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Jimmy Carter: A Life Well Lived

It's 4 pm on Sunday, December 29, 2024. I just learned of the death of former President Jimmy Carter. My eyes are filled with tears for the life, the legacy of a man who ran the race, kept the faith, and showed us through his actions what it meant to be Christ-like. He didn't just talk the talk. He walked the walk.

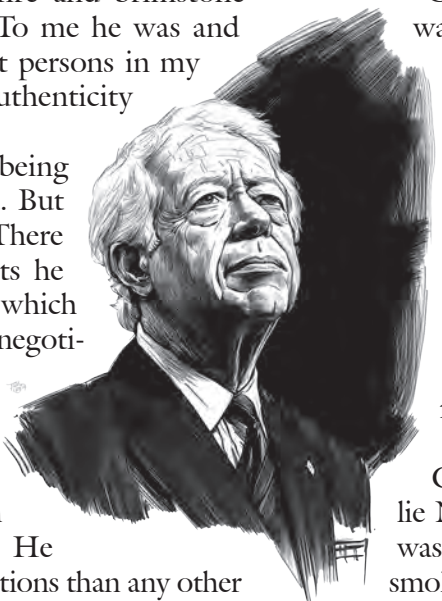


In 1976 I was a senior majoring in church music at William Carey College (now University), a Southern Baptist school in Hattiesburg. I had three stickers on my Datsun station wagon: a parking sticker, an Ichthus fish, and a green Jimmy Carter for President bumper sticker. That's the only time I ever had someone tear a bumper sticker off my car. To this day I do not understand why anyone would do such a thing.

In 1995 I was training to run a marathon for the Leukemia Society in support of my dear late friend Barbara Oliver. I was to raise a few thousand dollars to be able to make the trip to the Napa Valley and bring Barbara along with me. I reached out to many people, including the Carters. I didn't get any monetary support from Mississippi officials, but to my utter amazement I received a check for \$25, handwritten, hand addressed, and signed by Rosalyn Carter, post-marked from Plains, Georgia. That's just the kind of people they were.

I supported Carter because of who he was and how he embodied his faith. A progressive Southern Baptist, Carter was not the stereotypical fire and brimstone Southern Baptist, and nor was I. To me he was and remains one of the most prominent persons in my lifetime. He lived his faith with authenticity and humility.

A remarkable event in his early life was when he was serving on a submarine. A storm swept him off the deck of the sub, then swept him back on the deck, reminiscent of Jonah who, according to the Bible, was swallowed by a big fish and regurgitated onshore near Nineveh.



Many point to his presidency as being inadequate, unsuccessful, and failed. But his presidency was not lackluster. There were many significant achievements he was responsible for, the greatest of which may have been the peace accords he negotiated between Egypt and Israel. He established the Department of Education and the Department of Energy. He had solar panels installed on the White House, which Ronald Reagan had taken down. He selected more women for federal positions than any other president, including nominating Ruth Bader Ginsberg to the Supreme Court.

Carter's mother, Miss Lillian Carter as she was known, once said, "Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'" The world is a much better place because she gave up her virginity.

Carter felt as much at home—maybe more—with the common people than with the Washington, D.C. elite. He was called the "Rock and Roll" president for his association with musicians like The Allman Brothers, Bob Dylan, and Willie Nelson. In fact, Carter credits The Allman Brothers for helping him win the presidency. I heard Carter in an interview talk about one of Willie Nelson's visits to the White House. Carter was told that Willie and some stranger had been smoking pot on the roof. Carter said, "That was no stranger. That was one of my sons."

Carter is most revered for the 43 years after leaving office. He and his wife Rosalyn served the poor at home and abroad. Their active participation in building houses through Habitat for Humanity is unparalleled. His prolific authorship spoke truth for justice, care, kindness, and the responsibility of those who have to those who have not.

Psalm 34:14 says "Seek peace and pursue it." Carter did just that. He said, "My faith demands—this is not optional—my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference."

The Carter's marriage was one to be admired and respected. For 77 years they showed us what faithfulness was and what it meant to be equal partners. They had spirited disagreements, but they always loved and respected each other. They had no reason not to.

James Earl Carter, you made a difference in this world and in the life of this man. You always will.

...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.

Oxford Fiber Festival



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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS

THURSDAY 1.16.2025

- **Moe's: BINGO**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); Art Starts with Andi Bedworth (5:30 pm)
- The Ole Miss Pavilion: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. FLORIDA (8 pm)
- Proud Larrys: THE DROPTINES
- The Powerhouse: Chamber After Hours (5-7 pm)

FRIDAY 1.17.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (10 pm-1 am)
- **The Library: JON KOTT BAND**
- **Off Square Books: ADAM ROSS for Playworld** (5:30 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **The Powerhouse: Anubis Improv presents BRIAN JAMES O'CONNELL** (6:30 pm doors, 7 pm show; \$15)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
- Proud Larry's: HAGGARD COLLINS TRIO

SATURDAY 1.18.2025

- **The Library: JON KOTT BAND**
- **Off Square Books: Public Reading of "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," by MLK** (5 pm)
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Proud Larry's: THE LUCKY STROKES TRIO

SUNDAY 1.19.2025

- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC @ BRUNCH** (11 am-2:30 pm)

MONDAY 1.20.2025

Martin Luther King, Jr Day

- **Quack's: Mario Kart** (8 pm)

TUESDAY 1.21.2025

- **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)
- **Quack's: Comedy Night Open Mic w/ CHRIS GREEN** (7 pm)
- **Square Books: Early morning release party for Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros** (8 am)
- Lafayette County Chancery Courthouse: A Blueprint for Mississippi with DOUGLAS CARSWELL hosted by Lafayette County Republican Executive Committee (7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)

WEDNESDAY 1.22.2025

- **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
- The Ole Miss Pavilion: MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. TEXAS A&M (8 pm)

THURSDAY 1.23.2025

- **Moe's: BINGO**
- **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC** (7:30-10:30 pm)
- **The Powerhouse: OXFORD FIBER FESTIVAL Opening receptions** (6:30 pm)
- Donut Distillery Oxford: YPO Happy Hour (5-7 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Check-It-Out Book Club & Swap (11 am & 5:30 pm); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); SNOWDEN WRIGHT reading & signing (5:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: JUST JOE



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FRIDAY 1.24.2025

- **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (10 pm-1 am)
- **The Library: THE BENDS**
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- Nutt Auditorium (University): Faculty Recital - "Lyrical Baritone" (7:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: SHADOWGRASS

SATURDAY 1.25.2025

- **The Library: THE BENDS**
- **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)

Cellco Partnership and its Controlled Affiliates Doing Business and Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate radio equipment within an existing shroud enclosure with a top height of 15ft 9in, on an existing 31ft 7in metal pole with an overall height of 33ft 8in, at the approx. vicinity of 483U Alexa Cove, Oxford, Lafayette County, MS, 38655, Lat: 34.36629700, Long: -89.56552584. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: *Trileaf Corp, Kristen Meyer, k.meyer@trileaf.com, 2550 South IH 35, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78704 - 512.519.9388.*



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SUNDAY 1.26.2025

- ▶ **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC @ BRUNCH** (11 am-2:30 pm)
- Good Day Cafe: Food on a Stick Pop-Up (5-8 pm)
- The Ole Miss Pavilion: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. TEXAS (2 pm)

MONDAY 1.27.2025

- ▶ **Quack's: Mario Kart** (8 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (3 pm); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); Family Art Night (5:30 pm); Mind in the Making (5:30 pm)

TUESDAY 1.28.2025

- ▶ **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (9 pm-midnight)
- ▶ **Moe's: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- ▶ **Old Army Pavilion: Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- ▶ **The Powerhouse: The Princess Ball** (5:30-7:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby Storytime (9:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); LOU Project Connect (10 am-6 pm)

WEDNESDAY 1.29.2025

- ▶ **Circle & Square Brewing: TRIVIA** (7 pm)
- ▶ **Funkys: LADIES NIGHT**
- ▶ **Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC** (9 pm)
- ▶ **The Powerhouse: The Princess Ball** (5:30-7:30 pm)
- ▶ **Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME** (10 am)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm); Conversation Cafe: Nature Photographer TJ Ray (10 am)
- The Ole Miss Pavilion: MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. TEXAS (8 pm)

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THURSDAY 1.30.2025

- ▶ **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP**
- ▶ **Off Square Books: BENNETT PARTEN for Somewhere Toward Freedom** (5:30 pm)
- ▶ **The Old Henry: LIVE MUSIC** (7:30-10:30 pm)
- ▶ **The Powerhouse: The Princess Ball** (5:30-7:30 pm)
- Ford Center: CATALYST QUARTET (7:30 pm)
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): Faculty recital - "Connexion francaise" w/ JOS MILTON, AMANDA JOHNSTON (7:30 pm)
- Proud Larry's: KC & THE MOONSHINE BAND

FRIDAY 1.31.2025

- ▶ **Booth's BBQ: Late-night LINE DANCING** (10 pm-1 am)
- ▶ **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP**
- ▶ **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- ▶ **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime with UM Museum (10:30 am); Afterschool Zone (3:45 pm)
- The Lyric: COSMIC CHARLIE (Grateful Dead Tribute, 8 pm)
- Oxford Conference Center: 3rd Annual Bagwell Antiques Show and Sale (10 am-5 pm)
- Proud Larry's: MICHAEL FARRIS SMITH & THE SMOKES

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SATURDAY 2.01.2025

- ▶ **The Library: NEUTRAL SNAP**
- ▶ **The Old Henry: DUELING PIANOS** (8 pm-midnight)
- ▶ **Rafters: DJ DRUMM**
- Oxford Conference Center: 3rd Annual Bagwell Antiques Show and Sale (9 am-4 pm)

