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## Dear Ole Miss Class of 2028

Rise and shine! By this time your room should be set up, your classes scheduled, your roommate met. Your future looms vast and uncertain with boundless possibilities. High school memories, while fresh and warm and comfortable, will soon start to fade. You will always cherish and long for your best friends and first loves from high school. Fear not, there are best friends yet to be made and first loves to find again.

Back in my days as the dean, I searched for and collected devices that I might use in teaching a class, counseling a student or speaking to a large group. I used mnemonics or acronyms to help students capture and remember important lessons. Colloquialisms I found quite useful. I employed quotes from scholars and scoundrels alike to emphasize a point, admonish a wrong doer or quell an argument. All were useful and I hope effective.

The most helpful was the figure of a five-pointed star. I consistently pointed out to students the value in considering themselves to be a star. One point of the star is academics, one social, one spiritual, one physical, and one cultural. When one consistently strives to balance each of these areas, the points of star stretch symmetrically from the center and when connected become a perfect circle.

Ralph Waldo Emerson observed, "To be a star, you must shine your own light, follow your path, and don't worry about the darkness, for that is when the stars shine brightest. Always do what you are afraid to do."

So, freshmen, sharpen your points. Become a star. Academics are the reason that you are here; go to class, prepare for class, control the events in your life, get to know your teachers, question everything, and learn, not only in the classroom, but outside in your journey through the day. Read books, go to lectures, dive into deeper and more meaningful conversations. Learn for the sake of learning, not for a letter grade. Always remember, wisdom trumps knowledge every day!

Sharpening your social point does not mean that you MUST go out every night, that you should try to break the Fireball shot record, that you should play video games until your eyes cross, or that you incessantly scroll through social media. Social is about people and how to relate to and how to treat them. It's about doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. It's about meeting people who are different than you and learning to value them. Social is learning about and respecting others' customs and cultures.



by Sparky Reardon

Speak to the loner on your resident hall floor that everyone else ignores. Do something good for someone else. Watch your manners and always write thank-you notes. Be kind to people. Heed the words of Maya Angelou, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Gaining the "freshman fifteen" is certainly a concern for many college students, but sharpening your physical point goes well beyond dietary matters. Sure, watch what, how much, and when you eat. That's important, but it's also important to be active; walk to class when you can, go to the rec center, play an intramural or club sport, join a yoga group, find peace and pace on the Whirlpool trails. Make sure you get adequate sleep and maintain a rest routine. Naps are ok! Be assured that all physical relationships should be consensual and that you are prepared for the physical and emotional consequences of casual sex. If you choose to drink, let alcohol be a complement to your social life not the focus of it. Drugs kill, remember that. If you even think you have a substance issue, seek help.

You now live in a cultural mecca. Please don't ignore it. Browse Square Books, go to Thacker Mountain Radio or a Ford Center performance, read Faulkner under the trees at Rowan Oak, go to the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, learn to write or paint or play an instrument. Study abroad if you have the chance. Go to India night or a cricket match. Expand your horizons.

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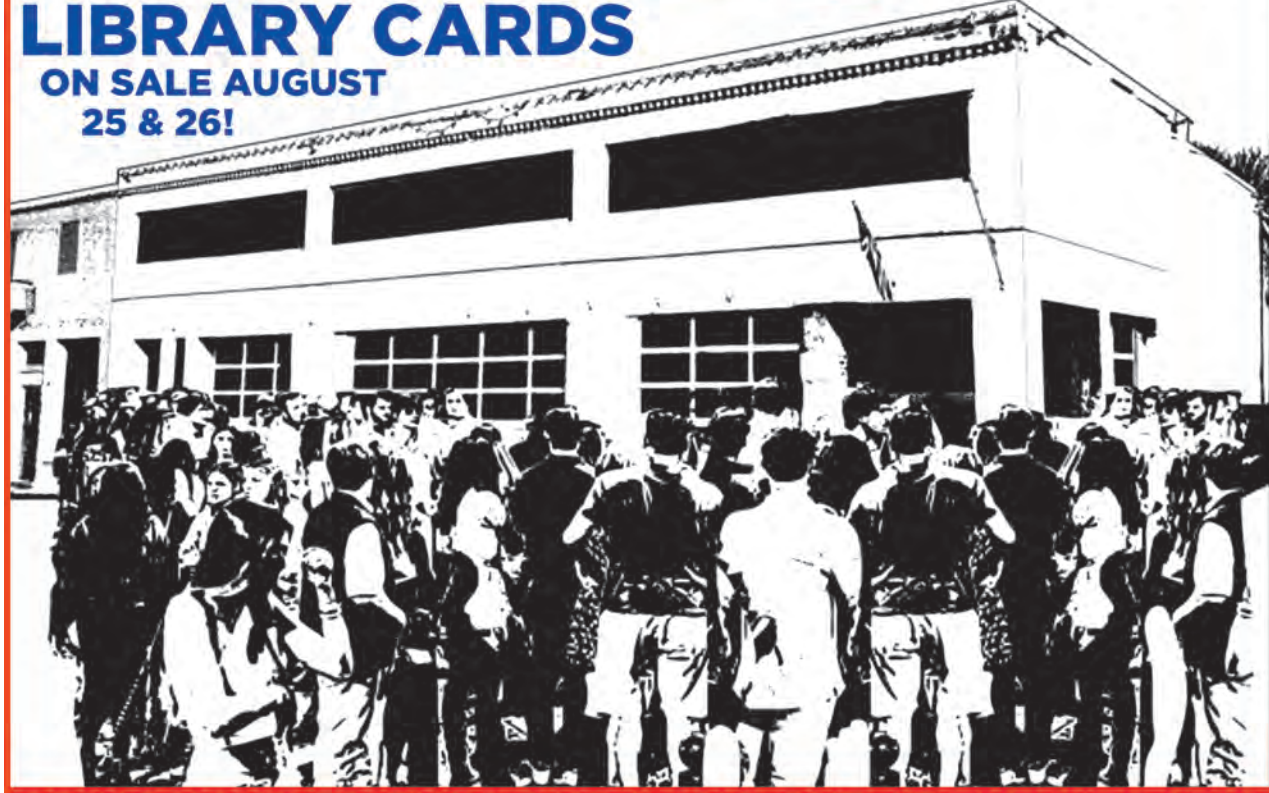
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### THURSDAY 8.22.2024

- **Moe's: BINGO** (8 pm)
- **Off Square Books: RJ LEE** presents *The Majestic Leo Marble* (5 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9:30 pm-close)
- Circle & Square Brewing: YPO Happy Hour (5-7 pm)
- Lafayette County Arena: MOBILE FOOD PANTRY (7 am)
- The Old Henry: LIVE BAND (7:30-10:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: ROCKET 88 hosts A Night to Remember JACK SONNI (8 pm; free)
- South Campus Rec. Center: REBFEST (inflatables, bubble soccer, food trucks, DJ, giveaways, job fair; 6-10 pm)

### FRIDAY 8.23.2024

- HOKA DAYS**
- **The Powerhouse: DELTA RISING** (6 pm; \$62)
- **The Library: DYLAN MORGAN** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: DAVIS COEN** (7:00 -10:00 pm)
- **Rooster's: MEMPHIS MOJO** (9:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)
- Old Armory Pavilion: CARS & COFFEE NIGHT MEET (6 pm)
- The Old Henry: DEULING PIANOS (8 pm-midnight)

### SATURDAY 8.24.2024

- **The Library: DYLAN MORGAN** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: HAGGARD COLLINS BAND** (7-10 pm)
- **Rooster's: PINK SHEETS** (9:30 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- The Old Henry: DEULING PIANOS (8 pm-midnight)
- Oxford Growler: BARKS & BREWS (4-6 pm)
- Tractor Supply: Hot Dog! Adoption and Donation Event (10 am)

### SUNDAY 8.25.2024

- HOKA DAYS**
- **The Powerhouse: ANUBIS IMPROV: IT TAKES TWO!** (7 pm; free)
- **Rafters on the Water: JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES** (1-4 pm)

### MONDAY 8.26.2024

- **Rooster's: DJ WADE** (9 pm-close)
- Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): BINGO NIGHT (6:30 pm)
- The Lyric: SOUL ASYLUM, CHARLIE MARS

### TUESDAY 8.27.2024

- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Off Square Books: HUSSAIN AHMED + MELISSA GINSBERG** for *Blue Exodus* (5:30 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- **Rooster's: OPEN MIC** (9:30 pm)
- Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): TUESDAY TRIVIA (6:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am)
- Proud Larry's: JOJO HERMANN (8 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 8.28.2024

- **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9:30 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- The Old Henry: OPEN MIC NIGHT (7:30-10:30 pm)

