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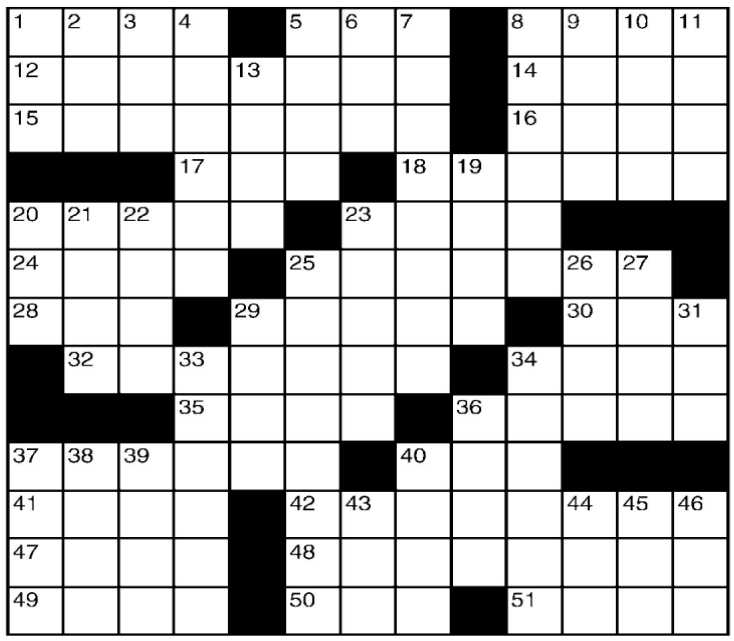
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ACROSS
1 Grand tale
5 Slight application
8 Big party
12 Netlike structures
14 Desertlike
15 Accelerator
16 Start a garden
17 That man's
18 Bob and Jakob of music
20 Urge on
23 "Scat, gnat!"
24 Close by
25 Baseball legend Casey
28 "Le Coq —"
29 Ritzy violin, for short
30 Do some lawn work
32 Placed a bet
34 Chinese menu staple
35 Acknowledge
36 Prove false
37 Up
40 Nonstick spray name
41 "And" or "but" (Abbr.)
42 Bergman/ Boyer thriller
47 Horse's neck hair
48 "Hamlet" setting
49 Formerly, formerly
50 On pension (Abbr.)
51 Medicinal amount

DOWN
1 Work unit
2 Pellet for a certain shooter
3 "— Complicated"
4 Code
5 Clothing
6 Carte lead-in
7 Trademark for Yul or Telly
8 Fireplace fuel
9 Geometry calculation
10 Legal claim
11 Tosses in
13 Overlay with plaster, perhaps
19 "— Cassius has ..."
20 Third-party abbr.
21 Cat call?
22 Brazilian rubber area
23 Scatter about
25 More mighty
26 Old-time actor Jannings
27 Centers of activity
29 Ballesteros of golf
31 Tiny
33 Nozzle attached to a Bunsen burner
34 Jog one's memory
36 "— Ha'i"
37 Pinnacle
38 Bellow
39 Hostels
40 "Hey, you!"
43 Hearty brew
44 Stickum
45 Day fractions (Abbr.)
46 Prop for 29-Down

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: **B** equals **E**

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VKBNN ALBZ OHKFI UB XDFFBI

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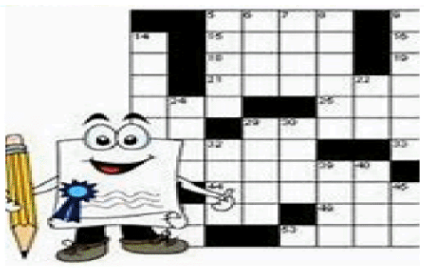
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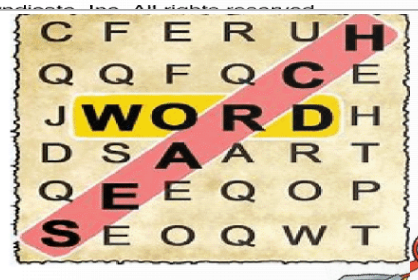
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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The McKinney Foundation

16th Annual, "*Celebrating a Healthier Detroit*" Expo on Wednesday, August 12, 2026

New **Theme: Equipping Families to Thrive**

We're Back! Summer is a time to enjoy good music, healthy foods, and Family! In August, The McKinney Foundation will focus its educational programming on critical matters related to health and wellness. In an effort to ensure a healthier metro Detroit we are collaborating with the healthcare community to provide a unique array of activities that center on chronic health concerns affecting our region.