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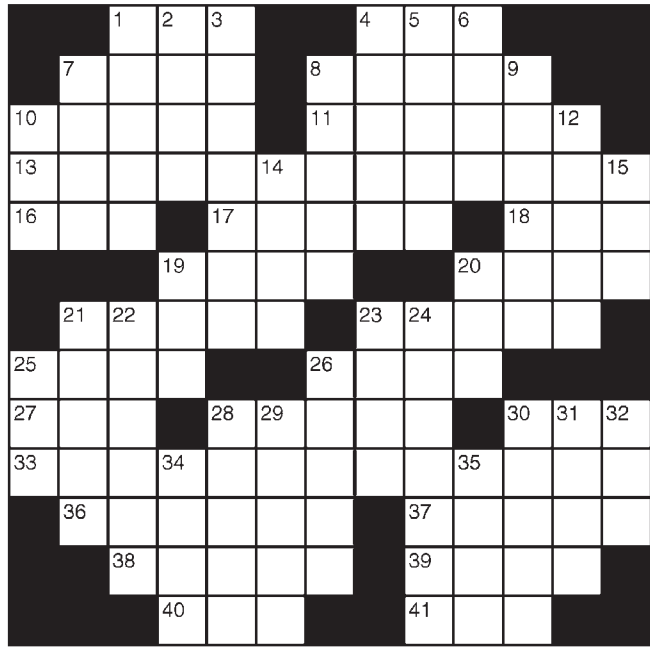
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ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting



- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "— of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks
- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

DOWN

- 1 Short skirts
- 2 Grand tale
- 3 Least strong
- 4 Piglike mammal
- 5 Golf clubs
- 6 Beans go-with
- 7 Sulk
- 8 Campfire leftovers



1. Which 1984 film featured "The Heat Is On"?
2. Name the only James Bond film theme song to ever top the charts.
3. Which Helen Reddy song is about a young girl who lives her life listening to the radio and creating imaginary lovers?
4. Name the artists who were killed in the Iowa plane crash in 1959.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I realize the best part of love is the thinnest slice, And it don't count for much, but I'm not letting go."

Answers

1. "Beverly Hills Cop." The song was later used as a theme song for the Miami Heat basketball team in 1988.
2. "A View to a Kill," by Duran Duran in 1985. The song was later nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song. It lost out to Lionel Richie's "Say You, Say Me" for "White Nights."
3. "Angie Baby," in 1974. The strange storyline of the song has left many wondering what really happened to her "secret lover."
4. Buddy Holly, "The Big Bopper" (J.P. Richardson) and Ritchie Valens.
5. "Lost in Love," by Air Supply in 1979. The song has been used in the film "Private Lessons" and in a "Family Guy" episode.

MAGIC MAZE ● — DROP

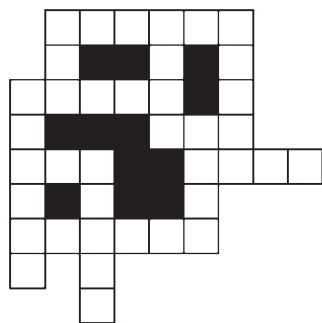


Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: DROP FROM THE EYE

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| Back | Eye | Lemon | Peppermint |
| Chocolate | Gum | Mail | Rain |
| Cough | Hear a pin | Market | Voltage |
| Dew | Helicopter | Parachute | |



- ♥ LPA
- LITMLE
- TMROS
- EMNO
- MANPLA
- ♥ EEW
- ♥ ELMA
- ETMOT
- ♥ OMT
- EPUNIS
- ♥ ASPEL
- RWMO



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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U	K	R	T	R	Y	O	A	V	M	E	H	W
4	8	6	5	2	3	5	2	8	4	2	3	8
A	N	I	R	T	O	Y	O	T	R	T	R	M
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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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Super Crossword

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	6	3	4				8	
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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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- ACROSS**
- 1 Wish-granting spirits
 - 7 Greek vowel
 - 12 Records file
 - 20 Punch combo
 - 21 Splotchy GI garb
 - 22 He played Al Bundy on TV
 - 23 Planners of campus events
 - 25 Often-pickled red vegetable
 - 26 Atop, in poems
 - 27 Lena of "The Reader"
 - 28 Latin "I love"
 - 30 Patron saint of sailors
 - 31 Brotherhood
 - 39 Capital of a Mexico state
 - 40 Hard to find
 - 41 Burdened
 - 42 Travail
 - 44 Political campaigners for a particular issue
 - 50 Wonderment
 - 53 Dragon in "The Hobbit"
 - 57 Suffix with racket
 - 58 Not at all tight
 - 59 Medieval protectors of trade
 - 63 Icebox
 - 65 Boise's state
 - 66 Gel in a lab
 - 67 By means of
 - 68 Claimed psychic gift
 - 69 Regulators of a moral code
 - 76 Bath fixture
 - 79 Printer fluid
 - 80 Years on end
 - 81 More devious
 - 85 Surfs the internet, e.g.
 - 88 Fighters of animal cruelty
 - 92 Madison Ave. contact
 - 93 Sea, in Paris
 - 94 Corrective eye surgery
 - 95 Pitching star
 - 96 It consists of 13-player football teams
 - 100 Aspirin target
 - 103 Japanese alternative to massage
 - 104 "Carpe —!"
 - 108 Newspaper of the USSR
 - 112 Managers of houses in a subdivision
 - 118 SpaceX founder Musk
 - 119 Formed a lap
 - 120 "Leave — the pros"
 - 121 Anna of fashion
 - 122 It has Cut and Copy commands
 - 126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme?
 - 131 Company VIP
 - 132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky"
 - 133 Consignment shop deal
 - 134 "I have no idea!"
 - 135 — Dame
 - 136 A whole lot
 - 9 One-sharp musical key
 - 10 Sticky gunk
 - 11 Hit — (run into some trouble)
 - 12 Urbane
 - 13 Fruity drink
 - 14 Foot part
 - 15 Busy crawler
 - 16 Artsy cap
 - 17 Garlicky mayonnaise
 - 18 Replay speed, briefly
 - 19 "Your Song" singer John
 - 24 Whole lot
 - 29 Ice cream drink
 - 32 "Tsk!"
 - 33 — -friendly
 - 34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev
 - 35 Stephen of "Still Crazy"
 - 36 Nuptial oath
 - 37 Buddhism branch
 - 38 Point of view
 - 43 K-O linkup
 - 45 Toon frame
 - 46 Fish eggs
 - 47 Seep out
 - 48 Wiends
 - 49 Crime doer
 - 50 French bud
 - 51 Join nuptially
 - 52 Pitching stat
 - 54 Sharp as —
 - 55 Popular Aussie boots
 - 56 Avocado dip, for short
 - 60 Fidel's cohort
 - 61 Sweltering
 - 62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster
 - 63 Suitable
 - 64 Disloyal sort
 - 67 Ivy and kudzu
 - 70 Go in haste
 - 71 Electees, e.g.
 - 72 Diner offering
 - 73 "— Lisa"
 - 74 PC key
 - 75 Gin inventor Whitney
 - 76 Ski lift type
 - 77 Pakistani language
 - 78 Tennis' Björn
 - 82 Positive vote
 - 83 And so on: Abbr.
 - 84 Dark loaf
 - 86 Fly trapper
 - 87 Jazz's — Gyra
 - 88 Mecca-to-Medina flight
 - 89 Country east of Arg.
 - 90 Little drink
 - 91 Giraffe's kin
 - 93 Be certain
 - 97 Actor Ayres
 - 98 A, in Berlin
 - 99 Self-help author LeShan
 - 101 Lyric-penning Gershwin
 - 102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief
 - 105 Apple computer camera
 - 106 Bible book before Job
 - 107 Mark with multicolored spots
 - 109 Optical
 - 110 Exact look-alike
 - 111 Licoricelike seeds
 - 112 Listens to
 - 113 Classic song
 - 114 Actress Shearer
 - 115 PC key
 - 116 Dutch painter Jan
 - 117 Dove's call
 - 123 Roman 1,200
 - 124 Biblical verb suffix
 - 125 — de plume
 - 127 Figure skater Midori
 - 128 To's partner
 - 129 Company VIP
 - 130 Timothy Leary's drug

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. Switch gears | ___ H ___ | "Blank Space" singer | ___ W ___ |
| 2. Swap | ___ ___ D ___ | Smattering | ___ ___ C ___ |
| 3. Late night host | F ___ | Eight pints | G ___ |
| 4. Fitting | ___ ___ R | Thrust | ___ ___ L |
| 5. Forward-facing | ___ ___ N | Rime | ___ ___ S |
| 6. Prove false | ___ ___ T | Deny | ___ ___ S |
| 7. Seinfeld or Lewis | J ___ | Commuter boat | F ___ |
| 8. Ladle | ___ P ___ | Nappy | ___ A ___ |
| 9. Room and | ___ O ___ | Whiskers | ___ E ___ |
| 10. Painter's prop | ___ A ___ | Ford's lemon | ___ D ___ |



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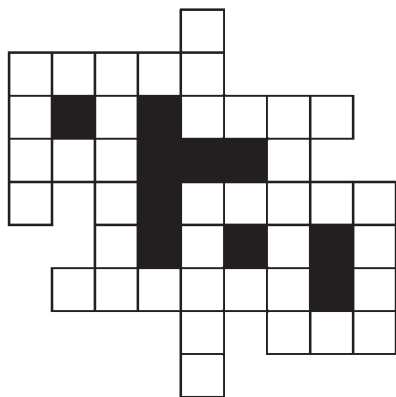
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- SATIGE
- ♥ ARGEL
- ♥ LYIL
- ♥ ARNGYI
- ♥ GLA
- ♥ ELVA
- GYNIL
- ♥ NYA
- ♥ TELEGA
- ♥ ESARV
- ♥ IGNR



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 – DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST WORDS*
 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.

