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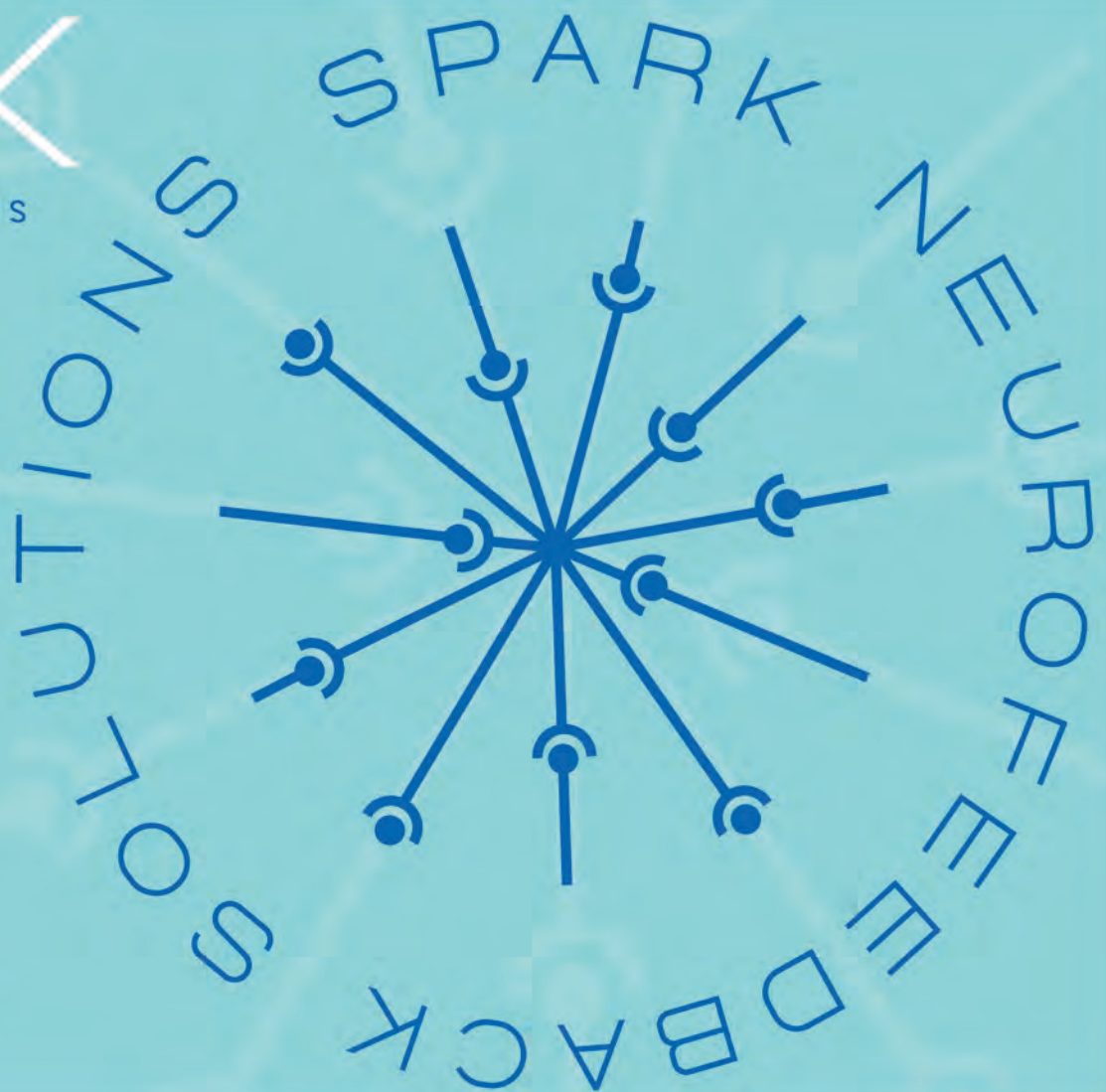
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Thacker Mountain Radio Hour Kicks Off 2023 Season with a New Director

Guests include Steve Azar, Ernie Vincent, Ron Rash, Terry & Nick McDonell, Amy LaVere, Charlie Mars, Afrissippi, and more.

The Thacker Mountain Radio Hour kicks off new season Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the Graduate Hotel led by a new executive director who has extensive ties to Oxford.

Amanda Wymer, formerly from Oxford and Ocean Springs, Mississippi, took over the reins of the show in July. Though she will make her official move to Oxford later in the fall, she'll be in attendance at the Graduate premiere to meet and greet Thacker supporters.

"This really is a homecoming for me," Wymer declares. "My family moved to Oxford from Clarksdale before my first birthday. I grew up at the Hoka and remember my parents listening to Thacker from Off Square Books. My mother and brother live in Oxford and I have three children of my own and can't wait to show them Oxford."

After a stint working in the arts in San Francisco, Wymer was most recently the Assistant Director of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs. She brings extensive development and fundraising skills to her new job.

"Amanda has already made a significant impact on the show," notes Thacker Board President Mary Margaret Andrews. "She's updated our Spotify, Soundcloud and Instagram pages and put together our fall fundraising campaign. We're very excited to have her on board."

Guests for the season premiere will include debut novelist Irina Zhorov as well as local alt-rockers, Bark and Delta songwriter Will Griffith, performing as The Great Dying. The show is hosted by Jim Dees and the Yalobushwhacker Big Band featuring the Thacker Horns and guest vocalist, Mary Frances Massey.

Admission is free. Doors are at 5:30 with bar service available. The show will be broadcast live on WUMS, 92.1 FM (online at <http://myrebelradio.com>).

The show can also be heard on public and community radio stations in Memphis, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, Tennessee as well as on the stations of Mississippi


Public Broadcasting and Alabama Public Radio. The show's newest affiliate is KNCE (93.5 FM) True Taos Radio in Taos, New Mexico.

Highlights of the upcoming fall season include, father/son authors Terry and Nick McDonell (Sept. 21); author Ron Rash with a Nashville songwriters showcase presented by the Ole Miss Women's Council at The Lyric Theatre (Sept. 28); NOLA funk rocker, Ernie Vincent (Oct. 12); Southern Studies scholar Ann Abadie (Nov. 2); Mississippi songwriter Steve Azar with author/illustrator Sarah Frances Hardy plus Memphis musicians, Amy LaVere and Will Sexton (Nov. 11) and the Season

Final on Thursday, November 16 with Afrissippi and Charlie Mars.

Locations for the fall shows will rotate between The Powerhouse Arts Center (413 S 14th St), Lyric Oxford (1006 Van Buren Ave) and the lobby of the Graduate Hotel (400 N Lamar Blvd).

A frequently updated schedule is available at the show's website <https://thackermountain.org/>.

The show will wrap up its 2023 schedule with their annual Holiday Membership party on December 1 at Southside Art Gallery. 



Amanda Wymer is the new Executive Director of Thacker Mountain Radio Hour.

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

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Fri-Sat: 11 am-10 pm
Sunday: 11 am-6 pm

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Rafters

Mon-Thu 5 pm-1 am
Fri: noon-1 am
Sat: 11 am-1 am
Sun: Brunch: 10:45 am-3 pm; \$3 Mimosas

Sleepy Cactus

Thu-Fri: 7:30 am-1:30 pm
Sat-Sun: 8 am-2 pm
BYOB

Rafters on the Water

Thu: 5-10 pm; **Fri:** 4-10 pm
Sat: 11 am-10 pm
Sun: 11 am-9 pm

Rooster's

Mon-Fri: 3 pm-1 am
Sat: noon-1 am
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Saint Leo

Wed-Sun:
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Bar & Pizza 3-5 pm
Dinner 5-10 pm
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Fri-Sat: 4-10:30 pm
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Wed: Spaghetti Night
Thu: Ramen & \$5 Rosé

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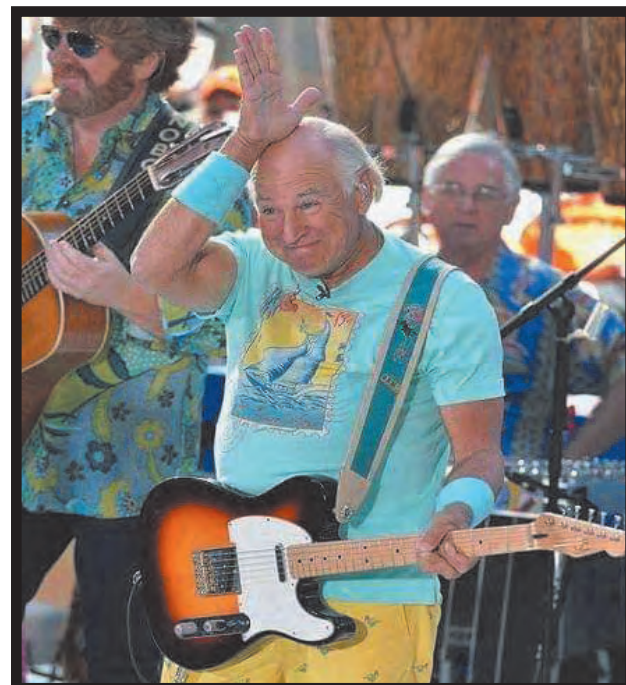
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- ▶ The Library: **COWBOY MARIO & THE ELECTRIC BULL**
- ▶ Moe's: **BINGO**
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE + LADIES NIGHT** (5:30 pm till)
- Campus Wines: Thirsty Thursday: 5% off select item
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Author Visit with **PHYLLIS DIXON** (5:30 pm)
- University Museum: Milkshake Mash-ups (4:30 pm)