The 16th Annual *"Celebrating a Healthier Detroit"* Expo is a full day of fun with a serious purpose! Event takes place on Wednesday, August 12, 2026; from 11am–3pm at William G. Milliken State Park & Harbor, 1900 Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207, which anchors the River Walk. The purpose of this Expo is to close the knowledge gap and reduce health disparities in metro Detroit, especially for residents who are 'uninsured and underinsured.' This is achieved by bringing together the greater health and wellness communities to educate families about relevant health issues and share programs that are most beneficial to creating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The Expo consists of informational seminars, invited speakers, exhibits and health screenings targeting health issues relevant to our community: [long] COVID-19, HIV, disease prevention, strengthening immune system, mental health and self-care, depression, diet-based diseases with emphasis on childhood obesity, nutrition, fitness, asthma, preventative care, and wellness for the entire family. Featured highlights: healthy cooking demos & tastings for the entire family, free give-a-ways, prizes, music, song, dance and much more!

Come join us in celebrating healthy children, families, and a healthier Detroit!

The McKinney Foundation's goals to achieve for the *"Celebrating a Healthier Detroit"* Expo:

1. The Expo will attract over 1,000 Metro Detroit families;
2. The Expo will connect metro Detroit families with the broader Health and Wellness community;
3. The Expo will increase awareness of beneficial health/preventative care and wellness programs that are free and/or low-cost to metro Detroit residents.

Goals are achieved in collaboration with local, state, and national health and wellness partners.

The Mission of The McKinney Foundation is to strengthen the metropolitan Detroit community by reinvesting in the citizenry through quality educational programs which help promote healthy living, entrepreneurship, and environmental responsibility.

Our Vision: The McKinney Foundation envisions a community with educational equity leading to a healthy and thriving Detroit Metropolitan Area, where each individual is:

- Assured of Access to quality education
- Economically empowered
- Environmentally responsible
- Aspiring and striving to reach their full potential
- A productive global citizen

To create this reality, TMF collaborates with like-minded agencies providing quality educational programs.

CULTURE

Join Misty Love at the 18th Annual Detroit Black Music Awards

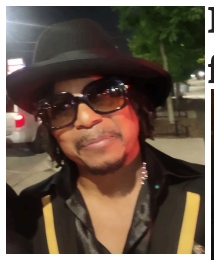

Misty Love





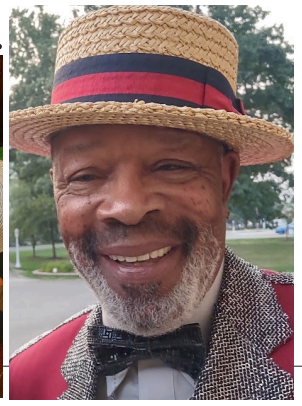




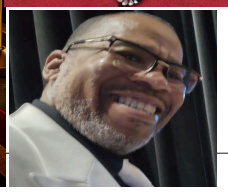


Here's a Few Attendees from Last Year.