*All words are formed from the letters in DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST

3 Letters	BET	CRY	DIM	HER	ICY
4 Letters	DIET	DISC	SEED	TRIM	
5 Letters	BRIEF	ETHIC	MERRY	TIMER	TREES
6 Letters	CITIES	FEEDER	RECITE	RESTED	STRICT
7 Letters	BEDTIME	STEERED	TERRIER		



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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!



"Not _____ ?
 Then why do you need the money?"

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TODAY'S WORD

How I Remember It
 Vicki Stevens
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Clarksdale Film & Music Festival is Friday–Saturday, January 24–26, 2025

Hollywood. Sundance. Clarksdale? Never mind the big crowds (or big costs). Take an affordable winter weekend getaway to the proverbial “Crossroads.”



The historic small-town of Clarksdale, Mississippi, kicks off its brand-new year of festivals with the 15th annual Clarksdale Film & Music Festival, January 24–26, 2025. Tickets are just \$5 per day, or \$10 for a weekend pass.

“We specialize in roots-music documentaries and Mississippi-connected films,” said event co-organizer Roger Stolle. “The movies, music and special guests we present highlight our region’s rich history, art and culture—from blues music to Civil Rights, from the cotton fields to the Mississippi River.”

Organized by the Clarksdale Downtown Development Association 501(c)3 nonprofit, the Clarksdale Film & Music Festival once again presents three days of exciting cinematic premieres, rarely-seen classics and



Anthony “Big A” Sherrod



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more. Plus, since it’s Clarksdale—an epicenter of blues heritage known for its 365 nights of music and over a dozen annual festivals—there will be plenty of epic performances.

Like last year’s successful event, this year’s Friday (2–8 pm) and Saturday (11 am–8 pm) pop-up theater is conveniently located inside **Stone Pony’s Tack Room** at 226 Delta Avenue, downtown. The Sunday

(1–4 pm) music venue is just the next street over at **Bluesberry Cafe**, 235 Yazoo Avenue.

Friday’s evening movie feature is the world-premiere of *Talkin’ Clarksdale* featuring guests **Tommy Slack** (director, flying in from Scotland), **Demmette Guidry** (producer), and **Adrian Forrest** (producer). Saturday’s evening feature is the Clarksdale premiere of the new

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“Mississippi” John Hurt film, *A Man Called Hurt*, featuring Mary Frances Hurt (granddaughter/executive producer), Jamison Stalworth (director), and Andy Cohen (performer).

Other featured films explore the links between the Delta landscape and the music, ongoing Civil Rights struggles, jazz history, Robert Johnson’s legacy, a rare French-made blues film that’s part-fiction/part-documentary, the globe-trotting adventures of a one-man band and more. Find the complete schedule—including daily 6pm receptions, special guests and live performances—at www.clarksdalefilmfestival.com.

“As always, we want to thank our friendly little town and amazing sponsors for making such a wonderful weekend possible,” said co-organizer Nan Hughes. She gave special thanks to community partners Visit Clarksdale, Clarksdale Public Utilities, City of Clarksdale, Southern Bancorp, and Mississippi Film Office as well as lodging partners Clark House, Chateau Debris, High Cotton Condos, Handy Suites, and Travelers Hotel.

Clarksdale visitor information: www.visitclarksdale.com. Monthly music calendar: www.cat-head.biz.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wash thoroughly
- 6 Black Sea port
- 12 Saudi neighbor
- 13 Reacts to a pun
- 14 Baseball's Roberto
- 15 Attack verbally
- 16 — -pedi
- 17 Barrel bottom bit
- 19 — tree
- 20 Use a stun gun
- 22 California's Big —
- 24 Director Brooks
- 27 Campbell of "Scream"
- 29 Eve's guy
- 32 Citrusy flavoring used in baking
- 35 Pedestal part
- 36 Actress de Matteo
- 37 Pro vote
- 38 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 40 "No seats" signs
- 42 Food additive
- 44 Help a crook
- 46 Like custard
- 50 Venetian marketplace

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- 52 Security desk request
- 54 "Nothing for me, thanks"
- 55 Protruding navels
- 56 Breeds, as salmon
- 57 Spiteful

- 7 Pulls
- 8 Very long time
- 9 The "S" of SNL
- 10 Crisp cookie
- 11 Hammett pooch
- 12 Candied veggie
- 18 Undo
- 21 Director Lee
- 23 Former Mideast gp.
- 24 '60s chic
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 "Bad Romance" singer

- 28 Physical effort
- 30 Super serve
- 31 NYC subway overseer
- 33 Fish-fowl link
- 34 Eastern "way"
- 39 Squelched
- 41 Factions
- 42 Hosp. scans
- 43 Ninny
- 45 Physiques
- 47 Pace
- 48 Neutral color
- 49 QB's gains
- 51 Blue
- 53 "Levitating" singer Lipa

DOWN

- 1 Ward of "Once and Again"
- 2 "Let's go!"
- 3 Pay
- 4 Italian article
- 5 Tweety's meal
- 6 Monster



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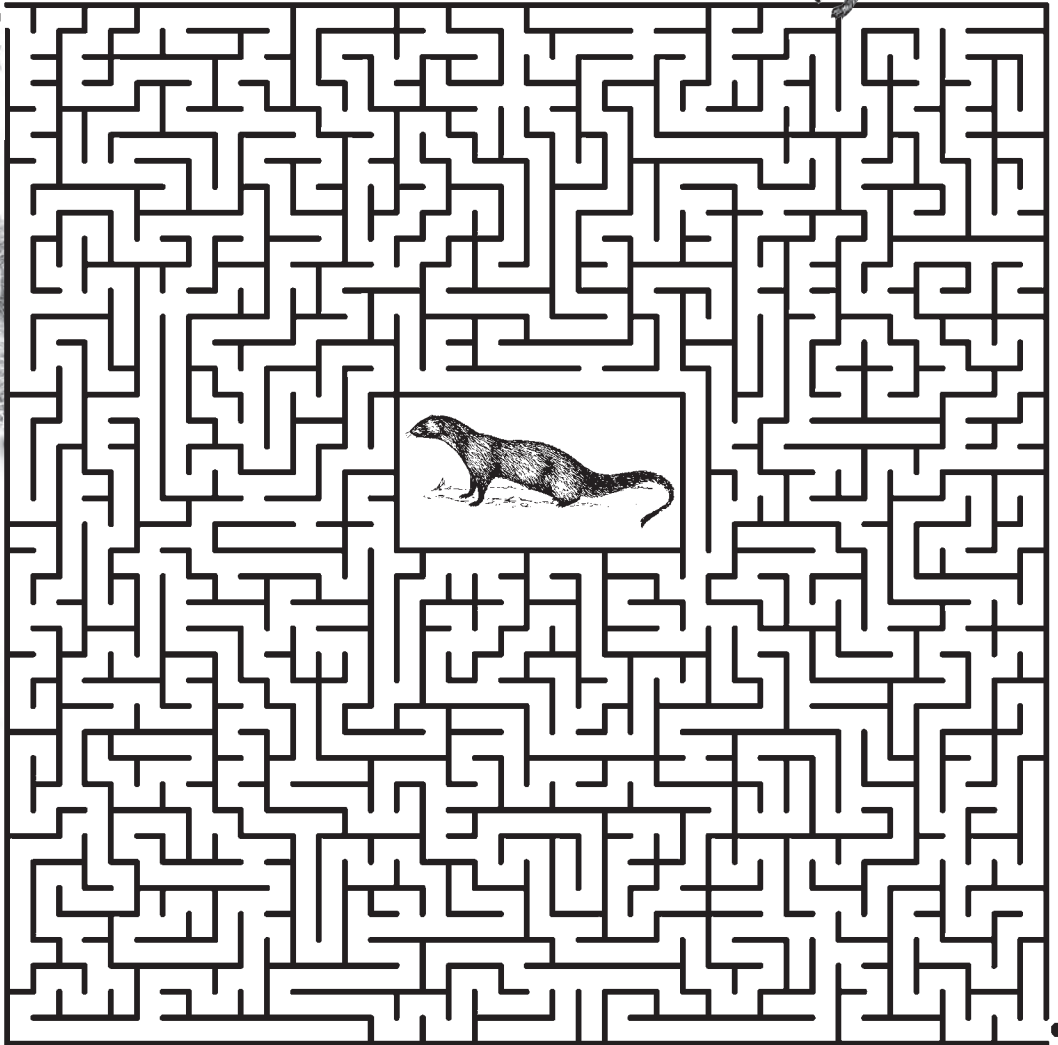


Mega Maze



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez



- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the smallest continent by area?
- 2. MOVIES:** What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
- 3. MEASUREMENTS:** How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
- 4. TELEVISION:** What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
- 5. FOOD & DRINK:** What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
- 6. U.S. CITIES:** Which city also is known as Motown?
- 7. LITERATURE:** The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
- 9. MEDICAL:** What is a common name for fasciculation?
- 10. LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?

ANSWERS BELOW

GO FIGURE!