FRIDAY 9.08.2023

- ▶ The Annex: **DJ ULTRA**
- ▶ The Library: **WESLEY WALKER BAND**
- ▶ Off Square Books: **RICHARD FORD** reads and signs *Be Mine* (5:30 pm)
- ▶ Rafters Oxford: **DJ DRUM**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES** (7-10 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm); **DELTA PSI**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)
- The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford presents *The Exonerated* (7:30 pm)

SATURDAY 9.09.2023

- ▶ The Annex: **DJ ULTRA**
- ▶ The Library: Watch *Ole Miss @ Tulane* (2:30 pm); **BLUFF CITY BANDITS** (2 shows starting at 6 pm)
- ▶ Rafters Oxford: Football on the big screen; **DJ DRUM**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **PROUD HOUND** (7-10 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **MATT ALLUM**
- The Powerhouse: Theatre Oxford presents *The Exonerated* (2 pm, 7:30 pm)

SUNDAY 9.10.2023

- ▶ Off Square Books: **MICHAEL HAROLD & QUINN PEEPER** sign *Classical Shindig* (1:30 pm)
- ▶ Rafters Oxford: Brunch music with **LUKE FISHER**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **JOE AUSTIN ACOUSTIC** (noon-3 pm); **HAGGARD COLLINS SOLO** (5-8 pm)

MONDAY 9.11.2023

- ▶ Ford Center: **MOMIX ALICE**
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm); **DJ WADE**
- Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)
- Campus Wines: Staff Pick Monday: 10% off staff pick
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: *Pokemon Playdate* (4 pm); *Family Storytime* (6 pm)

TUESDAY 9.12.2023

- ▶ Back Nine: **MARIO KART NIGHT** (7 pm)
- ▶ Moe's: **Trivia** (7 pm)
- ▶ Old Armory Pavilion: **Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)

- ▶ Off Square Books: **NYANI NKRUMAH** in conversation with **LAUREN RHODES** for *Wade in the Water* (5:30 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm); **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 9.13.2023

- ▶ The Annex: **FLIP NIGHT**
- ▶ Back Nine: **2-MAN SCRAMBLE**
- ▶ Funkys: **LADIES' NIGHT**
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5 pm till)
- Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)

THURSDAY 9.14.2023

- ▶ The Library: **COWBOY MARIO & THE ELECTRIC BULL**
- ▶ Moe's: **BINGO**
- ▶ The Powerhouse: Thacker Mountain Radio with author **BARBARA JENKINS** for *So Long as It's Wild* plus **JOHNNIE B. KING & IRETTA SANDERS, ALICIA-POP** (6 pm)
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **RHEAGAN SKELTON** (6-9 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE + LADIES NIGHT** (5:30 pm till)
- Campus Wines: Thirsty Thursday: 5% off select item
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: *YA Book Club* (4:30 pm); *Tote-ally Awesome Totes* with **ERICA & JAN** (5:30 pm)
- The Lyric: **CHERUB** (**JASON HUBER**)
- Pocket Park (next to City Hall): *Third Thursday Live Music* (5 pm)
- Proud Larrys: **PROUD HOUND**

FRIDAY 9.15.2023

- ▶ The Annex: **DJ ULTRA**
- ▶ The Library: **TY TAYLOR**
- ▶ Rafters Oxford: **DJ DRUM**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **HAGGARD COLLINS TRIO** (7-10 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE AFTER WORK** (5 pm); **FROG HOUSE**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: *Storytime* (10:30 am)
- Proud Larry's: **TWO BEANS**

SATURDAY 9.16.2023

- Vaught-Hemingway Stadium: **OLE MISS VS. GEORGIA TECH** (6:30 pm)
- ▶ The Annex: **DJ ULTRA**
- ▶ The Library: **TY TAYLOR**
- ▶ Rafters: **DJ DRUM**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **OPIE & THE BOYS** (7-10 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **PINK SHEETS**
- ▶ Square Books, Jr.: *Storytime Takeover* with **SARAH FRANCES HARDY** reading *One Mississippi* (10 am)
- Proud Larry's: **PANIC STRICKEN**

SUNDAY 9.17.2023

- ▶ The Powerhouse: *Punk Flea Market Matinee* feat. **SECRET SHAME, WAXED, PUNKS IN DRAG** (5 pm)
- ▶ Rafters Oxford: Brunch music with **JOE AUSTIN**
- ▶ Rafters on the Water: **ROCKET 88** (noon-3 pm); **DANIEL SHARP** (5-8 pm)




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- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm); **DJ WADE**
- Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)
- Campus Wines: Staff Pick Monday: 10% off staff pick
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: *Family Storytime* (6 pm)

TUESDAY 9.19.2023



- ▶ Back 9: **MARIO KART NIGHT** (7 pm)
- ▶ Moe's: **Trivia** (7 pm)
- ▶ Old Armory Pavilion: **Oxford Community Market** (3-6:30 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm); **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- Ford Center: **MANHATTAN CHAMBER PLAYERS**
- Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: *Baby storytime* (9:30 am)

WEDNESDAY 9.20.2023

- ▶ The Annex: **FLIP NIGHT**
- ▶ Back 9: **2-MAN SCRAMBLE** (7 pm)
- ▶ Funkys: **LADIES' NIGHT**
- ▶ Moe's Penny Bar: *Wednesday Yarn* with Evangelist **BOBBY CLANTON** "Are We in End Times?" (6 pm)
- ▶ Rooster's: **KARAOKE** (5:30 pm till) 

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Sun 9/10 JOE AUSTIN ACOUSTIC (12-3 pm)

HAGGARD COLLINS SOLO (5-8 pm)

Thu 9/14 REAGAN SKELTON (6-9 pm)

Fri 9/15 HAGARD COLLINS TRIO (7-10)

Sat 9/16 OPIE & THE BOYS (7-10 pm)

Sun 9/17 ROCKET 88 (Noon-3 pm)

DANIEL SHARP (5-8 pm)



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Hug 'em While You Can, Chilluns

“Hug ‘em while you can, chilluns” may have been Jack Sonni’s most-used tag line. But it wasn’t just a tag line. It was a huge part of Jack’s philosophy on life. Just check out his Facebook page if you have any doubts.

Jack had a sadly unique perspective on living in the moment. He knew about the importance of being grateful for what and who we have from experience. I urge you to read a column Jack wrote regarding one of his twin daughters who died on October 11, 2018. Please, please, please read it (<https://www.jacksonni.com/post/reflections-on-loss-grief>).

Parents should not outlive their children. But when it happens, the grief that follows is unique. I know it from near the inside. My late sister, Hilda’s, son, Sammy, was killed in an accident when he was only 10 years old. Hilda grieved him one way or another every single day of the rest of her life. She tried to hide it and move on, but it was always there and I could always see it.

Funny thing, the entire week before Jack died a portion of a poem I’d learned in high school was running on continuous loop in my mind. It was written in 1648 by the English Cavalier poet, Robert Herrick, and was in the genre of carpe diem, Latin for “seize the day.”

*Gather ye Rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.*

*If you believe in forever
Then life is just a one-night stand.
If there’s a rock n’ roll heaven
Well you know they’ve got a hell of a band.*

On August 30 I quoted that part of the poem to my eight-year-old friend, Sir Daniel, and asked him what he thought it meant. Sir Daniel paused briefly and said something like this: “We should be grateful for all the things we have because we may not have them tomorrow.” So much wisdom from such a young sage. Less than an hour later the news of Jack’s death broke.

Jack’s smile was infectious. His style was pure Jack. When he played it was with an open soul from which doves of love cascaded as far as the eye could see, the ear could hear, and the spirit could soar. The Jack of Hearts that adorned his hat was representative of the heart he wore on his sleeve.

We love you, Jack. We miss you. We can’t wait to hear you playing in heaven’s rock n’ roll band. Until then, we chilluns will hug each other every chance we get.

...and that’s the view from The Balcony.

Randy Weeks is a Licensed Professional Counselor, a Certified Shamanic Life Coach, an ordained minister, a singer-songwriter, and an actor. Fins up,

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memory be a blessing! Randy may be reached at randallsweeks@gmail.com. 📺



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Red Spider Lily Pops Up, Surprises All Once Again

The red spider lily is coming. But you may have to wait until early next year to get some for your garden.

Each September something almost magical happens across the South when red spider lilies, with their long, tropical-looking stamens, pop up and surprise everyone who had forgotten about them. This amaryllis relative has had other common names over the years, including hurricane lily and schoolhouse lily—so named because they bloom in hurricane season and, believe it or not, we used to start school in September. Those were the good old days. It is also commonly called Naked Lady because it has a long, slim stem with no leaves.

Known botanically as *Lycorisradiata*, you might have thought it was native to the South because of the way it naturalizes with ease and brings color and beauty to the overheated landscape. But this fascinating, easy-to-grow bulb actually originates in Japan.