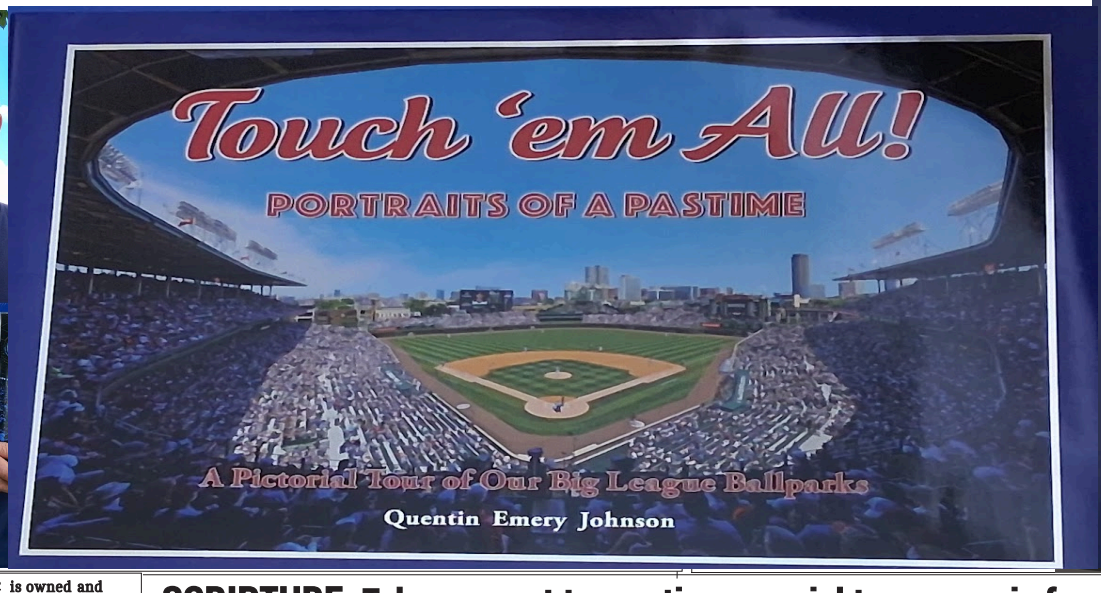




BOOKS

The New Book From Quentin E. Johnson Vicariously Takes You To Every Major League Ballpark -$75-





Touch 'em All!

Touch 'em All! is your all-access pass to the magic of our Major League Baseball ballparks, present and past. This vibrant, 7-page-per-ballpark journey celebrates the 32 parks used since 2012, immersing you in their unique character, charm, and beauty through stunning photos supported with informative facts.

But it doesn't stop there. The book takes you back in time to explore the sites of baseball's first iconic ballparks, crafted from brick, mortar, and steel in the early 20th century. The rich history of these legendary fields are highlighted and you'll discover what now stands where baseball's modern roots first took hold. To assist in telling their stories, this section features rare vintage postcards from the author's personal collection.

To top it off, Touch 'em All! shines a spotlight on eight North American historical baseball gems.

This book is a tribute to the game's present, past, and enduring legacy. Step up to the plate and let Touch 'em All! take you on the ultimate ballpark pictorial tour!

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SCRIPTURE -Take care not to practice your righteousness in front of men to be noticed by them, otherwise you will have no reward with your Father who is in the heavens. Matthew 6:1

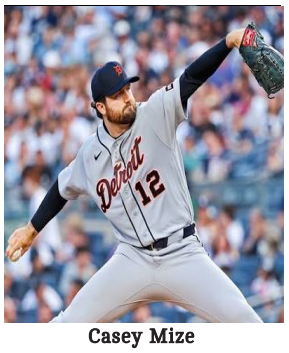
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SPORTS

Fourth Place Tigers are NOT Out of the Playoff Picture


Tarik Skubal


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At first glance, a team languishing in fourth place in their division might seem like a distant memory when it comes to playoff aspirations. However, in the dynamic landscape of Major League Baseball, such positions do not always signal the end of the road, especially for teams that possess a foundational strength that can carry them through the demanding summer months. The Detroit Tigers, currently sitting in fourth place in the American League Central, are a prime example of this phenomenon. While their overall record may not be stellar, their impressive pitching staff, evidenced by a team earned run average (ERA) that ranks ninth out of 30 teams in major league baseball and fifth in the American League.

The Cornerstone of Success: Elite Pitching

The adage pitching wins championships holds significant weight in baseball, and the Tigers could be a testament to this truth. Their A.L. fifth-ranked team ERA of 3.78 is a clear indicator of a rotation, and bullpen, that consistently limit opposing offenses. This is not a product of a single dominant arm, but rather a concerted effort characterized by depth and reliability. The staff wins as a collective. Beyond the starters, the bullpen has also shown flashes of brilliance. The Tigers' pitching advantage allows them to compete effectively in low scoring games, turning potential losses into close contests. Furthermore, the Wild Card race in the American League is attainable. A team with elite pitching has a better chance of stringing together the winning streaks necessary to overtake rivals. Consider the historical context of teams that have made deep playoff runs with less than stellar offensive numbers but exceptional pitching. A few examples are: 1966 Baltimore Orioles, 2006 St. Louis Cardinals, 1987 Minnesota Twins, and last year's champs, 2025 Los Angeles Dodgers. The Tigers' ability to limit runs on a nightly basis means they are always in the game. Tiger hurlers will provide many opportunities for their offense to find its rhythm and contribute to victories.