### THURSDAY 8.29.2024

- **Moe's: BINGO** (8 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9:30 pm)
- Ford Center: HEATHER MCMAHAN (7:30 pm)
- The Lyric: TAYLOR SWIFT DJ DANCE NIGHT (8 pm)
- The Old Henry: LIVE BAND (7:30-10:30 pm)

### FRIDAY 8.30.2024

- HOKA DAYS**
- **SECOND LINE & ART SHOWCASE - from The Lyric to the Powerhouse** (6 pm; free)
- **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: DAVIS COEN BAND** (7-10 pm)
- **Rooster's: BONEFIRE ORCHESTRA** (9:30 pm)
- 8647 HWY 51S (Coldwater): 74TH ANNUAL GOAT PICNIC (4 pm-till)
- Grove Pavilion (University): Trashcan Friday Flow - Yoga in the Grove (12:15 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)
- The Old Henry: DEULING PIANOS (8 pm-midnight)
- Ole Miss Student Union: Narcan training (4-5 pm)
- Proud Larry's: AMY LAVERE & WILL SEXTON (9 pm; free)
- SJB Pavilion (University): BRETT YOUNG, JOSH KELLY, MUSTACHE THE BAND (7 pm)

### SATURDAY 8.31.2024

- VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM: OLE MISS VS. FURMAN** (6 pm)
- **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP** (9 pm)
- **Rafters on the Water: OLE MISS FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY**
- **Rooster's: THE CROWNS** (9:30 pm)
- 8647 HWY 51S (Coldwater): 74TH ANNUAL GOAT PICNIC (6 pm-till)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- The Old Henry: DEULING PIANOS (8 pm-midnight)
- Proud Larry's: BOB LOG III (9 pm)

### SUNDAY 9.01.2024

- **Rafters on the Water: ROCKET 88** (1-4 pm); **HAGGARD COLLINS TRIO** (6-9 pm); Proud Larry's: THE GREAT DYING (9 pm)

### MONDAY 8.19.2024

- LABOR DAY**
- **Rooster's: DJ WADE**

### TUESDAY 9.02.2024

- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- **Rooster's: OPEN MIC NIGHT** (9:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone: Perler Bead Keychains (3:45-4:45 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 9.03.2024

- **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC**
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9:30 pm)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone: Perler Bead Keychains (3:45-4:45 pm)
- Midtown Shopping Center: Midtown Farmer's Market (7-11 am)
- The Old Henry: OPEN MIC NIGHT (7:30-10:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: TOMMY PRINE, ABE PARTRIDGE (9 pm)

Find more events at [thelocalvoice.net/oxford/roundabout-oxford](http://thelocalvoice.net/oxford/roundabout-oxford). Do you have an event that you'd like to see listed in **The Local Voice**? Email [thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net](mailto:thelocalvoice@thelocalvoice.net) or text us at **662-832-3574**.

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by Sparky Reardon ...continued from page one



And, lastly, but perhaps most importantly, fine tune your spiritual point. The paths to spiritual fulfillment are countless. If you've found yours, God blesses you. Find peace and joy in college knowing that whatever power you choose to call it is in control. As a freshman you will be constantly reminded that you are not in control. Give it over to a higher power. Seek spiritual guidance, read a holy book, go to a worship service. Some fear the quiet, but only when we are quiet can we hear God speaking to us. Find peace.

It is said that long after a star somewhere millions of miles distant in the universe explodes and ceases to exist, its light reaches the earth for eons even after it's gone.

Go on now; become the star you are meant to be so that long after you have gone from this spot that ever calls, your light will continue to shine.

Hotty Toddy, The Dean

Thomas J. "Sparky" Reardon served the University of Mississippi as the Dean of Students from 2000 until 2014. Prior to that he served as coordinator of Pre-Admissions, assistant director of Student Activities, associate director of Student Services, and associate dean of students. Reardon received his BAE from Ole Miss in 1972 and his Ph.D. in 2000. He retired in 2014.

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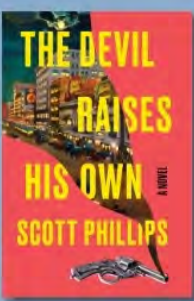

**HUSSAIN AHMED**  
in conversation with  
**MELISSA GINSBURG**  
for  
**BLUE EXODUS**



**MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 9**

**SCOTT PHILLIPS**  
in conversation with  
**ACE ATKINS**  
for  
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Solutions to puzzles are inside **The Local Voice Digital Edition** sent every Thursday to subscribers. Subscribe **FREE** at [TheLocalVoice.net](http://TheLocalVoice.net)

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Apt. coolers
- 4 Fishing rod
- 8 Choir voice
- 12 New Deal agcy.
- 13 "Zounds!"
- 14 Chiefs coach Andy
- 15 Boring types
- 17 Tear
- 18 Bad habit
- 19 Woodland walks
- 20 Computer problem
- 22 Swedish auto
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Dijon products
- 29 Tokyo's historic name
- 30 Quick looks
- 31 Hasten
- 32 Sends on, as an email
- 34 Kick back
- 35 Bee's home
- 36 Comic Hedberg
- 37 Suitor
- 40 Shakespeare villain
- 41 Reedy
- 42 Birds of prey
- 46 Queue
- 47 Yankee nickname
- 48 Debtor's letters

49 Makes a choice

50 Emmy winner Alan  
51 Record holder?

### DOWN

- 1 Moreover
- 2 French vineyard
- 3 Surrealist Dali
- 4 Fuzzy fruit
- 5 Shrek, for one
- 6 Young fellow
- 7 Sheeran and Harris
- 8 Mexican shout of joy
- 9 Onion relative
- 10 Fork part
- 11 Probability
- 16 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 19 Millinery
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 Decorate anew
- 22 Soft leather

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41						42	43				44	45
46						47					48	
49						50					51	

23 Requests

25 TV mogul Griffin

26 Art of speaking

27 Platter

28 Third son

30 Ache

33 Bellyaches

34 Latvia's capital

36 Tribute maker

37 Normandy battle site

38 Use an eggbeater

39 "-- She Sweet"

40 Sport shirt brand

42 Cote cry

43 Internet address

44 Scooby--

45 Heat source



### MAGIC MAZE

### COMMON GERMAN WORDS

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally  
 Unlisted clue hint: NO IN GERMAN

- |            |             |        |          |
|------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Danke      | Guten abend | Lamm   | Schlecht |
| Einfach    | Guten tag   | Machen | Sonntag  |
| Fisch      | Hallo       | Montag | Wasser   |
| Gute nacht | Kalender    | Nahe   |          |

### STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Below are anagrams of four famous people. Can you unscramble the clues to form the names?

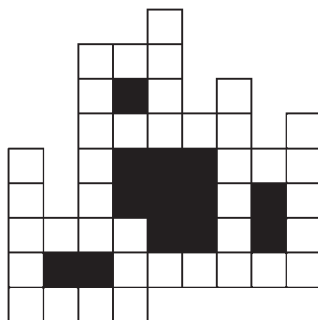
- NO ALIENS DARLING (an actress)
- VOICE SELLS LOT (male musician)
- SCOWLER RULES (an actor)
- DO ANNIE TAKE (an actress)

## FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ESH
- HECTLA
- ♥ASEDT
- RHDE
- SUDOTE
- ♥TFA
- ♥ETBA
- ♥HETRE
- ♥OED
- ♥TOSFRE
- HETFC
- ♥ARET



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

# the Local Voice PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

THE BULLSEYE 95.5

## SUDOKU

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

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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# tLV Super Crossword

