music
 - 9 Mozart's "— Fan Tutte"
 - 10 Loses one's inhibitions
 - 11 Iran- — Affair
 - 12 Race created by H.G. Wells
 - 13 "The Mod Squad" cop
 - 14 Amor, for one
 - 15 Scouted before a heist
 - 16 Loan shark
 - 17 Put on, as a play
 - 18 Corals, e.g.
 - 24 Cain's eldest
 - 26 Submitted by the deadline, say
 - 29 PC panic button
 - 31 Seagoing: Abbr.
 - 32 Egg-white protein
 - 35 Prune-to-be, perhaps
 - 36 Acronym for many vacuum cleaner filters
 - 37 Barks shrilly
 - 38 Outer: Prefix
 - 39 Paint crudely
 - 40 Audio equipment brand
 - 41 With a variety of hues
 - 46 Like sumo stars
 - 48 Ring official
 - 50 Israeli carrier
 - 51 — cava
 - 53 Once, quaintly
 - 54 PC brand
 - 55 Paltry
 - 57 Part of Babylonia
 - 59 Dot in the sea
 - 60 Erin of "Happy Days"
 - 62 Custodial worker
 - 65 Stare stupidly
 - 66 Double-reed woodwind
 - 67 In a lazy way
 - 68 Inventive
 - 70 Salt Lake City athletes
 - 71 Admin. aide
 - 72 "A —" ("Adieu!")
 - 75 Press release packet
 - 78 Have dinner
 - 80 Hawk's home
 - 81 "Famous" cookie guy
 - 82 Pool cover
 - 84 Bible division
 - 85 Polite request
 - 86 Cube creator
 - 87 Valley
 - 91 Agra dress
 - 94 Blunders
 - 95 "Got a guess?"
 - 96 Onset
 - 98 Reach for the sky
 - 99 Gave a buzz
 - 100 Belyached
 - 102 Choir platforms
 - 103 Behave
 - 104 Partner of Athos and Porthos
 - 106 Rome's home
 - 110 Joe in a mug
 - 111 Lone Star sch.
 - 112 Ancient Brit
 - 113 Duel sword
 - 115 Prefix that's the opposite of 38-Down
 - 116 "Take — from me"
 - 117 Functions
 - 120 Comedian
 - 121 Aries' symbol

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

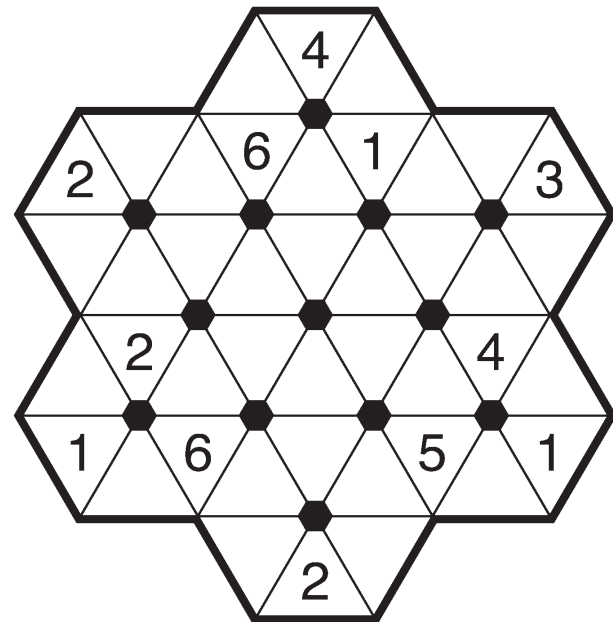
- HISTORY:** What is America's first colony?
- ENTERTAINERS:** Which actress' mother is actress Melanie Griffith and grandmother is actress Tippi Hedren?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president is the only one born on Independence Day?
- GEOGRAPHY:** In which country is the Mont-Saint-Michel medieval monastery located?
- SCIENCE:** What does a kelvin measure?
- ASTRONOMY:** Which star is the brightest in the sky?
- MUSIC:** What are the first names of the Gibb brothers who formed The Bee Gees?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which company's slogan is "You're in good hands"?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What did Prometheus steal from the gods, resulting in his eternal punishment?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a baby turkey called?

ANSWERS BELOW

SNOWFLAKES



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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAXR 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.

S WUSFO XYJR-WGBOBUSOX
 AYIUHXY S UL XG GROYP
 UJGFY, AYIUHXY S UL OQY
 WYBXGF S TFGN AYXO.
 - RBSVU TUQJG

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: F equals T

Z'P OIYMPYAUCE FZMOV YR
 WJNZIS IY TJMOOM JIV FWAU
 UFMASSCZIS RZIJITZJCCE.
 Z IOOV J NYTJFZYI!

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"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies"
- Groucho Marx
 (October 2, 1890 - August 19, 1977)

Answers: 1. Jamestown, Virginia. 2. Dakota. 3. Calvin Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872. 4. Normandy, France. 5. Temperature. 6. The Dog Star, Sirius. 7. Barry, Robin and Maurice. 8. Allstate. 9. Fire. 10. A poult. **11.**

GO FIGURE!

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

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	+		+		= 19			
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	+		÷		= 5			
=		=		=				
1		30		1				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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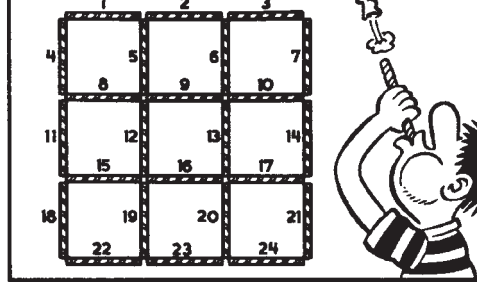
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PUZZLE CARD



DON'T MISS SHOOTING DOWN THIS ONE!
See if you can remove 8 straws from the 24 shown here and have two squares left.