Tigers Must Keep Tarik Skubal and BUY at the Trade Deadline

Here are three guys, with great bats, that can help the Tigers immediately. 1. Luis Arráez. (Tigers need him at 2B too), 2. Taylor Ward (Also a steady glove in the outfield). 3. Byron Buxton (A flat-out power hitter with 25 homers already in 2026). When I listen to the radio in Detroit I am astounded by the short memories of some of the announcers. In 2024 they came back from the dead and made the playoffs. The Tigers, despite their current fourth place standing, are far from eliminated from the American League playoff picture. In June the Tigers had a winning record. (14-11) Their bats woke up too! They scored 40 more runs than their opponents. Based upon the recent success of the Tigers, we at The Monthly Standard (TMS), predict a pennant for the Tigers in 2026. Future success will be intrinsically linked to the undeniable strength of their pitching staff. Their fifth-ranked team ERA cannot be overlooked. Investing in the reigning two-time Cy Young award winner, Tarik Skubal, is a no-brainer. THE TIGERS CAN WIN NOW! Their elite pitching provides the crucial foundation needed to make the playoffs. While offensive improvements would undoubtedly bolster their playoff chances, their consistent ability to limit runs is a potent weapon that can overcome divisional challenges and wildcard competition. The Tigers have the pitching necessary to make noise in the postseason; as the season progresses, their ability to harness this strength will be the determining factor in whether they can make a long playoff run. Their presence in the playoff conversation is not a hopeful wish but a statistical reality rooted by their dominant pitching.

COVER STORY

Johnnie Washington, Proprietor of Ribs and R&B Festival, Is Still Growing

DETROIT-Johnnie Washington is a key figure in the music industry with a 50-year family legacy and over 25 years of experience. As a producer, he has played a pivotal role in major concerts and is the force behind the Ribs and R&B Music Festival, one of the Midwest's largest music events.


Johnnie Washington

Johnnie Washington is the founder of the nonprofit Paradise Valley 360. This nonprofit started in 2023 with the vision of keeping the golden era of black Detroit history alive by producing documentary short films “The Rebirth of Paradise Valley."

Now, Johnnie aims to expand his influence globally through a partnership with English Promotions LLC, a leader in innovative marketing with a remarkable reach of 287 million. This collaboration will amplify artists' voices and ensure their music resonates worldwide, marking a transformative moment in Johnnie's career.

English Promotions LLC specializes in promoting artists and events, utilizing cutting-edge digital marketing techniques, social media, and influencer collaborations to enhance visibility and audience engagement. Their expertise in large-scale events provides artists opportunities for wider recognition, making them a vital ally in the competitive music landscape.

The partnership is a perfect match due to several factors:
1. Shared Vision: Both prioritize elevating artists and expanding their reach.
2. Extensive Experience: Johnnie's 25 years in music combined with English Promotions' 20 years in global marketing create a powerful alliance.
3. Global Reach: Their combined networks allow for effective promotion to diverse audiences.
4. Innovative Strategies: Unique campaigns resonate with fans through their collaborative efforts.
5. Artist Support: Both are dedicated to providing resources for artist success.
6. Cultural Exchange: This partnership enables rich cross-cultural collaborations.

Together, Johnnie Washington and English Promotions LLC are set to significantly impact the global music scene, benefiting both artists and audiences alike.





