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## Sweet Treats Raise Awareness of **Blindness and Vision Impairment**

Music major partners with Ole Miss Dining to write on cookies in braille

Uniformed in a chef's hat and jacket, University of Mississippi freshman Sarah Harmon sat at a special table in the Rebel Market on November 10 reason she decided to attend Ole Miss. decorating cookies. She adorned the treats with words such

as "dream," "love," and "joy." These were no ordinary cookies, however, and Harmon is no ordinary baker. Harmon, who has been blind since birth, wrote

the words in braille to raise awareness of those with visual impairments.

"It made me feel like I was in a Hallmark movie," said Harmon, a music education major from Oxford. "Making cookies while the music was playing, and people were going about their day."

The idea for braille cookies came to her while she and her family were driving home from a summer trip.

"Of course, I was thinking about sweets because I love them," she said. "I was thinking, 'You know what? You see cookies these days with all this print writing on it, but I've never seen any that have braille.'

"I thought I could use icing as glue and mini M&Ms as the braille. It actually worked out really well."

In recognition of White Cane Day on October 15 and World Braille Day on January 4, Harmon set out to offer cookies to fellow classmates. A regular at Rebel Market, Harmon reached out to Michael Brainard, executive chef of Ole Miss Dining, to put the wheels in motion.

Brainard said Harmon is an "inspiration to all students." "She has encountered challenges on campus that other students might not think about in their everyday life, such as navigating her way around the dining hall, finding food options, understanding menu information, finding seating and safely moving through the dining hall-especially when it's busy," Brainard said.

Transportation to and from campus is one of Harmon's prime challenges as she adjusts to college life. The first few weeks of class were a frustrating mixture of overassistance and underassistance, she said.

"Blind people can do things," she said. "We just need a little help every now and again."

by Erin Garrett

A soloist and pianist since elementary school, Harmon uses music as an outlet. It was the

"Music has helped me over the course of my life," she

said. "It's not just a hobby; it makes a positive influence on mental health.

"Music has helped me prove people wrong. For some reason, when people think of blindness, they think of a mental deficit instead of a visual deficit. They treat me differently. When I sing or play piano, however, they say, 'Whoa, I didn't think you could do that.""

Harmon said she has found a home in the Department of

Music. "In the music building, a lot of students have gotten to know me," she said. "I have a lot of friends who will hang out with me while I wait for my ride."

Nancy Maria Balach, chair and professor of music, said her department is filled with "a supportive community of incredible people."

"From the first time Sarah visited campus, her passion for music and commitment to learning were evident," Balach said. "We are thrilled she chose UM music, and it is pure joy to be around her.

"Music students work so hard and engage collaboratively from the very start of their studies. Music faculty are dedicated to meeting students where they are and propelling them forward. We are honored to be part of Sarah's journey."

Since making the braille cookies, Harmon said she has seen a positive response from fellow students who saw her cookies on social media and those who attended the event.

Brainard was thrilled with the opportunity to help Harmon spread positivity and awareness.

"Social inclusion and awareness about her needs are important aspects for a positive college experience, and that's what we aim to provide," he said.

Above all, Harmon wants her classmates to remember two things:

"Don't ever take your vision for granted," she said. "And remember to respect those around you, no matter their abilities."



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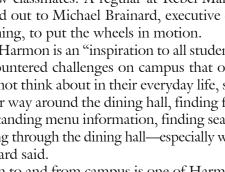




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### THURSDAY 11.30.2023

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- ► Moe's: BINGO
- ► The Powerhouse: HOLIDAY ART MARKET (11 am-7 pm); HOLIDAY ART MARKET OPENING RECEPTION (5-6 pm): Theatre Oxford presents Peppermint Bear & the Tov Elves (6 pm)
- Rooster's: THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
- Square Books: ROBERT ST. JOHN signs Mississippi Mornings (4-6 pm)

The Mill at Plein Air (Taylor): Plein Air Christmas Market (3-6 pm) Proud Larry's: JOJO HERMANN

