



**THE BOOK WORM**

by Terri Schlichenmeyer

**The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers**

by Josh Kilmer-Purcell  
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For most of your life, you've had a dream. Maybe it's something you've reached for since you were born, something you've always felt you were meant to do. Or maybe it's just a passing what-if, a dream of the "day" type that might actually come true someday.

Maybe you don't know what your true dream is yet - but the day will come when it'll hit you. Case in point: Josh Kilmer-Purcell always thought he belonged in Manhattan, but his Wisconsin roots instantly, surprisingly called to him from a crumbling mansion. In the new book *The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers*, he tells more.

Most people chafe at getting lost, but in October, 2006, Josh Kilmer-Purcell and his partner, Brent, didn't mind. Their annual apple-buying trip was over and neither was in any hurry to get home. A few more minutes on the road from upstate New York only meant a delay in returning to Manhattan, and long work weeks. Kilmer-Purcell was an ad man whose job was to make you want things. Brent worked for

Martha Stewart.

And then they saw the mansion.

The Beekman mansion was over 200 years old. Sitting on 60 acres, it came with a barn and a guest house, and it was on the historic registry. And it was for sale.

Kilmer-Purcell grew up in rural Wisconsin, and he thought he'd escaped that life. He thought Manhattan was the world, until he saw the mansion. It immediately became clear that owning a farm - this farm - was what he wanted more than almost anything. They made a lowball offer, which was accepted.

They put off the closing until spring, dreaming of holidays by fireplace, and gardens. A local man asked if he could keep goats in the barn, and he knew a few things about raising vegetables. Locals embraced the couple, happy that the Beekman would once again be occupied. Kilmer-Purcell began to dream again; this time, about leaving his job to start a business.

"This," says Kilmer-Purcell

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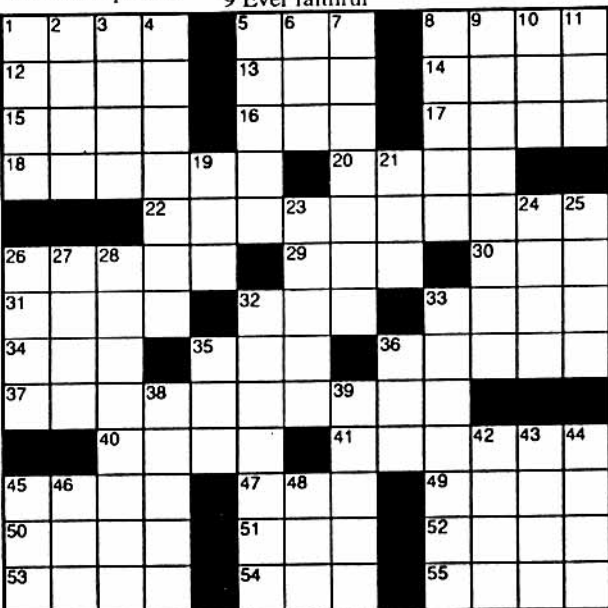
## Hours of Worship