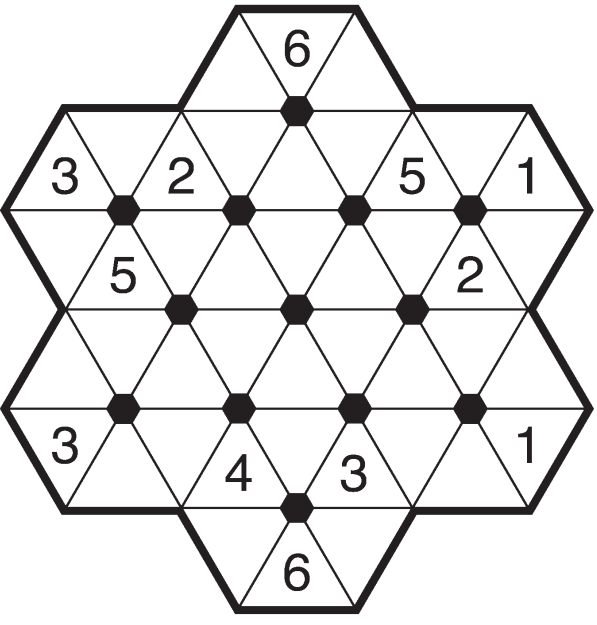
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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

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-	■	+	■	×	■			
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4	■	16	■	88	■			
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DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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.

WRR Y TWLM YH MFD
 ADHM BE DXDKNMFYLU WLC
 MFDKD'H XDKN RYMMRD
 BE MFWM RDEM.
 - JDJYR ADWMBL

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS
 CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG
 JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH
 "UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."



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Answers: 1. Australia (Oceanía). 2. Wade Wilson. 3. 128. 4. Marty Byrde. 5. Punt. 6. Detroit, Michigan. 7. "Pride and Prejudice." 8. The cheetah. 9. Muscle twitch. 10. "Great work."



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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

STICKELERS

Can you create just two squares from the figure by moving only one line and without leaving any leftover lines?

• STONE WALL! Let's go on a diamond hunt. Object is to count the diamond-shaped figures of all sizes to be found in the geometrical design shown at right.

Diamond-shaped figures have four equal sides, two acute and two obtuse angles. More than 50 of them are present.

How many do you see?

• DIG DIGITS! Nine less than six times a certain digit, minus twice the digit, equals seven more than twice the digit. What digit is that?

FUN SPOT
COLOR BY NUMBERS

WHO'S COLD! Everybody's out to do his or her wintery thing, above. Add these colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. blue. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh tones. 6—Lt. green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. blue.

KNIGHT MOVES

D	Y	E
N		U
S	D	L

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.

RANDOM MENU FOOD HUNT

- If just thinking about food gives you an empty feeling, skip this test, for hidden among letters are apple, jam, bread, soup, cereal, cookies, cake and steak.
- Bob read the log.
 - "Are these my pajamas, Ma?"
 - We will close the gap, pledged Sam.
 - Erica keeps fit.
 - Why is everyone so uptight?
 - The hull is steel and the deck is teak.
 - Let's all race real fast.
 - Is Chico OK, I especially wondered. Can you find them?

RIDING HIGH! Rover seems to be riding high in this dot scene. What's missing? Add lines in alphabetical order.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

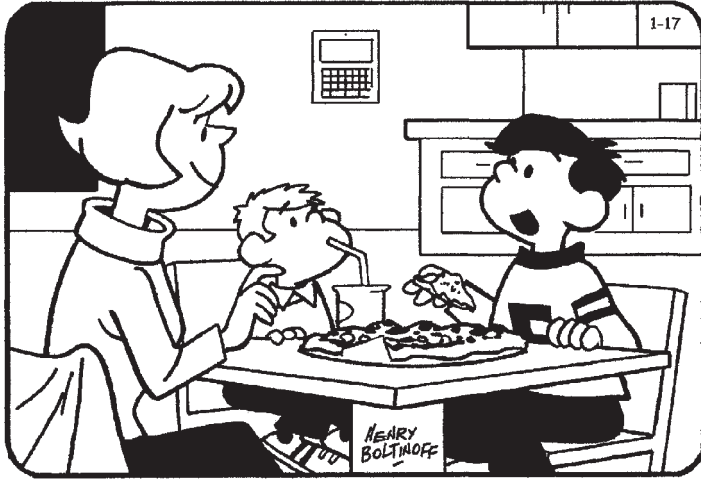
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THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

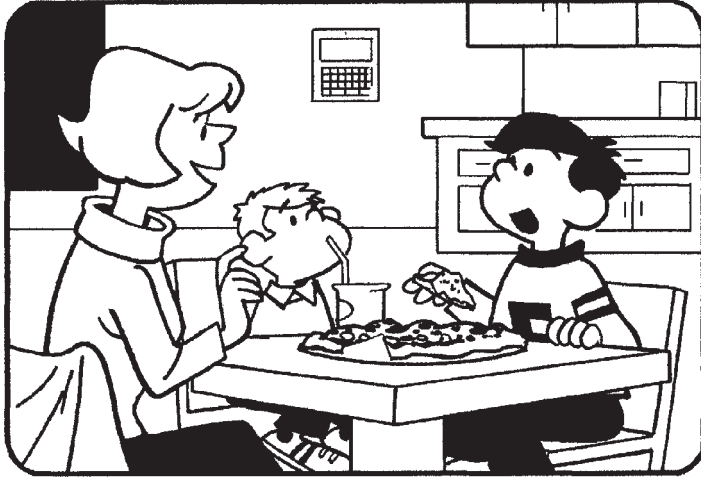
Try to score at least 50 points.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fingers are not showing. 2. Counter is not as wide. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Straw is different. 6. Table is thicker.

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

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| 1. Twirler's stick | ___ T ___ | Royal title | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Toss hay | P ___ | Trench | D ___ |
| 3. Unopened | ___ | D Clothes room | ___ T |
| 4. Picture holder | ___ R ___ | Blaze | ___ L ___ |
| 5. Older | M ___ | Countryside | N ___ |
| 6. Metal worker | ___ E ___ | Laura Ingalls | ___ I ___ |
| 7. Press, TV, et al | ___ A | Doctor | ___ C |
| 8. Make changes | ___ S | Resuscitate | ___ V |
| 9. Vision | S ___ | After dark | N ___ |
| 10. Vanna or Betty | ___ H ___ | Take pen to paper | ___ R ___ |

WORD LADDERS

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

SLANT

GRASS

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“Letter from Birmingham Jail” Community Reading Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 5 pm Off Square Books

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Please join Square Books and the Oxford community on Saturday, January 18th at 5 pm at Off Square Books for a reading of “Letter From Birmingham Jail.” All are welcome.



Oxford Police Department Announces Headquarters Move to Industrial Park Drive

The Oxford Police Department is excited to announce that we have officially moved to a new headquarters. For those seeking police services, OPD is now located at 9 Industrial Park Drive.

Oxford Police Department Announces Traffic Safety Program

Officers will monitor traffic in the using speed enforcement technology equipped with cameras to identify vehicles exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 MPH. Speeding drivers will not be pulled over; instead, they will receive a citation by mail.

MLK Day of Service, Events to Honor Civil Rights Leader’s Legacy

Service projects throughout Lafayette County will pay tribute to King’s social justice work



“MLK Day of Service is a meaningful way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy of love, service and community,” said Kathryn Kidd, DAOE assistant director of community partnerships. “This event encourages active engagement and empowers individuals to make a positive impact. It also promotes a culture of service, inspiring participants to carry these values forward long after the day is over.”



Oxsicles: Popular Frozen Treat Business For Sale in Oxford, Mississippi

Here is a sweet treat: a well-loved local business is for sale.



Oxsicles is a mainstay at public events such as the Oxford Community Farmers Market, Double Decker, Ole Miss home football games, the Sunset Series in The Grove, and is also popular for catering orders. “Being such an integral part of the community has been one of the most rewarding parts of running Oxsicles,” Speed said.



John Cofield’s Photo of the Week: “Eph and Ed”

When contacted by Hollywood about the pair possibly pursuing motion picture careers, Ed was said to have remarked, “Why would I want to leave this peaceful farm and go live out there in that rat race?”

Shake the Hand of the Man with a Handful of Love: Listen to “Jimmy Carter” the Song by the Great Oxford, Mississippi Band Blue Mountain

by Newt Rayburn

One of the most asked questions about Blue Mountain’s song is, “I wonder if Jimmy Carter ever heard this song?” The answer is “Yes, he did!” In late February of 1996, the band received a letter out of the blue from the former President himself.

Lafayette County Master Gardeners: January Garden Calendar

by Bronwynne Bailey

Now that our holiday celebrations have ended, we turn our attentions back to the garden. There are lots of garden chores we can perform to improve our properties and set up for spring planting.