Plant red spider lily bulbs in the spring in fertile, organic-rich, well-drained beds in full or partial sun. Place the bulbs 3 to 4 inches deep, spacing 6 to 8 inches apart. They can be planted in straight lines for a formal look, but usually look better in bold, informal drifts. Water the blooming spider lily well to extend its floral show as long as possible.



Photo by Norman Winter, MSU Horticulturist

Once the flower is finished, the foliage arises and will make food for the bulb from fall or winter through late spring. The temptation is to mow those that have naturalized or cut them back for a tidy look, but this will harm the next season's bloom.

If you want to move this plant, divide in the spring as the foliage starts to turn yellow. This is the best way to get a really good stand. Even better is to get your own bulbs this winter.

Because the red spider lily doesn't bloom long, it makes a great addition to beds with a groundcover like ivy: the flowers will emerge above the groundcover but will not be missed when they retreat back to the ground. The long stamens give a tropical appearance that allows them to be used in and around bananas and elephant ears. Use them under rice paper plants, or try planting drifts among blue-green hostas.

In addition to the red spider lily, look for the white Alba, the yellow-gold *Lycoris aurea* (zones 8 to 10) and *Lycoris squamigera*, the real Naked Lady.

This plant features pink blooms during the summer and is cold-hardy.

The red spider lily will be out of sight and out of mind in a few months. These bulbs are at garden centers mostly in late winter and early spring. They will surprise you next fall. **TV**



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Taylor, Mississippi Guitarist Jack Sonni, Formerly of Dire Straits, Passes Away at 68

Former **Dire Straits** guitarist **Jack Sonni** has died at the age of 68 on August 30, 2023. Sonni was an internationally acclaimed musician who relocated to **Taylor, Mississippi** in 2018 and became a local fixture in the pandemic-era **Mississippi** music scene.

The musician's passing was announced in a moving post by the band posted online, reading: '#Jack-Sonni Rest In Peace #DireStraits.'

Sonni was known as "the other guitarist" during the group's *Brothers in Arms* era, named after their fifth album, released in 1985.

His cause of death has not been revealed, but it is believed he was suffering from a sudden illness.



On Tuesday, **Dire Straits Legacy**, an official group of musicians who toured with the band, announced Jack had been suffering from ill health in a social media post.

The post read: "Dear fans, unfortunately, Jack Sonni will not be able to participate in our next gigs because of health problems. Jack get better soon, we are waiting for you! With love, the DSL family."

Two days later on August 31, 2023, DSL announced that Sonni had passed away. "Our beloved Jack has left a void in our heart and soul... we will miss you so much, you are forever with us ❤️"

Born in **Indiana, Pennsylvania** and drawn to music at an early age, Sonni first learned piano, then trumpet, before switching to guitar at 14. His love of the instrument led him to leave the **University of Connecticut**, where he was studying literature, to attend the **Hartford Conservatory of Music**. Sonni had been working at the famous **New York City** guitar shop **Rudy's Music Stop** in the 1970s when he first met **Dire Straits'** co-founders **David and Mark Knopfler**.

Sonni visited the Knopflers in **London**, and after David left the band, Sonni was asked to join the band for the 1984 recording sessions for *Brothers in Arms* and the subsequent tour. Jack accepted, and played guitar synthesizer on "The Man's Too Strong."

He played alongside the band at the iconic 1985 **Live Aid** concert at **Wembley Stadium** that raised money for the famine that hit **Ethiopia**.



After his collaboration with **Dire Straits**, Sonni contributed to other musicians' works but ended his professional musical career when his twin daughters were born in 1988. He began a second career as a marketing executive, first at **Seymour Duncan**, then **Rivera Guitar Amplifiers** followed by several years as director of marketing communications at **Line 6**, a manufacturer of digital technology products for musicians. He was instrumental in the development and launch of **POD**—which he named and gave the product its legendary shape. In 2001, he became vice president of marketing communication for **Guitar Center**, a position he left in 2006.

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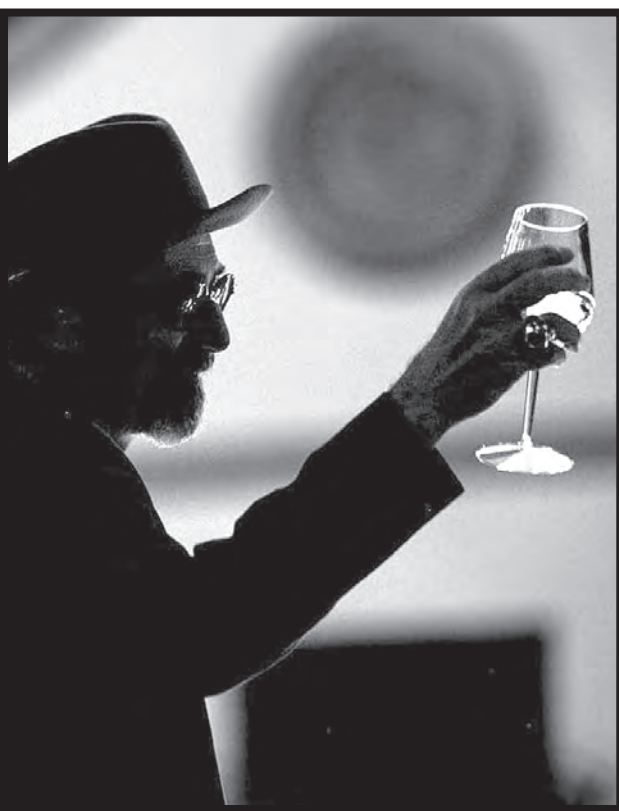
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Jack Sonni & The Leisure Class live at City Grocery in Oxford, June 18, 2022. Photograph by Newt Rayburn.



In the summer of 2006, Sonni moved to San Jose del Cabo in 2007, then to Healdsburg, California, until January 2012, when he relocated to Brooklyn for a short time. Sonni was writer-in-residence and House Manager at the Noepe Center for Literary Arts on Martha's Vineyard until its closing in 2017.

Jack moved to Water Valley, Mississippi, and later to Taylor, in 2018, and returned to playing music on a regular basis with his band, The Leisure Class, this time featuring some of the top players in the area, including Jesse Pinion, Bradley Gordon, Eric Carlton, Mark Yacavone, Casey Lipe, and others. Sonni also appeared regularly with other former members of Dire Straits in the DSL, Dire Straits Legacy project.


Jack Sonni was working on a book at the time of his passing. He had secured an agent and was searching for a publisher. On June 2, 2023, Sonni's last social media post read, "Well chilluns, the last social media post for the foreseeable future as I dive into getting my novel in shape for my agent's publisher hunt. Play nice & be kind to one another! And hug them while you can."

Following the news of Jack's death, fans took to social media to pay tribute, posting many messages.

One posted: "OMG... so sorry to hear this terrible news. RIP hero!" while another added: "Sending love and condolences to Nadine and family. RIP Jack."

A third shared: "Sincerest condolences to Jack's family and loved ones," while one user shared: "Thank you for your wonderful vibe. Rest In Peace."

Oxford Sound Engineer Jeffrey Reed posted, "I'd like to offer Godspeed to one of the nicest celebrities I've ever met. Jack Sonni has left this mortal coil. Guitarist for Dire Straits through yeah, the big years. He was a friend and a gent. He's even been a guest band leader on Thacker Mountain Radio! I surely know he enjoyed his time here in Mississippi. I wouldn't wish what happened to him on my worst enemy. I think the last time I spoke to him was at LAX. Just ran into each other while boarding different flights. He played regular free gigs with his local band The Leisure Class.....I'm just spent. Damn. I don't know Robin Scott, but hug your friends."

Oxford guitarist Jesse Pinion was Jack's go-to guy for Mississippi shows. "Words can't express what we're all feeling. Thank you for coming into our lives and letting us share in the fun. I know I don't smile much on stage, but I was having the time of my life. Rock on brother, Raise a Ruckus!!" 

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12 Abbr. on a phone
13 Sunscreen additive
14 "Big Blue"
15 Royal with a golden touch
17 Actress Vardalos
18 Naval rank
19 Avid
21 Hosp. triage area
22 Parsley and sage
24 Stately trees
27 Candle dripping
28 Incite
31 Luau souvenir
32 Glamorous Gardner
33 Santa -- winds
34 Ward (off)
36 Tiara sparkler
37 Winter blanket
38 Accepted fact
40 "I see"
41 Flood protection
43 Clothe
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48 Cell phone sounds
51 Insult, slangily
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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: BATHING A PIG

Balderdash Claptrap Horsefeathers Poppycock
Baloney Drive! Jive Rubbish
Blarney Gibberish Palaver Twaddle
Bunk Hooley Piffle

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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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By: rj johnson

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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.

