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## Visit Oxford MS Unveils Full Programming for Holly Jolly Holidays

The Holly Jolly Holidays have arrived, and Visit Oxford MS has unveiled the full lineup for its fifth annual celebration, offering even more festive ways to enjoy the season. Taking place now through January 5, 2025, at the new location of mTrade Park, Holly Jolly Holidays will introduce the Walk of Lights, a dazzling display of custom-designed illuminations that pays homage to Oxford's history from the famous Double Decker Bus to the Oxford skyline. Experiential favorites like Oxford's beloved ice-skating rink and Santa visits are also among the festivities at mTrade Park this year, offering one central location for families to experience the magic of the holidays.

"For its fifth anniversary, Holly Jolly Holidays has more ways to make memories with loved ones in Oxford," said Kinney Ferris, executive director of Visit Oxford. "The city is a truly special place every holiday season, and we're thrilled to make it shine even brighter this year with the addition of Walk of Lights."

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



Santa will visit mTrade Park on December 14 from 4:30 to 8 pm and December 21 from 2 to 6 pm.

Holly Jolly Holidays is open from on Wednesdays – Fridays from 4 to 9 pm, Saturdays from 11 am to 9 pm, and Sundays from 4 – 9 pm. The Walk of Lights will open at 4 pm.

All sales and entries must be made before 8:30 pm. Festivities are closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In addition to Holly Jolly Holidays, locals and visitors alike are invited to celebrate the holiday season with these festive activities:

- **Gingerbread Holiday Village** at the Ford Center: December 6-17, 2024
- **Doors of Hope Holiday House Tour:** December 7, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm
- **Holiday Ornament Auction** from local artists: December 13, 2024, from 7 pm to 9 pm
- **Gnome Villages:** Peek in small corners and doorways of local shops along The Square



**Holiday Art Market**  
DEC. 5TH - 11-7 | DEC. 6TH - 9-7 | DEC. 7TH - 9-7

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**Winter Wonderland Art Camp JAN 3 & 6**  
**Art of the Sketchbook with Jerrod Partridge - JAN 9 & 10**  
**Oxford Fiber Festival JAN 24 & 25**  
**The Princess Ball JAN 28, 29 & 30**

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## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

### THURSDAY 12.05.2024

- **Moe's: BINGO**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE BAND** (7:30-10:30 pm)
- **The Powerhouse: Holiday Art Market** (11 am-7 pm); **Theatre Oxford presents PEPPERMINT BEAR & THE TWO-HEADED DRAGON** (milk & cookies reception 5 pm; show 6 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9 pm)
- Ford Center: A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS Live (6 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium: UM Trumpet Ensembles (7:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: JOHN JOJO HERMANN
- Walgreens: Let's Discuss Medicare! info session (10 am-4 pm)

### FRIDAY 12.06.2024

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (10 pm-1 am)
- **The Library: LENOX HILLS** (9 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **The Powerhouse: Holiday Art Market** (9 am-7 pm); **Theatre Oxford presents PEPPERMINT BEAR & THE TWO-HEADED DRAGON** (6 pm)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Rooster's: DAVIS COEN** (9:30 pm)
- Barnard Observatory (University): Fall Documentary Showcase (6 pm)
- Cambridge Methodist Church (Abbeville): First Friday Poetry Night feat. REBECCA JERNIGAN (6 pm)
- End of All Music: In-Store Appearances and Meet & Greet with HAPPY LANDING (2 pm)
- The Lyric: HAPPY LANDING, PRENTISS
- The Mill at Plein Air (Taylor): PLEIN AIR CHRISTMAS MARKET (noon-3 pm)
- Proud Larry's: TACKY TOWNIE CHRISTMAS
- Southside Gallery: Thacker Mountain Radio Holiday Party (6-9 pm)

### SATURDAY 12.07.2024

- **City Hall Pocket Park: LIGHT IT UP Art Experience** (5 pm)
- **Doors of Hope Holiday House Tour 2024** (10 am-3 pm)
- **The Library: THE FENTS** (9 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **The Powerhouse: Holiday Art Market** (9 am-7 pm); **Theatre Oxford presents PEPPERMINT BEAR & THE TWO-HEADED DRAGON** (2 pm & 6 pm)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Rooster's: ST A'S** (9:30 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- 44 CR 411: OPEN STUDIO w/ RON DALE (10 am-4 pm)
- 130 Alderson Rd.: OPEN STUDIO w/ JERE ALLEN (10 am-4 pm)
- Chicory Market: Parent + Child Cookie Decorating Class (4:30 pm)
- Ford Center: Story Time with Mrs. Claus (10:30 am); University of Mississippi Holiday Concert (7:30 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): LOU YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT & OXFORD STRING PROJECT (2 pm)
- Oxford Treehouse Gallery: HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (10 am-6 pm)
- The Pavilion (University): OM MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. LINDENWOOD (7 pm)
- Southside Gallery: Thacker Mountain Radio Holiday Party (6-8:30 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): Kids' Yoga (10 am); Apps & Elfs (3 pm); Gentle Yoga & Meditation (7:30 pm)
- University Museum: FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY (10 am-noon)

### SUNDAY 12.08.2024

- **Funkys: NFL SUNDAY TICKET**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC @ BRUNCH** (11 am-3 pm)

- Kennon Observatory (University): Astrology Open House (5:15-7:15 pm)
- The Pavilion (University): OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. TENNESSEE STATE (1 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): Oxford Film Festival Screening (2-6 pm); AA open meeting (6:30 pm)

### MONDAY 12.09.2024

- **Rooster's: DJ WADE** (9:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Family Storytime (5:30 pm)
- Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): BINGO NIGHT (6:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 12.10.2024

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (9 pm-midnight)
- **City Grocery: Wine Dinner A L'Italienne** presented by Vine Bottle Shop (6:30 pm)
- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 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)
- The Lyric: THE WOOD BROTHERS, JOBI RICCIO
- Oxford Activity Center: Night at the North Pole (5-7 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 12.11.2024

- **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **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)
- Chicory Market: Holiday Wreath Class (5:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: ANDREW DELMASTRO
- The Sipp: Tasting Room: Dirty Santa Sips (5:30 pm)



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### THURSDAY 12.12.2024

- **Moe's: BINGO**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE BAND**  
(7:30-10:30 pm)
- **Rooster's: KARAOKE** (9 pm)
- Proud Larry's: GHALIA VOLT
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): WOVEN feat. GERRY WILSON  
(6:30 pm doors; 6:45 open mic; 7 pm feature)

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### FRIDAY 12.13.2024

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING**  
(10 pm-1 am)
- **The Library: CLAY CORMIER** (9 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS**  
(8 pm-midnight)
- **The Powerhouse: Holiday Ornament Auction** (7-9 pm)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Rooster's: JT MCCAFFREY** (9:30 pm)
- Inn at Ole Miss: A Night with No Ceilings Sneaker Gala (7 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): Parade watch party w/ DJ GORDO (5-10 pm)
- Water Valley Christmas Parade (time TBA)
- Voyager's Rest (Water Valley): ERIC DEATON TRIO with KANE HARRELL & KINNEY KIMBROUGH, plus BOUYEL GAYE

### SATURDAY 12.14.2024

- **The Library: CLAY CORMIER** (9 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS**  
(8 pm-midnight)

- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Rooster's: THE HALF OF IT** (9:30 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): OXFORD CIVIC CHORUS presents Tis The Season Holiday Concert (3 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): Kids' Bracelet Making (10 am); Apps & Elfs (3 pm); Gentle Yoga & Meditation (7:30 pm)

### SUNDAY 12.15.2024

- **mTrade Park: Santa at Holly Jolly Holidays**  
(4:30 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD ON SKATES**  
(3:30-5 pm; BYOSkates)
- Chicory Market: Holiday Pie Class (5 pm)
- Ford Center: Santa in the Village (1 pm)
- Old Armory Pavilion: OXFORD ON SKATES  
(3:30-5 pm)
- The Pavilion (University): OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. SOUTH ALABAMA (2 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): AA open meeting (6:30 pm)

### MONDAY 12.16.2024

- **Snackbar: It's A Wonderful Bar Takeover**  
with Holiday-Themed Cocktails by Sean Magee & Brian Latch (HH 4 pm; Dinner 5:30 pm)

### TUESDAY 12.17.2024

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING**  
(9 pm-midnight)
- **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- Hometown Pizza (Water Valley): TUESDAY TRIVIA (6:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (3 pm)
- The Pavilion (University): OM MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. SOUTHERN (6 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 12.18.2024

- **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **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)

### THURSDAY 12.19.2024

- City Hall Pocket Park: Third Thursday Music in the Park (5-7 pm)
- T.I.N. (Water Valley): OXFORD COMEDY presents Improv Gift Exchange with CONNOR KING + DELISIA NICHOLAS & friends (8 pm)

### SATURDAY 12.21.2024

- **mTrade Park: Santa at Holly Jolly Holidays (2-6 pm)**
- The Pavilion (University): OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE (6 pm); OLE MISS MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. QUEENS (6 pm)
- T.I.N.: (Water Valley): Gentle Yoga & Meditation (7:30 pm)
- **MONDAY 12.30.2024**  
The Pavilion (University): OLE MISS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. ALCORN STATE (6:30 pm) **TV**



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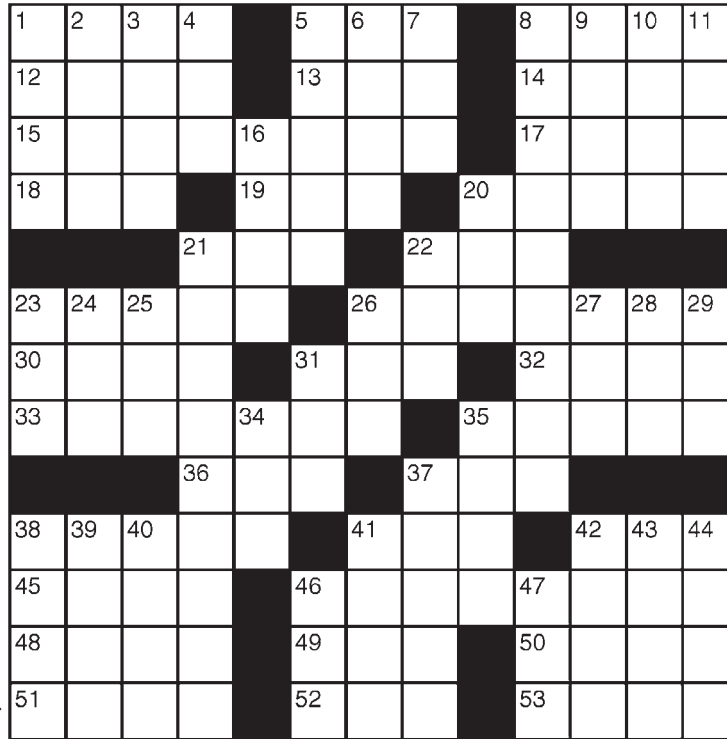
## TV King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Winter coaster
- 5 Gear tooth
- 8 Guesser's words
- 12 "Arrivederci!"
- 13 Notre Dame coach
- 14 German refusal
- 15 Well-known
- 17 Body powder
- 18 "Now, where - I?"
- 19 Novelist Deighton
- 20 One of the Kardashians
- 21 Squeak stopper
- 22 Golfer Trevino
- 23 Lake flock
- 26 Neighbor of Germany
- 30 Penny
- 31 Physique
- 32 Sci-fi race
- 33 Boise native
- 35 Labor group
- 36 Work unit
- 37 Prof's degree
- 38 Presentation aid
- 41 Romance
- 42 "Right you -!"
- 45 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 46 Working
- 48 "Topaz" author
- 49 - Dhabi

### DOWN

- 50 Roman censor
- 51 Ordered
- 52 Prof's helpers
- 53 Strong farm team
- 1 Garbage barge
- 2 Director Wertmuller
- 3 Comestibles
- 4 Homer's lament
- 5 Caravan beast
- 6 Algerian port
- 7 Hiatus
- 8 Getting better
- 9 Authentic
- 10 Missile shelter
- 11 Formerly
- 16 Yale students
- 20 "Community" actor
- Jeong
- 21 Up-and-coming
- 22 Guided
- 23 Biol. or chem.
- 24 Marry



- 25 Santa -- winds
- 26 Mafia boss
- 27 Foreman foe
- 28 Aussie hopper
- 29 Family
- 31 Satchel
- 34 Scrap
- 35 "Oops!"
- 37 VIP on Air Force One
- 38 Sandwich type
- 39 Circle dance
- 40 Bone-dry
- 41 Connecticut Sun's org.
- 42 Trojan War hero
- 43 Memory method
- 44 Black, in verse
- 46 Feedbag tidbit
- 47 -- -friendly