### FRIDAY 12.01.2023

- ► The Library: CLAY BARKER
- The Powerhouse: HOLIDAY ART MARKET (9 am-7 pm); Theatre Oxford presents Peppermint Bear & the Toy Elves (6 pm)
- Rafters: DJ DRUMM

### Rooster's: PINK SHEETS

- Barnard Observatory (University): Southern Studies Documentary Showcase (6 pm)
- Cambridge Methodist Church (Abbeville): First Friday Poetry Night (6 pm) Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am) The Mill at Plein Air (Taylor): Plein Air Christmas Market (10 am-2 pm) Proud Larrys: TACKY TOWNIE CHRISTMAS with TWO BEANS, ROCKET 88
- FAMILY, RED BEANS TRIO, DAVIS COEN + MORE Southside Gallery: Thacker Mountain Radio Hour Holiday Membership
- Celebration (6 pm)

### University Museum: First Friday Free Sketch Day (10 am-4 pm)

### SATURDAY 12.02.2023

- ► The Library: CLAY BARKER
- ► OPA: OPIE ACOUSTIC (6-8:30 pm)
- ► The Powerhouse: HOLIDAY ART MARKET (9 am-7 pm); Theatre Oxford presents Peppermint Bear & the Toy Elves (2 pm & 5 pm)
- ► Rafters Oxford: FREE KEG PARTY During the Ole Miss-Memphis game (1 pm) & SEC CHampionship Game (Alabama vs. Georgia, 2:30 pm); DJ DRUMM

### Rooster's: BONFIRE ORCHETRA

Ford Center: University of Mississippi HOLIDAY CONCERT (7:30 pm) The Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. MEMPHIS (1 pm)

### SUNDAY 12.03.2023

► Rafters: Brunch tunes with JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES (11:30 am-2:30 pm)

Proud Larry's: ANDREW BRYANT, ROD SMOTH, THOMAS DOLBAUM

### MONDAY 12.04.2023 OXFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE (6:30 pm) Rooster's: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL; DJ WADE

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm)

Isom Place: Visit with SANTA CLAUS (hot chocolate & cookies, photo ops, FREE ADMISSION: 2-4:30 pm)

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Holiday & Hanukkah craft drop-in (3-5 pm)

### **TUESDAY 12.05.2023**

► Moe's: Trivia (7 pm)

- ► Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3-6:30 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm); OPEN MIC NIGHT
- ► Square Books: SUSAN CUSHMAN with ANN FISHER-WIRTH, JENNIFER HORNE, NANCY ANN MARDIS for All Night, All Day (5 pm)

### Star Package: Taxless Tuesday

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am) The Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Men's Basketball vs. MOUNT ST. MARY'S (7 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 12.06.2023

- ► Funkys: LADIES' NIGHT Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE

### Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm)

Heartbreak Coffee: Spanish Hour & Hebrew Conversation Hour (5 pm)

### **THURSDAY 12.07.2023**

- ► The Library: COWBOY MARIO + THE ELECTRIC BULL
- ► Moe's: BINGO (7 pm)
- Rooster's: THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: DIY Holiday tea towel (5:30 pm) University Museum: Museum Milkshake Mash-ups (4:30 pm)

### FRIDAY 12.08.2023

### ► The Library: MOJILES

- ► The Powerhouse: THE HOLIDAY ORNAMENT AUCTION (6-8 pm)
- Rafters Oxford: DJ DRUMM
- ► Rooster's: RHEAGAN SKELTON

The Ford Center: THE NUTCRACKER (7:30 pm) The Inn at Ole Miss: A Night with No Cielings Gala (7 pm) Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Storytime (10:30 am)



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### SATURDAY 12.09.2023

- ► The Library: MOJILES
- ► OPA: REESE HORTON ACOUSTIC (6-8:30 pm)
- ► Rafters Oxford: DJ DRUMM
- Rooster's: DAVIS COEN
- ► Square Books, Jr.: STORYTIME TAKEOVER: BALLET MEMPHIS reads JAN BRETT'S The Nutcracker (10 am)
- The End of All Music: A STAX MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SOUL MUSIC POP UP EXPERIENCE: SOUL FOR THE HOLIDAYS (noon)
- Nutt Auditorium (University): OXFORD CIVIC CHORUS WINTER CONCERT (3 pm)