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptist</b></p> <p><b>China Baptist Church</b> Rev. Ron Morrell, Pastor - 968-2120 Worship - 9:30 a.m. www.chinabaptist.org</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Rev. Dr. Glenn Miller 1 Park St., Waterville 872-5741 9:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><b>North Windsor Baptist Church</b> 955 Ridge Road, Windsor Pastor David Gorton, 445-4267 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Sun. 6 p.m.; Wed. prayer 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Augusta Baptist Church</b> Rev. Howard J. Cole • 622-5039 2567 No. Belfast Ave., Augusta Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m. Eve. Worship 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer 7 p.m. www.augustabaptist.org</p> <p><b>North Vassalboro Baptist Church</b> 996 Main St., No. Vassalboro Rev. Steve Rogers, pastor 242-3614 Sunday worship, 10 a.m.; Children's 10:30 a.m. Prayer &amp; Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> Community Ctr, 32 School St., Unity Pastor Nathan Pelky • 948-4009 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m. Eve. worship 6 p.m.; Wed. Prayer 7 p.m. www.bbcmaine.com</p> <p><b>Weeks Mills Baptist Church</b> 13 Deer Hill Road Pastor Charles Hibbard Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. Prayer meeting Wed., 6 p.m. Sunday School (Sept. - May) 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>To be included in the Hours of Worship for as little as \$5 a week, call 445-2234</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Quaker</b></p> <p><b>Vassalboro Friends Meeting</b> Stanley Hill Rd., E. Vassalboro Singing 9:40 a.m. Silent Worship 10-11 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nazarene</b></p> <p><b>China Regional Church of the Nazarene</b> Rte. 3, South China - 445-4838 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Non-denominational</b></p> <p><b>Palermo Christian Church</b> 322 Branch Mills Rd., Palermo Sun. worship, 9 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer 7 p.m. FMI 993-2636 or see website www.palermochristianchurch.org</p> <p><b>Faith Community Church</b> 557-1625 Greetings &amp; Coffee 10 a.m. Worship Service &amp; Junior Church - 10:30 a.m. Meeting at the Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot St., Unity www.unityfcc.org</p> <p><b>Dirigo Road Bible Church</b> Dirigo Rd., Weeks Mills • 547-3726 Sunday Service 10 a.m. Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible / Prayer 6:30 p.m. "The church where everyone is welcome"</p> <p><b>East Benton Christian Church</b> 500 East Benton Road Rev. Sheldon Keezer - 453-2052 Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. &amp; 6 p.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Wed. Bible/Prayer 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anglican</b></p> <p><b>St. Stephen the Martyr</b> Traditional Anglican Church 41 Church St., Oakland Fr. Lewis • 465-9080 Sun. Mass 10 a.m., 1928 BCP www.saintstephenthemartyr.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Methodist</b></p> <p><b>Fairfield United Methodist Church</b> Rte. 201 - 453-7505 Rev. Tim Wilcox fumcfairfield@myfairpoint.net Worship - 10:30 (Nursery)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lutheran</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ELCA</b> 209 Eastern Ave., Augusta Adjunct Pastor Don Davenport Communion Services 9 a.m. Nursery provided/handicap accessible 623-9486 / princeofpeacemaine.org office@princeofpeacemaine.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advent Christian</b></p> <p><b>Chelsea Advent Christian Church</b> 1158 Eastern Ave., Chelsea Pastor David N. York - 582-7919 Children's Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday morning service, 10 a.m. Wed. eve. Promise Builders, 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spiritualism</b></p> <p><b>Madison Spiritualist Camp Chapel</b> Lakewood Village, Madison Sunday Services 11 a.m. May-Sept. Wed. &amp; Fri. Message Circle 7 p.m. - \$10 (July 21-Aug. 27) FMI: Madisoncamp.org 582-6745</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Multi-denominational</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>South China Community Church</b> Village St., South China - 445-4111 Worship 9:30 a.m. southchinacommunitychurch.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of church plus five lines <b>\$5 per week</b></p>
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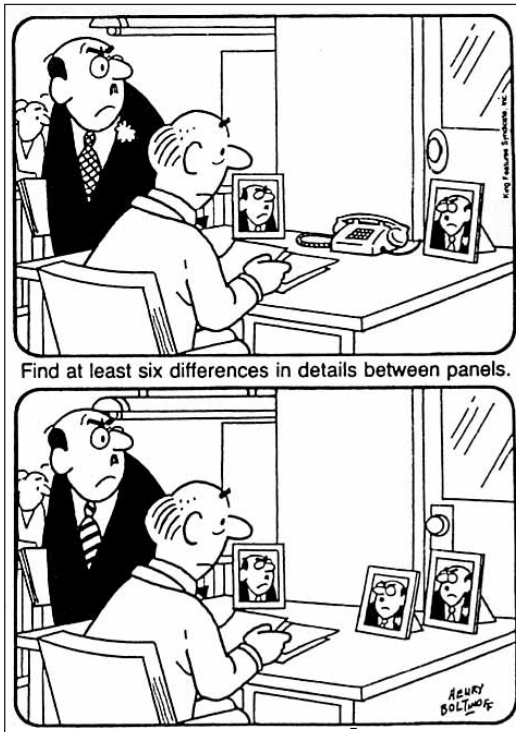
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**King Crossword**