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### MAGIC MAZE ● — WATCH

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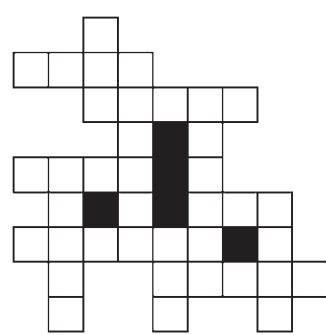
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: WATCH ON A CHAIN

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|----------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Analog   | Fob          | Night  | Stop  |
| Blizzard | Graveyard    | Quartz | Swiss |
| Day      | Middle       | Smart  | Wrist |
| Digital  | Neighborhood | Stand  |       |

## FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!



- SWE
- ♥ GITSNE
- ♥ ERAGE
- OMBO
- OATSNA
- BBI
- FAWI
- ♥ ODWEN
- SAS
- BAFMEL
- ♥ EBSLA
- ♥ TWSE

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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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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THE BULLSEYE 95.5

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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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# TV Super Crossword BREEDS ON THE DECLINE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lagoons
  - 6 Jaunty greeting
  - 10 Basics
  - 14 Aid in crime
  - 18 Full of vitality
  - 19 Purim's month
  - 20 Patio cooker
  - 22 Sage guide
  - 23 Pope after Sergius II
  - 24 Acting Ward
  - 25 "Same here"
  - 26 Arab country
  - 27 Player hitting to prepare for a spike
  - 30 Energetic journalist
  - 32 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
  - 33 Suffix with leopard
  - 34 Caroling song
  - 35 Journalist covering a particular sector
  - 38 To be, to Bardot
  - 39 Lock of hair
  - 40 Dubai's country, for short
  - 41 "Kung Fu Hustle" director and star
  - 45 Canonized Mile.
  - 46 Campers under canvas
  - 50 Field unit
  - 51 Jarred
  - 55 Having no commercials
  - 56 High-scoring hoops shot
  - 59 Met or La Scala frequenter
  - 61 "That didn't escape my notice"
  - 62 Prior to, to bards
  - 63 Pooch's cry
  - 65 Country singer Blake
  - 67 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
  - 69 Swimming sensation at the 1972 Olympics
  - 71 Nine-sided shape
  - 75 Comic buffoon
  - 78 Entertainer Zadora
  - 81 Deli salad
  - 84 Injury rehab professional
  - 86 Scattering in the field
  - 88 Baja blanket
  - 90 Vandals, e.g.
  - 92 Gillette brand
  - 93 Genghis Khan followers
  - 95 Silvery gray
  - 96 Deliverer of a fine spray
  - 99 Text-scanning device, briefly
  - 100 Revises text
  - 103 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
  - 104 130-to-135-pound bout competitor
  - 108 "— Well That Ends Well"
  - 109 Cavity fillers' org.
  - 112 According to
  - 113 Sheriff's star
  - 114 Popular yoga pose ... or something found seven times in this puzzle
  - 117 Color shade
  - 119 Research facility
  - 121 TV "Warrior Princess"
  - 122 Duck with soft feathers
  - 123 Tortilla treat
  - 124 One of the singing Braxton sisters
  - 125 Eternally
  - 126 Love, to Lucia
  - 127 Place of bliss
  - 128 Stuck-up type
  - 129 Relaxation
  - 130 Crowded
- DOWN**
- 1 Give birth, as a whale
  - 2 Margarines
  - 3 Forerunners of cellos
  - 4 Pernicious
  - 5 Like July, order-wise
  - 6 Dinosaurs, so to speak
  - 7 Exemplar
  - 8 Passageway
  - 9 Brand of toothbrushes
  - 10 DOJ heads
  - 11 She wrote "Jane Eyre"
  - 12 Apple quaffs
  - 13 Most sluggish
  - 14 Past time
  - 15 Lousy pieces of advice
  - 16 Rub out
  - 17 Piano fixer
  - 21 Talk like Daffy Duck
  - 28 Past time
  - 29 See 27-Across
  - 31 See 30-Across
  - 36 Sports sites
  - 37 Snitching sort
  - 38 Sort of sword
  - 41 Fill totally
  - 42 Sch. worker
  - 43 Went wrong
  - 44 See 41-Across
  - 45 Give a bias to
  - 47 Wildlife-tracking aids
  - 48 Lulu Hogg player Peggy
  - 49 Stitch up
  - 52 GI address
  - 53 "Blech!"
  - 54 "The Raven" poet
  - 57 Spanish river
  - 58 See 56-Across
  - 60 Red Muppet
  - 64 Infant's cry
  - 66 Nabisco treat
  - 68 Doing sentry duty
  - 70 See 69-Across
  - 72 H.S.-level exam
  - 73 "... bug — feature?"
  - 74 Quarterback great Joe
  - 75 Relief sound
  - 76 Mao — -tung
  - 77 Other, to Gabriela
  - 79 About
  - 80 Petri dish gel
  - 81 Old JFK jet
  - 82 Meadow
  - 83 Haughtiness
  - 85 Gridiron score after a throw, in brief
  - 87 Street urchin
  - 89 Alternative to "Section 2"
  - 91 Steadfast
  - 94 Spring farm machines
  - 97 Earthen pot
  - 98 Interpret wrongly
  - 101 Starts eating, informally
  - 102 "— kick from champagne" (Cole Porter lyric)
  - 104 Milk, in Italy
  - 105 Homer epic
  - 106 Bulb unit
  - 107 See 104-Across
  - 108 Two of Henry VIII's wives
  - 109 Append
  - 110 Active sorts
  - 111 Match up
  - 115 "— Only Just Begun"
  - 116 Very thin coin
  - 118 2,000 pounds
  - 120 See 119-Across

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# Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

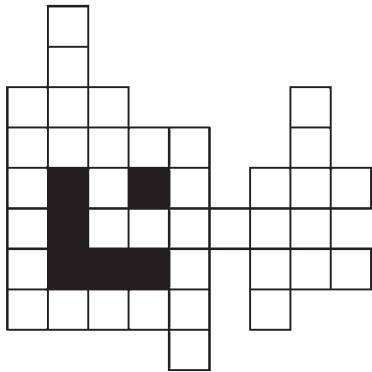
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                       |               |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Gentle             | __ E __ _ _ _ | Kindling              | __ I __ _ _ _ |
| 2. Push               | __ _ O __ _   | Remove whiskers       | __ _ A __ _   |
| 3. Beachwear          | __ _ _ _ _ I  | Using a two-wheeler   | __ _ _ _ _ G  |
| 4. Sit like a bird    | __ E __ _ _   | Veranda               | __ O __ _ _   |
| 5. Garble one's words | M __ _ _ _    | Drop the football     | F __ _ _ _    |
| 6. Gawk               | __ T __ _ _   | Frighten              | __ C __ _ _   |
| 7. Clergy             | __ A __ _ _   | Human being           | __ E __ _ _   |
| 8. Morning brew       | C __ _ _ _    | Confection            | T __ _ _ _    |
| 9. Tree or bush       | __ _ _ _ T    | What pirates may walk | __ _ _ _ K    |
| 10. Tap dancer        | __ _ _ F __ _ | J. Edgar              | __ _ _ _ V    |

## FEAR & KNIGHT By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

- ♥ BOR
- TRODLE
- ♥ WERLO
- ♥ UPML
- ELMRIB
- ♥ GTU
- ODRA
- ♥ EBRUL
- ♥ LPA
- TRUMEA
- ♥ DRELI
- RWGO



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

## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS – "WE" ARE HERE

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters	OWE	WEB	WEE
4 Letters	EWES	WEST	
5 Letters	POWER	ROWED	SEWED
	SWELL	TWEED	WEAVE
6 Letters	ANSWER	STEWED	SWEDEN
	TWEETS	WEALTH	WEIGHT
7 Letters	ALLOWED	BETWEEN	DWELLED
	LOWERED	TWELFTH	

## 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!



"Please, Mother, we refer to this as a wedding reception ... not a \_\_\_\_\_ dinner!"

Lost	SAY TAR	_____	_____
Cancel	E KOVER	_____	_____
Assert	TATES	_____	_____
Lean	LIE CINN	_____	_____

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

*City*  
**GROCERY**  
 RESTAURANT GROUP  
Founded by CHEF JOHN CURRENCE

WHERE OXFORD EATS



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 Tuesday  
 December  
 10, 2024  
 @ 6:30 pm

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FEATURING  
**FARRO BOWLS**

# TV King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Newt
- 4 Former Delta rival
- 7 Very dry
- 11 Bjorn of tennis fame
- 13 Documentarian Burns
- 14 Portrayal
- 15 Afrikaner
- 16 Fire sign?
- 17 Pinnacle
- 18 Lieu
- 20 Trumpet
- 22 Actress Vardalos
- 24 Trite
- 28 Basking venue
- 32 Skiing spot
- 33 Twistable treat
- 34 TV's Danson
- 36 Autobahn auto
- 37 Open-mouthed
- 39 Swiss cheese
- 41 Wards off
- 43 Resort
- 44 Pleasing
- 46 Batter's dry spell
- 50 Spiced tea
- 53 Vitamin stat
- 55 Bangkok cuisine
- 56 Hayloft site
- 57 Whatever

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- 58 Christmas
- 59 Unforeseen problem
- 60 Skillet
- 61 Chart-topping song
- DOWN**
- 1 Recedes
- 2 Shoe insert
- 3 Shade provider
- 4 — -la-la
- 5 Desire
- 6 Sneeze sound
- 7 Basis for repeat purchases
- 8 Sinbad's bird
- 9 City on the Danube
- 10 Golf peg
- 12 Banner at a new store
- 19 Conk out
- 21 "Kidnapped" monogram
- 23 Play part
- 25 Aspiration
- 26 Mimic
- 27 Prefix with conference
- 28 Fly high
- 29 Incite
- 30 Tide type
- 31 Small barrel
- 35 Hosp. workers
- 38 Football's Manning
- 40 Boom times
- 42 Discard
- 45 — St. Vincent Millay
- 47 "Nope!"
- 48 Algeria's neighbor
- 49 Artist Mondrian
- 50 "CSI" aier
- 51 Solo in space
- 52 Altar constellation
- 54 Novelist Rand

# OXFORD'S FAVORITE MARGARITAS

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# The Townies' Local Favorites 2025

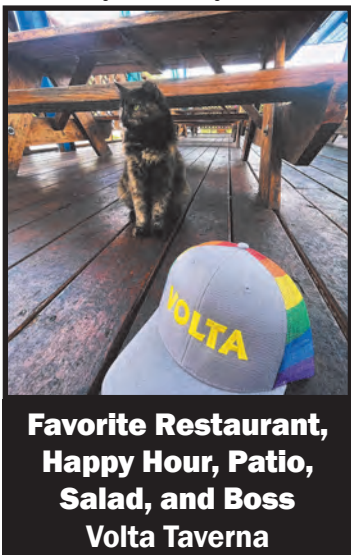
Another year, another round of Townies!

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Besides just wrapping up another trip around the sun, we also get to shine a spotlight on the people, places, and things YOU love about Oxford. We think this town is pretty awesome, and we are so proud to present to you the 16th Annual Local Favorites for this year. Bragging rights for all of 2025!