PUZZLE PLAYGROUND

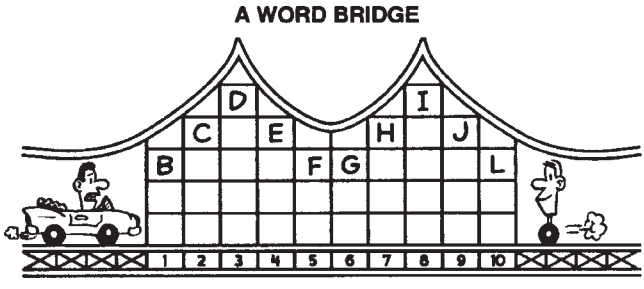


ARE YOU A SHOE-IN TO SOLVE THIS ONE?
Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "S" in the left-hand rail: "Strike while the iron is hot."

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

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

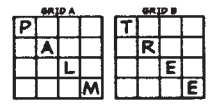
1. Sleeps in the daytime.
2. To persuade by pleading.
3. Beverage for a nervous person.
4. End-of-term ordeal.
5. A wind mover.
6. Slang for sailor.
7. To pay attention to.
8. Extremely angry.
9. Triangular sails.
10. Smoked salmon.

A SENSITIVE STUMPER! Replace the letters on our sun worshiper's chest with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest total possible.

Our answer: T=8, I=6, M=2, E=0, S=7, U=3, N=4, B=9, R=5 (8620 + 734 = 9354)

PUZZLES IN PARADISE! Pictured below are two puzzle grids to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid A contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid B.

1. A military base.
2. A sudden attack
3. A tasty food store.
4. Great Dutch cheese.



1. Beats out another.
2. What the desert is.
3. Gave false testimony.
4. Produced by constructing.

Answers: 1. Post-tops, 2. Raid-and, 3. Raid-and, 4. Delft-made

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. Moby Dick, e.g. | ___ A ___ | In one piece | ___ O ___ |
| 2. Space telescope | ___ B ___ | Unpretentious | ___ M ___ |
| 3. With more height | ___ A ___ | Bank employee | ___ E ___ |
| 4. Reheated | ___ M ___ | Misshapen | ___ P ___ |
| 5. Like sugar | ___ W ___ | Mattress cover | ___ H ___ |
| 6. Rock fragments | G ___ | Go on a journey | T ___ |
| 7. Topic | ___ E ___ | Rosemary's partner? | ___ Y ___ |
| 8. Water sieve | ___ I ___ | Become unsteady | ___ A ___ |
| 9. Non-poetic works | ___ S ___ | Submit evidence | ___ V ___ |
| 10. Mix socially | M ___ | Advertising tune | J ___ |



Roses
These plants are said to be around 35 million years old. They have a very long history as both a symbol for love and beauty and for politics and war. Cultivation of roses began some 5,000 years ago, probably in China. During the Roman period, they were used as confetti at celebrations, for medicinal purposes, and as a source of perfume. The nobility established large public rose gardens in Rome. - Brenda Weaver



Detail of woodblock print by Kono Barci, 1913

Source: urbanexi.illinois.edu/roses/history

STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

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Mississippi Artists to Paint Faulkner's Mule Farm

Public invited to September 17 reception at Greenfield Farm

Nine artists from across Mississippi will soon converge on what was once William Faulkner's mule farm to depict the landscape in a "plein air" painting competition.

The September 17, 2023 event will be held at Greenfield Farm, a 20-acre parcel of land east of Oxford previously owned by the famous author. The University of Mississippi, which owns the property, plans to convert it into a one-of-a-kind writer's residency that will attract writers from Mississippi and those who make Mississippi their subject.

Besides fundraising for the project, the painting competition will include a public reception at 4 pm. During the reception, visitors can watch the competitors complete their pieces, enjoy refreshments from Tarasque Cucina and potentially purchase paintings created that day.

"Greenfield Farm is so beautiful," said Brooke Alexander, organizer of the event and instructional assistant professor of art. "It's overgrown, and you can just feel the history in the land and all the stories that have come through the space.

"Obviously, the land is going to change once the writer's residency begins, so we wanted to somehow document it before changes start to happen—to showcase the beauty that the land has claimed on these ruins."

The artists will be given free rein to use their medium and canvas size of choice. Of the finished pieces, one will be selected for a \$1,000 grand prize and will become part of the farm's permanent collection. Other works will be available for purchase.

Alexander said the scope of competing artists demonstrates "a very small portion of what Mississippi artists bring to the table."

"Mississippi has such a wide range of artists," she said. "The writer's residency will welcome a diverse group of people, so we are trying to get that sense already at the start of this project. We hope to introduce these artists to people in Oxford and get them interested in their work."

Competing at the event are:

Benny Melton, who earned his Master of Fine Arts at Ole Miss and was raised in Yazoo City

Charlie Buckley, an Oxford painter whose work has been recognized by the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters

Thomas Coon, a visual fine artist, specializing in equine and canine portraiture who teaches at the university

Brenden Davis, a Jackson native who works in graphic arts and animation, among traditional mediums

Sarah Frances Hardy, an Oxford-based author, illustrator of children's books and painter

Sabrina Howard, a graduate of the Atlanta College of Art who lives in Jackson and works as a graphic designer and painter

Hannah McCormick, a UM graduate who paints and teaches in Water Valley

Jared Spears, a Taylor-based painter, sculptor, designer and musician

Vondrel Warren, a Clarksdale native who works as a firefighter and artist

Coon said he is honored to be selected as part of the juried group.

"I went out to look at the space, and it's really jungle-like," said Coon, an adjunct instructor in art and art history at the university. "I look forward to being able to portray how it looks now versus how it's going to look.

"I want to capture the essence of the time when Faulkner owned the mule farm. I'm an equine and canine portrait artist, so the mule aspect is symbolic for me."

Frank Estrada, local artist and printmaker, looks forward to judging the event.

"I saw the roster of artists, and I'm excited to see the variety of talent that is going to be there," said Estrada, a multimedia specialist at the School of Business Administration. "As a printmaker who mainly works in black-and-white, I personally will be looking at the color palette that each artist uses."

Stacey Rathert, instructional assistant professor of art, also will serve as a judge for the competition. She said she is excited to watch artists depict the landscape and environment in their own distinct way.

"Generally speaking, they all have the same materials, same amount of time, and the same location to create," Rathert said. "But I expect that their work will vary a great deal as they work in their own voice.

"I will be looking for that diversity and uniqueness to come through, as well as pieces that really capture the spirit of the location. The site will never be the exact same as it was in the moments that the artists are at work, not just as the site vegetation and structures change to welcome the residency program, but also the light, the atmosphere and the feelings that the space evokes in that moment."

The third judge is **Jay Watson, Howry Professor of Faulkner Studies**.


"My main goal is to help get people out to Greenfield Farm," Watson said. "I want people affiliated with the university and people from the community to know it's there and it's a cultural treasure."

The planned retreat-style residency will attract writers, including novelists, poets, songwriters, playwrights, essayists and nonfiction writers. The program will afford 50-plus writers a year the time and space to execute their projects.

The university's commitment to the project is evidenced by a wide range of participation in the competition, said **John T. Edge**, director of the Mississippi Lab, which will manage Greenfield Farm Writers Residency.

"This is a great illustration of the way that members of the various colleges at our university work together," Edge said. "With this event, we have the Mississippi Lab in collaboration with the English department, the business school and art department. All see the possibilities of this place.

"I hope it's a demonstration of more collaboration to come."

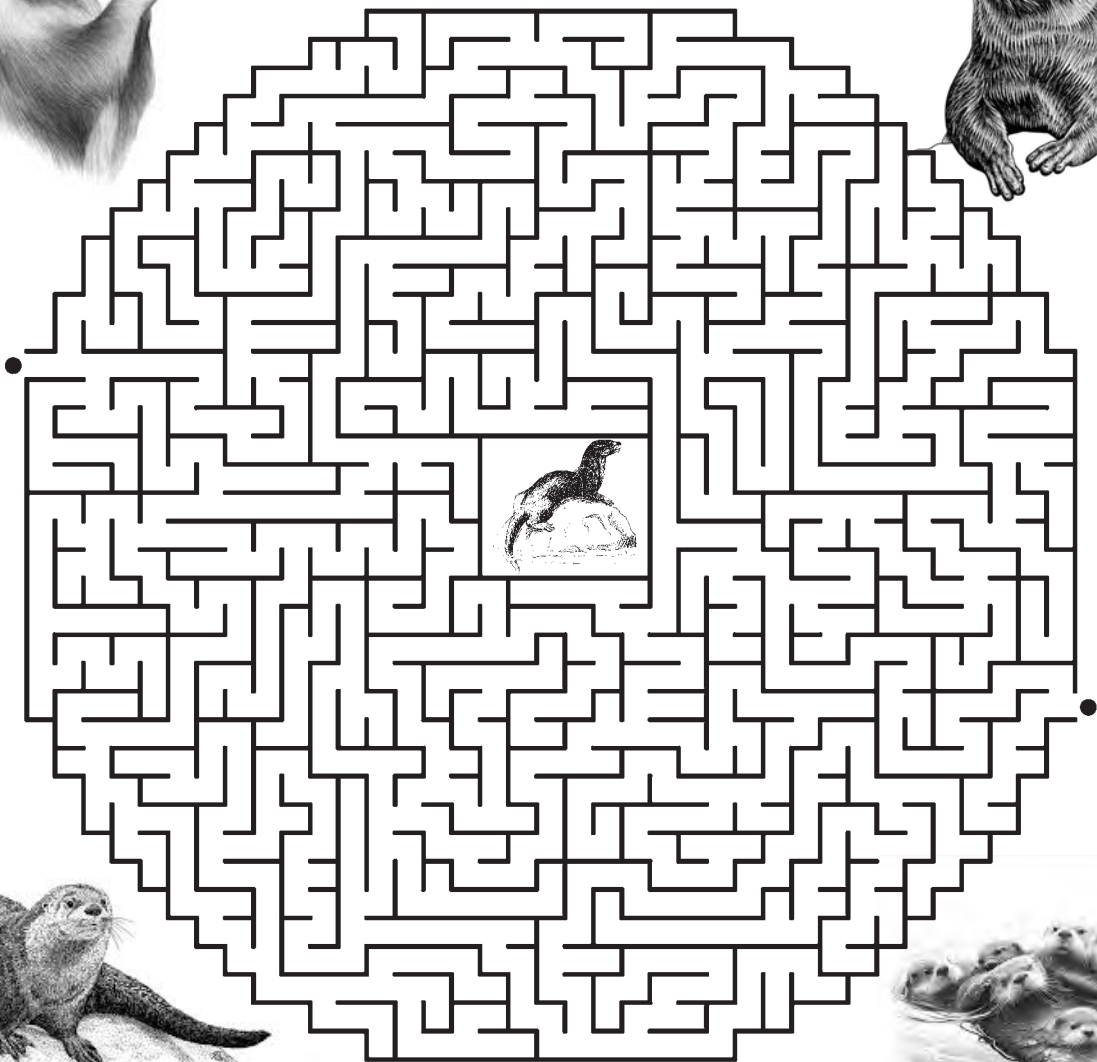
For those interested in attending the reception, Greenfield Farm is about 13 miles northeast of Oxford off Highway 30. Turn left on County Road 249, travel approximately one mile, cross a bridge and look for signs to your left. Coordinates are 34.449730, -89.309403. 