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Cohort of Boris and Lon</p> <p>5 Hole-making tool</p> <p>8 Pierce</p> <p>12 Unyielding</p> <p>13 Dennis Quaid movie</p> <p>14 Pennsylvania port</p> <p>15 Shave-haircut link</p> <p>16 Debtor's letters</p> <p>17 Staircase descender?</p> <p>18 Elegantly done</p> <p>20 Near-perfect rating</p> <p>22 Discussion group</p> <p>26 Wakefield cleric</p> <p>29 Kues' followers</p> <p>30 Abner's adjective</p> <p>31 Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.</p> <p>32 Your</p> <p>33 China shop invader</p> <p>34 Center X?</p> <p>35 Second person</p> | <p>36 Bumps into</p> <p>37 Hearty dinner, e.g.</p> <p>40 Obsolescent address</p> <p>41 Proves grueling</p> <p>45 Filches</p> <p>47 "2001" computer</p> <p>49 The death of the party</p> <p>50 The third man</p> <p>51 Play with plastic</p> <p>52 Drop out</p> <p>53 Telegram</p> <p>54 Always</p> <p>55 Seance sounds</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Prejudice</p> <p>2 Cubesmith</p> <p>3 California town</p> <p>4 Orleans to Salerno, to a puzzler</p> <p>5 Farewell</p> <p>6 Court</p> <p>7 Some let it all hang out</p> <p>8 Cathartic drug</p> <p>9 Ever faithful</p> | <p>10 Lend a hand</p> <p>11 Spelldown</p> <p>19 Postal Creed word</p> <p>21 "Monty Python" opener</p> <p>23 Book after Micah</p> <p>24 Springy tune</p> <p>25 Right angles</p> <p>26 Cisterns</p> <p>27 OPEC member</p> <p>28 Exemplar of coolness</p> <p>32 Dance slipper</p> <p>33 Harp on</p> <p>35 Millennium fractions: abbr.</p> <p>36 Nth degree, today</p> <p>38 Supermarket section</p> <p>39 Conger catcher</p> <p>42 Robin Cook novel</p> <p>43 Excursion</p> <p>44 Solidifies</p> <p>45 Unrefined</p> <p>46 Kyoto sash</p> <p>48 Idolater's feeling</p> |
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**Vision Teaser**



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

**Answers:** 1. Light is lowered. 2. Boutonniere is removed. 3. Tie is different. 4. Picture is added. 5. Phone is missing. 6. Doorknob is changed.

**Trivia questions**

1. What were Dennis the Menace's parents' names?
2. What was the name of the train in the TV series *Petticoat Junction*?
3. In the TV series *Route 66*, what kind of car did the two travelers drive?
4. What is the low man in marks called in a West Point graduating class?
5. In the comic strip *Beetle Bailey*, what is Sgt. Snorkel's dog's name?

**Trivia answers**

1. Alice and Hank. 2. Cannonball. 3. Chevrolet Corvette. 4. Goat. 5. Otto.

**Southeast Asian steak salad**

Active time: 15 minutes - Total time: 15 minutes

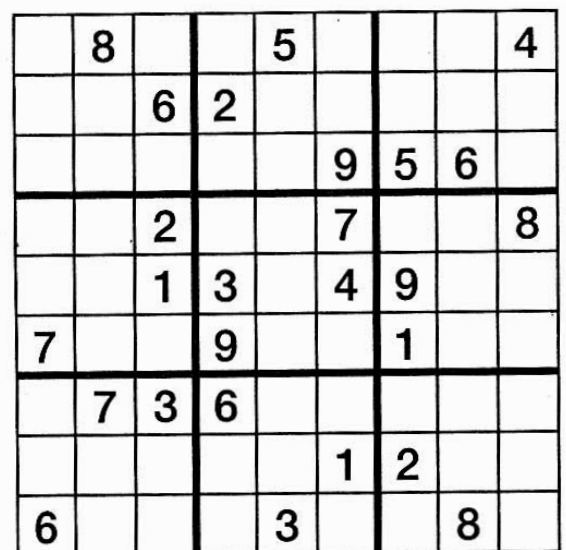
1-1/2 cup cooked basmati rice  
Leftover steak  
1 cup bean sprouts  
1 scallion, green and white parts, finely chopped  
1 cup finely shredded Napa cabbage  
1/2 red bell pepper, chopped  
1-2 cup chopped fresh, cilantro  
1/2 tsp. minced garlic  
2 tsp. rice vinegar  
1 Tbsp. lime juice  
3 Tbsp. Nuoc cham (Vietnamese dipping sauce), or pom pla (Thai fish sauce)  
1 tsp. brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  
1 tsp. crumbled dried mint  
2 Tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 cup roasted cashew halves or pieces

In a large bowl, combine rice, steak, bean sprouts, scallion, cabbage, bell pepper, and cilantro. Stir gently to mix ingredients well. In a medium jar or plastic container with a tight-fitting lid, combine vinegar, lime, juice, minced garlic, nuoc cham or pom pla, brown sugar, red pepper flakes, mint, and oil. Seal top, and shake vigorously. Drizzle dressing over rice mixture and stir well. Pack salad in four containers. Divide cashews into four plastic bags. Pack in an insulated case with an ice pack and eat chilled.

**Thought for the week:**

Home is where you hang your heart.

**SUDOKU Hard**



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