Proud Larry's: WILLIS, HOTEL FICTION

### SUNDAY 12.10.2023

► The Powerhouse: HOLIDAY MARKET PUNK MATINEE performances by LITTLE BABY TENDENCIES, ROBENX, WHIT3CORSET, VIVICA VANITY + film screening by OLIVIA WHITTINGTON (5-8 pm)

▶ Rafters: Brunch tunes with ROCKET 88 (11:30 am-2:30 pm)

Oxford Holiday House Tour 2023 (1-5 pm; visit doorsofhopeoxford. org for info)

### MONDAY 12.11.2023

### ▶ Rooster's: MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL; DJ WADE

Blind Pig: Trivia (8 pm) Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Pokemon Playdate (4 pm); Family Storytime (6 pm)

### **TUESDAY 12.12.2023**

- ► Moe's: TRIVIA (7 pm)
- ► Old Armory Pavilion: Oxford Community Market (3-6:30 pm)
- ► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm); OPEN MIC NIGHT

Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Baby storytime (9:30 am) The Pavilion (University): Ole Miss Women's Basketball vs. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE (6:30 pm)

### WEDNESDAY 12.13.2023

- Funkys: LADIES NIGHT
- ► Moe's Penny Bar: COMEDY OPEN MIC
- ► The Powerhouse: ANUBIS IMPROV Level Up Showcase (7 pm)

► Rooster's: KARAOKE (5:30 pm until) Campus Wines: Wine Tasting (5-7 pm) Proud Larry's: JOE KAPLOW



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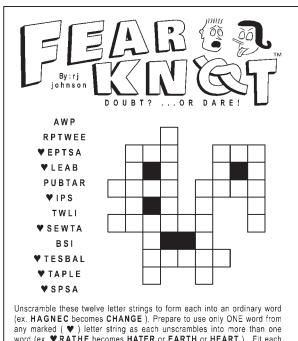
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- 2. MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial?
- 3. FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
- 4. ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
- 5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutophobia?
- 6. GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
- 7. SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
- 9. LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
- 10. LITERATURE: Where are the novels The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn set?

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### GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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### The Mass Proliferation of Holidays Part Two

How many holidays between Thanksgiving Day and New Years' Day can you count? There are more than you might think. In this follow-up to the last issue, I'm going to attempt to write briefly about mostly other holidays you may know nothing about, and some that you do.

**Thanksgiving Day** (November 23 this year): On this day families gather for prayers of gratitude, followed by overeating and fighting amongst themselves. In Mississippi this day is also known as "Egg Bowl Day."

National Native American Heritage Day (always the day after Thanksgiving Day): People turn their hearts towards America's indigenous peoples while Native Americans turn their actions toward taking back as much Pale Face wampum in their casinos as possible. Also on that day are National Eat a Cranberry Day, National Cashew Day, National Buy Nothing Day, and National Flossing Day. No kidding.

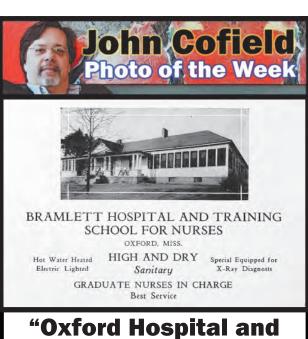
National Blasé Day (November 25): Also known as Who Gives a Sh\*t Day.

National Mississippi Day (November 30): Set to change to National Last Placers' Day in 2024. National Meth Awareness Day (November 30):

Meth makers and distributors inventory their stock.

**Saint Nicholas Day** (December 5 or 6): Jolly ole Saint Nicholas cracks the whip (literally) as his elves start the home stretch to Christmas.

**Krampusnacht** (December 5): Adults seek to punish misbehaving children by scaring the crap out of them with replicas of a pagan supernatural



### "Oxford Hospital and Bramlett Hospital 1927"

Up until the early 1960s, private hospitals met the local needs. Oxford Hospital and Bramlett Hospital were privately run for decades before the growing town and university required more. 1927 Ole Miss annual ad photographs. being known as the Horned God and cramming and pushing children into small spaces. Can you say "Satan"?