Answer: If you remove straws 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17, 19 and 20, you'll be left with one large square and one small square.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FIVE-COURSE PUZZLE FEAST!

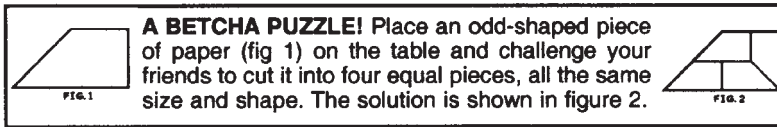
LARD
CARD
CORD
CORK
COOK



Can you cook up the answers to our Ladder Puzzles in five minutes? In these puzzles, you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. FIRE to WALL
2. PEAT to MOSS
3. POLE to CATS
4. CARD to FILE
5. TOAD to HALL

Answers:
1. FIRE, WIRE, WARE, WALE, WALL.
2. PEAT, MEAT, MOAT, MOST, MOSS.
3. POLE, PALE, PATE, PATS, CATS.
4. CARD, CARE, FARE, FIRE, FILE.
5. TOAD, TOLD, TOLL, TALL, HALL.



A BETCHA PUZZLE! Place an odd-shaped piece of paper (fig 1) on the table and challenge your friends to cut it into four equal pieces, all the same size and shape. The solution is shown in figure 2.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 7 through 16 to fill in this Magic Number Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 60. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you. Use trial and error — and a good eraser!

	17	22	
21			18
	24		
			23

Our answer: First row: 14, 17, 22, 7. Second row: 21, 8, 13, 18. Third row: 9, 24, 15, 12. Fourth row: 16, 11, 10, 23.

KNIGHT MOVES

R	H	N
O		S
C	E	O

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.

Rooster's
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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
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| 1. Fake | ___ _ _ _ Y | Cell or landline | ___ _ _ _ _ E |
| 2. Confess | ___ _ P ___ _ | Give in | ___ _ L ___ _ |
| 3. Dapper | ___ U ___ _ | Remove whiskers | ___ H ___ _ |
| 4. Goddess of war | ___ _ _ _ _ A | Greek capital | ___ _ _ _ _ S |
| 5. Veranda | ___ _ R ___ _ | Kangaroo's pocket | ___ _ U ___ _ |
| 6. Danube or Tiber | ___ _ _ _ R | Rosie's pin | ___ _ _ _ _ T |
| 7. Deputy Fife | ___ _ _ _ N ___ | Goes with hops | ___ _ _ L ___ _ |
| 8. Swamp | M ___ _ _ | Severe | H ___ _ _ |
| 9. Forgive | ___ _ _ _ D ___ | Singer Dolly | ___ _ _ T ___ _ |
| 10. Designate | ___ _ _ _ T | Give permission | ___ _ _ _ _ W |

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Trash Bombing

In recent months North Korea has been battering South Korea, but not with conventional weapons. No, siree. They've been flying balloons that drop bags of North Korean trash on South Korea. I give North Korea an "A" for creativity, but dropping garbage on another nation, well, it just seems downright trashy to me.

To retaliate, the South Koreans are blasting loud, annoying music across the Demilitarized Zone that serves as a buffer between the two. The playlist includes but is not limited to, a plethora of songs by Weird Al Yankovic, Slim Whitman, Lawrence Welk, Super Chikan, Kate Smith ("God Bless America"), "Macarena," "Disco Duck," and most especially the theme from *Jeopardy*, looped ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

To begin with, trash bombing is against the Geneva Convention which outlaws "willful killing, torture or inhumane treatment including biological experiments, and willingly causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health. Tell me North Korea's trash bombing doesn't violate that!

Imagine this: You're having a pool party. A



huge bag of garbage suddenly drops from the sky slap dab in the middle of your pool. Two people are killed when the bagged garbage makes a direct hit on their heads. Upon impact the bag explodes and releases rotten tomatoes, bananas, a 90-year-old fruitcake, coffee grounds, used band aids, filthy diapers and the like into the once pristine water you were swimming in just one minute earlier.

But the trash doesn't just leak into the pool. On impact the burst balloon sends the nasty garbage flying through the air to smack everyone that's there. Whatever crap is left descends to the bottom of the pool and is sucked into the drain where it clogs up your entire water system.

Meanwhile the stench of the garbage is spreading like napalm, resulting in massive projectile vomiting. Many have pieces of garbage stuck to themselves like leeches from a dirty pond. Mayhem ensues. In the chaos some of your confused guests jump back into the scummy pool, only to be reminded that the pool is full of crap (not Baby Ruths). In the bedlam people flee the scene, rushing to their vehicles. They zoom away like the proverbial bats-out-of-hell, leading to a plethora of accidents with injuries. Paramedics have to wear hazmat suits to take care of the plagued. The National Guard has to be called in to quell the melee. They, too, are overcome by the effects of the garbage bomb, puking, passing out, and being rendered useless.

Because this was an orchestrated and synchronized military mission, scenes like this transpire across the nation. The population is rendered defenseless and invading troops take over. The



stench doesn't bother them because the garbage came from their own homes and they are thus inoculated and immune from the effects.

Now let us consider a lower-scale application. Suppose you are pissed off at a neighbor. You have a drone that will carry a small garbage bag. You spot the neighbors in their back yard. BAM! A direct hit! Your child gets a bad grade they didn't deserve. Their teacher is walking to their car after school. BAM! Another direct hit. Your boyfriend or girlfriend has done you wrong. You see them on a lovey-dovey date at a street café. BAM! Date's over. Revenge like that is sweeter than a stalk of sugar cane!