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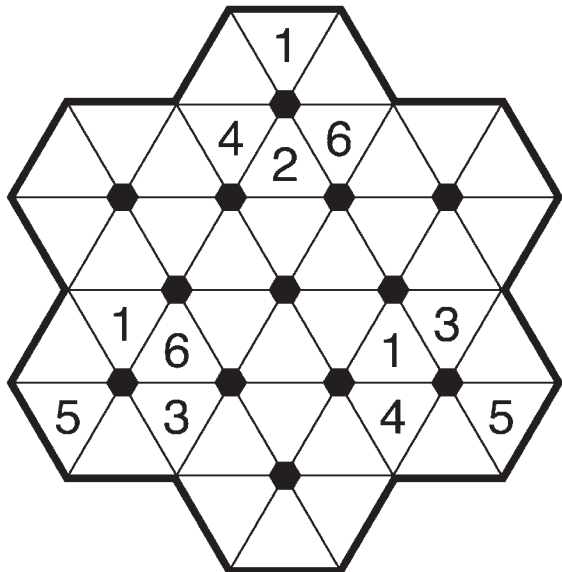
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK:** What does the acronym "IPA" stand for in a beer?
- LITERATURE:** Who is the author of *The Hunger Games* series?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state has the most lighthouses?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of New Zealand?
- GAMES:** What is a perfect score in bowling?
- SCIENCE:** What does an auxanometer measure?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a female donkey called?
- MOVIES:** Which holiday is celebrated at the end of *When Harry Met Sally*?
- TELEVISION:** Which entertainer has hosted *Saturday Night Live* the most?
- ANATOMY:** What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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.



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.

RA'K GEXGOK VTTL AZT
XHSGL'K CRKGCUGLAGIT AH
VT HECTM, LTUTM AZT SGL'K.
- DGLT QHLCG

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: O equals P

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- Answers 1. India Pale Ale 2. Suzanne Collins
3. Michigan 4. Wellington 5. 300 points
6. Plant growth 7. A Jenny 8. New Year's
Eve 9. Actor Alec Baldwin 17. times
10. Patella

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult



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Strange BUT TRUE

I can't claim a close kinship with Jimmy Buffett or even being audacious enough to call myself a Parrot-head, but upon his death as I look back, I realize he played a part in my memories and during some tough times during my time at Ole Miss.

In 1982, Jimmy Buffett played at the Tad Pad in a Monday night show. I was doing student programming at the time and we had a Sunday load-in in advance of a 6 pm soundcheck. That morning I got a call from Jimmy's road manager asking if I could arrange for Jimmy to meet Willie Morris. I had taken Willie's Contemporary American Writers class, and we became friends during his time in Oxford and shared many a Sunday night with friends in vicious games of Trivial Pursuit.

I told the road manager I would try but knew that it would be hard to get to Willie since he slept until late afternoon and put his telephone in the refrigerator. I decided to ride over to his house around 2 pm and amazingly found him writing at his kitchen table with note cards spread around.

"Willie, Jimmy Buffett wants to meet you," I said.

He responded, "Who is Jimmy Buffett?"

I explained that he was a very popular singer/songwriter. Willie liked the idea and took to calling him Jimmy "Buffay." He agreed to meet him and suggested that we take him to dinner at The Sizzler on Highway 6, but only if I would join them and drive. How could I pass this up: dinner with Jimmy Buffett and Willie?

I picked up Willie, big bottle of red wine in hand, for the sound check and afterward left with Jimmy with a bottle of bourbon in hand headed out Highway 6. We arrived sometime around 8 pm greeted by the post Sunday night church crowd. It was amazing how the stories progressed from

tales of Southern writers to Buffett telling the hilarious story of when he practiced singing the national anthem for a Gator football game.

As the liquid levels of both bottles approached low tide, the crowd thinned and as was Willie's tradition, he presented Buffett with one of the bowling trophies that lined the walls. Soon it was just the three of us.

Sometime later, Gladys, the owner of The Sizzler walked over to our table, retrieved her bowling trophy, put the front door key on the table, and said, "Whenever y'all finish, put your dishes in the sink, lock the door and put the key under the mat. I'm going home."

I had the good fortune to travel with Willie, his son David Rae, Ronzo, and Dean and Larry Wells to Jimmy's Coral Reefer show at Mud Island. Jimmy's mother Peets loved Oxford and became fast friends with Dean Faulkner Wells. When Deanie's daughter Diane got married, I was privileged to drive Peets to the reception. Driving Jimmy Buffett's mother to the wedding reception of William Faulkner's great niece to hear The Tangents! My favorite Jazz Fest of all times was with Peets and her entourage.

These are cherished memories, but there are two other times when Jimmy Buffett meant something to me. A year after the Chi Omega accident in 1987, a memorial was held at the sorority chapter house on a pristine spring day in April. 1987 had been a tough year and I was hoping for better times. I had parked in the Stockard parking lot and as soon as I got in my car, I removed my tie, rolled down the windows and drove around the west side on my way home.

I heard music playing. I glanced up to a second-floor wide open window, screen removed. There in the window was a skinny freshman in

his boxers, a Cardinals baseball cap atop his head and sunglasses on with a beer and cigarette in hand dancing to "Margaritaville." I smiled, drove off and thought, "Life's gonna be alright."

In the fall of 1987, tragedy again visited Ole Miss when a freshman that I had gotten to know well fell down the stairs of his fraternity house and died four days later. He had visited my office the day before. It was a strenuous time dealing with families, media, the fraternity and my own frustration and sadness.

I had flown with some of his fraternity brothers to Clearwater for his funeral. His parents had given me the

honor of delivering remarks at his packed house funeral in a beautiful old Episcopal church. I remembered sharing with the congregation that "if they gave all-American awards for smiling, Skip would win the Heisman Trophy."

I got back to my condo that night. I had learned that post crisis feelings were the toughest; that time when it was quiet, when figuring out what and how to feel was agonizing, when adrenaline pumped with nowhere to flow.

But I handled it that night. I had learned my lesson.

I got a couple of cold Heinekens, turned out the lights, and stretched out on the floor, put on a Jimmy Buffett album and cried.

Like Jimmy says, "Laugh till you cry, cry till you smile."

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Sparky Reardon and Jimmy Buffett back in the day.

- In 2014, there was a school in **Turin, Italy**, that had just one teacher and one student. Though the latter admitted to being lonely, officials decided to keep the school open as long as at least one pupil was enrolled.

- Altocalciphilia* is the medical term for a shoe addiction.

- Embryonic bats go through a stage called "peek-a-boo," when their wings grow to cover their eyes.

- Muhammad Ali's** star on the **Hollywood Walk of Fame** is the only star that is not on the sidewalk, but on the wall of the **Kodak Theatre**, to honor the boxing champ's request that he "did not want to be walked on."

- Pennies are used to adjust the time in **London's** famous **Big Ben** clock tower. A single cent can change the pendulum's center of mass and alter the time by 0.4 seconds per day.

- Michael Bay** filmed **Megan Fox** washing his **Ferrari** as her audition for *Transformers*.

- Halley's Comet** has two correct pronunciations. It can rhyme with "daily" or "valley" since its discoverer, **Edmond Halley**, spelled his name six different ways during his lifetime.