Immaculate Conception Day (December 8): Honors the Virgin Mary. Often confused with the Immaculate Reception Play Day when, on December 23, 1972, the Pittsburg Steelers beat the Oakland Raiders on a questionable unimaginable reception and touchdown from Terry Bradshaw to Franco Harris.

**Bodhi Day** (December 8): The Buddha (Siddartha Gautauma) achieved enlightenment. What's not widely known is that he did so by drinking too much fig and olive wine. It is followed by **Bodhi Hurts Like Hell Day**.

Feast Day of Our Lady Guadalupe (December 12): Mexicans and Mexican Americans burn an image of the patron saint of Mexico on tortillas and play Tortilla Frisbee while drinking copious amounts of tequila.

Hanukkah (December 18–26): The Festival of Lights. Jewish people celebrate the miracle of one day's worth of oil lasting eight days. Non-Jews celebrate a parallel holiday, The Festival of Getting Lit.

Yule (December 21–January 1):Wiccans and Neo-Pagans celebrate the Winter Solstice. In the South it is called **Y'all Day** and is celebrated by dancing nude around a bonfire.

**Christmas** (December 25): People give each other presents they can't afford. Oh, yes—the birth of Jesus is celebrated by some on this day as well.

**Boxing Day** (December 26): British royalty and upper-crusties gave servants and workers a day off and a box. There was nothing in the box but air, which resulted in impromptu boxing matches across the nation, entertaining the hell out of the elite.

Kwanzaa (December 26–Jan. 1): Celebration of African American heritage through self-determination, unity, collective responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. It is also sometimes referred to as **National Soul Food Day**.





Zarathosht Diso (December 26): Zoroastrians commemorate the death of their prophet, Zorro, by visiting a fire temple and offering prayers. In the late 1970s a single letter was added to the name making it Zarathost Disco Day to include honoring John Travolta and the Bee Gees. In the future it may be combined with the previously mentioned Y'all Day.

New Year's Eve (December 31): Inebriated millions watch a crystal ball drop in New York's Times Square. It is followed on New Year's Day by National Why the Hell Did I Do That? Day.

If I could, I would add one more holiday to this list: **All You Need Is Love Day**. I don't think it needs an explanation. It only needs our action.

I wish you the happiest and most meaningful holiday season, no matter which holiday(s) you choose to observe.

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

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### Words Matter, Legal Words Matter More

James Rudisill is a veteran, three tours of duty in the Middle East. He is entitled to the benefits of the Montgomery G.I. Bill of 1984 and the Post-911 Benefits Bill of 2008. Each bill offers various amounts of education benefits for veterans. Rudisill wants to access both sets of benefits, get both and stack the benefits to pay for all of his college education.

The government says Rudisill much choose one or the other, make an "election" between the two educational assistance benefits programs. The Post-911 Benefits Bill of 2008 was the bill drafted second, twentyfour years after the 1984 law, and, as the second bill, the 911 Benefits Bill is the law that should address the fact that the government will now have two different education access programs.

The 2008 law should say "we know there is an existing program—we are adding another program—here is how the two programs will co-exist..."

Well, the frustrating part is that the statute, the written words drafted and passed into law by your elected Congress, is internally inconsistent on this issue. The Congress of 2008, with Nancy Pelosi running the House and Harry Reid running the **Senate**, drafted a bill that says in some places that veterans "may" elect to receive one of the two educational benefits programs, but in other places the bills says that veterans "shall" elect to receive one of the two educational benefits programs. The bill says that veterans don't have to choose one or the other but also says that veterans have to choose one or the other. So these brainiacs passed a law that says two different things about these two G.I. programs.

# **Barstool Briefs** Short Stories on Legal Affairs

Now a decorated army vet, lawyers, and the **Supreme Court** have to clean up the mess. You have no idea how many times this happens—poorly written laws cause a tremendous amount of litigation and, more importantly, cause real problems for real people. The Supreme Court voiced its frustration with the Congress last week during oral arguments in Rudisill's case. Their decision is expected in a few months.