Balloons could also be filled with water or paint. BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! Outdoor sports and festivals couldn't go on. Children couldn't play outside, just like in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*. The point is that even the smaller trash bombs can ruin someone's day.

I just finished watching *Oppenheimer*. Could you imagine the difference it would have made if instead of atomic and hydrogen bombs we'd dropped phosphorescent paint balloons all over Japan? If people had died they would have died colorfully from pee-in-your-pants laughter.

What if we were to do that to ourselves? Mississippi, which often winds up on the worst end of studies and surveys, very well could rise to the top. The new slogan for Oxford? "Oxford: The Town That Glows in the Dark."

...and that's the View from The Balcony."

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"Brown Cotton Gin, 1961"

In the early 1900s, Oxford had a large cotton industry. There were three gins surrounding **The Square**, and several more were scattered throughout the county. On days when cotton was being ginned, Oxford would be covered with a fine white dust. **Brown's Gin**, the last in town, closed in 1966.

"Growing up in Oxford in the 1950s, the air was thick with the delicious smell of the seed fires during ginning season." —Mike Talbert

"The cotton lint covered The Square, it slowly floated down like snow every fall. The kids all loved it." —Laura Peddle Sale

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Fri-Sat: 11 am-10:30 pm
Bar: Mon-Wed 4 pm-midnight;
Thu-Fri 4 pm-1 am;
Sat noon-1 am
Delivery: Fetcht **CLOSED JULY 4**

City Grocery

Mon-Sat:
Lunch: 11:30 am-2:30 pm;
Dinner 6-10 pm;
Fri & Sat till 10:30 pm
City Grocery Bar
Mon-Sat: 4 pm-till
Happy Hour 4-6 pm:
M-F \$1 off wells & domestics
CLOSED JULY 4

Funkys

Mon-Thu: 2 pm-1 am
Fri: noon-1 am; **Sat:** 11 am-1 am
Sun: 11 am-9 pm
Delivery: Fetcht **Mon:** \$5 Octanes
Tue: \$5 Grape Gatorade
Wed: LADIES' NIGHT:
\$5 Skinny Bitches
Thur: \$3 domestics

The Library

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

McCormick's

Mon-Sat: Breakfast: 6:30-11 am;
Lunch: 11 am-2 pm;
Wed-Sat: Dinner: 2-9 pm
Bar: 2 pm-till
Sun: 6:30 am-2 pm
Wine & Whiskey Wednesday:
2-for-1 glasses of house wine; \$1 off whiskey
10% UM discount

Moe's BBQ

Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm
Penny Bar open 3 pm
Delivery: Fetcht **Happy Hour 3-6 pm:**
Mon-Fri 1/2-price apps,
2-for-1 wells, wines & domestics
Mon: \$2 domestics + \$1 PBR
Tue: TRIVIA + \$25 High Noon buckets
Wed: COMEDY MIC NIGHT
Thu: BINGO

Ollie's Donuts

Sun-Sat: 5:30 am-1 pm

OPA!

Mon DEC 4: 4 pm-9 pm
Tue-Thu+Sun: 11 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat: 11 am-10 pm
Tues & Thurs: 2-for-1 Lemonadas
Wed: 1/2-off house wines & Martinis
Fri: \$5 Margarita
Delivery: Fetcht

Quack's

Wed-Thu: 4 pm-1 am
Fri-Sat: 11 am-1 am
Sun: 11 am-9 pm
Happy Hour 4-6 pm W-F:
2-for-1 wells, \$1 off all beer
Wed: All Day Happy Hour
Friday: Free Fri-day (Free side of fries with hot dog purchase)
Sun: Chicken and Waffles, brunch specials
CLOSED JULY 4

Rafters on the Water

Mon-Wed: CLOSED
Thu-Fri: 5-10 pm
Sat-Sun: 11 am-10 pm

Rooster's

Mon-Sat: 3 pm-1 am, Sun till 9p
Mon-Fri: \$5 Domestics
Mon: \$4 Pitchers + \$1 Rooster Shot
Tue: 2-for-1s
Wed: \$3 Vodka & Whiskey
Thu: LADIES NIGHT + \$1 Lemon Drop + \$3 Well Vodka
Sun: \$1 Mimosa shots

Saint Leo

Tue-Sun: Lunch 11 am-3 pm
Bar & Pizza 3-5 pm
Dinner 5-10 pm
Brunch Sat & Sun:
10:30 am-3 pm
Happy Hour 3-5 pm (Tue-Thu):
\$10 Pizzas, Bubbles + Fries,
\$6 Wine & Cocktails

Snackbar

Tue-Thu: 4-10 pm
Fri-Sat: 4-10:30 pm
Happy Hour 4-6 pm:
\$2 domestics, \$4 drafts,
\$6 select wines, \$8 select classic cocktails, small plate & oyster specials
Tues: INDUSTRY NIGHT
CLOSED JULY 4

SoLa

Wed-Thur: 5-9 pm,
Fri-Sat: 5-10 pm
Sun Brunch: 10:30 am-2 pm
Delivery: Fetcht **Happy Hour 5-7 pm:** \$5 fresh Margaritas
Wed: Spaghetti + \$5 wine
Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé
CLOSED THRU JULY 4, REOPEN 7/5