- The 2003 invasion of **Iraq** was originally dubbed "**Operation Iraqi Liberation**" but quickly changed due to the fact its acronym spelled out "OIL."

- After learning that her husband had been killed in **World War II**, **Mariya Oktyabrskaya** sold everything she owned to donate a tank to the **Soviet Red Army**, with the condition that she be allowed to drive it. When the tank was hit by gunfire, she would not only risk her own life to jump out and repair it, but ended up becoming the first female tanker to receive the **Hero of the Soviet Union** award.

Thought for the Day: "Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are."

— **Malcolm Forbes**



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 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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- 1 Bucolic
 - 9 Break away formally
 - 15 Lazes about
 - 20 Out of prison conditionally
 - 21 Brand of infant formula
 - 22 “— vincit amor” (“Love conquers all”)
 - 23 Try to get the job done
 - 24 “The Grass Is Singing” novelist
 - 26 Falco of “Oz”
 - 27 Bonding stuff
 - 29 Peeving
 - 30 O or Elle, e.g.
 - 31 Original host of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire”
 - 35 In a calm way
 - 37 Bellhop’s employer
 - 38 Ultimate
 - 40 Actress Hagen
 - 41 They suffer for what they believe in
 - 45 First lady who wrote “American Grown”
 - 52 Self-confident declaration
 - 53 Zilch
 - 54 Ugly plants
 - 55 Stuff oozing down a trunk
 - 56 She sang “I’ll Be Missing You” with Puff Daddy
 - 60 Skewed view
 - 61 Unicycle part
 - 62 Trout feature
 - 63 “— go brag”
 - 64 Makes taboo
 - 65 Sister chain of Marshalls
 - 67 Art collector who founded a Manhattan museum
 - 72 Daisy parts
 - 74 Nets or Nats
 - 75 Daily opinion page
 - 76 The Monkees’ “— Believer”
 - 79 Since
 - 80 Like lingerie
 - 81 She played Kerry Weaver on “ER”
 - 84 Hertz offering
 - 85 Actress Keanan of “Step by Step”
 - 87 Transmitted
 - 88 This plus that
 - 89 George C. Scott’s “Taps” co-star
 - 92 Certain stream of particles
 - 95 N, S, E or W
 - 96 — de mer
 - 97 Utility bill info
 - 99 Waifish supermodel
 - 104 Creator and star of FX’s “Atlanta”
 - 110 Wall St. hedger
 - 111 Remove a collar from, e.g.
 - 113 Musk of SpaceX
 - 114 Co. transfer
 - 115 Luminaries like the eight featured in this puzzle? (hint: look at their first few letters)
 - 118 Took off on
 - 121 Pacific island nation
 - 122 Dubbed
 - 123 Greatness
 - 124 Some female singers
 - 125 Refuges
 - 126 Goes along with humbly
 - 4 George who played Sulu
 - 5 Singer Rita
 - 6 Get decayed
 - 7 Touches down
 - 8 Leave alone
 - 9 Second half of a single
 - 10 “— Beso”
 - 11 City about 50 miles west of Athens
 - 12 Arab leader
 - 13 Casino chips, e.g.
 - 14 J.R. Ewing’s mother
 - 15 California city near San Jose
 - 16 Meditation syllables
 - 17 Japanese cartoon art
 - 18 Ultimate
 - 19 Drooping
 - 25 Invested (with)
 - 28 Funny Tracey
 - 32 Timid
 - 33 “— favor”
 - 34 Old Andean
 - 36 Eatery bill
 - 39 Chopping with an ax
 - 41 Peeve
 - 42 Brazilian berry
 - 43 Cloudburst
 - 44 Blasting aid
 - 46 Passports, e.g.
 - 47 Rent
 - 48 The, in Paris
 - 49 Area south of the Black Sea
 - 50 Karl with a manifesto
 - 51 Zenith
 - 53 Manipulation of matter on a tiny scale
 - 57 Satan’s home
 - 58 God of love
 - 59 Liveliness
 - 60 Satchel, e.g.
 - 61 “Eww, no more!,” in texts
 - 64 Lazy type
 - 65 Ellington’s “Take — Train”
 - 66 Yoda is one
 - 68 Klutzy type
 - 69 Medication for acid reflux
 - 70 Part of LGBT
 - 71 “Fresh Air” airer
 - 72 Postwar deal
 - 73 Morales of the screen
 - 77 Prefix with analysis
 - 78 Pallid
 - 80 Put in words
 - 81 Feline sign
 - 82 Occurring every year
 - 83 Clippers’ org.
 - 85 Provocation
 - 86 Ruler’s seat
 - 87 WWII battle city in France
 - 90 Pindar poem
 - 91 Frog-to-be
 - 92 Sullied reputation
 - 93 Yolk’s place
 - 94 Business card no.
 - 98 Slanted
 - 99 Iota-lambda link
 - 100 “That’s — shame”
 - 101 Fastening rod with a crosspiece
 - 102 Lazy type
 - 103 Bulgarian capital
 - 105 Essentials
 - 106 Arrangement
 - 107 Leaf features
 - 108 Vote in
 - 109 Roping event
 - 112 Being seen via the small screen
 - 116 Kung — shrimp
 - 117 Wallet bill
 - 119 Discharge from service, informally
 - 120 Wallet bill
- DOWN**
- 1 Strength
 - 2 Battery pole
 - 3 Small shoot

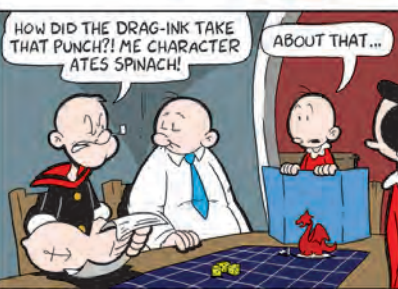
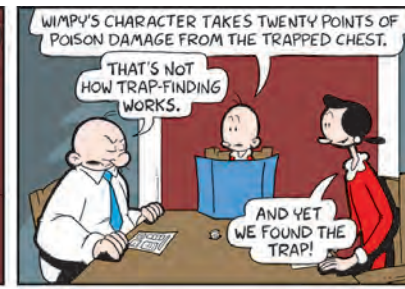
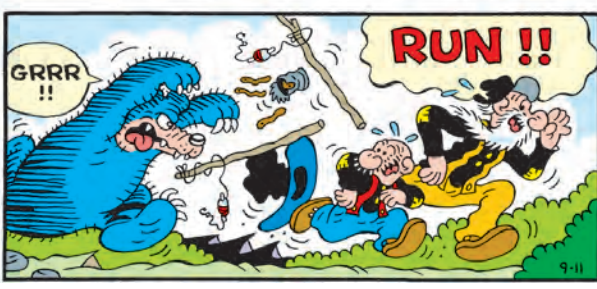
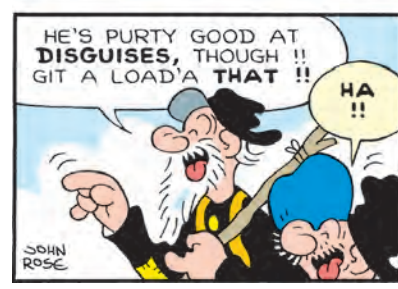
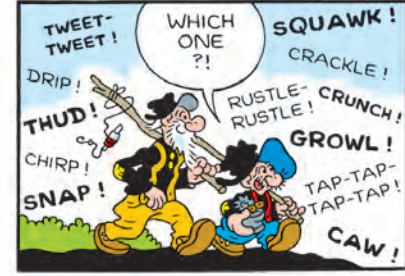
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TV COMIX

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



GRIN and BEAR IT



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

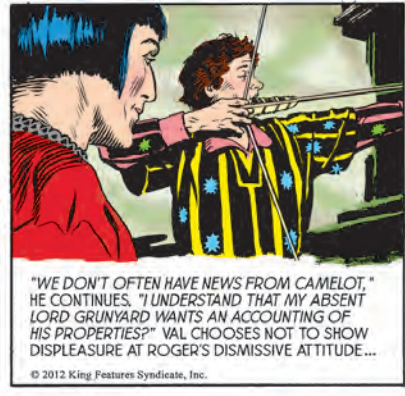


Hal Foster's **Prince Valiant**
BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

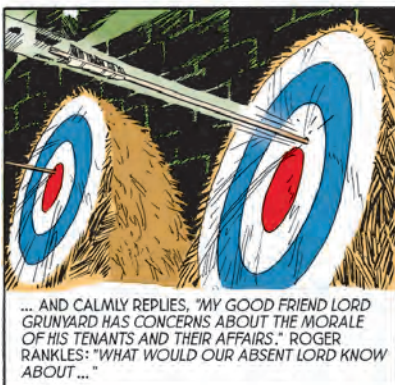


SIR ROGER HAS AGREED TO SEE VAL AND GAWAIN, BUT SHOWS MORE INTEREST IN DISPLAYING HIS ARCHERY PROWESS THAN IN GREETING HIS GUESTS.