More Headlines

Scholarships Provide Musical Path Through Ole Miss

Alumnus Honors University of Mississippi’s Role in His Family’s Lives With Gift

University of Mississippi Program to Boost Safety, Belonging in Rural Mississippi Schools

Study Finds Meth Mortality Skyrocketed Between 1999 and 2021

Bradley Roberson, Oxford School District Superintendent, Named to National School Public Relations Association Top 25 National Superintendents to Watch List

Mississippi State Parks RV Campsites are \$25 a Night in January

Sea Grant Law Center to Lead Water Contaminant Research Efforts

Former Ole Miss Rebel Basketball Player Helps Keep College Athletes Competitive

Local Crime:

Florida Woman Arrested in Oxford, Mississippi for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Driving Under the Influence 1st Offense, Careless Driving, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Seatbelt Violation, and No Proof of Liability Insurance

Harmontown, Mississippi Woman Arrested for Cyberstalking

- In **Switzerland**, it is illegal to mow a front lawn while dressed as **Elvis Presley**.
- Have a yen for learning about things that go bump in the night? You can get a Ph.D in parapsychology at the **University of Edinburgh**.
- **Red Bull** energy drink was originally called **Red Water Buffalo**.
- There was a **Russian** game show that would have you steal a car, and if you didn’t get caught by the police within 35 minutes, you’d win the car. Otherwise, you would be arrested.
- **Benjamin Franklin** invented a mechanical arm for reaching books on high shelves.
- When English Romantic poet **William Blake** was only four years old he claimed to see **God** through a window. Throughout the rest of his life, Blake said he often communed with angels, and he incorporated these visions into his art.
- Sulfhemoglobinemia is a condition that causes a person to develop green blood.
- Translated literally, the **Japanese** words for wrist and ankle are “hand neck” and “foot neck.”
- In 2015, two brothers from **Spain** attempted to sell a fake portrait by **Francisco de Goya** to a sheikh for a cool 1.5 million euros, only to discover that he’d paid them in photocopied money. The pair were arrested when they tried to deposit their ill-gotten gains in a Geneva bank.
- A study done by the **University of Glasgow** found that dogs appear to prefer reggae and soft rock over other genres of music.
- The first mention of the word “pizza” was in a **Latin** text written in southern Italy in 997 CE.
- The eponymous character in **Dolly Parton’s** hit song “Jolene” was based on a bank teller who flirted mercilessly with Dolly’s husband.
- **Thought for the Day:** “It ain’t what they call you, it’s what you answer to.” – **W.C. Fields**

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Fri: 2-for-1 wells
Sun: 1/2-price Bloody Marys & Mimosas
Wed-Thu: 11 am-8 pm
Fri-Sat: 11 am-10 pm
Sun: 11 am-8 pm
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

Bouré

110 Courthouse Square
Mon-Thu: 11 am-10 pm
Fri-Sat: 11 am-10:30 pm
Bar: Mon-Wed 4 pm-midnight;
Thu-Fri 4 pm-1 am;
Sat noon-1 am
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

City Grocery

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

Circle & Square

100 Depot Street
Tap Room Hours:
Mon-Wed: 7 am-9 pm
Thu-Sat: 7 am-10 pm
Sun: 9 am-7 pm
Kitchen Hours:
Mon-Tue: 11 am-7:30 pm
Wed-Sat: 7 am-7:30 pm
Sun: 9 am-6:30 pm
WED: TRIVIA 7 pm

Funkys

1012 E Jackson Ave
Mon-Thu: 2 pm-1 am
Fri: noon-1 am; Sat: 11 am-1 am
Sun: 11 am-9 pm
Mon: \$5 Octanes
Tue: \$5 Grape Gatorade
Wed: LADIES' NIGHT:
\$5 Skinny Bitches
Thur: \$4 domestics
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

The Library

120 South 11th Street
Mon-Fri: 3 pm-1 am
Sat: 11 am-1 am
Sun: 11 am-9 pm
Happy Hour 3-7 pm
Mon-Fri \$1 off all drinks

The Old Henry

1002 East Jackson Ave
Wed-Fri: 5 pm-1 am
Sat: noon-1 am
Brunch Sun: 11 am-3 pm;
bar open later. Live music
11:30-2:30
Happy Hour 6-8 pm Thu:
1/2-priced cocktails & wine

McCormick's

Mon-Sat: Breakfast: 6:30-11 am;
Lunch: 11 am-2 pm;
Wed-Sat: Dinner: 2-9 pm
Bar: 2 pm-close
Sun: 6:30 am-2 pm
10% UM discount

Moe's BBQ

311 S Lamar Blvd
Mon-Sun: 11 am-10 pm
Penny Bar open 3 pm
Happy Hour 3-6 pm:
Mon-Fri 1/2-price apps,
2-for-1 wells, wines & domestics
Mon: \$2 domestics
Tue: TRIVIA + \$25 High Noon
buckets
Wed: COMEDY OPEN MIC
Thu: BINGO + \$5 Bushwhackers
Sun: Kids 12 & under eat free (6
pm-close)
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

OPA!

306 S Lamar Blvd
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
Sun: \$5 Bloody Marys, \$3 Mimosas
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

Southern Coop

New Location: 705 Sisk Ave.
Mon-Sat: 11 am-9 pm
Delivery: Take A Break 🚚

Quack's

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

Rafters on the Square

1006 E Jackson Ave
Mon-Fri: 5 pm-1 am
Sat: noon-1 am
Sun: noon-9 pm; \$3 Mimosas
Mon: 2-for-1 wells
Fri & Sat: DJ DRUMM

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

Snackbar

721 N Lamar Blvd
Tue-Thu: 4-10 pm
Fri-Sat: 4-10:30 pm
Happy Hour 4-6 pm:
\$2 domestics, \$4 drafts,
\$6 select wines, \$8 select
classic cocktails, small plate &
oyster specials
Mon: INDUSTRY NIGHT;
Red Beans & Rice
Tues: Sweet Tea Fried Chicken
Wed: Chicken & Dumplings
Thu: Thali; Rotating bar special
Fri-Sat: Roasted Grouper

Tallahatchie Gourmet

1221 Van Buren Ave
Mon-Wed: 11 am-2:30 pm
Mon-Fri: retail open until 4:30 pm
Brunch Sat & Sun 11:30 am-3 pm

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 Frosens & \$20 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
1/2-price Margaritas &
Mojitos Mon, Thu & Sat 🍹



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Spirits	Aloha Thai Hawaiian	Proud Larry's	Captain D's	Guthrie's Chicken	Pizza Hut
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Smoothie King	Kabuki Sushi	Sizzler Steakhouse	Popeye's		
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Just Cake It!	Pho Bowl Vietnamese		Wendy's	Checkers	
	Pokemoto	Casa Mexicana	Zaxby's	Dairy Queen	
IHOP	Rice & Spice	Chipotle		Mugshots Grill	
Waffle House	Toyo	Costa Mexican		Beacon	
	Zaap Thai Kitchen	El Agave	Firehouse Subs	Phillips Grocery	
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COCONUT
CHICKEN
SOUP, &
SPICY
CHICKEN STEW



“Molly Barr”

Molly Barr was a local legend. She is a memory with myth mixed in. She had landholdings, reported to be a fairly good size tract, in the area of town now forever marked with her name.



More than a street sign can convey, her story is one worth publishing as part of what we all know makes Oxford special. History is seasoned by folklore and Mrs. Molly Barr left her name in both those local books. Her picnics were legend.

Molly Barr would beat her big bass drum and its deep rhythm sounded through the black community of Freedman Town sending out the word to all to come on. The crowds indeed came and feasted on bar-b-qued hog and goat, fried chicken, and all the fixings. But it wasn't just the picnics. She was known to all for her graciousness to anyone of any stripe that came looking for a hot meal.

There were railroad hobos in those days and many knew to jump off as close as they could to Miss Molly's. And then there were the big raccoon and possum suppers. Molly believed in haunts and spirits and some fearful-minded folks hinted at New Orleans Voodoo. And while she claimed to know that ghosts were real, the lore of Cajun magic is all wrong. What is right about Molly Barr is best stated in an old article I found saying, “She lived with a smile on her face, and a song in her heart.”

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU ACTUALLY WANT ME TO PICK SOMETHING GOOD FOR ME IN A GAS STATION? WELL, THIS ONE DOES SAY "SWEET GOODNESS" ON IT.



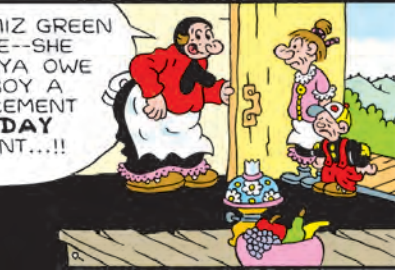
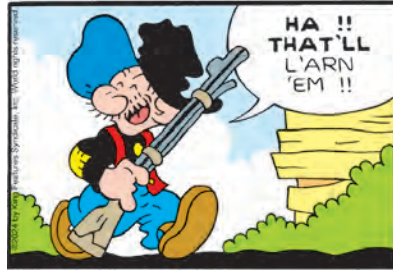
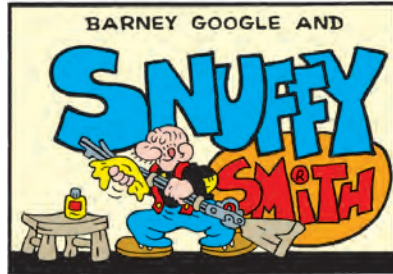
GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner



"What's this about you refusing to be released into my custody?"

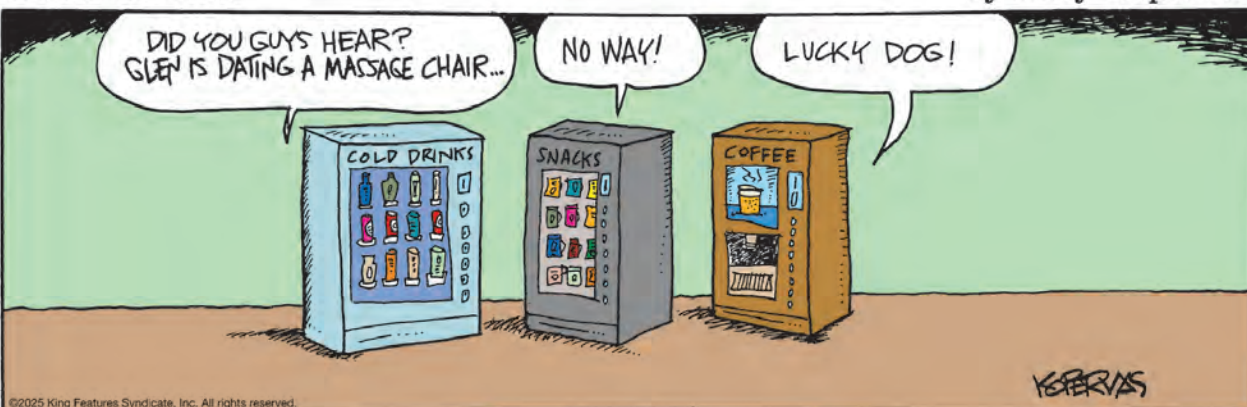


WHO KNOWS WHERE THE NEXT COPYCAT COULD BE?