Southern Coop

Tue-Thu: 11 am-8 pm
Fri-Sat: 11 am-9 pm
Delivery: Fetcht **CLOSED JULY 4-6**

Tallahatchie Gourmet

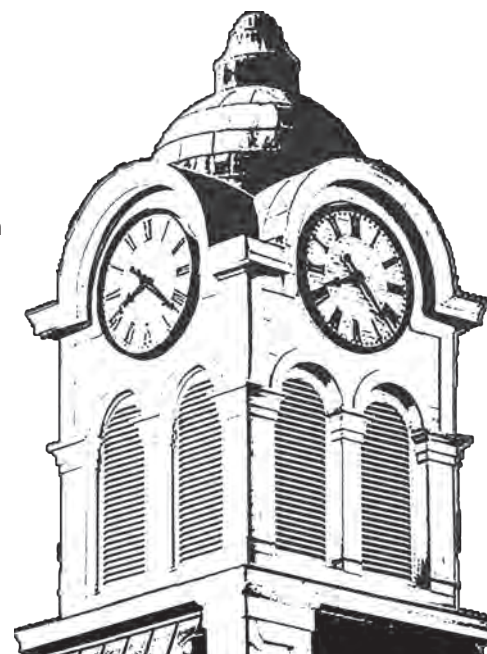
Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm
Brunch Sat & Sun
11:30 am-3 pm
Delivery: Fetcht **CLOSED JULY 4**

Uno Mas

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Sun: 11 am-9 pm
late night menu Thu-Sat
Happy Hour 3-6 pm every day: \$2 tacos; \$5 house Margaritas (\$20 pitchers); 2-for-1 domestics; 1/2-off appetizers
Tuesday: HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY
Saturday: \$5 Frenzies & \$20 Frozen pitchers
Sunday: Service Industry Sunday

Volta Taverna

Mon-Thu: 11:30 am-9:30 pm;
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| Casa Mexicana | First Watch | Krystal | OPA! | Chocolate | Toyo |
| Chicken on a Stick | Fox's Pizza Den | La Perla Tapatia | Oxford Burger | Rosati's | Venice Kitchen |
| Chicken Salad Chick | Funkys | Lamar Yard | Company | SmallCakes | Walk Ons |
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July Gardening Calendar



Lafayette County Master Gardeners
Bronwynne Bailey



Strange BUT TRUE

Planning

Continue to update your gardening calendar. Refer to it next year. For example, if you noticed that your clematis started getting powdery mildew in July, try treating it in June to prevent the disease. Also, photographing your garden over the seasons creates a visual record of your garden through the year.

Planting

- Plant pumpkin seeds for a Halloween harvest. Larger varieties need to be planted July 2.
- Root cuttings of azaleas, boxwoods, camellias, and gardenias in a fine pine bark/coarse sand mix. Cuttings should be 4–6 inches from new growth with lower leaves removed. Do not let dry out.
- Root cuttings for house plants: ivies, wandering Jews, philodendrons, and begonias.
- Divide and transplant bearded iris using the vigorous ends of the rhizomes. Discard the old center portion. Cut the leaves back to about six inches.
- Start seeds indoors for heading cold crops for your fall garden now. Direct sow, radish, carrots, beets, turnips, and kale, in late July through August.
- Seeds can continue to be sown throughout July for late crops of beets, bush beans, carrots, chard, summer spinach, cucumbers, and summer squash. Cover with pre-moistened potting soil mix which will not be so likely to crust and crack. To hold in the moisture, cover the rows with a very thin layer of mulch or floating row cover fabric.

Fertilizing

- Do not fertilize camellias after July 1.
- Fertilize chrysanthemums around July 15 and cut height in half.
- Fertilize turf if recommended.

Pruning

- Pinch herbs like basil, mint, oregano, and savory to promote bushy growth.

- Remove faded flowers from crape myrtle to encourage a second blooming.
- Cut back mum height by half before July 15.
- All vegetables must be picked regularly to ensure continued bearing.
- When cutting boxwoods into a hedge, make sure the bases are wider than the tops to allow sunlight to reach the bases of the plants.
- Prune roses to encourage blooms.

Miscellaneous

- Water all ornamentals weekly to a depth of 1 inch if it does not rain.
- Cut grass at a slightly higher level during hot weather to reduce stress.
- Treat turf with a post-emergent herbicide product to remove unwanted weeds.
- Keep your garden tools and mower blades sharp to make gardening easier. Dirt, rocks, sidewalks and soil quickly dull metal edges. Hone your working edge easily with a cut mill file available at your local hardware store or purchase a specialized garden tool sharpener.
- Consider a Home Consult if you have questions or want to try something new. Master Gardeners can be reached by leaving a message at the MSU Extension Office 662-234-4451. A home consultant specialist will contact you to schedule a visit or answer questions.

Home Accent

Do not leave house plants in your closed home over an extended vacation. Either water and place them under a shade tree or have someone water them for you.

Blooming

- Sourwoods and Pee Gee hydrangeas.
- Cleomes, Four-o'clocks, impatiens, marigolds, periwinkles, plumbagos, portulaca, ageratum, zinnias, butterfly weeds, cosmos, dahlias, daylilies, rudbeckias, scabiosas, Shasta daisies, verbenas, veronicas.



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- On July 4, 1776, **King George III** wrote in his diary entry, “Nothing important happened today.”

- A 5-month-old fetus has 200,000,000,000 brain cells, but by birth half of them have been lost.

- Superstitious folks understandably took note in **Santa Clara, California**, on October 22, 1931, when the **Gamma Eta Gamma** legal fraternity was partially destroyed by fire: The house was located at 1313 Franklin Street, its phone number was Santa Clara 13, and the postman wore badge number 13! The damage sustained to the house was even estimated at \$13,000.

- An **AK-47** is depicted on the flag of **Mozambique**.

- **Einstein’s** ideas on relative acceleration were partly inspired by a guy who fell off a roof in **Berlin**. Surviving without injury, he told the physicist that he had not felt the effects of gravity.