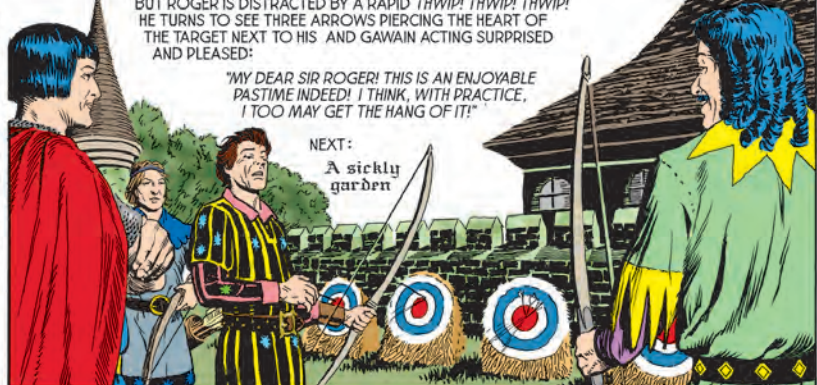
"PARDON ME WHILE I FINISH MY DAILY PRACTICE," MUTTERS ROGER OFFHANDLY. "HERE IN LOCKBRAMBLE WE TAKE OUR BOWMANSHIP SERIOUSLY."



"WE DON'T OFTEN HAVE NEWS FROM CAMELOT," HE CONTINUES. "I UNDERSTAND THAT MY ABSENT LORD GRUNYARD WANTS AN ACCOUNTING OF HIS PROPERTIES?" VAL CHOOSES NOT TO SHOW DISPLEASURE AT ROGER'S DISMISSIVE ATTITUDE...
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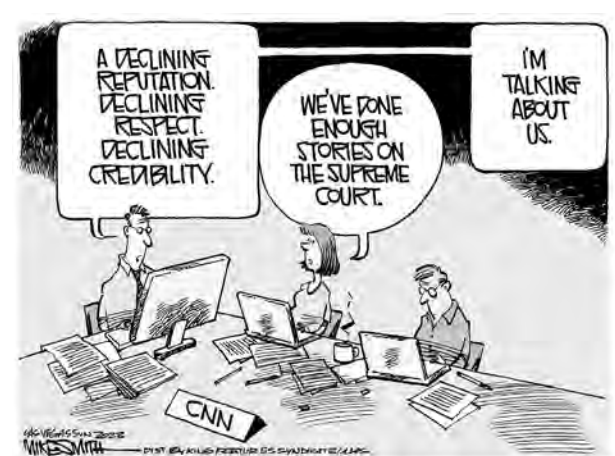
... AND CALMLY REPLIES, "MY GOOD FRIEND LORD GRUNYARD HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE MORALE OF HIS TENANTS AND THEIR AFFAIRS." ROGER RANKLES: "WHAT WOULD OUR ABSENT LORD KNOW ABOUT ..."



BUT ROGER IS DISTRACTED BY A RAPID THWIP! THWIP! THWIP! HE TURNS TO SEE THREE ARROWS PIERCING THE HEART OF THE TARGET NEXT TO HIS AND GAWAIN ACTING SURPRISED AND PLEASED:

"MY DEAR SIR ROGER! THIS IS AN ENJOYABLE PASTIME INDEED! I THINK, WITH PRACTICE, I TOO MAY GET THE HANG OF IT!"

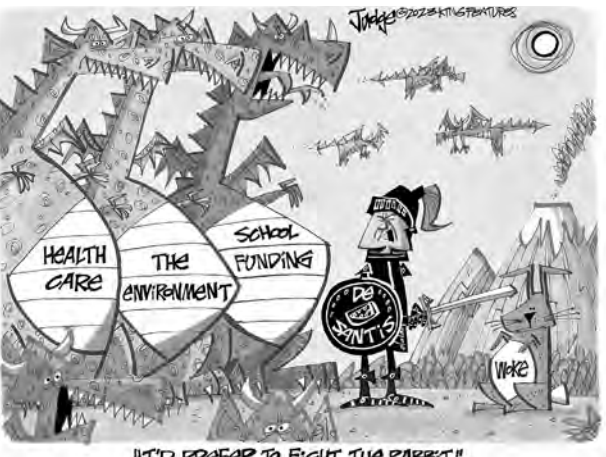
NEXT:
A sickly garden



A DECLINING REPUTATION. DECLINING RESPECT. DECLINING CREDIBILITY.

WE'VE DONE ENOUGH STORIES ON THE SUPREME COURT.

I'M TALKING ABOUT US.



"IT'D DOOPEAR TO FIGHT THE PARRIT!"

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



THAT'S ME AT A DANCE... AND THAT'S ME WITH SOME FELLOW CLASSMATES.



EVERYBODY LOOKS SO SERIOUS, DIDN'T ANYBODY SMILE IN THE OLDEN DAYS?



YEAH, POPS, WAY BACK THEN, WHAT WAS THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?



DINOSAURS.

The Spats

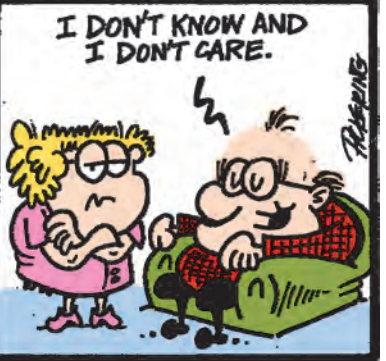
by Jeff Pickering



ARE YOU IGNORANT OR JUST APATHETIC?



RUB RUB RUB



I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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Americanisms



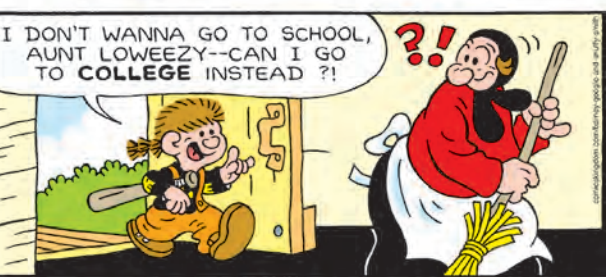
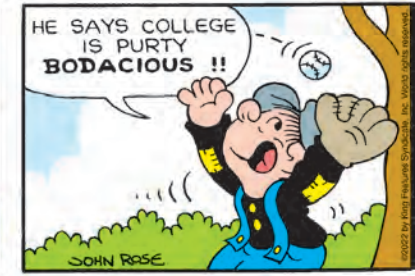
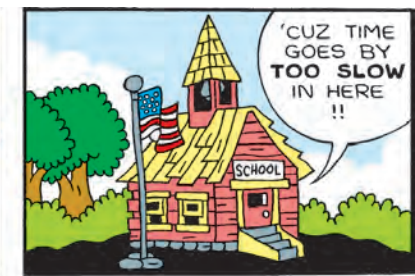
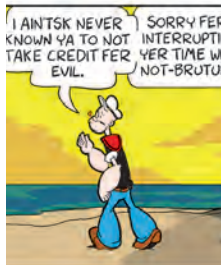
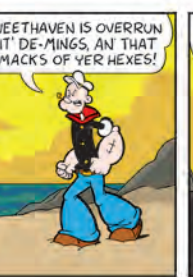
"Your 'good old days' are still ahead of you, may you have many of them."

— Sam Levenson

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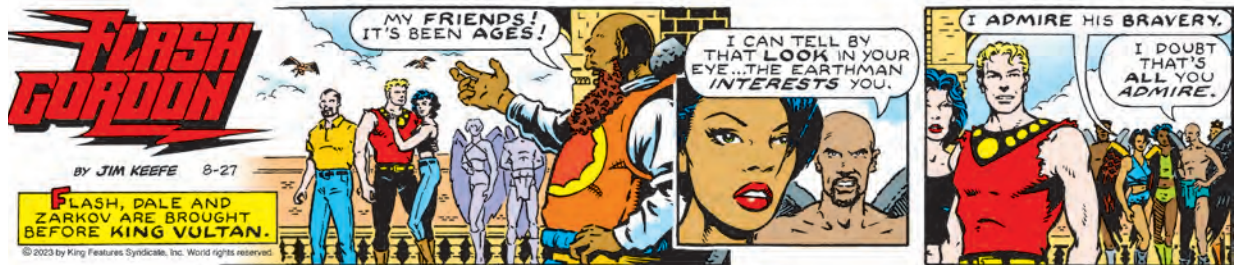
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RULER OF THE CITY IN THE CLOUDS



BY JIM KEEFE 8-27
FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ARE BROUGHT BEFORE KING VULTAN.



WINGLESS, THAT DEATHLY PALLOR TO THE SKIN... PATHETIC-LOOKING, REALLY.
HE FACED DEATH WITHOUT SHOWING FEAR...

...I SINCERELY DOUBT YOU'D FARE AS WELL.

SUDDENLY...
MY LIEGE, AN ALANIAN TRANSPORT APPROACHES...
THEY DEMAND YOU HAND OVER THE FUGITIVE, FLASH GORDON!
NEXT! TRAITOR IN OUR MIDST!

MINI SUDOKU

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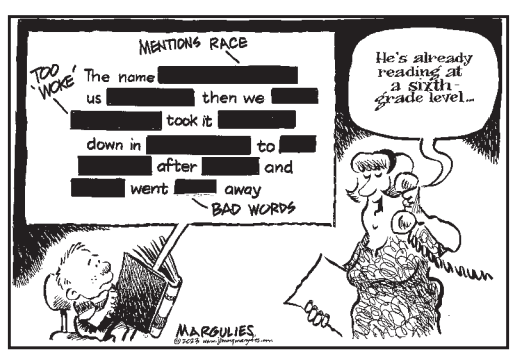
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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MENTIONS RACE
The name _____ then we _____ took it _____ down in _____ to _____ after _____ and _____ went _____ away
BAD WORDS

He's already reading at a sixth grade level...