### Side note on Harry Reid

Remember Siegfried & Roy? My older readers will, but you younger folks google them and watch some YouTubes of their act. Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn were German-American magicians and entertainers who performed together as Siegfried & Roy. They were best known for their use of white lions and white tigers in their acts. They had a long-standing nightly show in Vegas at The Mirage Casino.

I cannot explain to you how famous these two polished-up-Joe-Exotics were in the 1980 to 2003 mono-culture. Everyone knew Siegfried & Roy and their magic white tigers and lions.

Not surprisingly, in a 2003 show one of the tigers did what tigers do and attacked and nearly killed Roy.

What does that have to do with public servant Senator Harry Reid? Reid was the senior Senator from Nevada. He personally stopped investigations into the safety of the Seigfried & Roy show for years before the 2003 attack, and he prevented the USDA from investigating after the 2003 on-stage attack. The Mirage had the attack on video, which seems like a pretty critical piece of evidence for an investigation into the safety of the performers and audience, and of the treatment of the animals. The Mirage would not hand it over, and the USDA investigators were told by their bosses to stop asking,

on orders which came directly from Senator Harry Reid.

Reid even introduced an amendment to the 2003 spending bill (the bill that you hear about these days that is necessary to avoid a government shut down) mandating that the federal government could not subpoena the video of the tiger attack.

Imagine that, one of the most powerful men in the world using his power to control government spending to prevent investigation and discovery of truth about Seigfried & Roy's animal training, control, and performance procedures.

"I did it because I was trying to save Las Vegas from embarrassment," said Reid, shortly before his 2021 death, to **Steven Leckart** on the outstanding podcast, *Wild Things*, referring to his "no subpoena" amendment.

"Siegfried and Roy were tremendously important to Nevada because they really drew the crowds. I think they were part of making the city what it is today, so I wanted to make sure that we did everything we could to make sure that (animal-rights activists and gaming regulators) didn't do anything that hurt Las Vegas."

Harry Reid, stopping animalrights activists and regulators to protect **Steven Wynn** (the owner of the Mirage)! Reid was a career politician who somehow accumulated generational wealth drawing the salary of a "public servant." He was famously born into poverty, but his estimated net worth in 2015 was more than \$48 million—no wonder he worried more about protecting the wealthy than drafting veterans' benefits laws.

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• **Hummingbirds** are the only birds that can fly backward. In fact, they're so impressive in the air that they've been referred to as the "flying ninja."

• And speaking of flying, fruit flies can turn in midair simply by shrugging their shoulders.

• Want to feel safer while driving? White cars are considered the safest color because they typically stand out against black roads. Statistics have also shown that they're 12% less likely to be involved in an accident than black cars.

• Forefingers possess the highest dexterity among their eight neighbors.

• If you ever visit **China**, don't hug a tree! The act was forbidden after a mass tree hugging occurred outside of China's imperial garden and the Chinese government speculated that the huggers were part of a suspicious cult.

• Until it actually blows against something, wind makes no sound.

• Gold will never erode because it is chemically inert, meaning it doesn't react to oxygen in the atmosphere.

• Earlier this year, **Taylor Swift**'s **Eras** tour performances registered as a 2.3 earthquake on seismometers in **Seattle** due to the collective dancing of her enthusiastic fans. The activity was compared to 2011's "Beast Quake," in which **Seattle Seahawks** fans shook the ground as they celebrated a touchdown, but Ms. Swift's lasted longer.

• During the 12th century, tennis was first played in **France**, but without rackets. Instead, players used the palms of their hands to lob the ball back to their opponents.

• Humans' ability to detect and discern scents fluctuates throughout the day, peaking during the late hours when environmental stimuli decrease, likely due to changes in body temperature and brain activity.