## Restaurant

1. Volta Taverna
2. Saint Leo
3. SoLa

HM: Ajax Diner, Moe's, McEwen's, Circle & Square, Snackbar, Beacon, City Grocery



**Favorite Restaurant, Happy Hour, Patio, Salad, and Boss**  
Volta Taverna

## Bar

1. Funkys
2. Moe's Penny Bar
3. Library Sports Bar

HM: Bar Muse, City Grocery, Volta, Circle & Square, Blind Pig, Saint Leo, Snackbar

## Asian Food

1. Jinsei
2. Rice & Spice
3. Toyo

HM: Noodle Bowl, Zaap, Kabuki, China Royal, H2O

## Bakery

1. Bottletree Bakery
2. Bremma's Sweet Treats
3. Community Donuts

HM: Just Cake It, Nothing Bundt Cakes

## Barbecue

1. Moe's BBQ
2. Handy Andy
3. B's BBQ

HM: Booth's Barbeque



photo by Jim Hendrix

**Bartender:**  
Andy Douglas

## Bartender

1. Andy Douglas, SoLa
2. Joe Stinchcomb, Bar Muse
3. Kyle Kelly, Moe's Penny Bar

HM: Jesse Sutton (Volta), Peyton Attaway (Funkys), Joe Gillespie (Harrison's), Aaron Hamilton (McEwen's), Bianca Bush, (Penny Bar), Dylan Kerr (Bouré)



**Beer Selection:**  
Circle & Square

## Beer Selection

1. Circle & Square
2. Growler
3. Cash Saver

HM: Blind Pig, Moe's

## Breakfast

1. Big Bad Breakfast
2. First Watch
3. The Beacon

HM: Waffle House, Circle & Square, Bim Bam Breakfast

## Brunch

1. SoLa
2. Saint Leo
3. Big Bad Breakfast

HM: First Watch, McEwen's, Good Day Cafe, Grit, Tallahatchie Gourmet, Waffle House, Quack's

## Burger

1. Handy Andy
2. Good Day Cafe
3. Oxford Burger Company

HM: Phillip's Grocery, Bim Bam Burgers, Mugshots, Circle & Square, Snackbar, Ajax, Blind Pig

## Cajun Food

1. Oby's
2. The LandShark
3. Bouré

HM: Walk-On's, The Velvet Ditch, Ajax

## Catering

1. My Michelle's
2. Taylor Grocery
3. Moe's BBQ

HM: A&N, South Depot, Volta, Elizabeth Heiskell

## Catfish

1. Taylor Grocery
2. Oby's
3. Ajax

HM: LandShark, Moe's

## Chicken/Wings

1. Southern Coop
2. Moe's Original BBQ
3. Jinsei

HM: Ole Coop, Buffalo Wild Wings, City Grocery, Connie's, Guthrie's, Pop-eye's, Zaxby's

## Cocktails

1. Bar Muse
2. Saint Leo
3. Snackbar

HM: SoLa, Volta, City Grocery, McEwen's, Jinsei, The Sipp, Funkys

## Coffee

1. Heartbreak Coffee
2. High Point Coffee
3. Shadrachs

HM: Cafecitos, Common Ground, Circle & Square, Exporadora, Saint Leo, Lost Dog

## Cook/Chef

1. Erika Lipe, SoLa
2. Vishwesh Bhatt, Snackbar
3. Jon Davis, City Grocery

HM: Joel Miller (Kingswood), John Stokes (Tarasque), Rob Brown (Volta), Eric Tait (McEwen's)



**Chef:**  
Erika Lipe, SoLa

## Crawfish

1. The LandShark
2. Velvet Ditch
3. Crawdad Hole

## Delivery Service

1. Fetcht Delivery
2. Door Dash
3. Take a Break

HM: Uber Eats, Jimmy John's

## Dessert

1. Ya Ya's
2. Oxford Creamery
3. McEwen's

HM: Snackbar, Saint Leo, Volta, Insomnia Cookies, Ajax, Bouré, Bremma's



**Security:**  
Maurice Pomerlee

## Doorman/Security

1. Maurice Pomerlee
2. Frankie Shugart
3. Brycen Bartel

## Fine Dining

1. Saint Leo
2. SoLa
3. City Grocery

HM: McEwen's, Snackbar, Kingswood, Oxford Grille-house, Lenora's, Tico's, Tarasque



# THE TOWNIES 2025

## Food Truck

1. El Colibri
2. Cafecitos
3. Fresh Out The Water

HM: G&G's Fry Co., Soul2Soul

## Fries

1. Saint Leo
2. Proud Larry's
3. Volta Taverna

HM: Snackbar, McDonald's, Five Guys, Blind Pig, G&G's Fry Co, Oxford Burger Company, Sonic

## Happy Hour

1. Volta Taverna
2. Snackbar
3. Moe's

HM: Saint Leo, City Grocery, The Library, Funkys, Blind Pig, Proud Larry's, Uno Mas

## Late-Night Food

1. Cookout
2. Waffle House
3. Chicken on a Stick, 4 Corners Chevron

HM: Uno Mas, Square Pizza, Taco Bell



Margarita:  
Uno Mas

## Margarita

1. Uno Mas
2. Volta Taverna
3. El Agave

HM: El Charro, SoLa, Casa Mexicana, Circle & Square, La Perla, Costa Mexicana, South Depot



Mexican Food:  
El Agave

## Mexican Food

1. El Agave
2. El Charro
3. La Perla

HM: Uno Mas, Casa Mexicana, El Colibri, Costa Mexicana, Los Parrilleros, Mis Raíces Sabor Latino

## Pasta

1. Tarasque Cucina
2. Saint Leo
3. Amore

HM: SoLa, Lenora's

## Patio or Deck

1. Volta Taverna
2. Funkys
3. Bouré

HM: Circle & Square, Proud Larry's, Opa, Tarasque, The Coop, City Grocery, Saint Leo

## Pizza

1. Funkys
2. Fergndan's
3. Lost Pizza

HM: Saint Leo, Pizzashop, Fox's Den, Proud Larry's, Marco's, Rosati's, Square Pizza

## Salad

1. Volta Taverna
2. Saint Leo
3. Newk's

HM: Oby's, Bouré

## Sandwich

1. Blind Pig
2. Good Day Cafe
3. Newk's

HM: Oby's, Sammy's, Volta, Ajax, Circle & Square, Pizza Den, Saint Leo

## Server

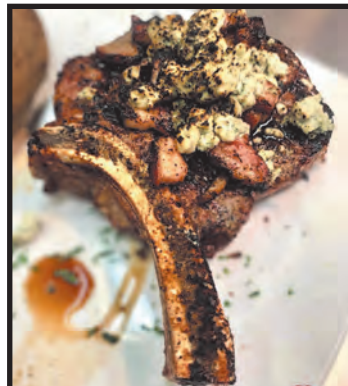
1. Gabby Lott, SoLa
2. Mandy Hunter, Volta
3. Katrina Khonsari, Funkys

HM: Judy Petite (Beacon), Zoe Wilson (Ajax), Malik Richardson (Saint Leo), Max Mobley (Snackbar), Caroline Kasem (McEwen's), Chelsea Brock (Snackbar/Jinsei), Georgia Hogue (City Grocery)

## Soul Food

1. Ajax
2. Mama Jo's
3. Moe's BBQ

HM: Tallahatchie Gourmet, Volta, Oxford Meat Market, Soul2Soul, Larson's Cash Saver, B's BBQ, The Beacon



Steak:  
Oxford Grillehouse

## Steak

1. Oxford Grillehouse
2. Tico's
3. Lenora's

HM: Sizzler, Saint Leo, McEwen's, SoLa, Ajax, Boure, Como, Taylor Grocery

## Sushi

1. Toyo
2. Jinsei
3. Kabuki

HM: Kroger, Noodle Bowl

## Vegetarian

1. Volta Taverna
2. Living Foods
3. Byrdhouse Cafe

HM: Zaap Thai, Blind Pig



Local Business:  
Square Books

## Local Business

1. Square Books
2. Volta Taverna
3. Anubis Improv

HM: Circle & Square, Chicory Market, Magnolia Rental, Annie Paige Photography, Magnolia Cannabis, End of All Music, Moe's

## Most Missed Business

1. Local Color
2. Two Stick
3. The Hoka Theater

HM: Ruby Chinese, The Gin, Lamar Lounge, Abner's, Oxford Canteen, Denver's, Ravine

## Antique Mall

1. The Depot
2. Mustard Seed
3. Sugar Magnolia

## Auto Dealership

1. Cannon Motors
2. Belk Ford
3. Allen Samuels

## Auto Service

1. Deal's Automotive
2. Brannan Auto
3. Belk Ford

HM: Dipstix, Gateway

## Boss

1. Brooke Krizbai, Volta
2. Erika Lipe, SoLa
3. John Allgood, Moe's

HM: Wayne Andrews (YAC), Emily & Joie Blount (Saint Leo), Lee Harris (Funkys)

## Boutique/Clothing Shop

1. Hinton & Hinton
2. Lulus
3. I Just Have to Have It

HM: Landry's, Neilson's



Boutique/Clothing Shop:  
Hinton & Hinton

## Cannabis Dispensary

1. Magnolia
2. Star Buds
3. Slackers

## Farm or Farmer

1. Billy Ray Brown, Brown Family Dairy
2. Reed Falkner, Falkner Farms
3. Farmstead Florals

HM: Poultry in Motion, Doug Davis (Yoknabottoms Farm)

## Grocery Store

1. Chicory Market
2. Larson's Cash Saver
3. Kroger



Grocery:  
Chicory Market

## Gym

1. Planet Fitness
2. The YMCA
3. Ole Miss Rec Center

## Liquor Shop

1. **High Cotton Wine & Spirits Warehouse**
2. **Social Wine & Whiskey**
3. **Campus Wines & Spirits**

HM: Magnolia Wine & Spirits, Kiame Package Store, Vone Bottleshop, Oxford Wine & Spirits, Safari Liquors

## Market (Pop-up, art, flea, etc.)

1. **Oxford Community Market**
2. **Punk Flea Market**
3. **Farmer's Market**

HM: Midtown Farmer's Market, Ox4d Vintage Clothing

## Music Shop or School

1. **End of All Music**
2. **Oxford House of Music**
3. **Roxford**

HM: Ron's Music, Rebel Music

## Nonprofit

1. **Yoknapatawpha Arts Council**

2. **OxCM**
3. **United Way**

## Pharmacy

1. **Chaney's**
2. **OxfordRx**
3. **G&M**

HM: Myers' Apothecary, Kroger, Walmart, Walgreens

## Radio Station

1. **Bullseye 95.5**
2. **94.7 The Buzz**
3. **MPB 90.3**

HM: Supertalk 93.7, Rebel Radio 92.1, Z-98.5

## Salon

1. **Nolan Taylor**
2. **Element on South 11th**
3. **Emma J's**

HM: Studio, DMR Salon, Alice & Co., Amara, Apex, Nailbar, LaRousse

## Stylist

1. **Margaret Hood, Nolan Taylor**

2. **Stephanie Whaley**
3. **Katelyn Berrey**

HM: Dallas Cupit (Mod & Polish), Sarah Kate Purvis (The Studio)

## Smoke/Vape Shop

1. **Slackers Supply**
2. **Yaz Pokémon & Vape**
3. **Spring Street Cigars**

## Local Band

1. **Proud Hound**
2. **Kudzu Kings**
3. **Mustache**

HM: Yalobushwackers, Great Dying, Modern Bodies, Happy Landing, Joe Austin & the Tallahatchies, KC & The Moonshine Band, Neon Junkies

## New Band

1. **Neon Junkies**
2. **Michael Farris Smith & The Smokes**
3. **Proud Hound**

## Actor

1. **Jake Hall**
2. **Susan McPhail**
3. **Davis Coen**

HM: Alyssa Lee, Johnny McPhail

## Art Gallery

1. **Southside**
2. **Oxford Treehouse Gallery**
3. **Powerhouse Community Art Center**

HM: University Museum



# THE TOWNIES 2025

## Artist (Visual)

1. **Anne Scott Barrett**
2. **Bradley Gordon**
3. **Charlie Buckley**

HM: Jere Allen, Ruth Hogue, Lee Harper, Blair Hobbs, Johnathan Kent Adams

## Bass Player

1. **Kane Harrell**
2. **Nate Robbins**
3. **Dave Woolworth**

HM: Newt "Cooter" Rayburn, Greg Johnson, Jesse Sutton, Laurie Stirratt, Matt Patton, Slade Lewis,



DJ & Comedian  
**Chris Green (L) & Connor King (R)**

photo by Stephanie Wheeler

## Comedian

1. **Connor King**
2. **David Hamilton**
3. **Devon Blackmon**

HM: Ayric Bradley, Sophie Krumhansl, Bruce Butler, Logan Little, Stacey Speihler

## DJ or Emcee

1. **Chris Green (94.7)**

2. **Clay Hale**
3. **Jacova Jenkins**

HM: Jim Dees, Max Victory

## Drummer

1. **Justin Webb**
2. **Ricky Burkhead**
3. **Bradley Gordon**

HM: Joe Wells, Beau Bourgeois, Fred Dunlap, Kenny Graeber

## Filmmaker

1. **Antonio Tarrell**
2. **Arkasha McGinnis**
3. **Christopher Tyrell**

HM: Bill Perry, Jr., Shannon Cohn, Jonathan Clayton, John Rash, Thad Lee, Sarah Hennigan

## Guitarist

1. **Clint Jordan**
2. **Connor Alexander**
3. **Tate Moore**

HM: Eric Deaton, Garry Burnside, Kody Harrell, Tyler Keith, Jason Cain, Jesse Pinion