- Until the 17th century, the word “upset” meant to set up (i.e., erect) something.

- The oldest recorded death sentence is found in the **Amherst** papyri, a list of state trials of ancient **Egypt** dating to 1,500 B.C. A teenage boy, convicted of “magic,” was ordered to kill himself by either poison or stabbing.

- Apart from humans, the Asian elephant is the only mammal that can stand on its head.

- In 2002, the Nevada state legislature authorized a license plate depicting a mushroom cloud from an exploding nuclear bomb to commemorate nuclear weapons tests conducted in the state’s desert between 1945 and 1992. The **Department of Motor Vehicles**, however, rejected it.

- **Soviet** craftsman **Nikolai Syadrisky** carved a set of chess figures that were so small they could only be distinguished when magnified 2,000 times with a microscope.

Thought for the Day: “In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety.”

—**Abraham Maslow**

TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

OK, I HAVE CONFIRMATION FROM THE DELIVERY DRIVER AND AFTER A THOROUGH FORENSIC EXAM, I CAN CONFIRM THERE ARE **NO ONIONS!**



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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

HOOTIN' HOLLER OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED TH' HOLLER CAN'T AFFORD FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS THIS YEAR !!

SO THAR SUGGESTIN' EV'RYONE GATHER 'ROUN', CLOSE THAR EYES AN' TRY TO PITCHER LAST YEAR'S BODACIOUS DISPLAY !!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO FER TH' FOURTH OF JULY, MAW ? A BIG OL' COOKOUT !!

WIF HAMBURGERS AN' HOT DOGS AN' PULLED PORK !! AN' LOTS OF SIDES--MAC AN' CHEESE, CORN ON TH' COB AN' 'TATER SALAD !! AN' ICE CREAM AN' PIES FER DESSERT !!

SOUNDS LIKE A LOTTA WORK FER YA !! YA SHORE YO'RE UP FER ALL THAT ?! HECK, NO !!

I DON'T PLAN ON THROWIN' TH' SHINDIG--I AIM T'GIT US INVITED TO ONE !!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

OLIVE! POPEYE AND BLUTO ARE GONNA KILL EACH OTHER!

CALM DOWN, BRUTUS. IF THEY HAVEN'T KILLED EACH OTHER IN THE LAST NINETY-TWO YEARS, THEY NEVER WILL.

WOW. YOU DON'T GOTTA BREAK THE FOURTH WALL ABOUT IT.

POPEYE! BLUTO! KNOCK IT OFF!

WHY ARE YOU TWO ALWAYS FIGHTING? DO YOU EVEN REMEMBER ANYMORE?

SURE WE REMEMBER! 'COURSE WE DOES! IT WUZ... UH... A BET AND--

IT WAS 'CUZ OF A SHIP... WASN'T IT? NAW, THAT WEREN'T IT. IT WUZ OVER A TREASURE... I THINK?

HOW COULD YA FORGET WHY WE HATE EACH OTHER?! REMEMBERIN' WUZ YER JOB!

DOES IT BOTHER YOU POPEYE WILL NEVER LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS HE LOVES TO HATE BLUTO? SHUT UP, BRUTUS.

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"And to my gold-digger wife, I leave my pick and shovel."

NOW CONSIDERED A "THREAT TO DEMOCRACY"



Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



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Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

AT LONG LAST VAL'S INJURIES HAVE HEALED WELL ENOUGH TO ALLOW HIM TO RISE. THE BEDRIDDEN PRINCE HAS HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO NOTICE THE GROWING CLOSENESS BETWEEN GAWAIN AND RHODA—AND HE QUESTIONS HIS PARTNER'S INTENT. "THE RAKE YOU KNEW MAY HAVE CHANGED IN THE WEEK YOU SPENT AT DEATH'S DOOR," GAWAIN ALLOWS.

RHODA SPEAKS: "ALL IN LOCKBRAMBLE ARE DEEPLY INDEBTED TO YOUR SERVICE ON OUR BEHALF. ONCE YOU HAD CHASED ROGER FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE, EVEN HIS GUARD WAS PERSUADED TO JOIN OUR CAUSE. MUCH BLOODSHED WAS AVOIDED..."

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"...AND LOCKBRAMBLE'S FUTURE..." HERE VAL CUTS IN: "AH! LOCKBRAMBLE'S FUTURE! I HAD THE MADDEST VISIONS WHILE IN THE FEVER—I SEEMED TO SEE YOU TWO DISCUSSING DEMOCRACY—COMMONERS GOVERNING THEMSELVES! MAD DREAMS!"

YEATES 4/28/13 3977

RHODA SMILES. "NOT SO MAD, PRINCE VALIANT. MUCH AS THE NORSE HAVE THEIR ALTHING, AND THE SAXONS HAVE THEIR FOLKMOT, I PRESENT TO YOU THE PROVISIONAL ALDERMEN OF THE NEW LOCKBRAMBLE. WE SHALL RULE OURSELVES. VAL CAN BARELY KEEP FROM COLLAPSING. SUCH A TRAVESTY IN FAIR ARTHUR'S KINGDOM? IT IS DISLOYAL AND UNNATURAL!"

NEXT:
A good reason why

Americanisms

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."
— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

NICE, SUMMER IS HERE. THE FLOWERS ARE ALL BLOOMED AND BRIGHT RED.

AND LOOK AT THE SOUTH PASTURE. IT IS SUCH A VIBRANT SHADE OF GREEN.

WOW, THAT SKY IS A DAZZLING BLUE AND THAT SUN IS A BRIGHT....