FOLLOW UP

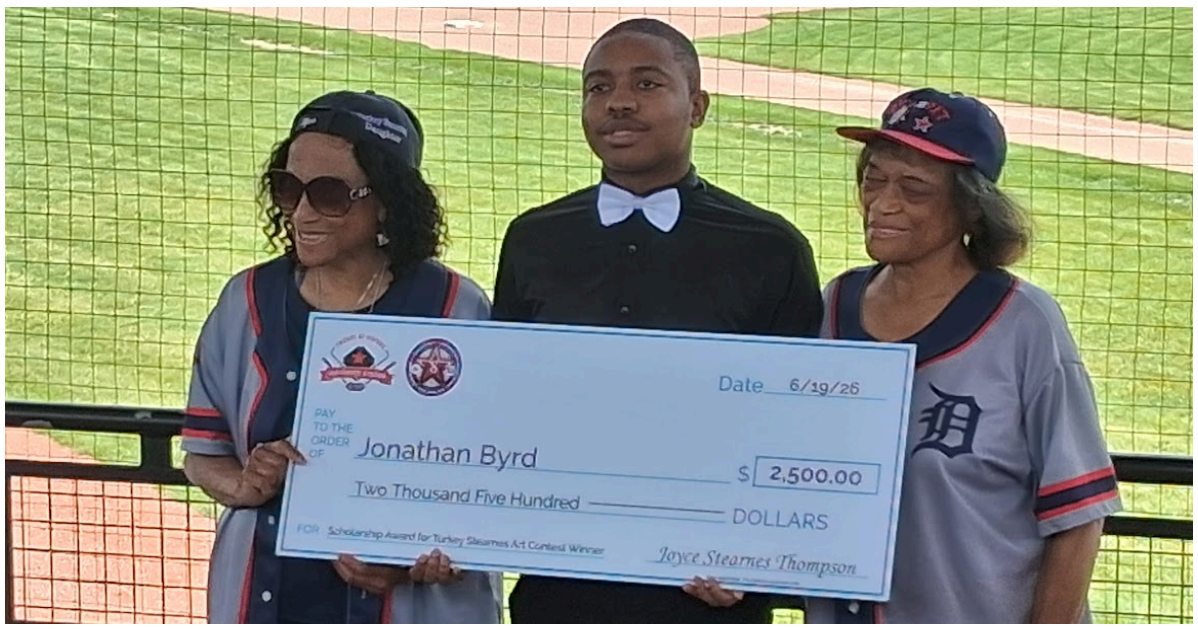
Black in Baseball Weekend was a Rousing Success!

During the Black in Baseball weekend, the community came together to celebrate the legacy of African American players in the sport. One of the honorees was the legendary Pete Hill, a Baseball Hall of Famer who played for the Detroit Stars. The family of another esteemed player, Norman "Turkey" Stearnes, graced the event, with his daughters. Joyce and Rosilyn Stearnes. The Stearnes sisters (both retired school teachers) awarded an academic scholarship worth $2500 to Jonathan Byrd. Additionally, a Home Run Derby was held at Turkey Stearnes Field at Hamtramck Park. Joyce and Rosilyn Stearnes also gave a touching rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" at Comerica Park before the Detroit Tigers / Chicago White Sox baseball game.

The weekend honoring the rich history of African Americans in baseball began with a ceremonial dinner on the Thursday before the Juneteenth national holiday. The family members of Pete Hill, headed by Ron Hill, were flown in by the Detroit Tigers for the weekend festivities. Cindy Cobb, the granddaughter of the great Ty Cobb, has always been an avid supporter of Black in Baseball. Most years she is sure to attend each event to pay her respects to the many unsung baseball legends of color. The contributions of Comerica Bank (Soon to be Fifth Third Bank) cannot be ignored. Their corporate sponsorship of this event is vital. Their employees (such as) Deb Edwards keep the ball rolling. Great job by all!



Poster depicting Norman "Turkey" Stearnes



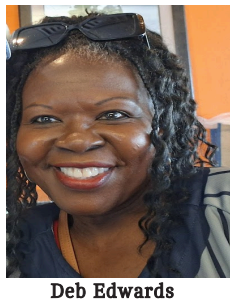
Jonathan Byrd receiving award flanked by Joyce Stearnes (L) & Rosilyn Stearnes (R)


Rosilyn, Willie Horton, Joyce, Loretta Hill-Embry


(L-R) Connie Harris, Ron Hill, Rodney Pearson, Joyce, Monique Martin


Joyce, Ron, & Rosilyn


Cindy Cobb & Superfan Brian Sexton


Deb Edwards



Dana Redd

My City Girlfriend Goes Camping



Growing up, I went on a lot of camping trips with my family and friends, but it's been a while since I've moved out on my own. I've been trying to convince my girlfriend of several years to go camping together, but she's always turned me down, saying that she's strictly a city girl and is considered a high-end, top shelf type of woman. That's why I was shocked when she said she was going to treat me to a camping trip for my birthday. A four-day, three-night camping trip. Maybe we can catch some fish for dinner. Wow! I couldn't wait.

Instead of us driving to the country in my medium-size SUV, which should be all we need, she insisted on borrowing her brother's extra-large Suburban because she wanted to make this birthday celebration real big, so I agreed. I kinda like surprises. She even said she had access to a real big tent.