• Thought for the Day: "For pilgrims walking ... every footfall is doubled, landing at once on the actual road and also on the path of faith."—Robert Macfarlane



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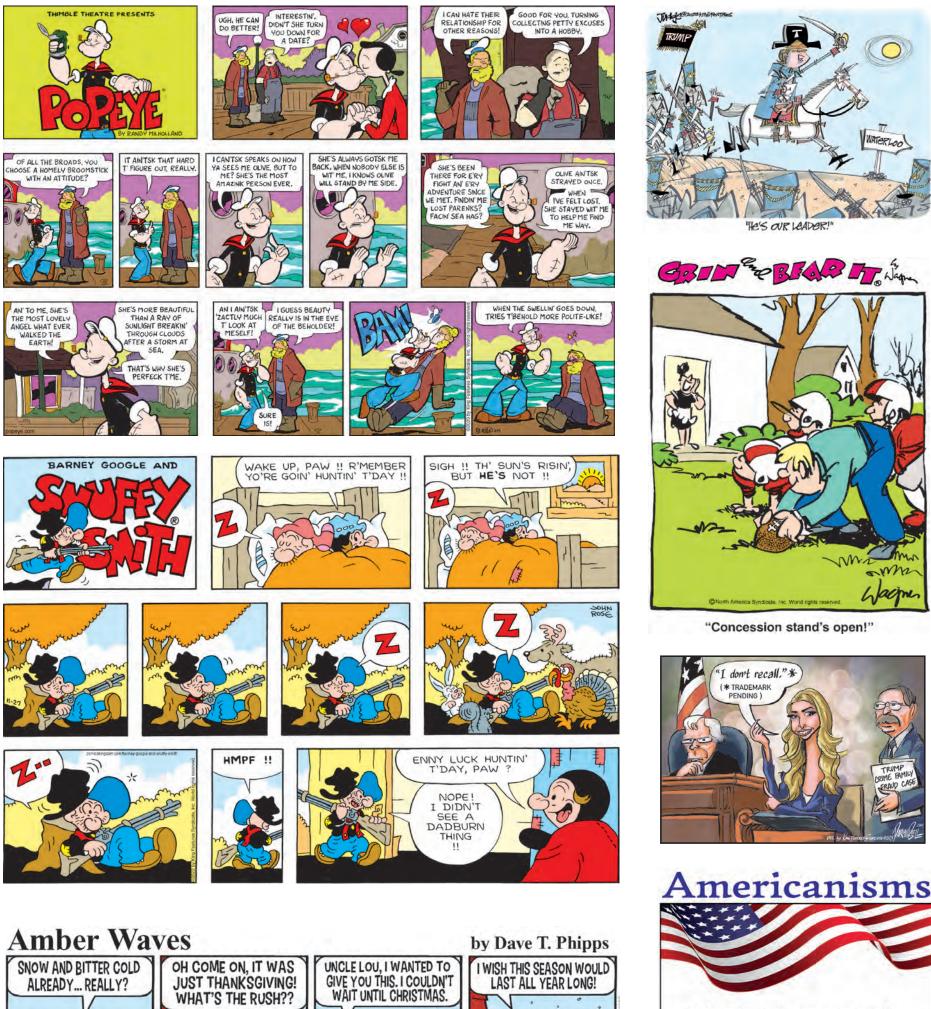
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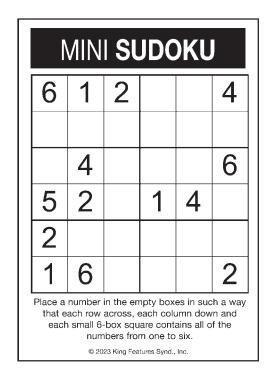
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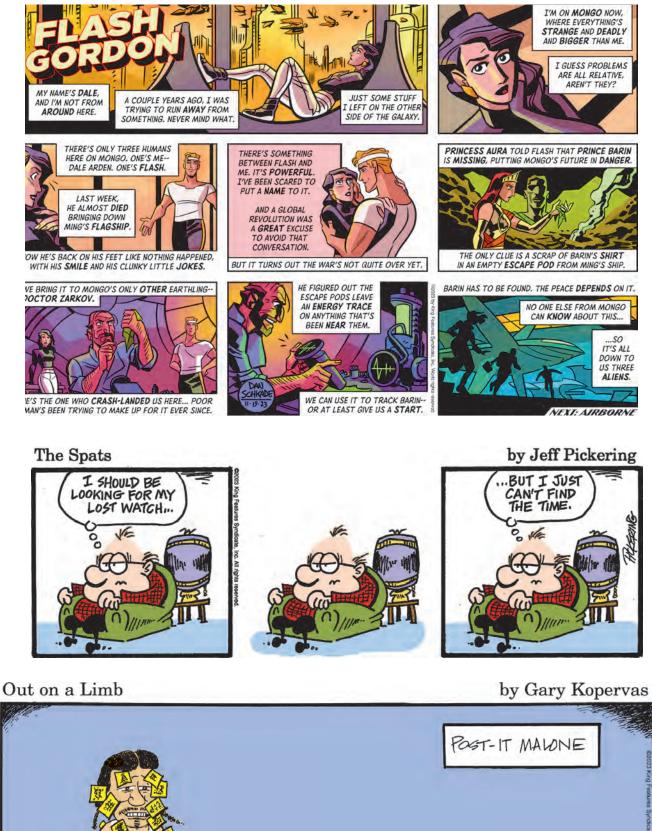
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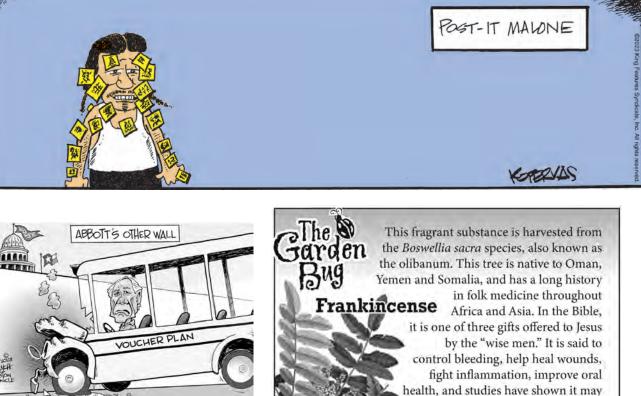