BLINDING STARK WHITE AND YELLOW WITH PURPLE POLKA DOTS AND SWIRLS.

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THE MEDIA COVER TRUMP

THE MEDIA COVER HUNTER

WHO AMONG US HASN'T BEDDED OUR BROTHER'S WIDOW, HAD A CHILD WITH A STRIPPER, RECORDED HIS RAUNCHY ESCAPADES WITH HOOKERS ON HIS LAPTOP, PERJURED HIMSELF, LAUNDERED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND ILLEGALLY PURCHASED A FIREARM WHILE STRUNG OUT ON CRACK?

HITCH

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

LOVE MAY BE BLIND...

...BUT MARRIAGE IS A REAL EYE-OPENER!!

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SUPREME COURT

BUY ONE JUSTICE GET ONE FREE

In these inflationary times, it's nice to see something made more affordable...

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

BOYS ONLY

BUD BLAKE

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RUNNING MATE AUDITIONS CONTINUE

YOUR EXCELLENCY.

YOUR MAJESTY.

YOUR HIGHNESS.

SUPREME LEADER.

MARA-LAGO

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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

BILL, BILL, FINAL NOTICE, BILL...
I GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO.

LAZING AROUND THE BEACH ISN'T GONNA HELP.
YEAH, BUT WE WON'T BE ANY LESS BROKE IF WE'RE BROKE AND SAD.

HAVE FUN IN COLLEGE! TRY TO BE THE BEST TERRORIST SYMPATHIZER YOU CAN BE!
DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM. NOBODY WILL HIRE HIM AND HE'LL BE BACK LIVING IN OUR BASEMENT.
DEATH TO AMERICA DEATH TO ISRAEL

WHAT'S WRONG, ALICE?
IT'S HER FIRST TIME WEARING A BIKINI SO SHE'S A LI'L SELF-CONSCIOUS.

I THINK YOU LOOK CUTE, ALICE.
THEN YA NEED TO GET YOUR EYES CHECKED!

HEY! WATCH IT!
I CAN'T HELP BUT WATCH IT! LOOK AT HOW UGLY 'T' IS!

WHY ARE YOU BEIN' A JERK?
WHY IS YOUR FRIEND BEING UGLY IN PUBLIC?

CALM DOWN, I'M JUST JOKING.
YOUR FRIEND SHOULD TAKE A JOKE WITHOUT HER FEELINGS GETTING HURT.

TRUST ME, CURLY. IF ANYTHING IS ABOUT TO HURT, IT'S NOT ALICE'S FEELINGS.

Mr. President... would the government mind helping the old folks by giving us free iPhones so we can get involved with social media!
That sounds like a good idea! I hope I can remember to do an executive order on it!
GREEN BARS RESTRICTION ON ALL KINDS OF BAR DRINKING
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
SENATOR CIZARE
FREE GOVT. GIFTS
STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS
BRENKINS
OPEN BORDER MIGRANTS
MEMBER SUPPORT
IS THIS BUYING VOTES?!

BARNEY GOOGLE AND
SNUFFY SMITH

WOW !! T'HECK WIF THESE PRICES !! LET'S GO SHOP AT THAT DISCOUNT PLACE !!
GEN'L STORE

IS SUMPIN' I'D SHORE LIKE T'BE ABLE T'SAY SOMEDAY !!

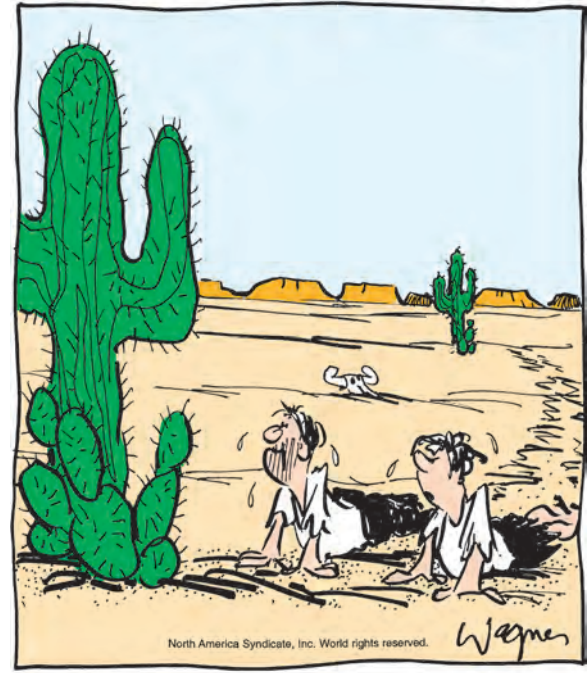
OKAY, ONE PAIR'A PLIERS--THAT'LL BE \$4.00, SNUFFY !!
JEST PUT IT ON MY TAB, SILAS !!

HOWDY THAR, DOC !!
HA !! WHAT A COINCIDENCE !!

WE'RE BOTH HERE FER TH' SAME THING, SNUFFY !!
OKAY, ONE SPECIALIZED DENTAL EXTRACTION TOOL--THAT'LL BE \$25.00, DOC !!

WHA--??!!

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



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"You don't get scenery like this from a car!"

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. FIRST I GET IN TROUBLE FOR NOT CLEANING MY ROOM.

NOW I'M GROUNDED FOR TRACKING MUD IN ALL OVER OUR NEW CARPET.

IT'S LIKE I SPEND MY LIFE IN THE DOGHOUSE!

OH, CRY ME A RIVER. TRY DOING IT IN A PIGPEN.

Americanisms



"In a time of destruction, create something."
— Maxine Hong Kingston

FANCY PARTY, HUH? MY WIFE TOLD ME I CAN HAVE ALL THE HORS D'OEUVRES I WANT AS LONG AS I STOP DOING THE JAMES BOND POSE IN PUBLIC.