## Horn Player

1. **Casey Lipe**
2. **Jeff Callaway**
3. **Adam Davenport**

HM: Daniel Hodges, Charles Washington

## Keyboardist / Pianist

1. **Bill Perry, Jr.**
2. **Marc Yakavone**
3. **Eric Carlton**

HM: Clint Jordan, Damein Wash, Price Walden

## Photographer

1. **Annie Paige Fields Photography**
2. **Bruce Newman**
3. **Jim Hendrix**

HM: Paul Gandy, Tenola Plaxico



Local Album:  
*Stranger*,  
Baxter Arender

## Local Song or Album

1. **Stranger, Baxter Arender**
2. **A Constant Goodbye, The Great Dying**
3. **"Change This Way of Living," Proud Hound**

HM: "You Are Loved" (Madriq), *Prodigal* (Andrew Bryant), "Hot Cheetos" (Scooby Da Kid), "Peaches" (Southern Groove Redemption)

## Songwriter

1. **Tate Moore**
2. **Clay Hale**
3. **Connor Alexander**

HM: Tyler Keith, Will Griffith, Andrew Bryant, Zach Tillotson, Charlie Mars, Kyle Kite, Heather Laswell

## Sound Engineer / Studio

1. **Shelby Rayburn, Mustache, Vault Entertainment, The Lyric**
2. **Nate Robbins, RNN Studios**
3. **Dial Back Sound**

HM: Jeffrey Reed (Taproot Audio), Blake Gardiner (Proud Larry's)

## Tattoo Artist

1. **Doug Hollis, Oxford Tattoo**
2. **James Taylor, I Love Tattoos**



Local Band, Bass Player, Drummer  
**Proud Hound**





# THE TOWNIES 2025

## Trivia Night

1. Moe's Tuesdays
2. Circle & Square Wednesdays
3. Blind Pig Mondays



Vocalist:  
**Effie Burt**

## Vocalist

1. Effie Burt
  2. Connor Alexander
  3. Damein Wash
- HM: Tate Moore, Zechariah Tillotson



Most Underrated Musician:  
**Clay Hale**

## Most Underrated Musician

1. Clay Hale
  2. Baxter Arender
  3. Haggard Collins
- HM: Kane Harrell, Kyle Kite, Paul Tate

## Entertainment Venue

1. Proud Larry's
  2. The Lyric
  3. The Powerhouse
- HM: Voyager's Rest, Ford Center, Foxfire Ranch

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## Athlete

1. J.J. Pegues
2. Jaxson Dart
3. Sam Kendricks

## Attorney

1. Matt McKenzie
2. Rhea Tannehill
3. Kevin Frye

HM: Jay Carmean, Josh Turner, Blake Douglas, Mona Pittman, Rosamond Posey

## Celebrity Sighting

1. Kevin Costner
2. Morgan Freeman
3. Emeril Lagassi

HM: Dave Portnoy, Eli Manning

## Coach

1. Lane Kiffin
2. Yolett McPhee-McCuin
3. Chris Beard



Community Leader:  
**Mayor Robyn Tannehill**

## Community Leader

1. Mayor Robyn Tannehill
2. Wayne Andrews (Arts Council)
3. Andy Spaulding

HM: Betsy Chapman, Fr. Mark Shoffner, Krik Brummett, Brent Larson, Erin Smith, Jeff McCutchen

## Healthcare Provider

1. Rachel Sledge, Urgent Care
2. Cassie Austin, DNP, FNP
3. Meredith Griffin, Oxford OB/GYN

HM: Nicole Turner, Shaun Helmhout



Realtor:  
**Mary Aquino, Element Properties South**

## Realtor

1. Mary Aquino, Element Properties
2. Dasha McGuinness
3. Shea Turner Foxx

HM: Adam Quick, Brooke Worthy

## Taxi

1. Roy Watson / Roy Boy Taxi
2. Uber
3. Austin Taxi

## Teacher/Professor

1. Cynthia Joyce
  2. Ryne Bankston (OHS)
  3. Ronnie McGennis
- HM: Sommer Husbands (OHS), Cody Donahue

## Children's Event

1. Christmas Parade
2. 4th of July Parade
3. Square Books Jr. Story Time

HM: Holly Jolly Holidays, Princess Ball



Writer:  
**Michael Farris Smith**

## Writer

1. Michael Farris Smith
2. Ace Atkins
3. Clay Hale

HM: Randy Weeks, Wright Thompson, Beth Ann Fennelly, John T. Edge, Max Hipp, Shane Brown

## Church

1. Saint Peter's
2. OUUMC
3. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

HM: Oxford Church of Christ, First Baptist Oxford, First Presbyterian, Pinelake

## Family Entertainment

1. Premiere Lanes
2. Malco Commons
3. Sports events

HM: Christmas Parade, Double Decker

## Local Event

1. Double Decker
2. The Armando, Anubis Improv
3. Iron Bartender

HM: North Mississippi Hill Country Picnic, Oxford Film Festival, Tackie Townie Christmas, 4th of July Parade, Thacker Mountain Radio

## Mississippi Brand

1. Cathead Vodka
2. Wonderbird Spirits
3. Wildfire in Wonderland

## New Addition to Town

1. The Velvet Ditch
2. Circle & Square
3. Connie's Chicken

HM: Myers Apothecary, Element Properties, Magnolia Dispensary, Booth's BBQ, Exploradora Coffee, Myers' Apothecary

## Place for a First Date

1. Saint Leo
2. Sola
3. Volta

HM: SnackBar, Circle & Square

## Public Art

1. Yokna Sculpture Trial
2. "Here in Spirit," Hoka mural
3. Greetings from Oxford mural



Townie:  
**Chico Harris**

photo by Jim Hendrix

## Townie

1. Chico Harris
2. Randy Yates
3. Bruce Newman

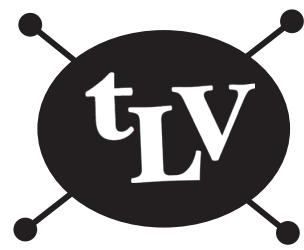
HM: Jim Dees, Randy Weeks, Andy Douglas, Dudley Prewitt, Freddie Foster, Wayne Andrews

## Roundabout

1. HWY 30 / Molly Barr
2. none of them!
3. Old Taylor Rd.

HM: S. Lamar & Belk Blvd



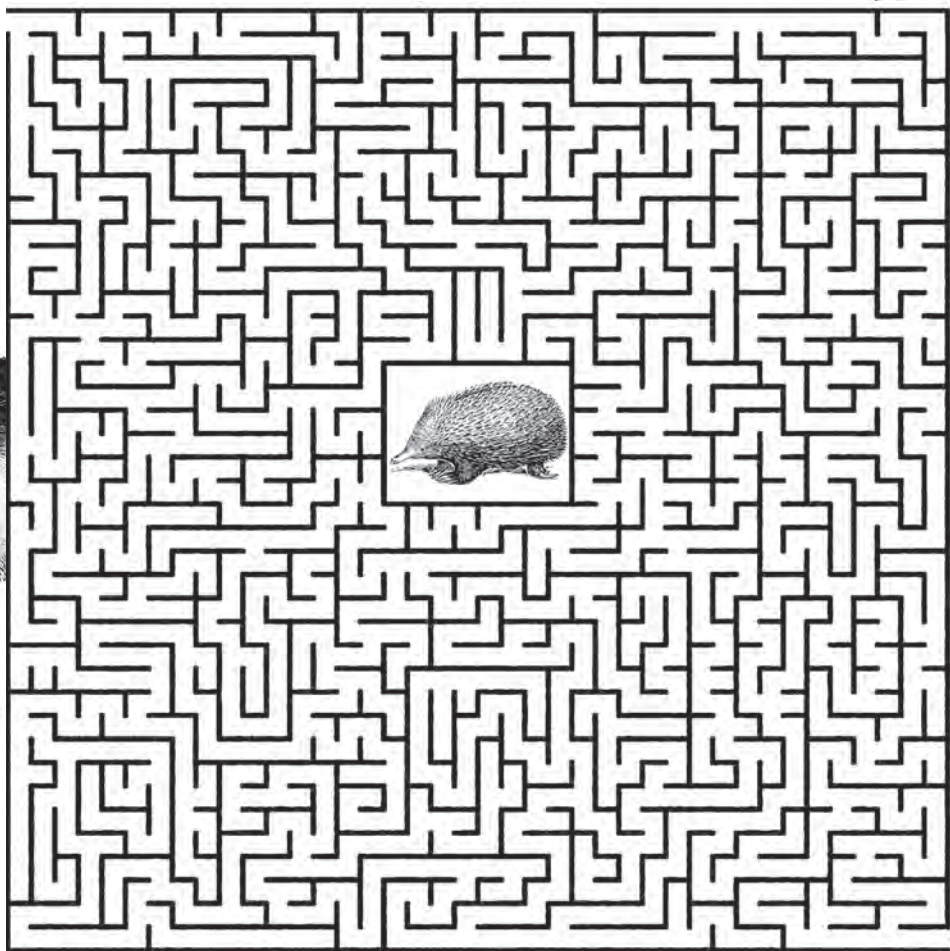


# Mega Maze



# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

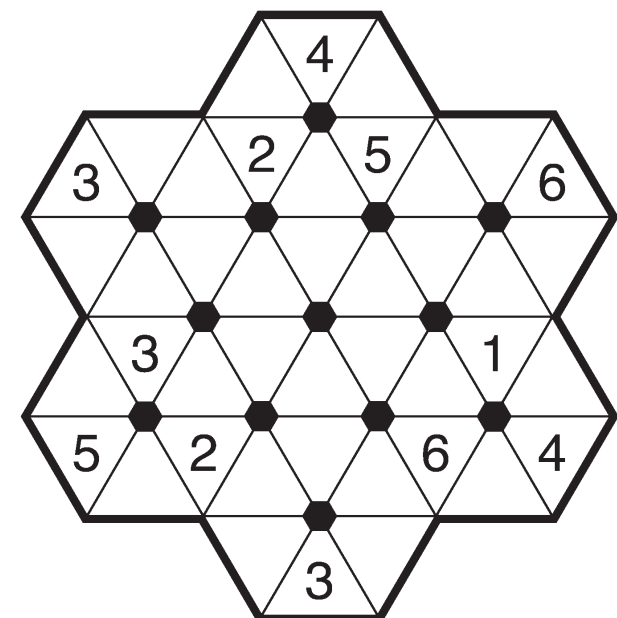


- ANATOMY:** Where is the glabella located in the human body?
- LITERATURE:** In children's books, what is the name of the Big Red Dog?
- GEOGRAPHY:** In which country would you find the 98-foot-tall Christ the Redeemer figure?
- GAMES:** What number is represented by the phrase "two little ducks" in bingo?
- SCIENCE:** What percentage of air is nitrogen gas?
- MUSIC:** When did Rock the Vote, an organization that encourages young people to vote, come into being?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1970s comedy show features the theme song "Come On Get Happy"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which month of the year has the least number of letters?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is first alphabetically?
- MOVIES:** Which 1983 movie features a character named Tony Montana?

ANSWERS BELOW

# SNOWFLAKES

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

E'F ZYQZET IVZI EY RBK  
JBBG ZI Z IVEAO JBAO  
LABKOV, EI JBHLH ZJJ BY  
EIH FLZAEAO.  
- ZATR PZQVBJ

## 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: A equals P

HDXC GKV AKAVFWEX WC  
XIAEG IXWQKH HNED FKEL KT  
IWFX LDXXA, N'Q BKCLNQXU  
EDWE UWI-NTNBWENKC.

## 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.

	+		-		=	8		
+		+		-				
	-		÷			= 3		
-		-		×				
	-		+			= 11		
=		=		=				
5		7		24				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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

Answers: 1. Between the eyebrows 2. Clifford 3. Brazil 4. 22 5. 78 percent 6. 1990 7. "The Partridge Family" 8. May 9. Alabama 10. "Scarface"



"What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a new job the next day."

— Phyllis Diller

(July 17, 1917 – August 20, 2012)



## Rebel Wine & Spirits

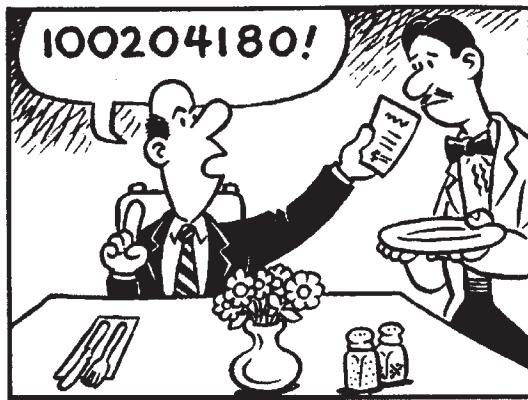
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## STICKELERS

Below is a circle that has been divided into 11 regions using four straight lines. This is the maximum number of regions that can be created with four lines.