So as the date approaches, I'm starting to get things ready for our first camping trip. I picked up some matching hiking boots, backpacks, country clothes, wool shirts in case it got cool at night, along with a saw to cut some firewood, a powerful flashlight, first-aid kit and of course, an assortment of can goods and coolers for our food and beverages. Meanwhile, my girlfriend is saying she's going through a list of things she plans to bring. When I asked her what was on her list, she wouldn't tell me. She said it was my birthday surprise.

Finally, it was time to take that trip. I had everything ready to go when my girl pulled up in her brother's Suburban. It looked pretty full and everything inside was covered with a big tarp, along with another tarp covering whatever else she had strapped to the luggage rack on top of the truck. I'm like, what's all this you've got? She said, remember, it's a surprise. We hit the road.

On the highway, I noticed that my girl had a fresh hair style, a new set of colorful nails and a designer outfit on. I said baby, you do know we're going to be in the woods and up and down some pretty big hills. She shrugged it off by saying she had it all together. Once we arrived at the campground site, I wanted to take those tarps off to see what all she brought on this trip. All she let me see was the case that the tent was in, and it was a huge case. She asked if I could set up the over-sized tent (which could easily accommodate a family of six), and then go explore the area while she unloaded her things. So I went exploring.

By the time I got back, I stepped in the tent I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It looked like her upscale bedroom. Besides the portable generator, she brought along a small freezer for her gourmet meals, she had expensive china with fancy wine glasses, her make-up station with lights and mirror, a designer shoe rack, an air mattress with a heated sleeping bag and a couple of fluffy pillows, a rack full of wigs, a jewelry station, plus a little portable toilet.

I was blown away, but not totally surprised. We had planned to take a hike before sunset but she was taking so long with her make-up, we'll probably have to wait until the following day. I would love to tell you about the rest of the trip, but I'll let you use your imagination.

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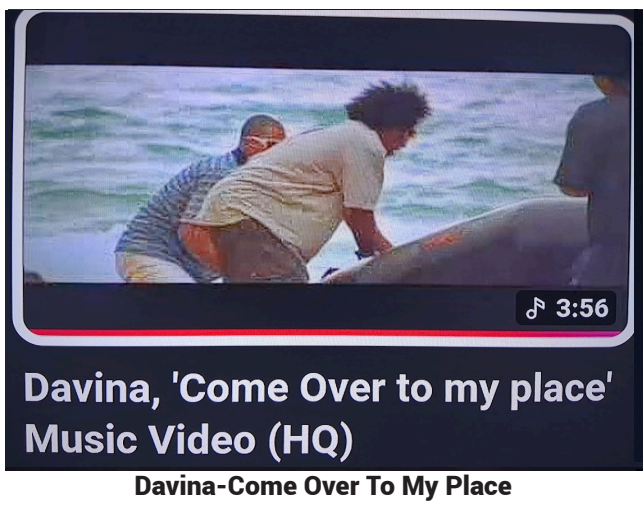
Detroit Ribs and R&B Festival



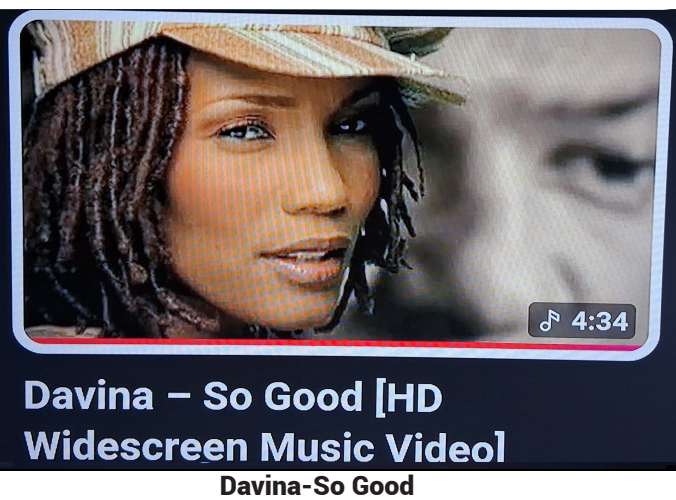
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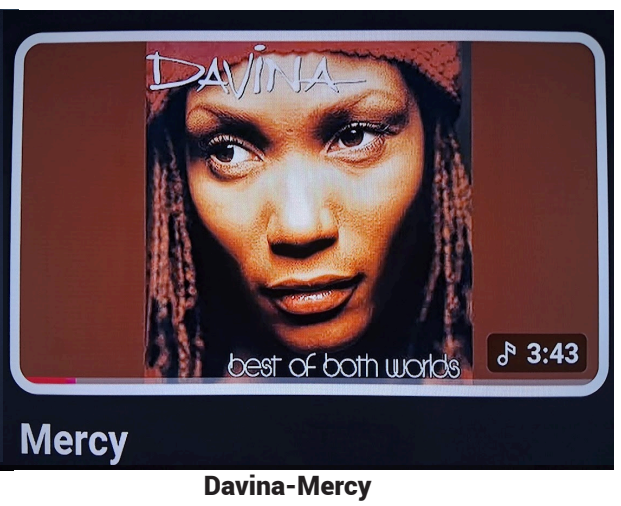
Movie of the Month-Let's Do It Again