CALLING FOR SILENCE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Human rights org.
  - 5 Costa —
  - 9 Scored two under par
  - 15 Apparel
  - 19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.
  - 20 Big whoops
  - 21 Louisiana cuisine style
  - 22 French girlfriend
  - 23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such
  - 25 Everyday routine
  - 26 Metal beam with two flanges
  - 27 Brainpower stats
  - 28 Actor Bana
  - 29 Overnight delivery, say
  - 31 Regret deeply
  - 32 Nothin' at all
  - 33 Lauder of perfumery
  - 34 Shutter strip
  - 35 Breathable gym bottoms
  - 38 Actor Alan
  - 40 Vaping devices
  - 43 Some tech. inst. grads
  - 44 Trio after G
  - 46 They're like lay-ups, but farther from the basket
  - 48 Father, to a tiny tot
  - 51 Like some artificial body parts
  - 54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.
  - 55 Become too warm
  - 58 Like a bass voice
  - 60 Napoleonic marshal
  - 61 Coin that was worth 12 pence
  - 65 Purvey
  - 69 Often-flexed arm muscles
  - 70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster
  - 71 Brand of snowmobiles
  - 73 Snow glider
  - 74 Informal name for a herding breed
  - 76 Congregated
  - 78 Concealed
  - 79 City development area
  - 80 Dangler on a garment in a store
  - 85 Most modern
  - 88 Harper of "Far North"
  - 89 Top worn on a safari
  - 91 Snooze
  - 92 Epoch
  - 94 Opera solos
  - 95 Tomb-raiding
  - 97 Resembling a plate
  - 103 Turner of the Washington Nationals
  - 105 Check recipient
  - 107 Tubular snack cake
  - 108 Flat-fixing org.
  - 109 Guard to keep something dry
  - 112 Novelist Kingsley or Martin
  - 113 "Despicable Me" villain
  - 114 Very dry
  - 115 Tiki bar drink
  - 116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?
  - 118 Donate
  - 119 Peeves
  - 120 Les — (French for "some")
  - 121 Emend
  - 122 Tomahawks
  - 123 Level
  - 124 Indiana-to-Ohio direction
  - 125 Witty types
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- 1 Validate
  - 2 In-group
  - 3 Maidens
  - 4 "Yuck!"
  - 5 Pep rally cheers
  - 6 Excited response to "Who wants dessert?"
  - 7 Police ride
  - 8 Horse cousin
  - 9 Beige shades
  - 10 Sony record label
  - 11 Be assisted
  - 12 Bungled
  - 13 "In the Valley of —" (2007 drama film)
  - 14 Slaw sources
  - 15 Cold Spanish soup
  - 16 Eager desire
  - 17 "Knives Out" director
  - 18 Arctic hazard
  - 24 Gut feeling
  - 29 Pine product
  - 30 — v. Ferguson (landmark court case)
  - 36 Word after big, cold or soft
  - 37 Albeit, in brief
  - 39 For — (very cheaply)
  - 41 Former rival of AT&T
  - 42 Former Russ. state
  - 45 First lady after Melania Trump
  - 47 Move hastily
  - 48 Lou formerly of CNN
  - 49 Pop rocker Lavigne
  - 50 Rid of frost
  - 51 Crank's cry
  - 52 "Challenge accepted!"
  - 53 Rum mixers
  - 56 Clued in
  - 57 Lion chaser?
  - 59 Hope (for)
  - 62 Opposite of 58-Across
  - 63 "You Be —" (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit)
  - 64 Avian abodes
  - 65 Savors Earl Grey, say
  - 66 Funny Murphy
  - 67 Sacks in war
  - 68 Balcony sections
  - 71 Use stitches
  - 72 Mattel man
  - 74 Online biz
  - 75 Torrid
  - 76 Untidy states
  - 77 Afr. country
  - 80 Keglers' org.
  - 81 Karel Capek sci-fi play
  - 82 Question starter in old Memorex ads
  - 83 Total shams
  - 84 Plotting in math class
  - 86 Walked in water
  - 87 Dermis or Pen lead-in
  - 90 Turncoat
  - 92 Most pasty
  - 93 Phantom
  - 96 "Yes, cap'n!"
  - 98 Reporter on "Parks and Recreation"
  - 99 Buds from the hood
  - 100 Multi-roof temple
  - 101 Winged bug with pincers
  - 102 Intimidates
  - 104 Sportscaster Rashad
  - 106 "Für —" (piano piece)
  - 109 Chronicle
  - 110 Grand — (annual race)
  - 111 Clearheaded
  - 116 "— pasa?"
  - 117 Dawn drops

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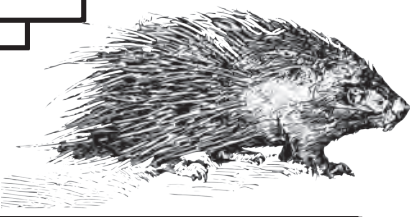


# Mega Maze



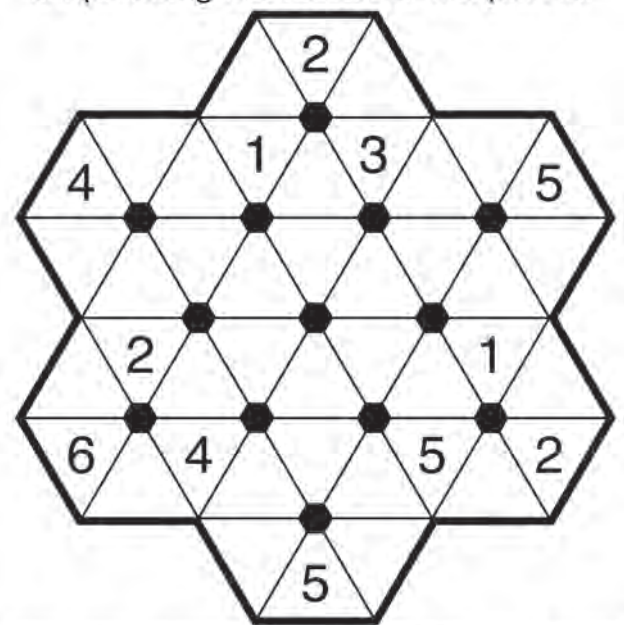
# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez



# SNOWFLAKES

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆  
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

PSYFHCHFYUYPZS PV YQF  
HFKFSNF ZM YQF PSYFXXFBY  
ICZS UHY. - VIVUS VZSYUN

## 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: **M** equals **F**

VLNR ZYKNYRN UMMJXKZ BLUB  
U ENXBUJR INBBNX JZ JRHNNH  
RYB U EYRZURRB, JZ BLUB  
U DYVNI UDYVUI?

- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Parthenon located?
- TELEVISION:** What game are the younger characters in "Stranger Things" playing at the start of the series?
- MOVIES:** Who was the first African American actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
- LITERATURE:** What is floo powder used for in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- U.S. CITIES:** Which U.S. city's nickname is Beantown?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which ride-share company's slogan is "Move the way you want"?
- ART:** Which artist painted a work titled "The Potato Eaters"?
- MUSIC:** Who wrote the song "God Bless America"?
- HISTORY:** Who became U.S. president after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which animal can hold its breath for up to five minutes underwater?

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.

	+		+		= 14			
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	+		-		= 4			
-	■	÷	■	+	■			
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**DIFFICULTY:** ★  
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

9. Andrew Johnson. 10. Hippopotamus.  
Uber. 7. Vincent van Gogh. 8. Irving Berlin.  
Field. 4. Rapid transportation. 5. Boston. 6.  
& Dragons 3. Sidney Poitier, "Lilies of the  
**Answers:** 1. Athens, Greece. 2. Dungeons



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## KNIGHT MOVES

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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.



**A FULL TANK AT THE FISH FARM!** Try counting all the sea creatures in Fred's tank before he makes another sale!

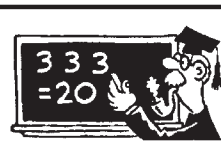
Answer: We counted 44. Did you find that many?

**TERRIFIC THREES!** Professor Flunkum challenges you to arrange three 3's into a math problem that will equal 20. Do I see a show of hands?

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Answer:  $3 + 3 \div 3 = 20$



**THIS WILL MAKE YOUR CAR GO!** Pictured below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. Money for the poor.
2. Belongs to us
3. A poker stake.
4. A rock star.

GRID A			GRID B		
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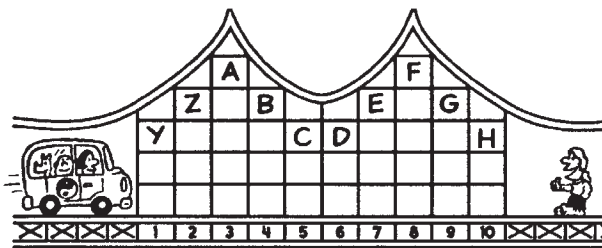
1. Escapes from the law (sl).
2. Opposite of sweet.
3. Orderly and precise.
4. A timely benefit.

Answers: 1. Alms-lams. 2. Ours-sour. 3. Ante-neat. 4. Bono-boon.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### A WORD BRIDGE



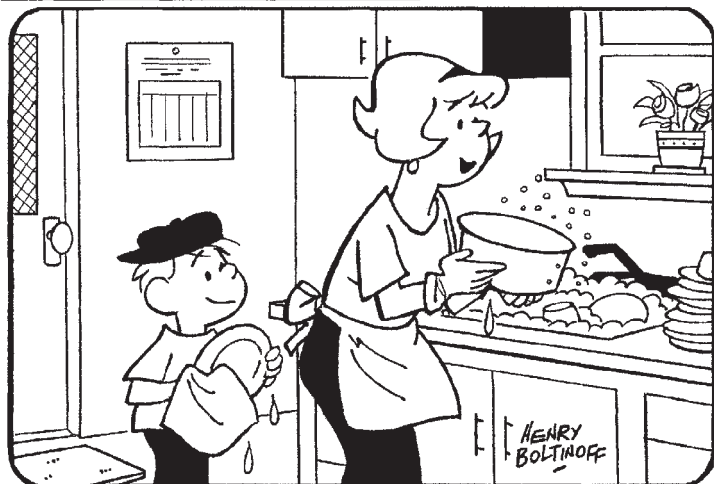
The bridge to the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints below.