Out on a Limb

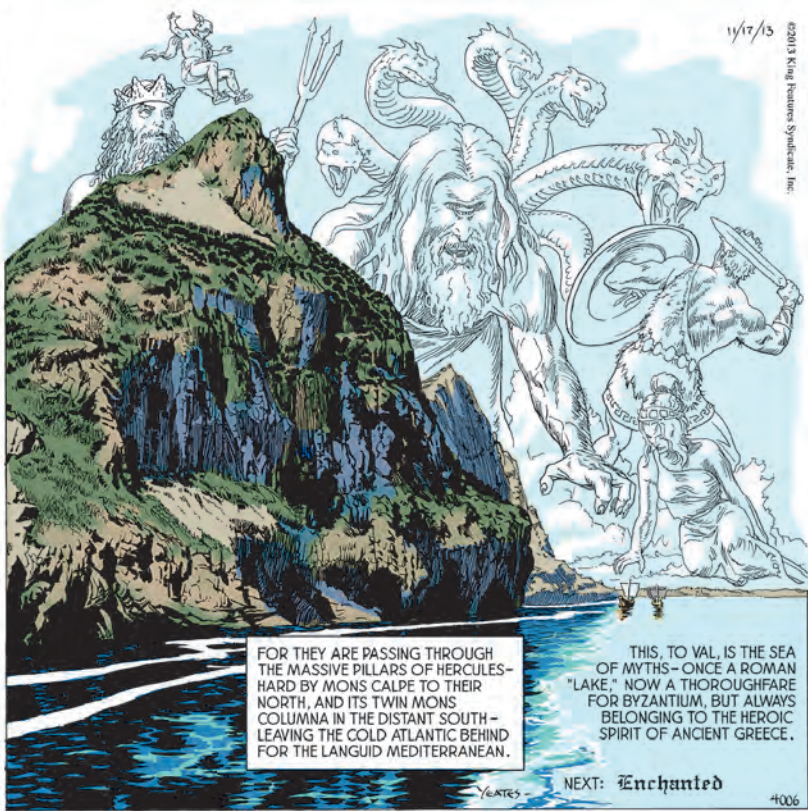
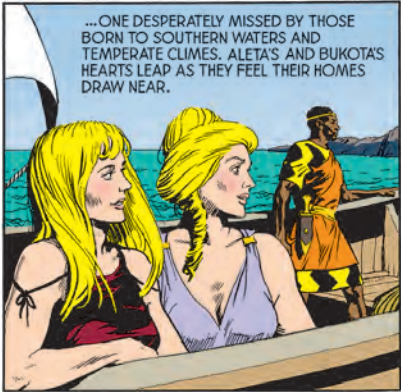
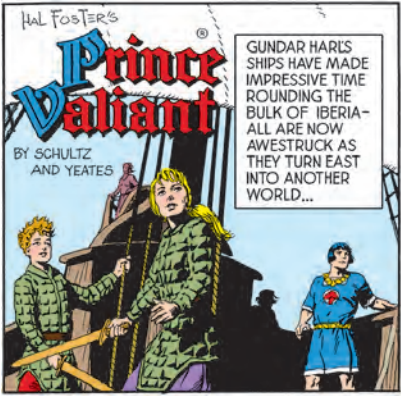
by Gary Kopervas



DID YOU GUYS HEAR? GLEN IS DATING A MASSAGE CHAIR...

NO WAY!

LUCKY DOG!



Americanisms

"Men are like steel. When They lose their temper, they lose their worth."
— Chuck Norris

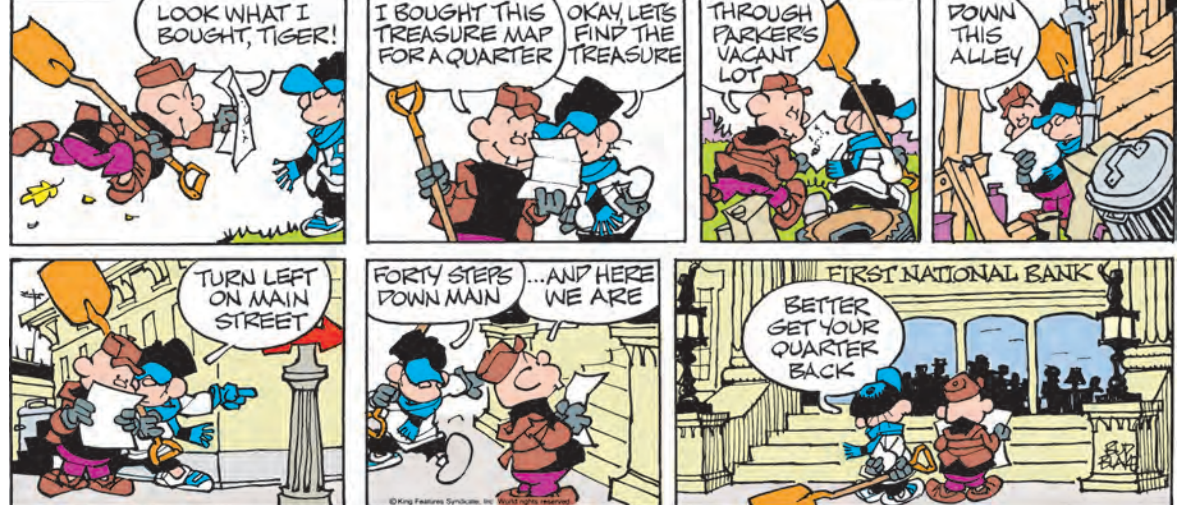
Amber Waves



The Spats



TIGER



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
*START MORE ARGUMENTS
*REFUSE TO ADMIT I'M WRONG
*BE MORE SARCASTIC

I LIKE TO KEEP MY GOALS REALISTIC.

Herb is so upset hearing alcohol causes cancer, that he went back to smoking!

A NEW YEAR CAN MEAN A NEW YOU!
COME ON IN!

WELCOME TO A NEW YOU!
CAN I HELP YOU?
I HOPE SO.

THE TRUTH IS, I HAVEN'T LIKED MYSELF FOR A LONG TIME.
I NEED A SERIOUS CHANGE THIS NEXT YEAR.

FEAR NOT, GOOD SIR, I, O.G. WOTASNOZZLE, AM HERE TO HELP!
I GUARANTEE YOU A NEW LIFE AS A NEW, BETTER YOU.

I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION.

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW YOUR BRAIN'S DIMENSIONS?

JUSTIN TRUDEAU RESIGNED!
AS GOVERNOR OF THE 51ST STATE?

P.M. TRUDEAU APPROVAL RATING HITS 157-YEAR LOW

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE !!

TIME TO DO LOTS OF HOOTIN' AN' HOLLERIN' !!

MY **FIRST** NEW YEAR'S RES'LUTION IS TO STOP NABBIN' OTHER FOLKS' CHICKENS !!

MY **SECOND** IS TO NOT CHEAT AT CARD GAMES !!

MY **THIRD** IS TO HALP OUT 'ROUN' TH' HOUSE !!
MY **FOURTH** IS TO EAT HEALTHIER !!

AN' MY **FIFTH** AN' FINAL NEW YEAR'S RES'LUTION IS...

TO **BREAK** ALL MY PREVIOUS NEW YEAR'S RES'LUTIONS !!

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

"I found the fireplug! Let the dog out!"

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WHY ARE WE HERE? IS THERE A SPECIAL PURPOSE TO OUR EXISTENCE IN THE UNIVERSE?

OR PERHAPS WE ARE JUST INSIGNIFICANT MATTER JUST FLOATING THROUGH SPACE?

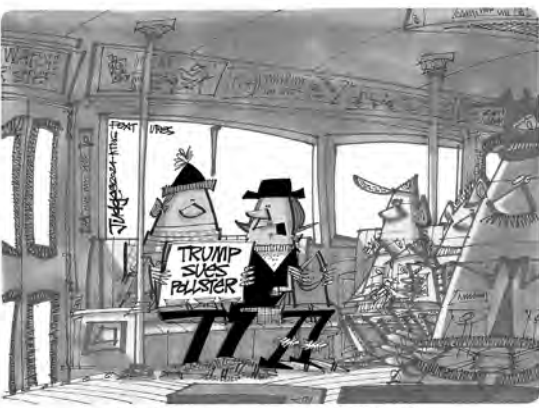
IN THAT CASE, WHERE DOES SPACE AND TIME END AND WHAT HAPPENS TO US?

IS IT JUST ME OR DO COWS ALWAYS SEEM TO LOOK VERY DEEP IN THOUGHT?

Americanisms

"Distrust any enterprise that requires new clothes."
— Henry David Thoreau

COME ON! I'VE FAILED ALL THE MARRIAGE TESTS IN THESE MAGAZINES AND THIS WRITER IS AN EXPERT. SHE'S BEEN MARRIED 4 TIMES.



"SO HE'S ALSO A SORE WINNER?"

The Garden Bug

Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit, covered with compost, and then with a growing medium into which a garden is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/what-hugelkultur-ultimate-raised-bed>

I'M FLASH GORDON

AND WHEN I WAS A KID, MY GRANDPA TOLD ME THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FAIR FIGHT.

BECAUSE IF THE WORLD WAS FAIR, THERE'D BE NO NEED FOR A FIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

TWENTY YEARS LATER, I'M IN AN OCEAN ON ANOTHER WORLD...

...TRYING TO WIN A DEATH MATCH AGAINST A SADIST WHO'S TRAINED IN UNDERWATER COMBAT SINCE HE WAS A KID.