- ### The Garden Bug
- #### Autumn garden tasks
- If frost is forecast, cover tender plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. It doesn't take much to damage or kill them.
 - Finish harvesting, and dry, freeze and/or can your fruits and vegetables.
 - Start saving your seeds of vegetables, flowers, and herbs.
 - Divide perennials, replant and/or share with friends.
 - Bring houseplants in from outdoors; check for bugs and diseases, and apply controls.
 - Stop fertilizing roses, and remove dead blooms and foliage. - Brenda Weaver



WORD LADDERS

Can you go from **THREE** to **HYPED** in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

THREE

HYPED

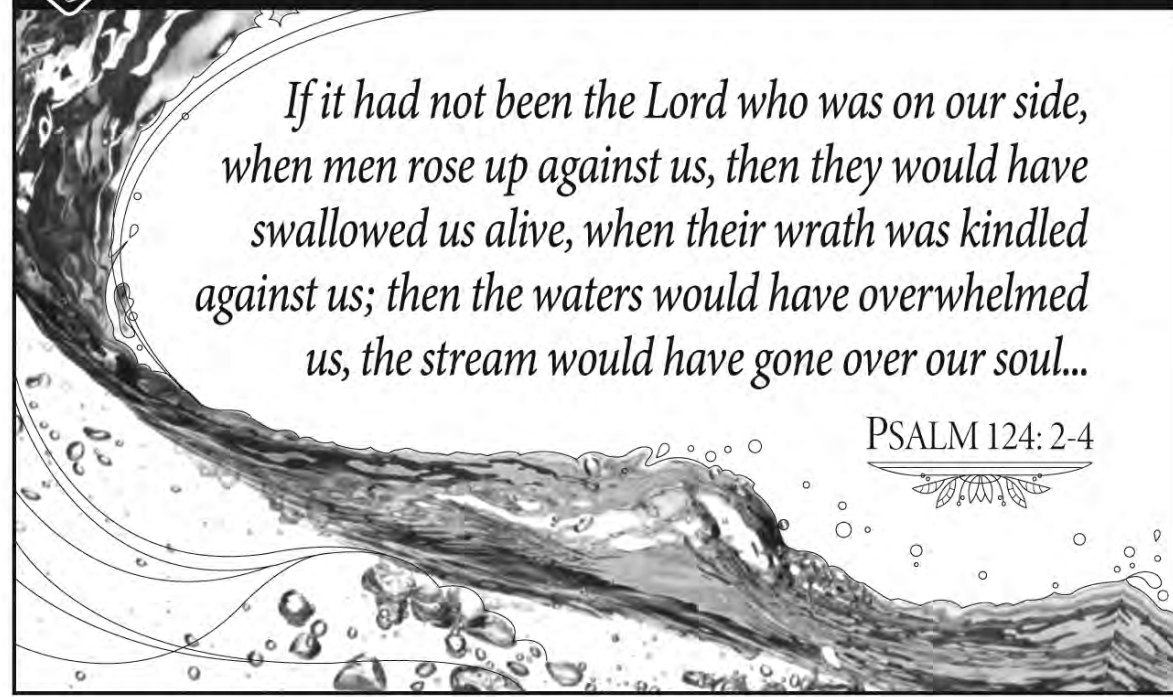
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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when men rose up against us, then they would have
swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled
against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed
us, the stream would have gone over our soul...*

PSALM 124: 2-4



top ten

HOTTEST PLACES ON EARTH

1. Lut Desert, Iran (159.3°)
2. Flaming Mountains, China (150°)
3. Death Valley, California (134°)
4. Kebili, Tunisia (131°)
5. Mitribah, Kuwait (129°)
6. Tirat Tsvi, Israel (129°)
7. Turbat, Pakistan (128.7°)
8. Oodnadatta, Australia (123°)
9. Rivadavia, Argentina (120°)
10. Athens, Greece (118.4°)

Source: Travel + Leisure

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!



"We'll try _____ treatment—
bring in his bill!"

Tight
SCOLE _____

Creep
ASKEN _____

Ballast
RANCHO _____

Fasten
RECUSE _____

TODAY'S WORD

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PUZZLES and BRAIN TEASERS





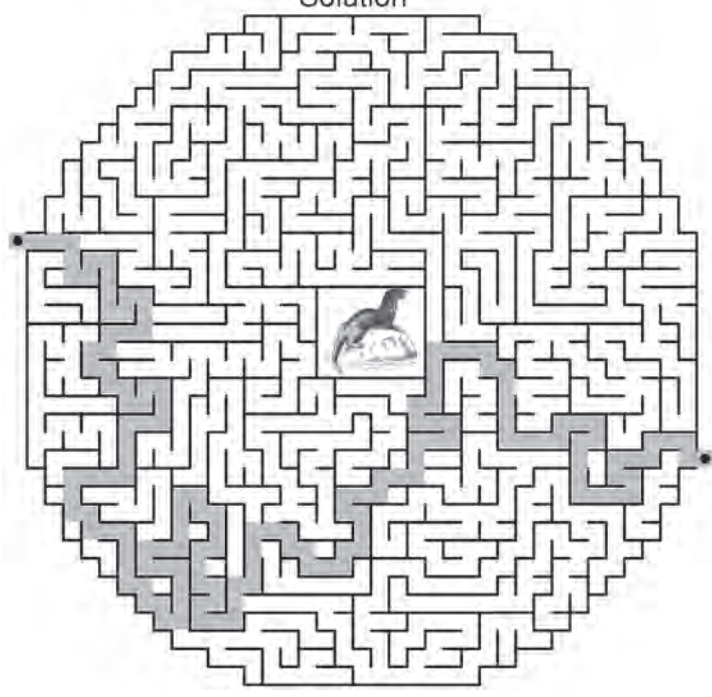
Super Crossword

Answers

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Mega Maze

Solution

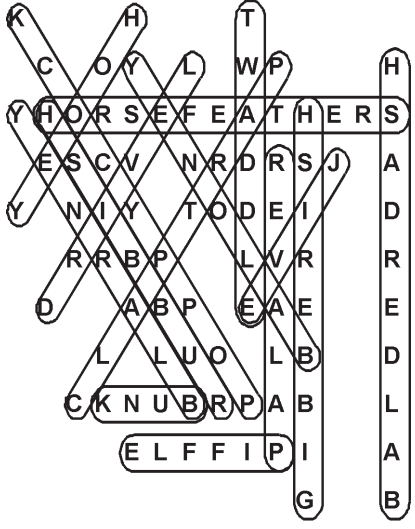


Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

NONSENSE



Even Exchange

answers

- Whale, Whole
- Hubble, Humble
- Taller, Teller
- Warmed, Warped
- Sweet, Sheet
- Gravel, Travel
- Theme, Thyme
- Filter, Falter
- Prose, Prove
- Mingle, Jingle

CryptoQuip

answer

If you apply a heating pad to an ache for a brief period, it could be a two-minute warming.

CryptoQuote

answer

A cloudy day or a little sunshine have as great an influence on many constitutions as the most real blessings or fortunes.
— Joseph Addison

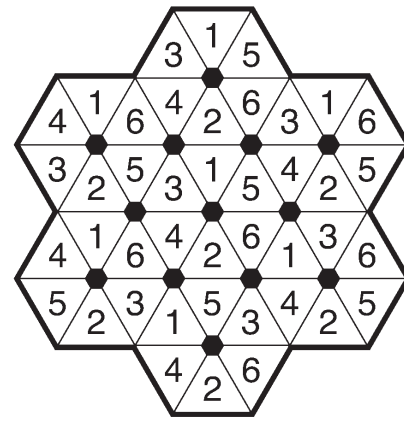
Go Figure!

answers

4	-	1	x	3	9
x		+		x	
2	x	5	+	6	16
+		+		-	
7	÷	1	+	9	16
15		7		9	

SNOWFLAKES

solution



WORD LADDER

Answer

THREE, THRED, TARED
TAPED, TYPED, HYPED

SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Parity
- Project
- Glower
- Ignore

Today's Word

JEWELRY

Stickelers Answer

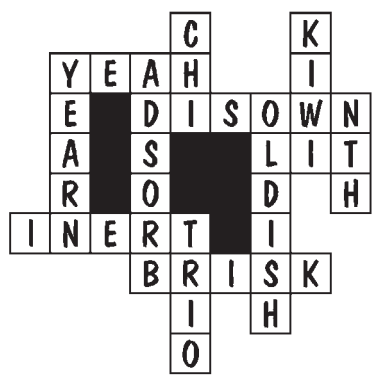
The answer is 1/12
If you were to convert all fractions to twelfths, you have:
7/12, 6/12, 5/12, 4/12, 3/12, 2/12, 1/12

MINI SUDO

3			6
			5
	2		
		3	

FEAR KNOT

answer





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