1. A "yes" vote.
2. Devotion to a cause.
3. French for farewell.
4. To strike forcefully (slang).
5. Comes with corn.
6. To put on.
7. A fencing sword.
8. A Hindu magician.
9. A heckling remark.
10. Used to carry bricks.

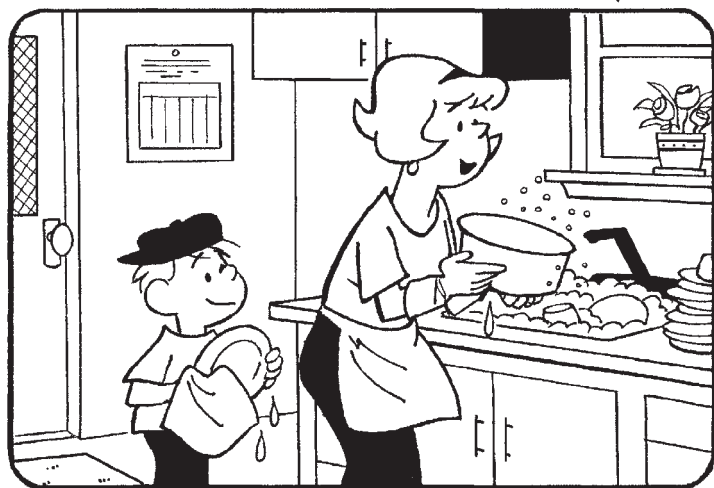
Answers: 1. Ye. 2. Zeal. 3. Adieu. 4. Beh. 5. Cob. 6. Don. 7. Epee. 8. Fakir. 9. Gibe. 10. Hod.

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Apron bow is missing. 2. Faucet is different. 3. Water drop from dish is moved. 4. Cabinet is wider. 5. Doormat is moved. 6. Glove is longer.

## 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. Gadget            | ___ _ _ _ _ G | Ponder              | ___ _ _ _ _ K |
| 2. Actor Matthau     | ___ _ L ___ _ | Restaurant server   | ___ _ I ___ _ |
| 3. Vote              | ___ _ _ _ _ O | Classical dance     | ___ _ _ _ _ E |
| 4. Uneven            | ___ _ _ _ _ H | Blush               | ___ _ _ _ _ E |
| 5. Trick             | P ___ _ _ _   | Singer Sinatra      | F ___ _ _ _   |
| 6. Portion           | ___ _ A ___ _ | Coastline           | ___ _ O ___ _ |
| 7. Mom or Dad        | ___ _ R ___ _ | Inventor's document | ___ _ T ___ _ |
| 8. Actor Eastwood    | C ___ _ _ _   | Firestarter         | F ___ _ _ _   |
| 9. Tighten your belt | ___ C ___ _ _ | Prawn               | ___ H ___ _ _ |
| 10. Fair-haired      | ___ _ O ___ _ | Tasteless           | ___ _ A ___ _ |

## WORD LADDERS

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

COVEY

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# Going Back to the Drawing Board

Retired Army Lieutenant General **H.R. McMaster** was interviewed on one of the Sunday morning news programs this past week. He held the position of **United States Security Advisor** under **Donald Trump** from 2017 to 2018. McMaster was also active in the **Gulf War**, **Operation Enduring Freedom**, and **Operation Iraqi Freedom**.

McMaster was in the process of resigning from his security advisor position when then-President Donald Trump beat him to the punch and fired him. You might say that McMaster was Trumped. Three others served in that position in the Trump administration, none of them lasting much longer than a year.

In the course of his television interview, McMaster referred to a quote that pricked my ears. He said, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes."

This quote has been attributed to **Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)**, by many, though we don't know for certain if he actually said it. Still, it sounds a heck of a lot like something Twain would say.

The reason history doesn't repeat itself is because in this realm time marches on. The reason it often rhymes is because there are many parallels between what has happened in the past and what is happening in the present.

Students of history can chart counterparts to present occurrences to help avoid making the same mistakes over and over again. This applies to nearly every area of life. What is the importance of this? **George Santayana**, a Spanish-American philosopher born in 1863 said, "Those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it." This statement has universal application to just about every part of our lives.

I recall how in the Academy Award-winning movie *Patton*, **General George S. Patton** was an

avid student of war and of the means and methods used that won and lost great battles of the past. He did not want to repeat the same mistakes of the past and he wanted to use the strategies of the victors of old.

**Robert Wheeler**, President of Edison Birthplace Assn. Inc. recalled that when **Thomas Alva Edison** was working on the alkaline battery, a newspaper reporter asked (paraphrased) "Mr. Edison you have failed 10,000 times. When are you going to quit.?" Edison reportedly replied "I haven't failed 10,000 times. I know 10,000 things that don't work. Something will work and I will find it."

So over and over and over again, Edison went back to the drawing board to "solve for X" and to succeed in his mission. In the end it took nearly 50,000 experiments and 10 years for Edison to make a practical alkaline battery.

My late uncle, **Ron Gober**, was a NASA engineer on *Apollo 11*, the first spacecraft to make a landing on the surface of the moon. He helped develop the timing system for the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM) that took **Neil Armstrong** and **Buzz Aldrin** from *Apollo 11* to the face of the moon in 1969. (That technology eventually led to the Accutron watch that used a tuning fork to keep time accurately.)

Before the Apollo missions there were Mercury missions and test pilot flights. After every single one of these engineers, scientists, and mathematicians painstakingly monitored all parts of the mission and went back to the drawing board to improve performance and correct errors.

Somewhere in Oxford someone is doing the same thing with their cooking. They are trying new things, testing them, throwing them in the trash, and going back to the drawing board. This is predominantly how we learn and grow. This is how we get better. Doing the same thing over and over without searching for the reasons for failing results is, at best, folly. We must take a hard look at what has and hasn't worked and go back to the drawing




board until our project is as perfect as we can make it—even in our politics.

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, we will elect a new president. Let's all make sure we've gone back to the drawing board and looked at the REAL history of both our major candidates before we cast our ballot.

*Failure is instructive. The person who really thinks learns quite as much from his failures as from his successes.*

—John Dewey

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

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**Fri:** noon-1 am; **Sat:** 11 am-1 am  
**Sun:** 11 am-9 pm  
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**Mon:** \$5 Octanes  
**Tue:** \$5 Grape Gatorade  
**Wed:** LADIES' NIGHT:  
 \$5 Skinny Bitches  
**Thur:** \$4 domestics

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**Mon-Fri:** 3 pm-1 am  
**Sat:** 11 am-1 am  
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**Happy Hour 3-7 pm**  
 Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

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**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 OPEN  
 MIC; **Thu:** BINGO + \$5  
 Bushwhackers (7 pm)

**OPA!**  
**Tue-Thu+Sun:** 11 am-9 pm  
**Fri-Sat:** 11 am-10 pm  
**\$15 Lunch: 11 am-4 pm:**  
 Tue-Fri: pita wrap, fries + drink)  
**Happy Hour 3-7 pm:**  
 Tue-Thu \$1 off wells, house wine,  
 & beer  
**Tues & Thurs:** 2-for-1 Lemonadas  
**Wed:** 1/2-off house wines &  
 Martinis; **Fri:** \$5 Margaritas  
**Delivery:** Fetcht

**Rafters**  
**on the Water**  
**Mon-Wed:** CLOSED  
**Thu-Fri:** 5-10 pm  
**Sat-Sun:** 11 am-10 pm

**Southern Coop**  
**Tue-Thu:** 11 am-8 pm  
**Fri-Sat:** 11 am-9 pm  
**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  
**Fri:** Free Fri-day (Free side of fries  
 with hot dog purchase)  
**Sun:** Chicken and Waffles,  
 brunch specials

**Rooster's**  
**Mon-Sat:** 3 pm-1 am, Sun till 9p  
**Mon-Fri:** \$5 Domestic  
**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

**Tallahatchie**  
**Gourmet**  
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**Brunch Sat & Sun**  
 11:30 am-3 pm  
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**Snackbar**  
**Tue-Thu:** 4-10 pm  
**Fri-Sat:** 4-10:30 pm  
**Happy Hour 4-6 pm:**  
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**Mon:** INDUSTRY NIGHT