Can you determine the maximum number of regions that can be created using six straight lines?



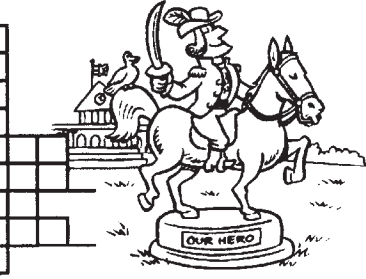
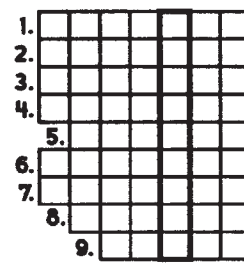
WHEN THIS MAN SAT DOWN TO EAT, the waiter, by mistake, gave him someone else's check. What did the man say to the waiter?

Answer: "I ought naught to owe for I ate nothing."

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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### A "CAPITAL" CHALLENGE!

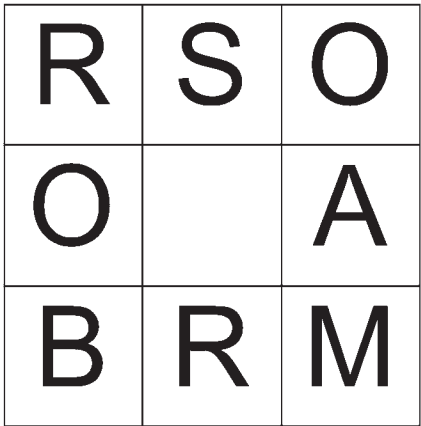
In our puzzle grid, there is room to list nine state capitals. Below are the names of the states. Can you furnish their capitals?

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Maine          | 6. Maryland     |
| 2. New Mexico     | 7. North Dakota |
| 3. North Carolina | 8. Ohio         |
| 4. Arizona        | 9. Oregon       |
| 5. Connecticut    |                 |

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in the grid. If you correctly name the nine state capitals, the letters in this frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a 10th state capital.

Answers: 1. Augusta, 2. Santa Fe, 3. Raleigh, 4. Phoenix, 5. Hartford, 6. Annapolis, 7. Bismarck, 8. Columbus, 9. Salem. The state capital's name in the dark frame is St. Paul (Minnesota).

## KNIGHT MOVES



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.

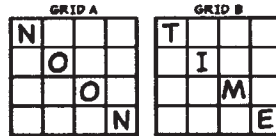
### A CREEPY CRAWLY QUESTION!

"A little bug, alert and alive, climbed up a door ninety inches and five. If every day it climbed up eleven, and every night it dropped back seven, How many days, without a stop, did the little bug travel to reach the top?"

Answer: 22 days

YOUR "NOONTIME" PUZZLE BREAK! 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.

- Fit together in a stack.
- To get dirty.
- A formal occasion.
- A sharp edge.

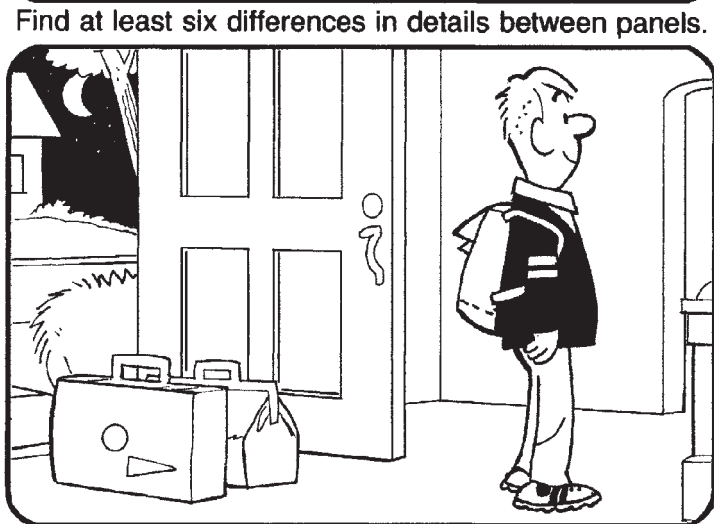
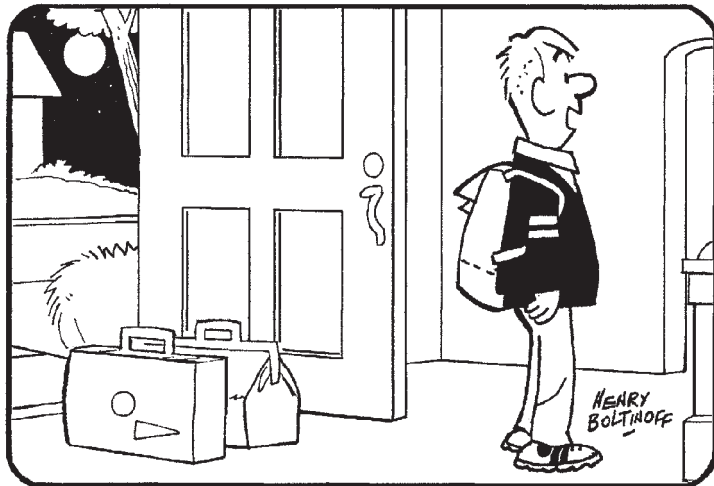


- Our counting system.
- A missile shelter.
- To win easily.
- A joint.

Answers: 1. Nest-tens, 2. Soil-silo, 3. Prom-romp, 4. Keen-knee

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.  
Differences: 1. Suitcase is larger, 2. Backpack is smaller, 3. Moon is different, 4. Window is added, 5. Mouth is closed, 6. Bush is larger.

## 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. Welcome         | ___ _ _ E _ _ | Fantastic        | ___ _ _ A _ _ |
| 2. Coagulate       | ___ _ R _ _ _ | Snuggle          | ___ _ D _ _ _ |
| 3. Rigid           | ___ _ N _ _ _ | Harass           | ___ _ A _ _ _ |
| 4. Actress Shields | ___ _ _ _ _ E | Babbling streams | ___ _ _ _ _ S |
| 5. Belt location   | ___ A _ _ _ _ | Watch location   | ___ R _ _ _ _ |
| 6. Cowardly color  | Y _ _ _ _ _   | Bull's roar      | B _ _ _ _ _   |
| 7. Idea            | ___ O _ _ _ _ | Country          | ___ A _ _ _ _ |
| 8. Thirst quencher | ___ _ T _ _ _ | Thin biscuit     | ___ _ F _ _ _ |
| 9. Snow segment    | ___ _ K _ _ _ | Flash of fire    | ___ _ _ R _ _ |
| 10. Summons        | ___ _ V _ _ _ | Provoke          | ___ _ C _ _ _ |

## WORD LADDERS

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

BRAID

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GAINS

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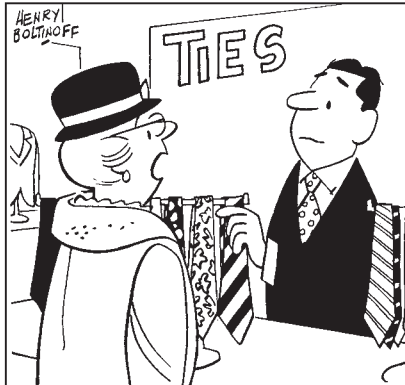
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## SCRAMBLERS

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!

Cringe  
CREOIL

Expert  
TAPED

Gripe  
TABLE

Adorn  
PARED

**TODAY'S WORD**

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## University of Mississippi Teams With Kroger to Fight Student Hunger

Kroger customers are encouraged to round up their totals at checkout during December in support of the Ole Miss's on-campus food pantry. Shoppers can choose to round up to the nearest dollar or donate \$1, \$5 or \$10 to help the Grove Grocery restock its shelves and freezers.

## University of Mississippi Team Aims to Curb Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana Use in Lafayette County

"The goal of this project is to create a coalition of community members from 12 different sectors—things like public health organizations, local schools, religious organizations, or youth-focused groups—with the aim of reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana in Lafayette County," Sarah Bilsky said.

## VOX Press to Publish "Unit 29: Writing from Parchman Prison" December 2024

*Unit 29* is a collection of writings from over 30 Mississippi inmates housed in the infamously brutal Unit 29 at Mississippi State Penitentiary, better known as Parchman Farm. The book is not a comfortable literary work, but rather a cry for help from deep within a monstrous and insatiable beast known as Unit 29, Parchman.

## Lafayette County Master Gardeners: "Winter Flowers"

As cold weather makes its way to Mississippi, the vibrant colors of summer and fall begin to fade. Winter months are traditionally very bland in terms of landscape, but they do not have to be!

## More Headlines

**Know Your Bartender: John McGee at Booth's BBQ**

**University of Mississippi Pharmacy Alumna Honors Grandparents With Scholarship**

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**Lafayette-Oxford-University Youth Symphony and Oxford String Project Set Concert**

**University of Mississippi, Mississippi State Partner on Accelerated Law Degree**

**News You Can Use: Help Preserve Life-Saving Antibiotics**

## Local Crime:

Abbeville Woman Arrested After Oxford Police Say She Intentionally Collided With Another Vehicle on University Avenue

Arrest Made in Oxford for Exploitation of a Vulnerable Person, Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon, and Possession of a Stolen Firearm

Horn Lake Man Arrested on Heritage Drive in Oxford for Motor Vehicle Theft

Arrest Made for Burglary of a Dwelling on Chickasaw Road

Outstanding Warrant for Commercial Burglary in Oxford Finally Served Nearly One Year Later

Oxford Police Department and Lafayette County Sheriff Offer Reward to Help Identify Auto Burglars **TV**

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# Strange BUT TRUE

- In cities like **Seattle** and **Des Moines**, the number of parking spaces per acre is about five to 20 times that of residential units.
- Spiked and studded dog collars derive from the days of the ancient **Greeks**, who would give their sheepdogs sharply spiked collars to protect their necks from wolves while they watched over a shepherd's flock at night.
- A theory suggests that the entire internet, based on the mass of moving electrons, weighs about as much as a strawberry.
- The "Ding" bowl, purchased for \$3 at a **New York** garage sale, turned out to be a 1,000-year-old **Chinese** bowl from the **Northern Song Dynasty**. It later sold at auction for \$2.2 million.
- **Big League Chew** bubblegum created its biggest-ever pouch for **Shaquille O'Neal**, at an impressive 24 inches by 18 inches, more than 15 times the size of a regular pouch.
- The square dance is the official state dance (or folk dance) of 24 states.
- **Ancient Roman** artisans created a glass chalice known as the **Lycurgus Cup** with nanoparticles of gold and silver so the type of liquid it contained would determine its appearance. On display, the cup appears jade-green when lit from the front, but blood-red when lit from behind.
- **Nepal's Kusunda** language has no words for yes or no, or for directions such as left or right.
- **Modern Olympics** founder **Baron Coubertin** tried to create an Olympic event combining a 14-km race with a written essay to demonstrate prowess in mind and body. It never made it to the starting block.
- Contrary to popular belief, the bottom figures on a totem pole usually hold the most significance, as their placement keeps them closer to viewers.

**Thought for the Day:** "The key is in not spending time, but in investing it." – **Stephen R. Covey **TV****

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# Interview with Rudolph

Last week I had the unique opportunity to have an interview with one of the most elusive characters associated with Christmas—Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. I kid you not! My interviews have always been on The Balcony, but Rudolf was wary of being in such a public place so we met on the Whirlpool trails at midnight on Thanksgiving Day. Rudolph figured—and rightly so—that it would be very unlikely for humans other than I would be there and that, since deer sightings are common on the trails, he'd pretty much blend in. (Of course he had to put a Velcro cap with vents for breathing over his red nose for secrecy.)



*Well, it's kinda like the NFL draft. We practice, we do our thing in small venues, then Santa decides who he needs to join the herd. We actually have a back-up team should we need them, but so far we've been good.*

So you did tryouts for Santa.

*Duh! If you were Santa wouldn't you want to get the best reindeer for the job?*

Of course. How did you get to be the team leader? I mean, all the other reindeer must have wanted to take the lead.