A FEW HOURS AGO, I WAS LISTENING TO DALE'S SOFT VOICE BEAMED RIGHT INTO MY BRAIN.



SHE'D FOUND A LOOPHOLE IN TOA'S LAW.

JUGRID COULD FORCE KALA INTO A REMATCH-- BUT NAME A CHAMPION TO FIGHT IN HIS PLACE.



THUN WANTED TO AVENGE HIS DAD HIMSELF, BUT DOVA CONVINCED HIM IT HAD TO BE ME.

JUGRID CALLED KALA OUT. KALA SAID YES, BECAUSE HE HAD TO...



...BUT ONLY ON HIS TERMS: UNDERWATER, WITH NO ARMOR AND NO WEAPONS.



THOSE WERE THE RULES, ANYWAY.

BUT KALA HAD A STONESTEEL ROD IN HIS WRIST STRAP.



DAN SCHKADE 12-29-24

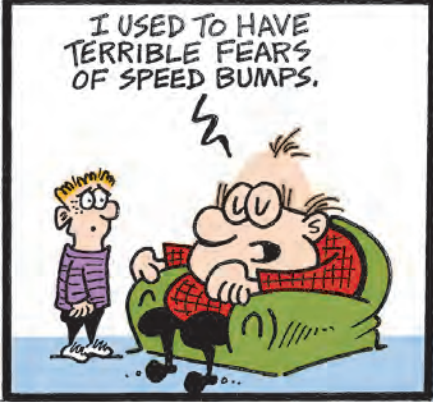
AND I DIDN'T SEE IT UNTIL HE'D CRACKED MY HELMET WITH IT.

NOW I'M SECONDS FROM BREATHING WATER...



...WHILE KALA'S GOT MY BAD SHOULDER IN AN ARM BAR... NEXT: BLOOD IN THE WATER

The Spats



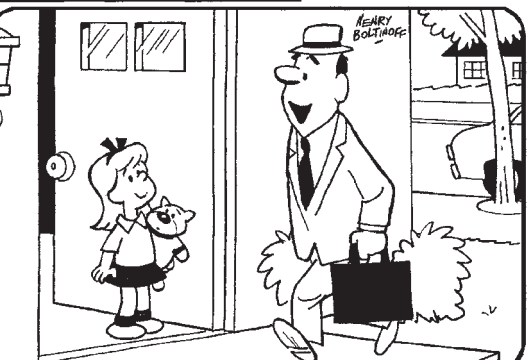
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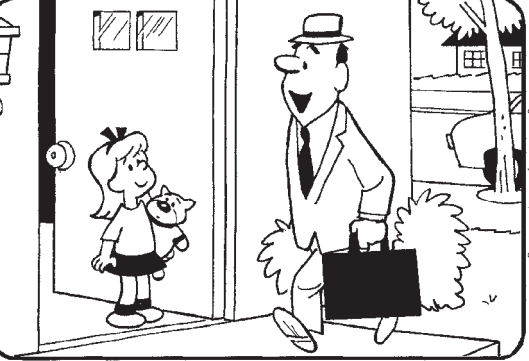
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FROSTY THE SNOWMAN AT THE GYM.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

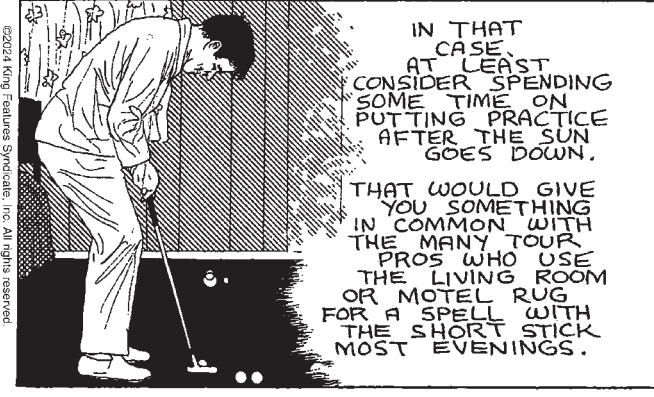
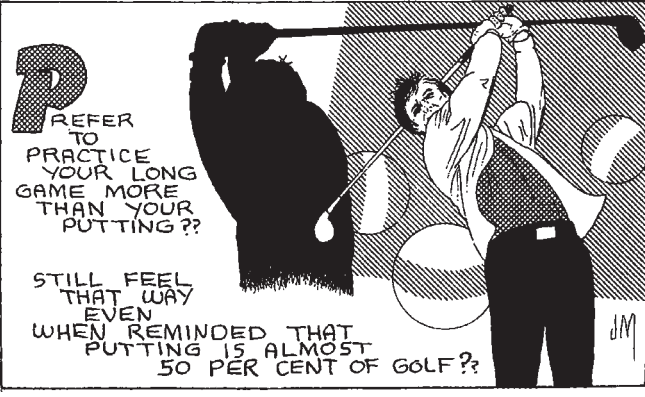


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Briefcase is larger. 2. Bush is larger. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Car bumper is missing. 5. Label is missing. 6. Windows in door are smaller.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS





Bake Jewish Hamantaschen Cookie Treats

When 9-year old Claire Diamond arrived at her grandmother's home for their one-on-one baking day, she already knew the drill. After a warm greeting, she found her cheery apron on the peg by the window, washed her hands, and said, "What are we making today?"

Propped on the counter was a handwritten recipe card for traditional Jewish hamantaschen. Hamantaschen are tri-cornered cookies that are shaped like hats and hold sweet fillings such as chopped prunes, apricot preserves and even chocolate.

While Claire found the chilled dough in the refrigerator, 89-year-old Barbara Diamond tossed the flour on the rolling pin and shared the different ways her family has made this tasty sweet through the generations.

Prepare this recipe or use commercially prepared sugar cookie dough from the dairy section of your market and skip to the rolling-out step. Either way, your family will enjoy making and eating this delicious treat. Don't worry if they don't all bake up in perfect triangles; it's part of the creative fun!

JEWISH HAMANTASCHEN

Makes 24 large cookies

- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature and cut into pieces
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 cups flour

- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Favorite fillings such as apricot and fig preserves, chopped dried fruit, or semisweet chocolate pieces
- Powdered sugar

Here's the fun: Thoroughly mix the butter, sugar, egg and juice. Blend in flour, baking powder and salt. Mix until dough holds together in a ball. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Roll half of the dough 1/8 inch thick on a lightly floured board. With a 3-inch round cookie cutter, tin can or drinking glass, cut out round shapes. Scoop a teaspoonful of your favorite fillings onto the center of each circle.

Fold the edge of the circle toward the center to form a triangle. Lightly pinch together three edges of the three joined sections of dough until they are closed, leaving a small opening in the center for the filling to peek through.

Repeat with the remaining half of dough and bake on parchment-lined cookie sheets for about 10 minutes. Cool on a rack. Dust lightly with powdered sugar before serving.



Extra Idea: You may brush each cookie with a mixture of 1 egg and 1 teaspoon of water before baking for a shiny, pastry-like finish.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

- On **Jan. 13, 1995**, America3 ("America Cubed"), an all-female sailing team, won the first race of the America's Cup defender trials in little more than a minute. The team was the sport's first all-women crew to compete in the Cup's 144-year history.

- On **Jan. 14, 1942**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Presidential Proclamation No. 2537, requiring non-U.S. citizens from World War II-enemy countries (Italy, Germany and Japan) to register with the United States Department of Justice, after which they were given a Certificate of Identification for Aliens of Enemy Nationality. The Proclamation facilitated the beginning of full-scale Japanese American internment the following month.

- On **Jan. 15, 1951**, Ilse Koch, known as the "Witch of Buchenwald" for the extraordinary sadism she displayed toward that camp's prisoners, was sentenced to life in prison for crimes against humanity by a West German court. The sentence was reduced to four years and Koch was released, then imprisoned again with a second life term. She escaped that fate by hanging herself with a bedsheet in 1967.

- On **Jan. 16, 1973**, the final episode of "Bonanza," written and directed by Michael Landon, aired on NBC, completing a 14-season run centering on thrice-widowed patriarch Ben Cartwright, his sons, and their adventures on the thousand-square-mile Ponderosa Ranch in Nevada.

- On **Jan. 17, 2013**, Sergei Filin, the artistic director of the Bolshoi Ballet, was attacked outside his Moscow home with acid by a masked man later revealed to have been hired by company dancer Pavel Dmitrichenko.

- On **Jan. 18, 1862**, America's 10th president, described in his New York Times obituary as "the most unpopular public man that had ever held any office in the United States," John Tyler died at age 71 in Richmond, Virginia.

- On **Jan. 19, 2007**, Beijing, China got its first drive-through McDonald's restaurant, a two-story building next to a gas station that celebrated its christening in a ceremony complete with traditional Chinese lion dancers and, of course, a Chinese Ronald McDonald.