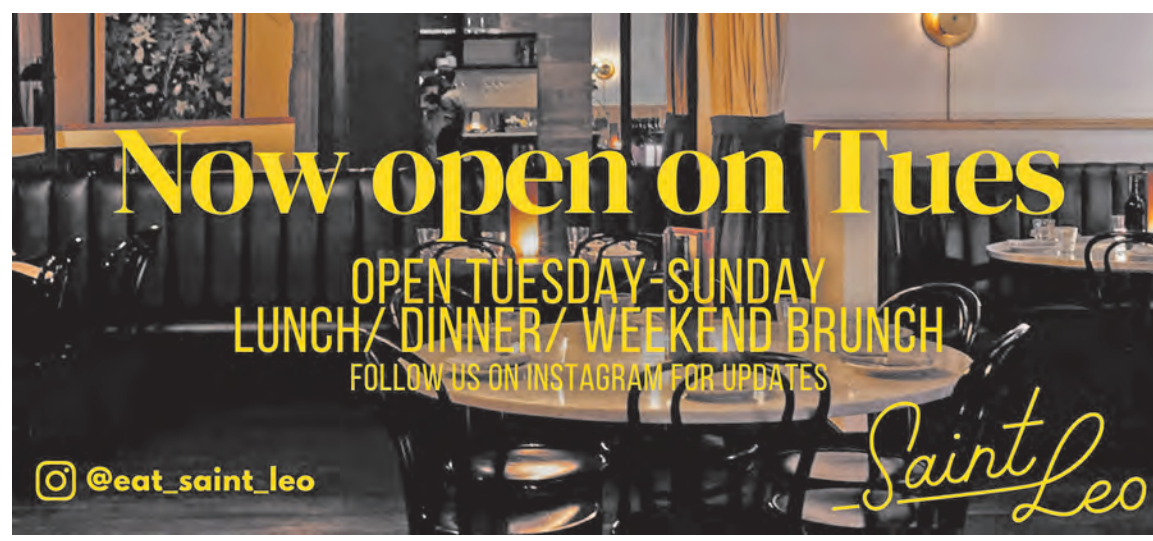
**SoLa**  
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**Sun Brunch:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Delivery:** Fetcht   
**Happy Hour 5-6 pm:** \$5 fresh  
 Margaritas & Happy Hour Snacks  
**Wed:** Spaghetti + \$5 wine  
**Thu:** Ramen & \$5 Rosé

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**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

**Uno Mas**  
**Mon-Sat:** 11 am-10 pm  
**Sun:** 11 am-9 pm  
**late night menu Thu-Sat**  
**Happy Hour 3-6 pm:** \$2 tacos;  
 \$5 house Margaritas (\$20  
 pitchers); 2-for-1 domestics; 1/2-  
 off appetizers  
**Tues:** HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY,  
**Sat:** \$5 Frosens & \$20 Frozen  
 pitchers  
**Sun:** Service Industry Sunday

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| Chicken on a Stick  | Fox's Pizza Den   | La Perla Tapatia  | Oxford Burger    | Rosati's          | Venice Kitchen |
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# Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus cinerea*)



Lafayette County Master Gardeners  
Bronwynne Bailey

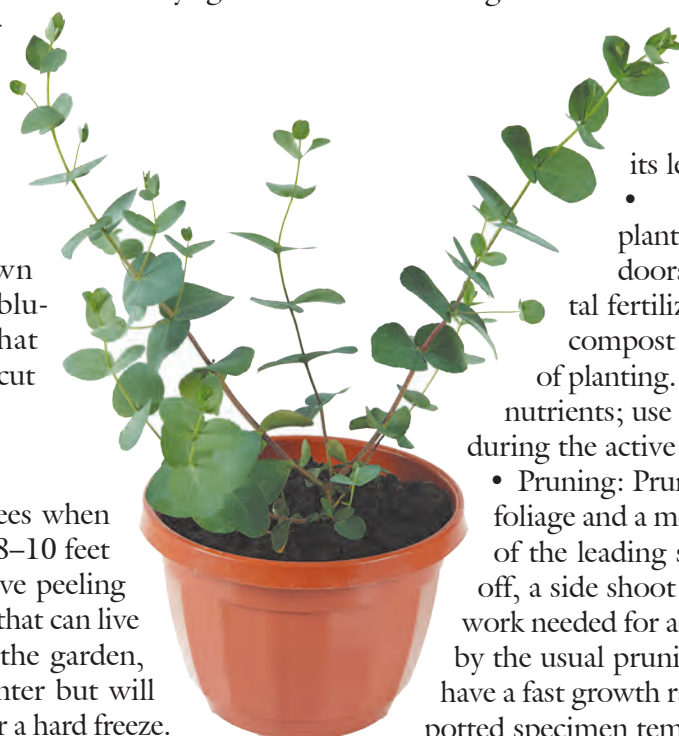


Demand for the Australian Eucalyptus with its attractive green, blue, and grey foliage, peaks during the autumn, winter, and spring months. The stems are used as “fillers” in mixed flower bouquets. This evergreen tree can grow up to sixty feet in its natural habitat, but, when planted in home gardens, it usually grows 6-10 feet tall. Plant eucalyptus trees during spring and feature reddish-brown bark peeling on the smaller branches. Eucalyptus leaves are typically dark green, glossy, thick, and almost leathery; they grow sideways on a straight trunk and produce a menthol aroma when bruised. Under adequate conditions, eucalyptus trees produce white flowers and gum nut fruit.

More than seven hundred species of Eucalyptus (collectively known as gum trees and belonging to the myrtle family) have been described, with all but fifteen of these native to Australia. Eucalyptus trees are also highly flammable, so they may not be the best choice if you live in an area prone to wildfires. The leaves and bark are very oily, which makes them ignite easily.

## Varieties

- *Eucalyptus gunnii*: Also known as cider gum, this species has a better cold tolerance than others.
- *Eucalyptus nicholii* “Angus”: This cold hardy selection produces a large, broad-spreading, gracefully weeping, fine-leaved evergreen tree. The attractive bark of the tree is fibrous brown with orange highlights.
- *Eucalyptus platypus*: Also known as moort, this plant can tolerate drought, cold, and heavy soils.
- Luna: Hardy in zones 7–8, its most attractive feature is the elliptical to oval shaped silvery-green fragrant leaves that completely encircle the stem. The leaves take on lavender and blue shades at times. Fuzzy, creamy white flowers appear in summer in clusters of three.
- *Eucalyptus cinerea*: Known as silver dollar and has bluish coin-shaped leaves that makes a perfect addition to cut flower arrangements.



## Growth Habits

Eucalyptus plants become tall trees when grown outdoors, growing up to 8–10 feet per year and featuring a distinctive peeling bark. Eucalyptuses are evergreens that can live up to 250 years in the wild. In the garden, plants do not always survive winter but will quickly regrow from the roots after a hard freeze.

Silver dollar tree and cider gum can be grown in the Lower South, or Zone 8, but late freezes can damage the plant. Eucalyptus is likely to stay the size of a shrub or small tree in areas that experience hard frosts.

The immature, round, gray-green leaves found on most Eucalyptus houseplants are different from the plant’s typical mature leaf form. Eucalyptus is a challenging houseplant that requires plentiful sunlight. Many varieties need to experience sharply cooler temperatures in the winter during their non-active growth period to maintain good health. This non-growth period during lower light conditions allows the plant to gather its strength for the next growing season. Without the rest, the plant will weaken and be more susceptible to disease.

## Miscellaneous

- Soil Preferences: Eucalyptus is best planted in a well-drained soil with a neutral to acidic pH.
- Planting Depth & Spacing: Eucalyptus is hardy in Zones 8–11, with a few varieties hardy in Zone 7. When choosing a site location be aware that the bark and leaves are toxic to people and the essential oils can be toxic to dogs, cats, and horses. These deer-resistant plants require ten hours of sunlight, choose a south-facing site with protection from wind as the root base is shallow.
- Watering: Once established, eucalyptus plants can be drought-tolerant. However, it is best to avoid being left dry for extended periods, or it will drop its leaves.
  - Fertilizing: Eucalyptus plants growing in the ground outdoors do not require supplemental fertilizer. In poor, sandy soils, add compost to enrich the soil at the time of planting. Container plants will deplete nutrients; use a low-nitrogen fertilizer only during the active growing season.
  - Pruning: Prune plants to maintain juvenile foliage and a more compact habit. If the end of the leading shoot is damaged or pruned off, a side shoot will rapidly form the framework needed for a shrub, bush, or standard tree by the usual pruning techniques. Because they have a fast growth rate, pruning can help contain potted specimen temporarily.