*Perhaps. But Dasher had a pulled hamstring, Dancer had a sprained ankle, Prancer was always pirouetting, Vixen, well, Vixen was doing what vixens do. Comet was always running like a bat out of hell, Cupid was trying to get ahead of Vixen, Donner was obsessed with his wardrobe, and Blitzen was a bit of a problem. He was always making bags of crap (literally) to drop on the houses of all the naughty children.*

Not ashes and switches and bowlegged britches?

*Nope. That was all made-up cause Santa didn't want that to be put in print. I guess now it will be. I hope I don't catch hell for it!*

Alright. I know our time is limited. What's your favorite part of delivering gifts?

*Good question. We don't get to see people opening their gifts because by the time they all wake up we're back at the North Pole eating hay. But we hear reports and they warm our hearts. You see, Randy, this season is not all about presents. The real Christmas is in your heart. It's about family, friendships, belief, hope, and love. Most of all love. And not just Christmas. There are other celebrations like Hanukkah and Kwanza and a few others and at the center of all of these is the most important word in the human languages—love. Capeesh?*

Capeesh, Rudolf.

*Hey—from now on you can call me Rudy. All my friends do. Gotta go now and get back to training. Santa's like a drill sergeant this time of year. It's been nice talking with you.*

Same here Rudy.

And with that he took off heading north. But as he was leaving he looked back and said,

*Merry Christmas, Randy.*

*Merry Christmas, Rudy.*

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

*Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Board Certified TeleMental Health Provider, Certified Shamanic Life Coach, ordained minister, singer-songwriter, actor, and writer. He always loved getting cap pistols and cowboy outfits for Christmas. 🤠*

I got to the trails a bit early and waited in the stillness of the night. Sure enough, exactly at midnight Rudolph flew in. I was nervous and dumbfounded. Rudolph, sensing my state of bewilderment tinged with fear, nuzzled up to me and spoke.

*Hi, Randy. It's good to see you again!*

Again? We've never met before!

*Not officially, but I've been coming to your house for sixty-eight years now.*

Oh...I get it. You've been delivering gifts to me all my life.

*Yep. I was leading the team that lit on your rooftops.*

You were so quiet. I never knew you'd come and gone.

*Yeah. We're good at that. Trick of the trade.*

Why are you here now?

*I heard you wish that you could interview me. Santa decided to give you an early Christmas gift, so here I am!*

Wow! This is beyond imagination!

*Another trick of the trade. Now what do you want to ask me? I've only got a few minutes before I have to go back to the reindeer training camp.*

Training camp?

*Yeah. We have to stay in shape all year to be able to pull Christmas off.*

Oh. I get it. Okay. I'll get right to it. I read that you didn't join up until 1939. How did you get picked to be on Santa's reindeer team?



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**"Amadelle, 1928"**

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Fri-Sat: 11 am-10 pm  
Sun: 11 am-8 pm  
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Sun: 9 am-7 pm  
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Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm  
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Thur: \$4 domestics  
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buckets  
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### OPA!

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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: Take A Break 🚚

### Oxford Grillehouse

114 Courthouse Square  
Tue-Wed, Sun: 4:30-9 pm  
Thu-Sat: 4:30-10 pm

### Southern Coop

New Location: 705 Sisk Ave.  
Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm  
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### Tallahatchie Gourmet

1221 Van Buren Ave  
Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm  
Brunch Sat & Sun 11:30 am-3 pm

### Rafters on the Square SnackBar

1006 E Jackson Ave  
Sun-Mon: CLOSED  
Wed-Fri: 5 pm-1 am  
Sat: noon-1 am  
Fri & Sat: DJ DRUMM  
+ \$2 White Claws

### Quack's

122 Courthouse Square  
Mon: 4 pm-close; \$1 off drafts  
Tues: CLOSED; PRIVATE PARTIES  
Wed-Thu: 4 pm-1 am  
Fri: noon-1 am; Free Fry-day  
Sat: 11 am-1 am;  
Brunch 11 am-3 pm  
Sun: 11 am-9 pm;  
Brunch 11 am-3 pm;  
Mimosa deals & \$8 Espresso  
Martinis; \$1 off cocktails til 9 pm  
Happy Hour: Wed All Day;  
Thu-Fri 4-6 pm: 2-for-1  
wells, \$1 off all beer & seltzers

### Rooster's

114 Courthouse Square  
Mon-Sat: 3 pm-1 am, Sun till 9pm  
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

922 E Jackson Ave  
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

### SoLa

401 S Lamar Blvd  
Wed-Sat: 5-9 pm  
Sun Brunch: 10:30 am-1:30 pm  
Happy Hour 5-6 pm: \$5 fresh  
Margaritas & Happy Hour Snacks  
Wed: Spaghetti + \$5 wine  
Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

### Uno Mas

1101 E Jackson Ave  
Mon-Sat: 11 am-10 pm  
Sun: 11 am-9 pm  
late night menu Thu-Sat  
Happy Hour 3-6 pm: \$3 tacos;  
\$6 house Margaritas (\$20  
pitchers); 2-for-1 domestics; 1/2-  
off appetizers  
Tues: HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY,  
Sat: \$5 Frozen & \$20 Frozen  
pitchers  
Sun: Service Industry Sunday

### Volta Taverna

710 N Lamar Blvd  
Mon-Thu: 11 am-9 pm;  
Fri-Sat: 11 am-9:30 pm;  
Happy Hour 4-6 pm:  
\$1 off all drinks  
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Mojitos every Mon, Thu &  
Sat 🍷



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Toyo  
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The Blind Pig  
Back 9  
Maharaja  
Boure  
Greenline Salads  
Proud Larry's  
Amore  
Venice Kitchen  
Walk On's  
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Costa Mexican  
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Taco Bell  
Wendy's  
Zaxby's

Firehouse Subs  
Jimmy John's  
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Newk's Eatery  
Oby's  
Buffalo Wild Wings  
Chicken Salad Chick  
Connie's Chicken  
Guthrie's Chicken  
Ole Coop  
Southern Coop  
Wingstop

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Checkers  
Dairy Queen  
Mugshots Grill  
Beacon  
Phillips Grocery  
Oxford Burger Co.

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Daiquiris  
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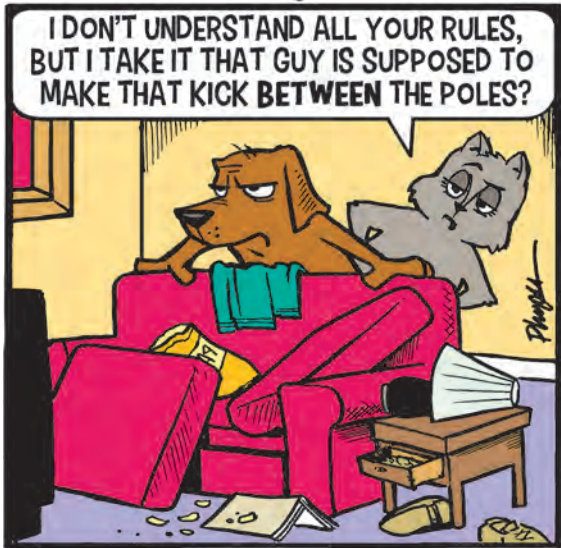
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



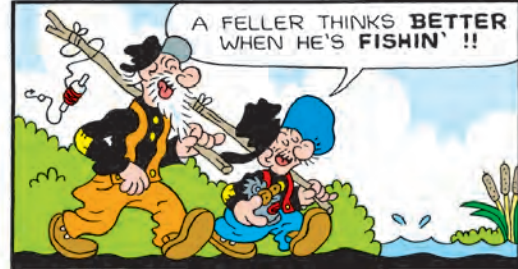
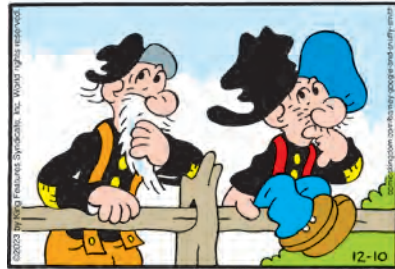
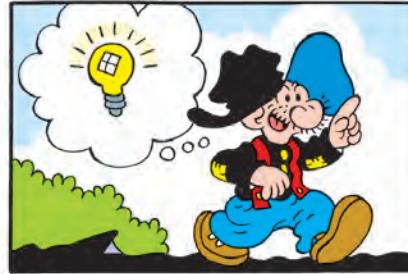
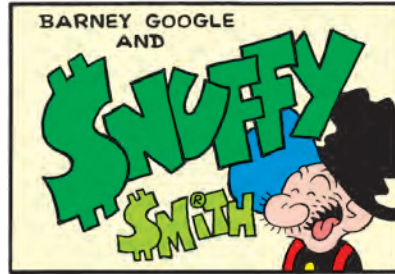
## GRIN and BEAR IT



"My client was merely trying to finish his Christmas shopping early ... before the stores opened."



DONALD TRUMP PICKS HIS STAFF



## Out on a Limb

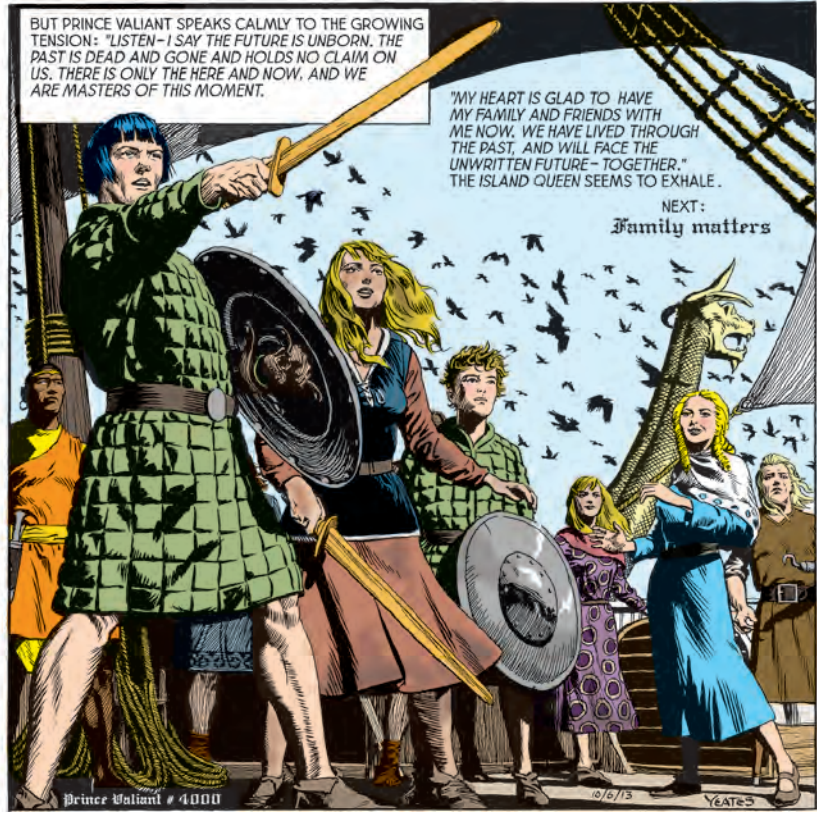
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# Americanisms



"If we make it through December, everything's gonna be all right, I know."  
 — Merle Haggard