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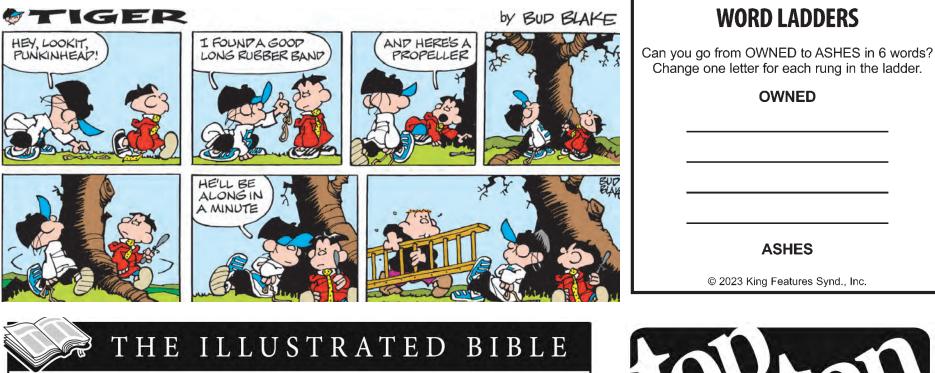






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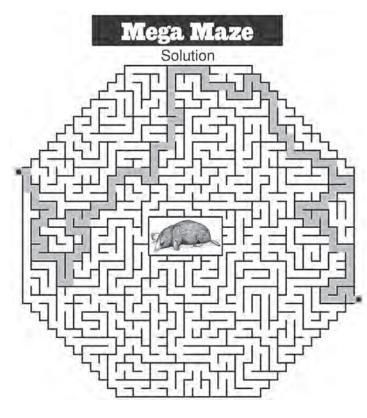




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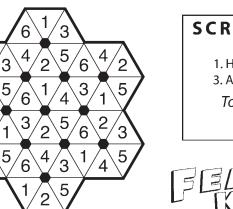
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### CryptoQuip answer

I couldn't think of the name of a familiar basic chemical substance. I had an elemental block.

> CryptoQuote answer

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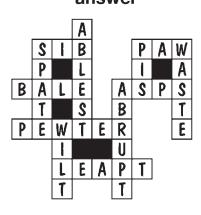
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