# Strange BUT TRUE

- When **Texas** was its own sovereign nation in the mid-1800s, it briefly had a diplomatic mission in Paris.
- In 1939, **George Bernard Dantzig**, a graduate student at the **University of California, Berkeley**, arrived late for a statistics class and copied the two problems on the blackboard, assuming they were the homework, then handed them in a few days later. Several weeks afterward, he was awakened by his professor’s excited knock at the door: The “homework” was actually unsolved problems in statistics that Dantzig had managed to prove.
- Since avocados never ripen on trees, farmers can use the trees as a way to store and keep the fruit fresh for up to seven months.
- **Maine** is the closest U.S. state to **Africa**.
- It’s a sweetly romantic tradition for the post offices of **Romeo, Michigan**, and **Juliette, Georgia**, to offer a special dual postmark leading up to **Valentine’s Day**.
- As comedian **Bob Hope** lay on his deathbed in 2003, his wife Dolores asked where he’d like to be buried. His reply? “Surprise me.”
- The three dots on the **Domino’s Pizza** logo represent the chain’s three original locations. Co-founder **Tom Monaghan** originally planned to add a new dot for every pizzeria he opened.
- Female bats give birth while hanging upside down, catching the baby in their wings.
- **England’s King Richard the Lionheart** spent a mere six months of his 10-year reign in **England**, being there only briefly in 1189 and 1194.
- At the end of 1914, when **Russia** was fighting in World War I, the country’s army had 6,553,000 men, but just 4,652,000 rifles.

**Thought for the Day:** “Happy is the person who knows what to remember of the past, what to enjoy in the present and what to plan for in the future.”

—Arnold H. Glasow

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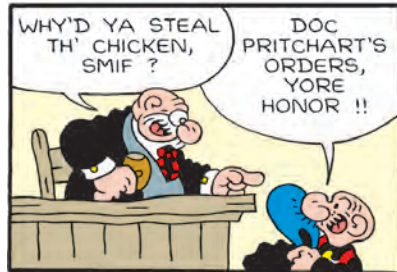
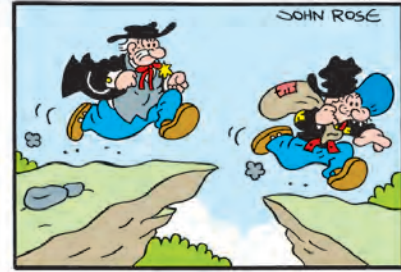
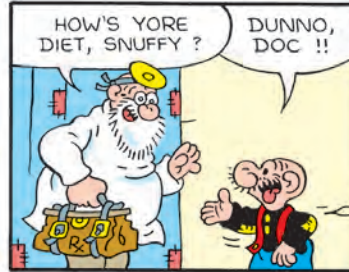
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**GRIN and BEAR IT** Wagner

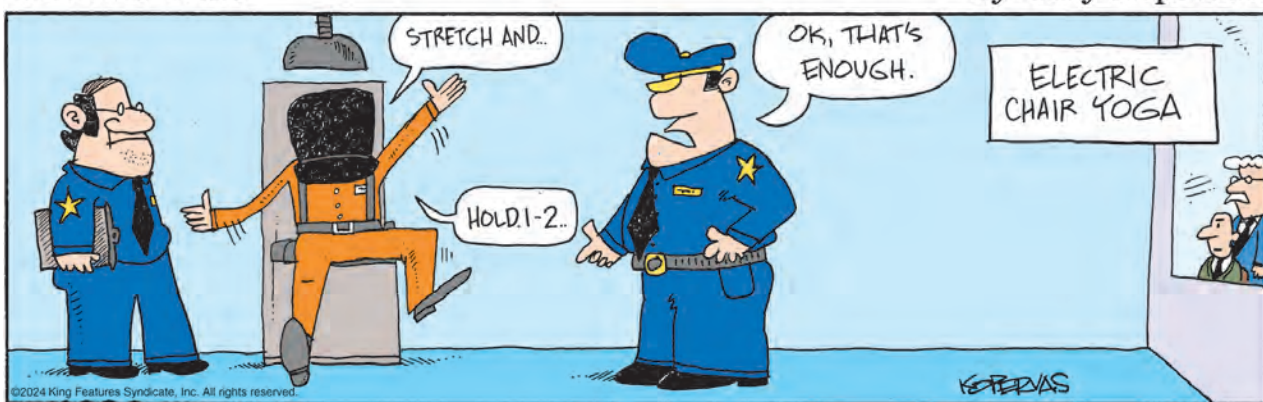


"You'd like this slugger, Adele ... he's batting clean-up."

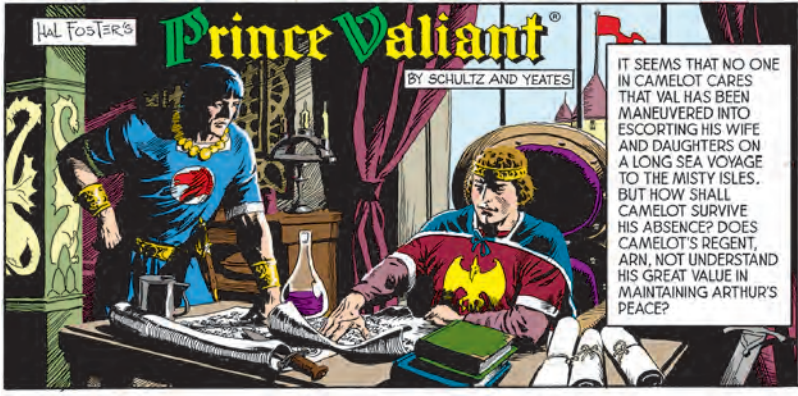


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas







# Americanisms



"They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is thunder and lightning."  
 — Clint Eastwood

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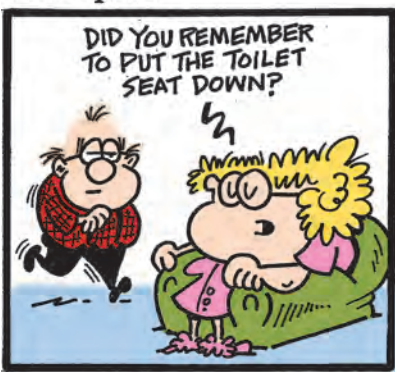
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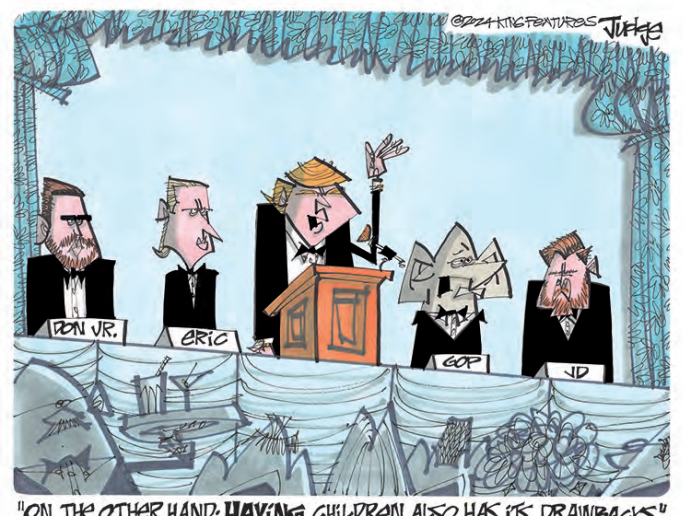
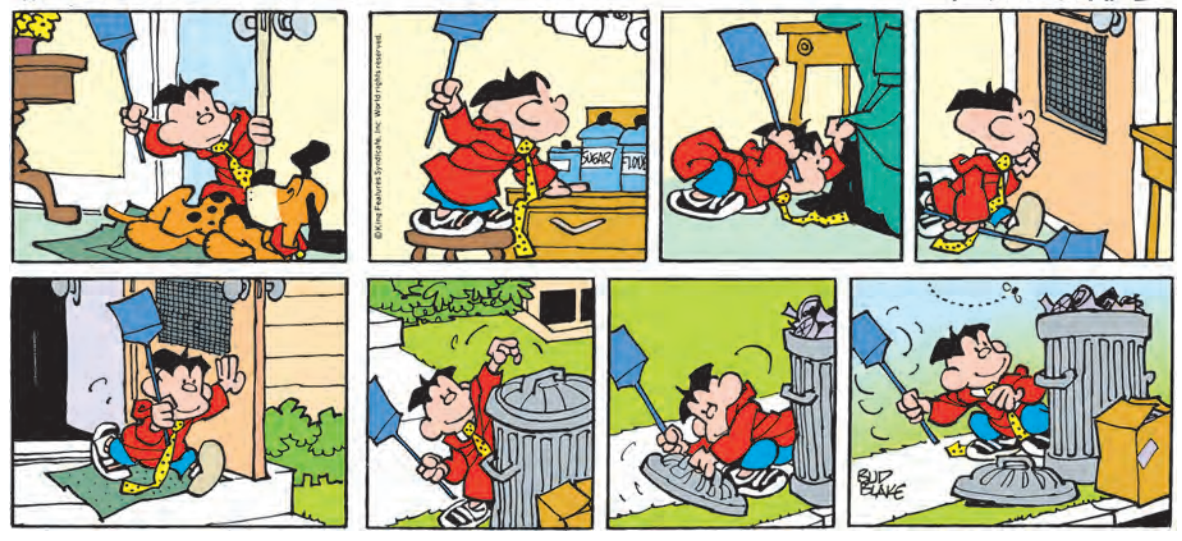
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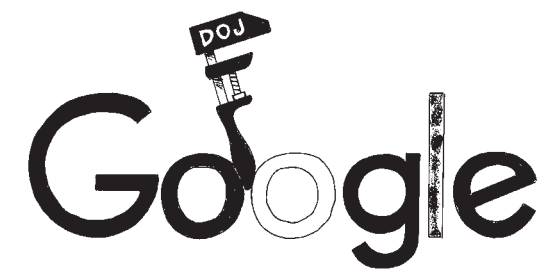


## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE







Q Monopoly

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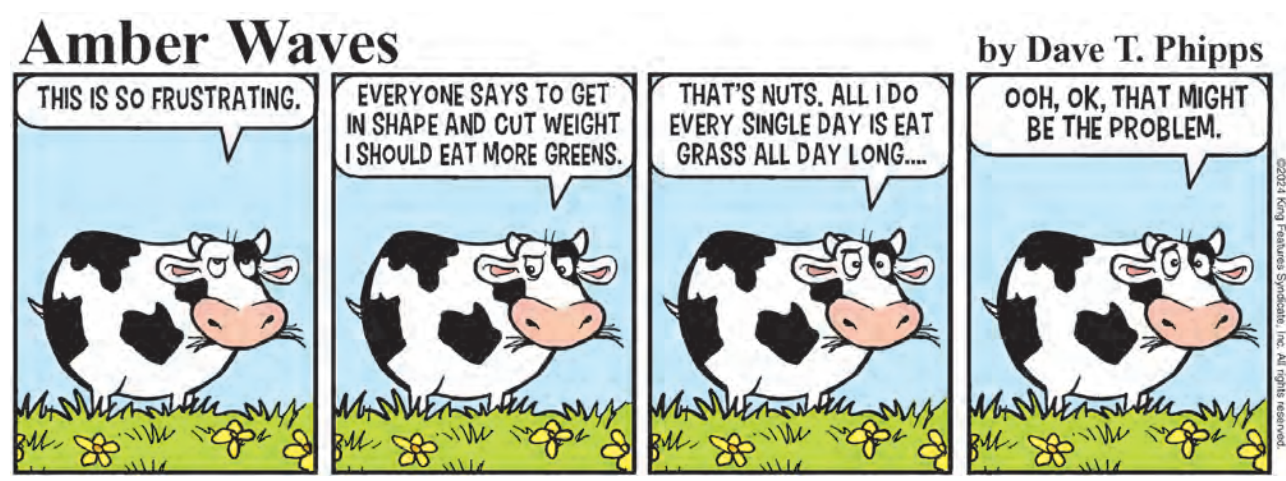


"WHEW! That was close! For a minute there, I was afraid we'd reach a conclusion!"

**Americanisms**



"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear."  
— Rosa Parks







DEAR, WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR "HONEY DO LIST" COME IN AND GET READY FOR THE PARTY. FOR THAT I HAVE A "HONEY DON'T LIST."



**FLASH GORDON**

DALE AND I HAD A BAD LANDING UP IN THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS.

THIS PLACE MAKES MY HEAD FEEL WEIRD. EVERYTHING'S A LITTLE HEAVIER THAN IT SHOULD BE.

I TRY TO FOCUS, BUT ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS HOW THIS WHOLE MESS KICKED OFF...

MONTHS AGO, WE ALL BROUGHT DOWN THE FLAGSHIP, AND THE REIGN, OF EMPEROR MING.

PRINCE BARIN WAS M.I.A. -- WE CROSSED A DESERT, A JUNGLE, AND A LUNATIC TO FIND HIM.

AT BARIN'S WEDDING, I GOT FRAMED FOR A MURDER. DALE AND ZARKOV FOUND THE REAL KILLER, BUT WE STILL HAD TO GO ON THE RUN.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	5		9			1		
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		5	6				9	
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	1				4	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!

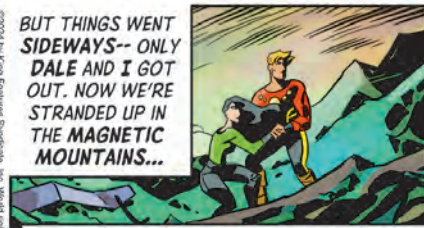
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WE SAW SOME ACTION UP IN FRIGIA. IT WAS FUN, HONESTLY... UNTIL IT WASN'T.



WE ENDED UP IN SKY CITY, WHERE VULTAN STRONG-ARMED US INTO HELPING HIM BUILD A WEAPON. NOTHING FOR IT: WE HAD TO ESCAPE.

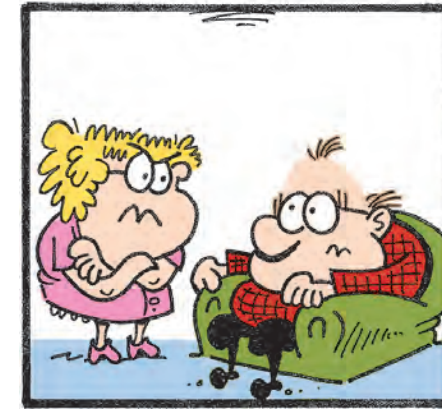


BUT THINGS WENT SIDeways-- ONLY DALE AND I GOT OUT. NOW WE'RE STRANDED UP IN THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS...

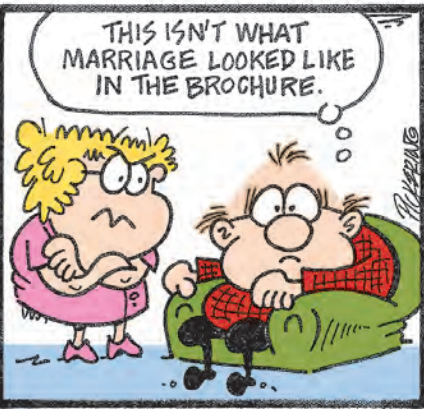
RIGHT BY WHERE MING'S FLAGSHIP CRASHED.

**NEXT: THE KILLING STONE**

### The Spats



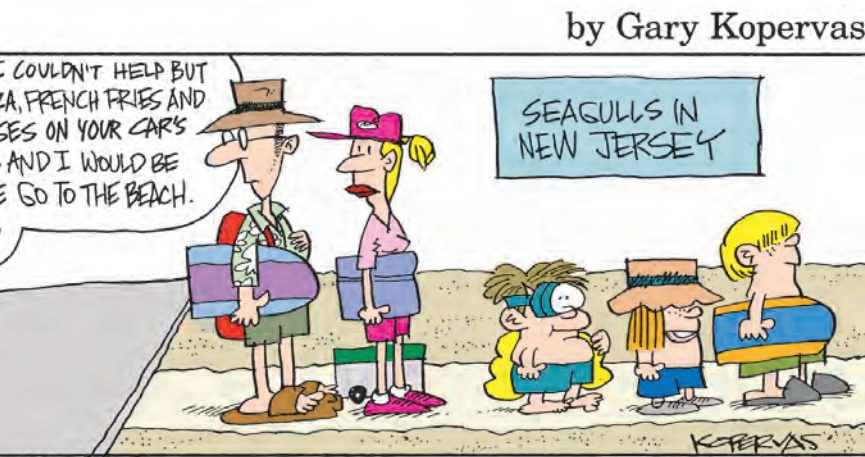
### by Jeff Pickering



### Out on a Limb



SCUSE ME... YOU SEEM LIKE NICE FOLKS. I COULDN'T HELP BUT NOTICE THERE ARE A LOTTA BIRDS EATIN' PIZZA, FRENCH FRIES AND HOT DOGS. GOD FABID ONE OF THEM MESSSES ON YOUR CAR'S WINDSHIELD. FOR \$20, MY ASSOCIATES AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO WATCH YOUR SUV WHILE YOUSE GO TO THE BEACH.