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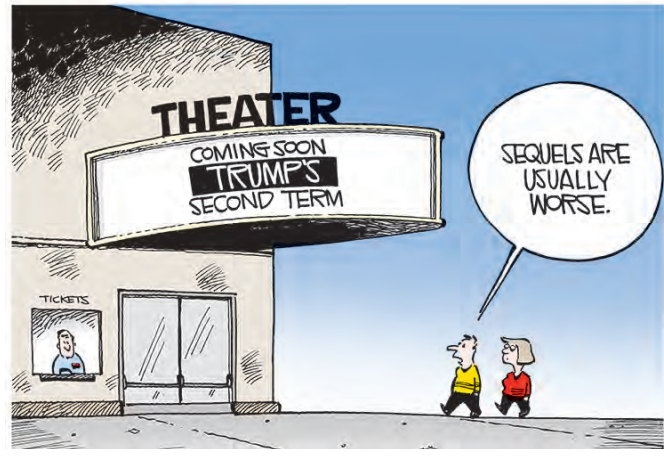
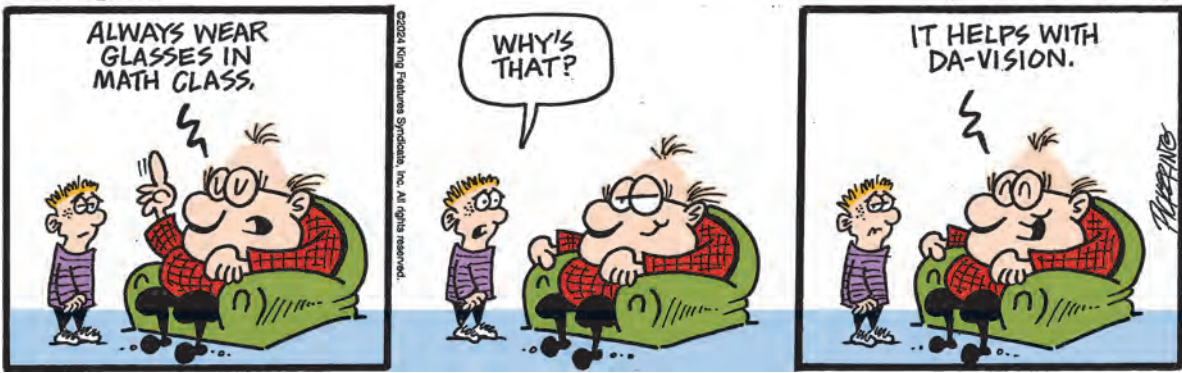
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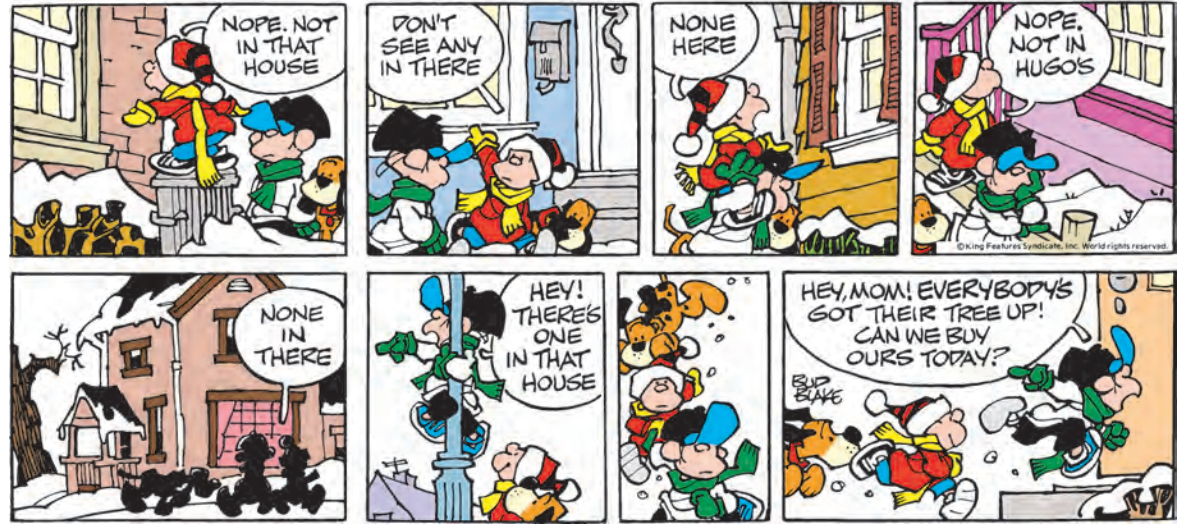
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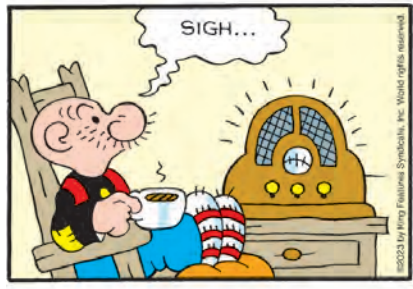
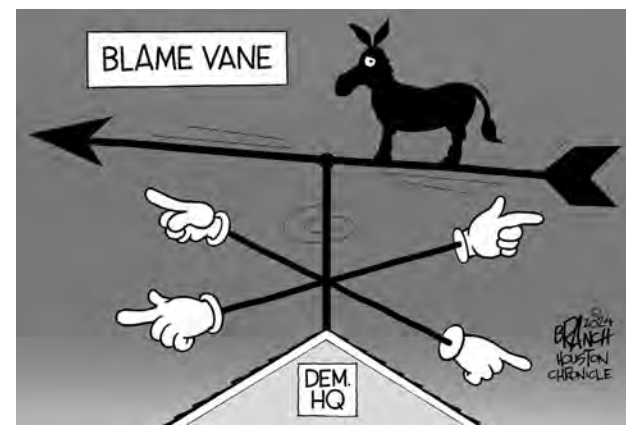
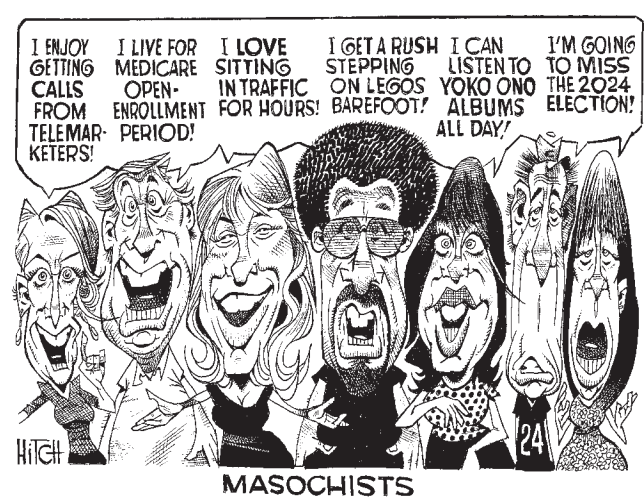
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"Rodney will be here in a moment. ... He's flirting with your receptionist."

# Americanisms

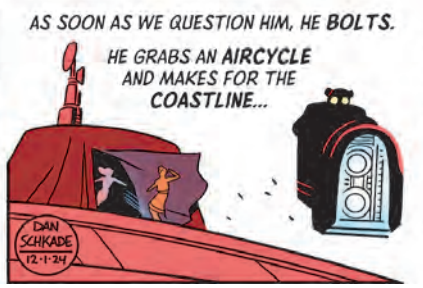
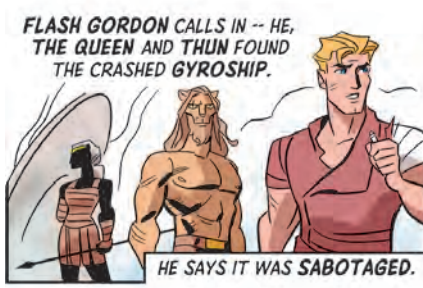


"You can only fool reality until the truth comes knocking on your door."  
— Michael B. Jordan

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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



## by Jeff Pickering



## Out on a Limb



# King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

S	L	E	D		C	O	G		O	R	S	O	
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C	E	N	T		B	O	D		E	L	O	I	
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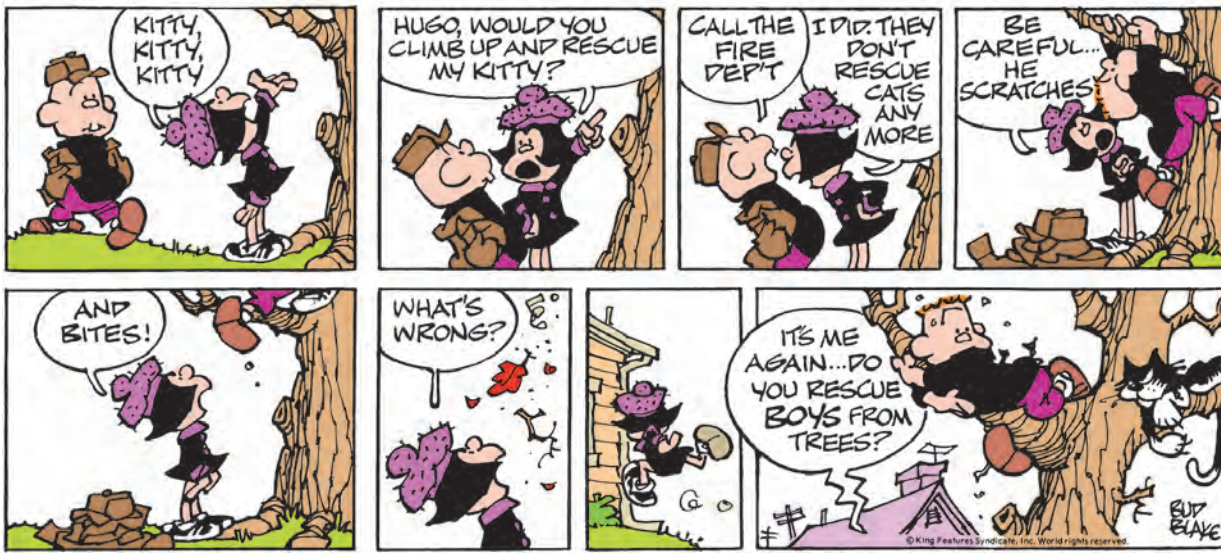


### The Garden Bug Prayer plant

This popular tropical houseplant (*Maranta leuconeura*) is known for its striking foliage and for how its leaves stay flat during the day, then fold up like praying hands at night. It is very slow-growing, but can eventually reach up to a foot in height indoors if conditions are suitable. Give these plants bright light to maintain growth, but avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight. Use well-draining, acidic soil and keep it evenly moist. Water with filtered or distilled water once the top layer of soil has dried out. - Brenda Weaver

Source: [www.thespruce.com](http://www.thespruce.com)





**WORD LADDERS**

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

**FLIPS**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEAD**



**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*The wicked flee  
when no one pursues,  
but the righteous  
are bold as a lion.*

PROVERBS 28:1



**top ten**

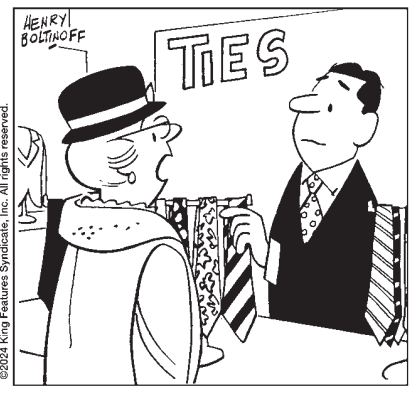
**MOST VISITED NATIONAL PARKS IN THE U.S.**

1. Great Smoky Mountains National Park
2. Grand Canyon National Park
3. Zion National Park
4. Yellowstone National Park
5. Rocky Mountain National Park
6. Yosemite National Park
7. Acadia National Park
8. Grand Teton National Park
9. Joshua Tree National Park
10. Olympic National Park

Source: National Geographic

**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!



"It doesn't matter much about the color — he has a long \_\_\_\_\_."

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<b>CREOIL</b>	<input type="text"/>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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**TODAY'S WORD**



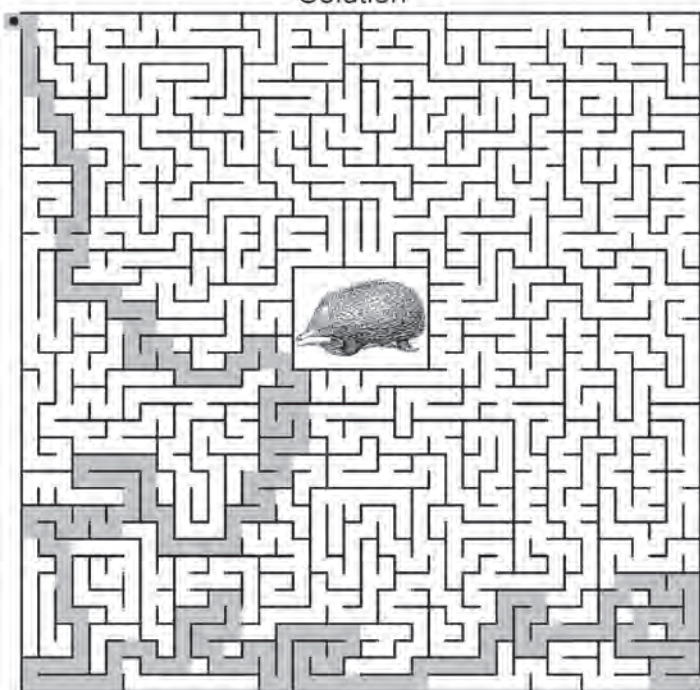
## Super Crossword

Answers

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V	O	L	L	E	B	A	L	L	S	N	E	W	S	H	S	S	E	
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## Mega Maze

Solution



## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## CryptoQuote

answer

I'm afraid that if you look at a thing long enough, it loses all of its meaning.