Davina-Come Over To My Place



Davina-So Good

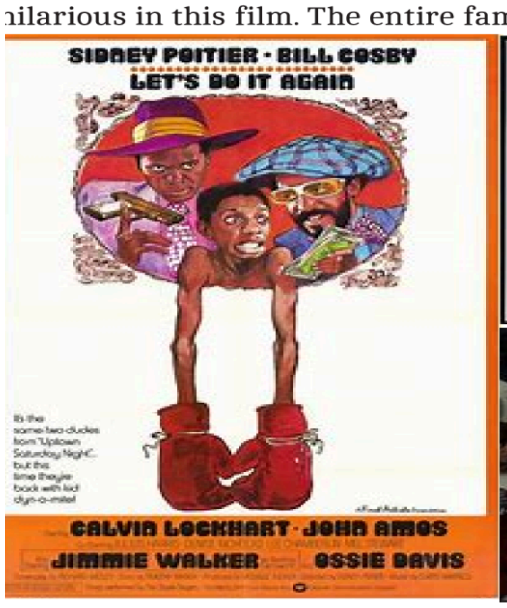


Davina-Mercy

MOVIE OF THE MONTH

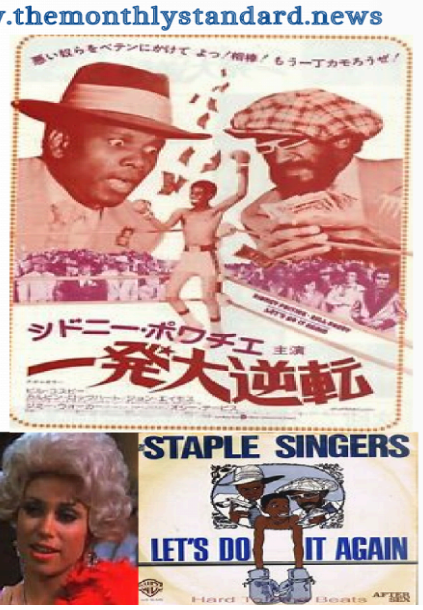
"Let's Do It Again"

One of the funniest movies made in the 1970's decade is Let's Do It Again. Released in 1975, the film has an all-star cast. The movie stars Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, John Amos, Calvin Lockhart, Denise Nicholas, and Jimmie (J.J.) Walker. The plot centers around two Atlanta based Lodge brothers (Clyde Williams played by Poitier & Billy Foster played by Cosby) who desperately need to raise money for their struggling Lodge. Williams is an expert hypnotist. Foster conjures a scheme to go to New Orleans and hypnotize the bumbling underdog (Bootney Farnsworth played by Walker) of a Championship Prizefight, They bet on Farnsworth and win BIG! When suspicious gangsters figure out their scheme that's when the fun really begins! This is Bill Cosby's best movie. He was hilarious in this film. The entire family can enjoy this movie classic. Log on to our website to view: www.themonthlystandard.news









CLASSIC GANGSTER COMICS

WAR ON CRIME—Turnbull is "Dumped"

True Stories of G-Men Activities Based on Records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation—Modified in the Public Interest