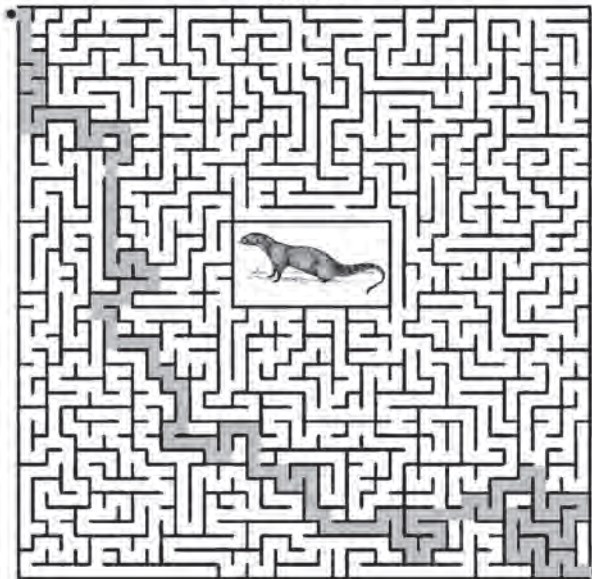
Super Crossword

Answers

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TOIL	ACTION	GROUP		
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MERCHANT	GUILD	FREEZER		
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ETHICS	COMMITTEE			
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RUGBY	LEAGUE	PAIN		
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DIRECTOR	ETHEL	RESALE		
SEARCH	ME	NOTRE	OODLES	

Mega Maze

Solution



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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CryptoQuip

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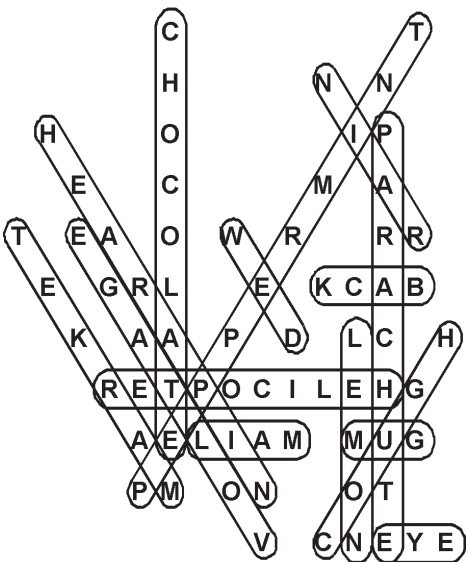
The young child's loose incisor made his gums pretty sore. I told him "This tooth shall pass."

CryptoQuote

answer

All I want is the best of everything and there's very little of that left.
— Cecil Beaton

DROP



Even Exchange

answers

- Baton, Baron
- Pitch, Ditch
- Closed, Closet
- Frame, Flame
- Mature, Nature
- Welder, Wilder
- Media, Medic
- Revise, Revive
- Sight, Night
- White, Write

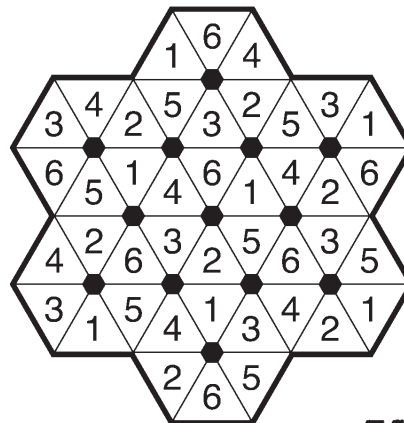
Go Figure!

answers

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2	+	1	x	4	=	12
-		+		x		
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SNOWFLAKES

solution



King Crossword

Answers

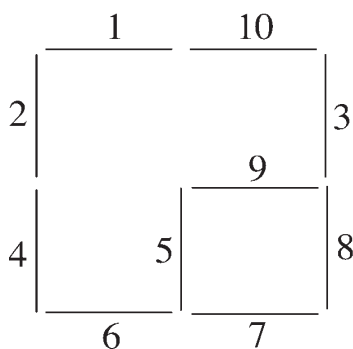
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FEAR & KNOT

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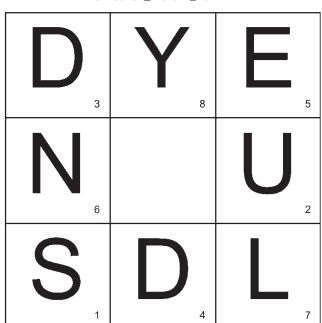


Stickelers Answer



KNIGHT MOVES

Answer



SUDDENLY



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Heist
2. Regal;
3. Sham;
4. Ardent

Today's Word

MARRIED

Even Exchange

answers

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| 1. Shift, Swift | 6. Refute, Refuse |
| 2. Trade, Trace | 7. Jerry, Ferry |
| 3. Fallon, Gallon | 8. Dipper, Diaper |
| 4. Proper, Propel | 9. Board, Beard |
| 5. Front, Frost | 10. Easel, Edsel |

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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FEAR & KNOT

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Sebastian Stan ("The Apprentice") bring home a Golden Globe recently for his performance as Edward Lemuel, an aspiring actor with the condition neurofibromatosis that disfigures his face. When given the opportunity, Edward jumps at the chance to cure his condition and assumes a completely new identity, named Guy, to match his new face. Shortly after, Guy learns that a play is being developed based on his old life and, thinking he's perfect for the role, auditions for it. But he gets overshadowed by another actor, Oswald (Adam Pearson), who has accepted his own neurofibromatosis diagnosis, causing Guy to realize that the only thing he was lacking in the first place was acceptance of himself. Premieres Jan. 17. (Max)



From left, Sebastian Stan, Renate Reinsve and Adam Pearson star in "A Different Man."

In Case You Missed It

"Tar" (R) — Over her three decades of working as an actress, Cate Blanchett ("Borderlands") has undoubtedly built a respectable repertoire of work. This includes this psychological-drama film, where Blanchett takes center stage as conductor Lydia Tar. Taking place in Berlin, the film follows Lydia as she prepares her orchestra for a live recording of "Mahler's Fifth Symphony." Unfiltered, unbothered and unapologetic, Lydia draws in her fellow musicians with her one-of-a-kind talent and expertise but also pushes them away with her tough, no-nonsense exterior, which makes her sudden fall from stardom very intriguing. Blanchett won the Golden Globe in 2023 for her performance as Lydia. Available now. (Hulu)

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Master Meal Prep: The Perfect Poached Chicken That Saves Time, Money and Dinner!

Here's what I know for sure, meal planning is the key to saving time, money and stress in the kitchen while ensuring your meals are nutritious and delicious.

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Here's the secret: The key is gentle, even cooking. Here's how to master poaching chicken: Take the chicken or chicken breasts out of the fridge to warm to room temperature before placing it in room temperature water. And then slowly bring the water just to a simmer, never to a full boil. Use a thermometer to track the temperature of the water, and keep it around 180 F to 190 F. It shouldn't boil! You must use a thermometer and set a timer. This is how you get the chicken to cook evenly and remain tender and juicy.

Diva Tip - This same technique works on whole chickens, and chicken breast with bone in and skin on.

POACHED CHICKEN BREASTS

FOR MEAL PREP

Yield: 5 pounds chicken
Total Time: 45 minutes

5 pounds of chicken breasts, boneless, skinless

Water, enough to cover by 2 inches
1 tablespoon kosher salt, adjust as desired

Optional: aromatics like garlic, onion, bay leaves, herbs or lemon

Place chicken in a large saucepan and cover with room temperature water, ensuring the meat is submerged by at least 2 inches. Add salt and aromatics for flavor.

Heat over medium until the water reaches 180 F, a gentle simmer. Cover with a lid and remove the pan from heat.



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Let it sit for 15 minutes, until the thickest part of the chicken breast reaches 150 F with a meat thermometer.

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Store cooked chicken in an airtight container in the fridge for up to four days or freeze for three months.

Why Poach a Whole Chicken?

It's economical and versatile. You'll get tender meat for salads, sandwiches and casseroles, plus a rich broth for soup or to elevate other dishes.

Freeze any extra meat or broth for future meals.

POACHED WHOLE CHICKEN

Yield: 4 to 5 pounds
Total Time: 60 minutes

1 whole chicken, about 4-5 pounds
Water, enough to fully submerge the chicken

1-2 tablespoon kosher salt, adjust as desired

Aromatics: 1 onion, 2 carrots, 2 celery stalks, 3 garlic cloves, fresh herbs and spices

Place the chicken in a large pot with water or broth, ensuring it's fully submerged. Add aromatics for a flavorful broth. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, 180 F to 190 F, then immediately reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook uncovered for about 60 minutes, skimming off foam and excess fat as needed. The chicken is done when the thickest part of the thigh reaches 165 F. Cool the chicken in the liquid for 30 minutes to retain moisture.

Meal planning doesn't have to be complicated! To make it even easier, grab my free Meal Planning Tool Kit, available for a limited time on my website (divasonadime.com). It's packed with tools and tips to help you save time, money and stress in the kitchen.

Poached chicken is the ultimate multitasker in your kitchen — juicy, versatile and practically effortless. Happy cooking!

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

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"Back in Action" (PG-13) — Who's been missing 2000s movie darling Cameron Diaz ("Gangs of New York," "Charlie's Angels")? This action-comedy film premiering Jan. 17 marks her first film in nine years, and she's starring alongside her former "Annie" co-star Jamie Foxx ("Not Another Church Movie"). They play former CIA spies, Emily and Matt, who have been enjoying married life with their two children when their secret identities are suddenly revealed. They get thrown back into the chaotic world of espionage and pray that muscle memory carries them through their missions. While it's great to see Diaz literally back in action, this film is overly reminiscent of hundreds of other action films that streaming services continue to tout out every month. (Looking at you, "The Fall Guy.") (Netflix)

"Unstoppable" (PG-13) — Someone who hasn't been missed but could be hoping for a better year is Jennifer Lopez. In this heartwarming film, she takes on a supporting role to Jharrel Jerome's ("I'm a Virgo") leading role as real-life wrestler Anthony Robles. Robles was born without a right leg and grew up with his single mother, Judy (Lopez), in Mesa, Arizona. But his tumultuous upbringing creates a strong fighting spirit within him, and amid his difficulties, he joins his school's wrestling team and becomes an unstoppable force to reckon with. Michael Pena ("Narcos: Mexico"), Bobby Cannavale ("MaXXXine"), and Don Cheadle ("Fight Night: The Million Dollar Heist") co-star in this biographical sports film, out on Jan. 16. (Amazon Prime Video)

"A Different Man" (R) — This psychological black-comedy film helped

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