— Andy Warhol

## CryptoQuip

answer

When you populate an empty meadow with lots of male sheep, I'd consider that ram-ification.

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

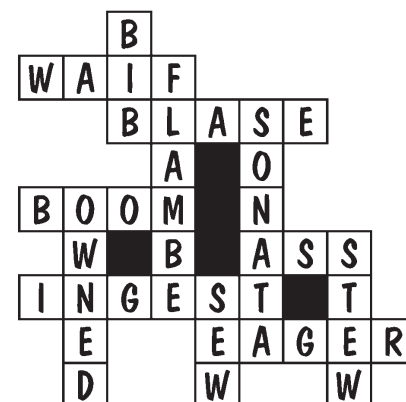
1. Recoil
2. Adept;
3. Bleat;
4. Drape

Today's Word

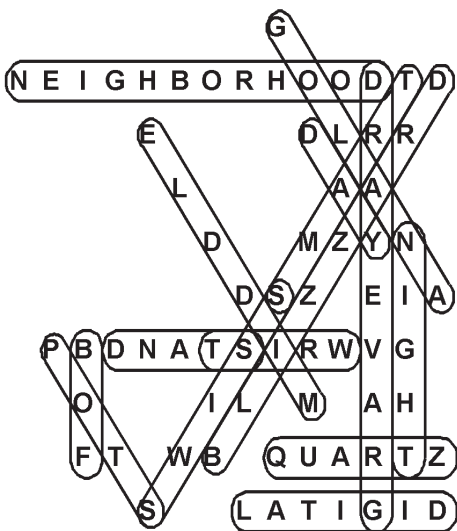
**BEARD**

## FEAR & KNIGHT

answer



## WATCH



## Even Exchange

answers

1. Greet, Great
2. Curdle, Cuddle
3. Tense, Tease
4. Brooke, Brooks
5. Waist, Wrist
6. Yellow, Bellow
7. Notion, Nation
8. Water, Wafer
9. Flake, Flare
10. Invite, Incite

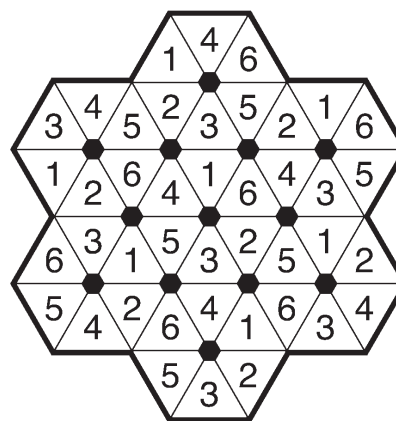
## Go Figure!

answers

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## SNOWFLAKES

solution



## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

## WORD LADDER

Answer

FLIPS, FLIES, FLEES, FLEAS, PLEASE, PLEAD

## WORD LADDER

Answer

BRAID, BRAND, GRAND, GRIND, GRINS, GAINS

## Even Exchange

answers

1. Tender, Tinder
2. Shove, Shave
3. Bikini, Biking
4. Perch, Porch
5. Mumble, Fumble
6. Stare, Scare
7. Parson, Person
8. Coffee, Toffee
9. Plant, Plank
10. Hooper, Hoover

## SCRAMBLERS

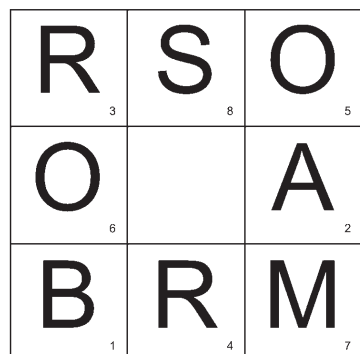
solution

1. Astray
2. Revoke;
3. State;
4. Incline

Today's Word  
**VICTORY**

## Sticklers Answer

The maximum number of regions that can be created in a circle using six straight lines is 22.



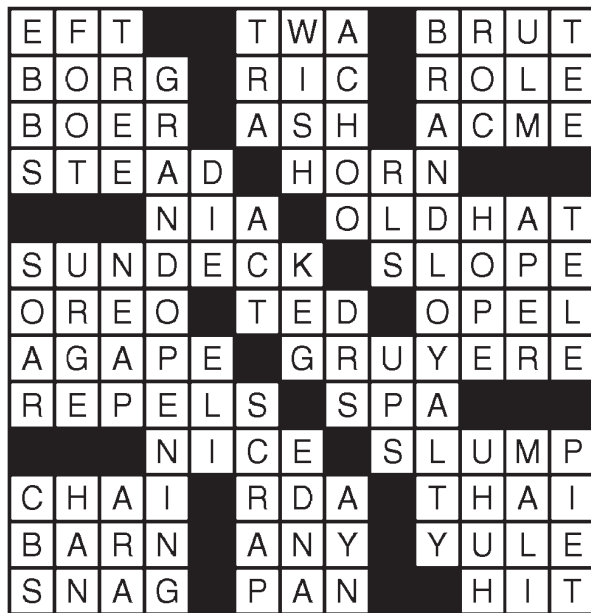
BARROOMS



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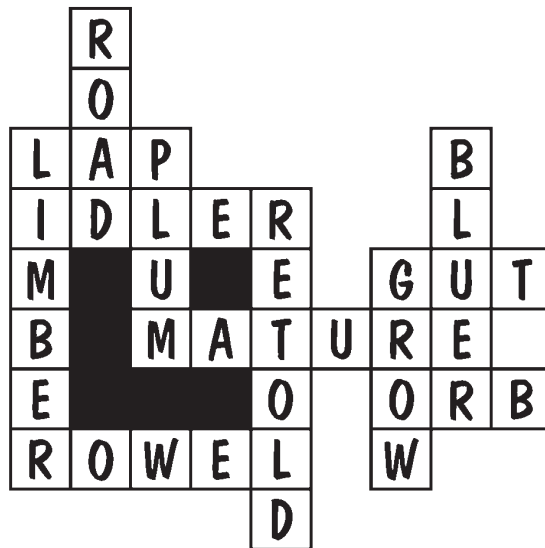
Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.



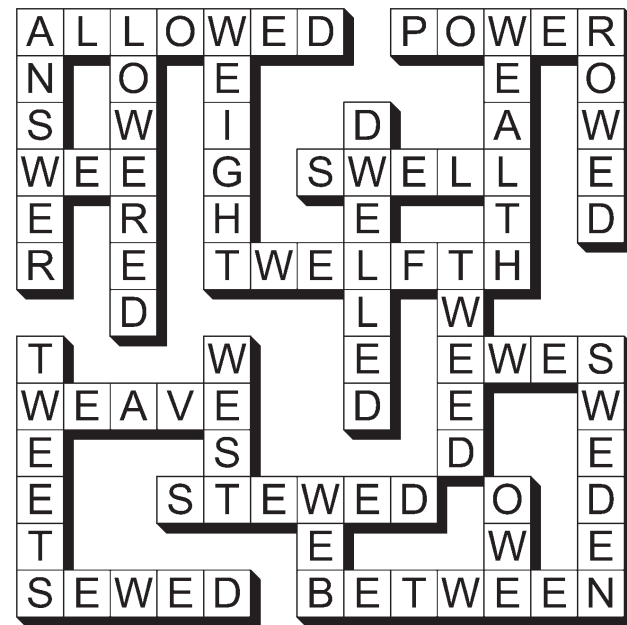
FEAR KNOT

answer



Puzzles4Kids

Answer



**“The Wild Robot”** (PG) — This animated sci-fi film became the fourth-highest-grossing film of 2024, garnering \$309.7 million against a \$78 million cost. A sequel for the film is already in development following its great commercial success, with critics praising its watercolor animation style and emotional storytelling. Lupita Nyong'o (“A Quiet Place: Day One”) lends her voice to portray Roz, a service robot who gets shipwrecked on an island that seems to be the antithesis of her technological make-up. But as Roz befriends the local wildlife in the area, including Fink the fox (Pedro Pascal) and Brightbill the goose (Kit Connor), she not only figures out how to exist on the island — she also finds her home. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

Black (“Borderlands”) leads this Christmas comedy movie, co-starring Keegan-Michael Key (“Transformers One”) and Jason Alexander (“Stealing Pulp Fiction”). “Dear Santa” follows a young boy named Liam, who accidentally makes a crucial spelling error when writing his annual Christmas letter to Santa. Instead of being delivered to the North Pole, the letter gets delivered to literal hell as it is, indeed, addressed to Satan. So, when the horned devil appears to grant him three wishes, rather than the jolly old man he was expecting, he knows he’s in for quite an adventure. Out now. (Paramount+)



Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

From left, Diane Keaton, Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard star in “Summer Camp.”

**“Conclave”** (PG) — The magnetic yet terrifying Ralph Fiennes (“The Menu”) stars in this mystery-thriller film based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. (Although with a PG rating, how thrilling can it really be?) In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) is tasked with leading the papal conclave to select the new pope, after the current Pope dies of a heart attack. With four candidates to choose from but none who really strikes a chord with the College of Cardinals, Lawrence must hold vote after vote until the cardinals decide on who will be the most powerful man in the Catholic church. Between these votes, plenty of shady politics and secrets transpire. Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow co-star in “Conclave,” out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

**“Summer Camp”** (PG-13) — Nothing keeps Diane Keaton (“Maybe I Do”) from a comedy film about a group of older women, as evidenced by her starring in this film from the same producers of her other buddy-comedy franchise “Book Club.” In “Summer Camp,” Keaton plays Nora, who is best friends with Ginny (Kathy Bates) and Mary (Alfre Woodard), and their trio used to spend every summer as kids at sleepaway camp together. Although they’re now much older than your normal camper, when they get the opportunity to attend a summer camp reunion, the women see it as a rare chance to bond and reminisce on their glory days. Eugene Levy, Josh Peck and Nicole Richie co-star in the film, out on Dec. 6. (Hulu)

“Dear Santa” (PG-13) — Jack

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Easy Breakfast Casserole

Yield: 8 servings | Prep Time: 15 mins | Cook Time: 50-90 mins

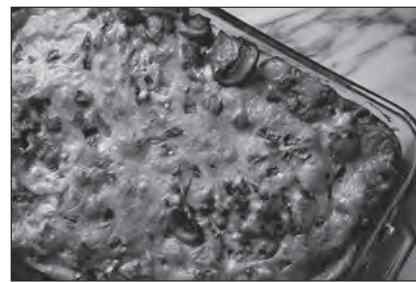
- 10 large eggs
- 2 cups whole milk or half and half
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- About 6 slices (8 ounces) day-old bread, sliced into cubes

- 2 cups grated cheese, any variety (I used sharp cheddar)
- 1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1/4 cup bell pepper, diced
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
- 1 to 2 cups ham, cubed

If you wish to bake this immediately: Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Grease or spray a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, and pepper; set aside. Arrange the bread to cover the bottom of the dish and sprinkle cheese evenly over the top.

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and add butter or oil. Sauté the onion, bell pepper and mushrooms until softened. Stir in the green onion and ham, then spread the mixture evenly over the bread. Pour the egg mixture on top, making sure it soaks into the bread. Let it sit for 5 minutes, then bake for 50 to 60 minutes, until the top is golden and the center springs back when touched. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.



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A hearty, make-ahead breakfast casserole is the perfect solution for busy mornings or special celebrations.

To Refrigerate: Assemble the casserole as instructed, cover tightly, and refrigerate overnight or up to one day. Bake according to the instructions above when ready to serve.

To Freeze: Prepare the casserole in your baking dish. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap, followed by aluminum foil, and freeze for up to 2-3 months. If using raw protein (meat, poultry, or seafood), cook it thoroughly before assembling the casserole.

To Bake from Frozen: For best results, thaw the casserole overnight in the refrigerator, then bake as directed. Alternatively, bake straight from frozen: remove plastic wrap, cover with foil, and bake at 350 F for 60 minutes. Remove the foil and bake an additional 30 minutes, checking that the internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Recipe Variations:

- Swap the ham for cooked breakfast sausage, crumbled bacon or even diced turkey for a different protein twist.
- Add variety with veggies like chopped spinach, kale or diced zucchini for a nutrient boost. Swap the bell pepper for roasted red peppers or sun-dried tomatoes for a bolder flavor.

• Prefer a spicier kick? Use pepper jack cheese and stir in a small can of diced green chiles.

• For a meatless option, leave out the protein and load up on your favorite vegetables—mushrooms, broccoli, or asparagus are all great choices.

With endless possibilities, this breakfast casserole is your go-to recipe for any occasion.

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