By REX COLLIER



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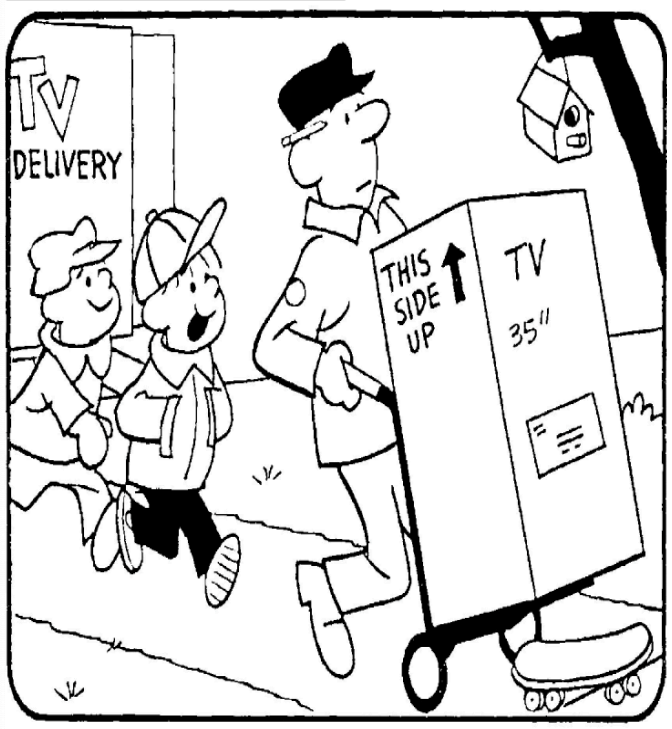
NON-NUMBER PASSWORDS

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2. qwerty
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5. welcome
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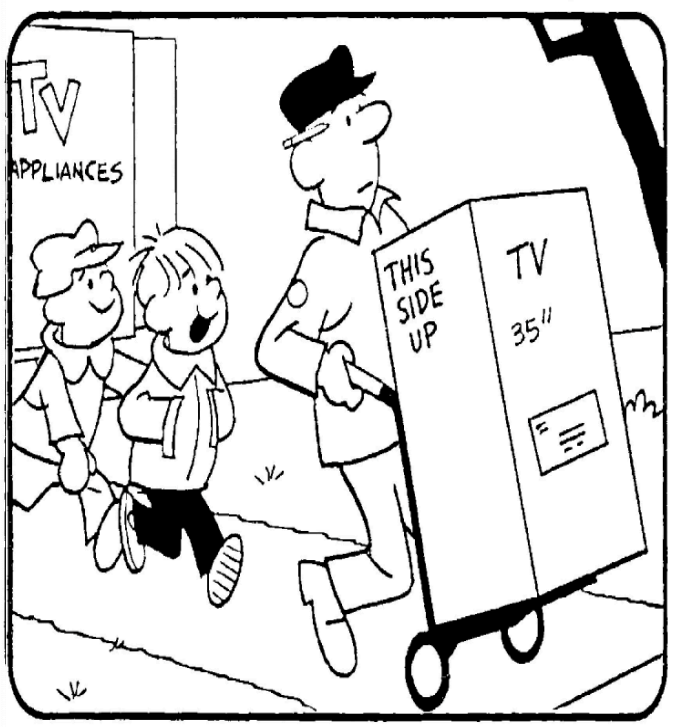
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Truck body word is different. 2. Cap is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Arrow is missing. 5. Birdhouse is missing. 6. Skateboard is missing.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

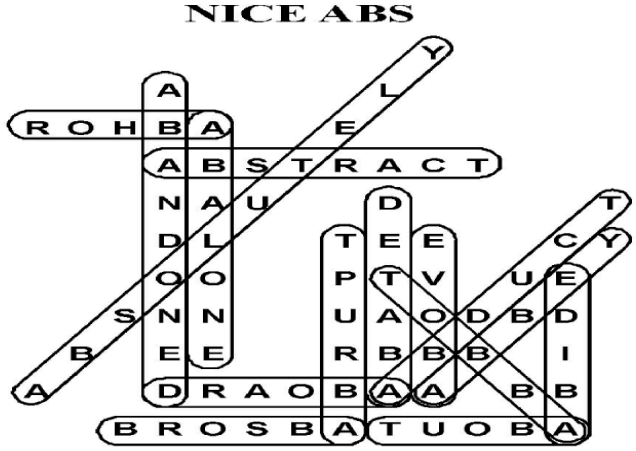
King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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I	M	P	E	L	■	S	H	O	O	■	■	■
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