FLASH GORDON

HAIL, FRIENDS NEW AND OLD!
WELCOME TO SKY CITY!

GOOD NEWS!
DALE ARDEN IS RECEIVING LIFE SAVING TREATMENT IN OUR SKY CITY SANATORIUM!

SHAME WE'RE OBLIGED TO HOLD FLASH AND BOK IN CUSTODY.
THEY ARE FUGITIVES, AFTER ALL...

...BUT WE CAN GRANT THEM WORK RELEASE -- IF DR. ZARKOV WILL SPONSOR THEM.

OF COURSE, HE'LL NEED TO PAY HIS OWN WAY...

...SO HE AGREES TO LEND HIS GENIUS TO SPECIAL PROJECT "M."
HANAK DOESN'T LIKE IT.
EVEN BETTER!

FLASH AND BOK PAY FOR THEIR FREEDOM IN OUR FABRICATION LEVEL--
--AS MY MEN KAY AND MUISE KEEP WATCH.

ALL AS I WANTED!
I, PRINCE VULTAN!
AND THE BEST IS YET TO COME.

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NEXT: HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

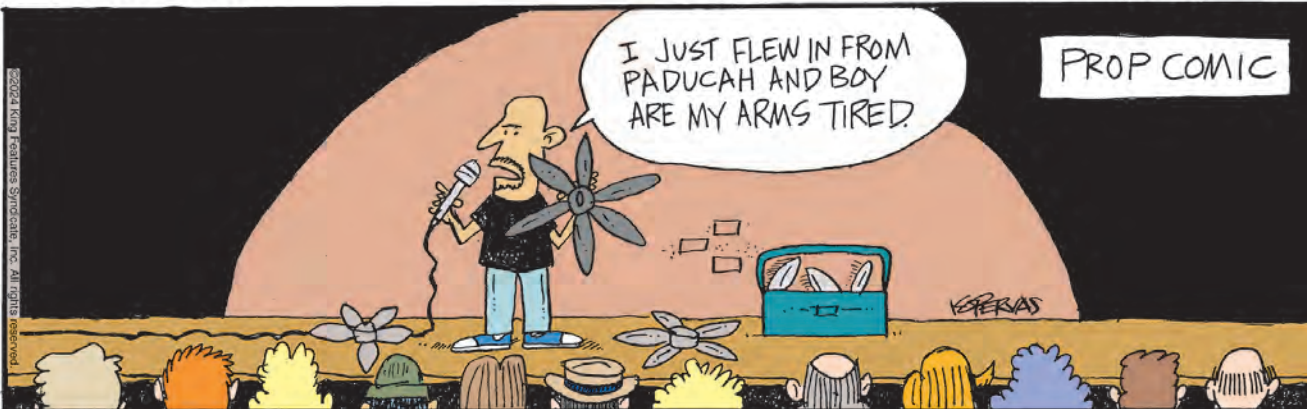
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
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The Spats



Out on a Limb



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

R	E	F	I		D	I	D		L	T	D	S		
I	R	O	N		R	O	I		O	R	E	O		
P	R	O	S	P	E	C	T		W	A	C	O		
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				T	A	D		O	T	I	S			
S	K	I		M	E	G		A	S	E	A	T		
P	E	N	N		N	A	M		E	C	H	O		
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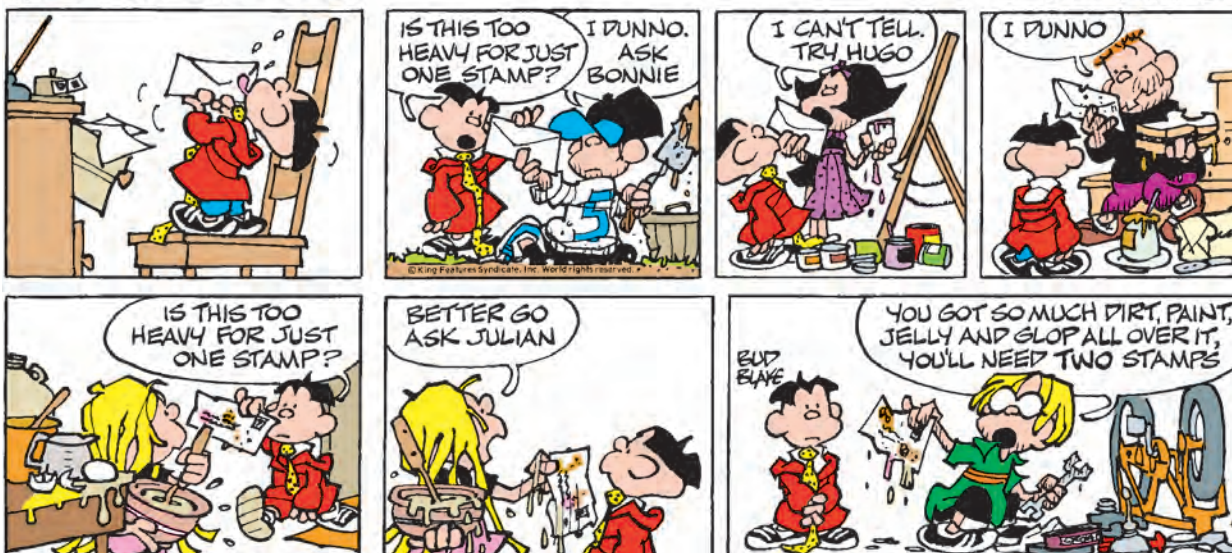


The Garden Bug

Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit, topped with compost, and covered with a growing medium into which a garden is planted.