### by Gary Kopervas

## King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	C	S		P	O	L	E		A	L	T	O	
N	R	A		E	G	A	D		R	E	I	D	
D	U	L	L	A	R	D	S		R	E	N	D	
		V	I	C	E				H	I	K	E	S
C	R	A	S	H		S	A	A	B				
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E	D	O		P	E	E	K	S		H	I	E	
F	O	R	W	A	R	D	S		R	E	S	T	
				H	I	V	E		M	I	T	C	H
S	W	A	I	N					I	A	G	O	
T	H	I	N			B	U	Z	Z	A	R	D	S
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### The Garden Bug

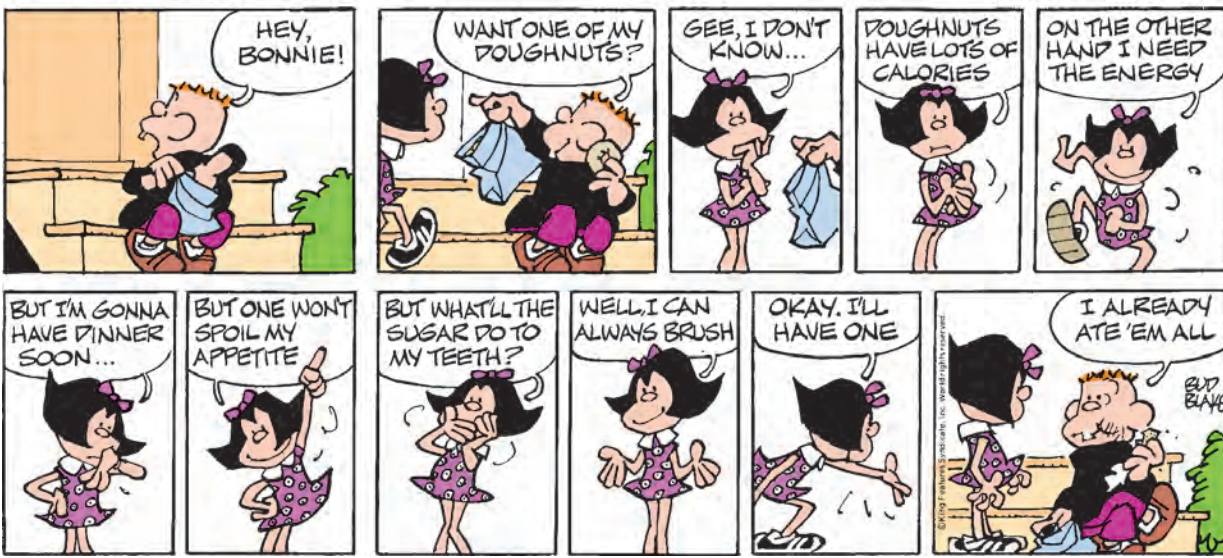
Copper wire  
Wood dowel

#### Electroculture

Researchers have studied the effects of electricity on plants as far back as the 1700s, when it was noticed that trees grew faster beneath the aurora borealis, which is an atmospheric phenomenon involving particles from the sun affecting earth's magnetic field. "Electroculture" gardening uses copper wire to harness natural electromagnetic energy from the atmosphere and conduct it down into the soil, where it interacts with the plants' root systems and increases nutrient and water absorption. It also reduces pest activity and strengthens root development. This improves plant health and growth. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.dictionary.com, www.budget101.com, www.hgtv.com





**WORD LADDERS**

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

**SPORT**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**CHARD**



**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**



*Do not revile the king even  
in your thoughts, or curse  
the rich in your bedroom,  
because a bird in the sky  
may carry your words,  
and a bird on the wing  
may report what you say.*

— ECCLESIASTES 10:20 —

**top ten**

**MOST VALUABLE  
NBA TEAMS: 2024**

1. Golden State Warriors: \$8.28 billion
2. New York Knicks: \$7.43 billion
3. Los Angeles Lakers: \$7.34 billion
4. Boston Celtics: \$5.12 billion
5. Chicago Bulls: \$4.83 billion
6. Los Angeles Clippers: \$4.56 billion
7. Miami Heat: \$4.17 billion
8. Philadelphia 76ers: \$4.13 billion
9. Toronto Raptors: \$4.11 billion
10. Houston Rockets: \$4.05 billion

Source:  
**HoopsHype.com**



**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!

Err

**BELGUN**

Stature

**THIGHE**

Upset

**NAYON**

Attire

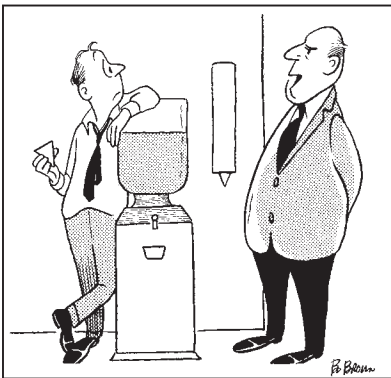
**SLOTECH**

**TODAY'S WORD**

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"I forget, Johnson, are we paying you by the hour or by the \_\_\_\_\_!"







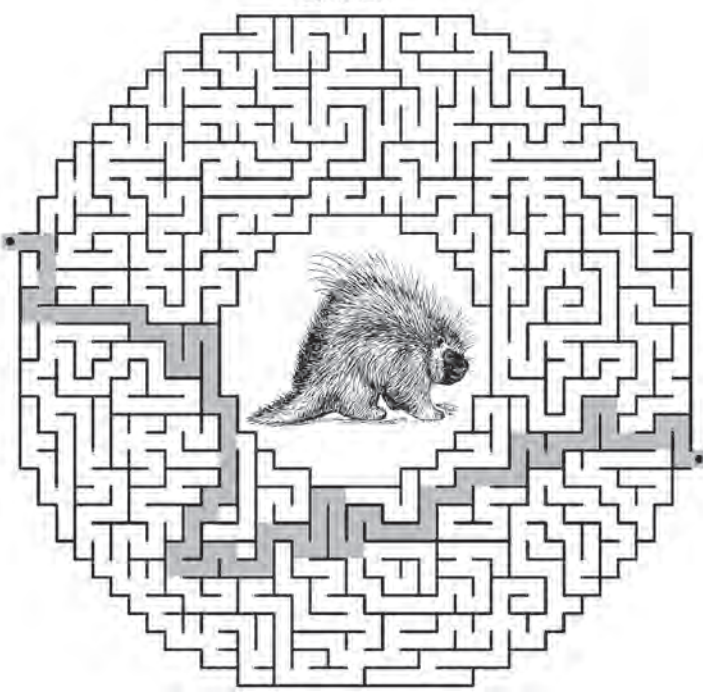
## Super Crossword

Answers

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

## Mega Maze

Solution



## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## CryptoQuip

answer

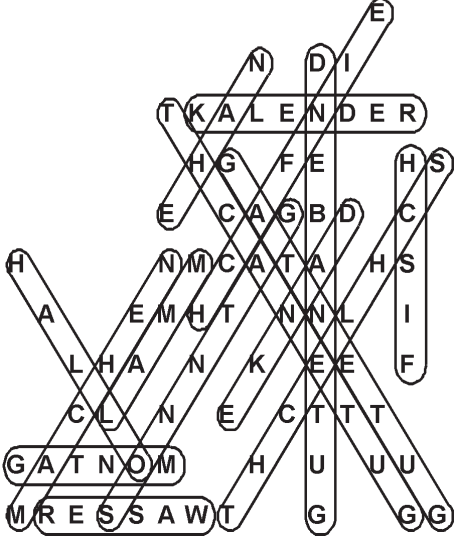
When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?

## CryptoQuote

answer

Interpretation is the revenge of the intellect upon art. — Susan Sontag

## COMMON GERMAN WORDS



## Even Exchange

answers

1. Thing, Think
2. Walter, Waiter
3. Ballot, Ballet
4. Rough, Rouge
5. Prank, Frank
6. Share, Shore
7. Parent, Patent
8. Clint, Flint
9. Scrimp, Shrimp
10. Blond, Bland

## Go Figure!

answers

1	+	9	+	4	=	14
+		+		+		
7	+	3	-	6	=	4
-		÷		+		
5	+	2	×	8	=	56
=		=		=		
3		6		18		

## Sticklers Answer

Here are the famous names from the anagrams:  
GILLIAN ANDERSON  
ELVIS COSTELLO  
RUSSELL CROWE  
DIANE KEATON

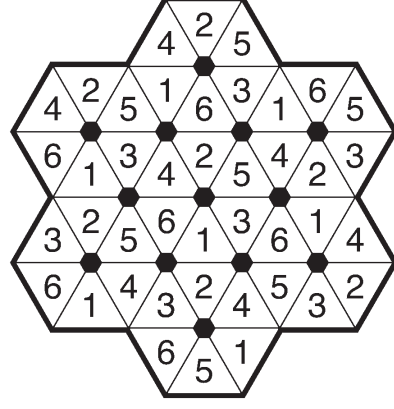
## WORD LADDER

Answer

SPORT, SHORT, SHORE, CHORE, CHORD, CHARD

## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Bungle; 2. Height;
3. Annoy; 4. Clothes

Today's Word

**GALLON**



answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## WORD LADDER

Answer

COVEY, COVER, MOVER, MOWER, POWER, POKER

## KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

I	D	C
E	N	
E	L	R

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