The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

— Brenda Weaver
Source: permaculturenews.org



WORD LADDERS

Can you go from PALES to RAGED in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PALES

RAGED



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.

GENESIS 7: 11,12

Detail of "The Flood" by Clare Leighton (1952)



top ten

COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATES

1. United States
2. El Salvador
3. Thailand
4. Turkmenistan
5. U.S. Virgin Islands
6. Cuba
7. Maldives
8. Northern Mariana Islands
9. British Virgin Islands
10. Rwanda

Source:
U.S. News

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!

Design

SLYTE _____

Doze

RUMBLES _____

Stage

SHAPE _____

Refuse

SWEAT _____

TODAY'S WORD



"I'm writing another check for the _____ salon—when are they going to finish the job?"





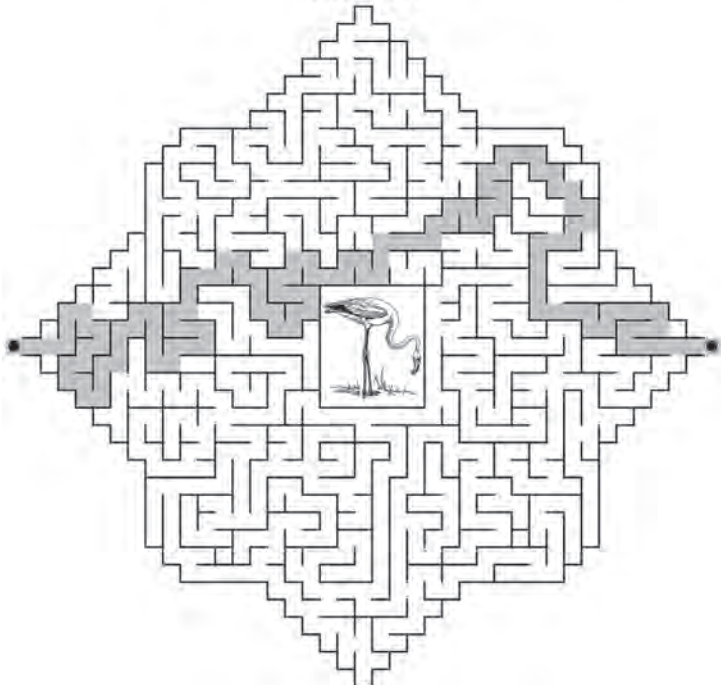
Super Crossword

Answers

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Z	O	N	E	D	E	F	E	N	S	E	N	O	N	V	I	S	U	A	L
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Mega Maze

Solution

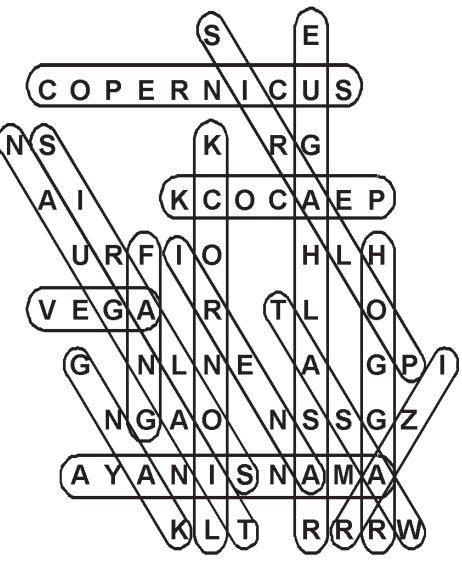


Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

STARS IN THE SKY



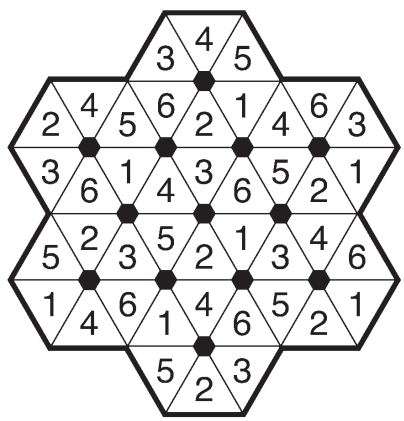
Even Exchange

answers

1. Staple, Stable
2. Faint, Flint
3. Cattle, Castle
4. Nibble, Nimble
5. Prone, Prose
6. Onion, Union
7. Strain, Strait
8. Later, Latex
9. Purse, Pulse
10. Bagger, Bigger

SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

6	+	5	×	7	=	77
+		+		-		
1	+	2	+	4	=	7
×		+		÷		
8	+	9	×	3	=	51
=		=		=		
56		16		1		

Stickelers Answer

BATTALION has two T's and one L.

CryptoQuip

answer

I'm enormously tired of having no career and thus struggling financially. I need a vocation!

CryptoQuote

answer

I paint self-portraits because I am so often alone, because I am the person I know best.
— Frida Kahlo

SCRAMBLERS

solution

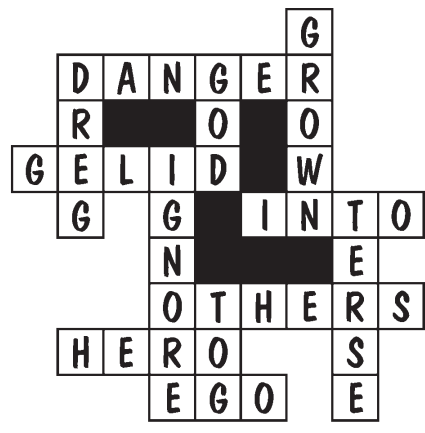
1. Dismay; 2. Drain;
3. Binge; 4. Feast

Today's Word

AMNESIA



answer



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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