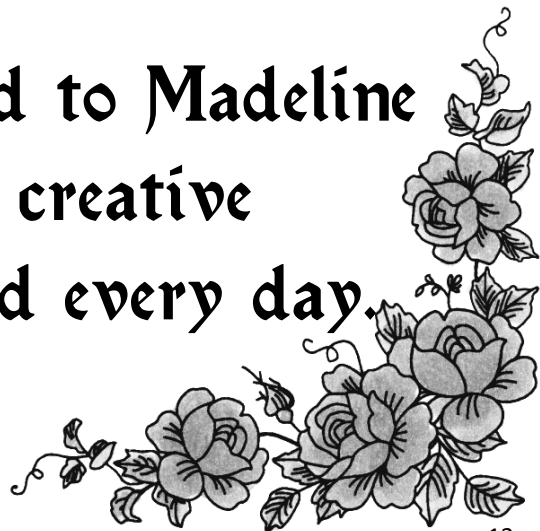




This zine is dedicated to Madeline Moore, a vibrant and creative woman who is missed every day.

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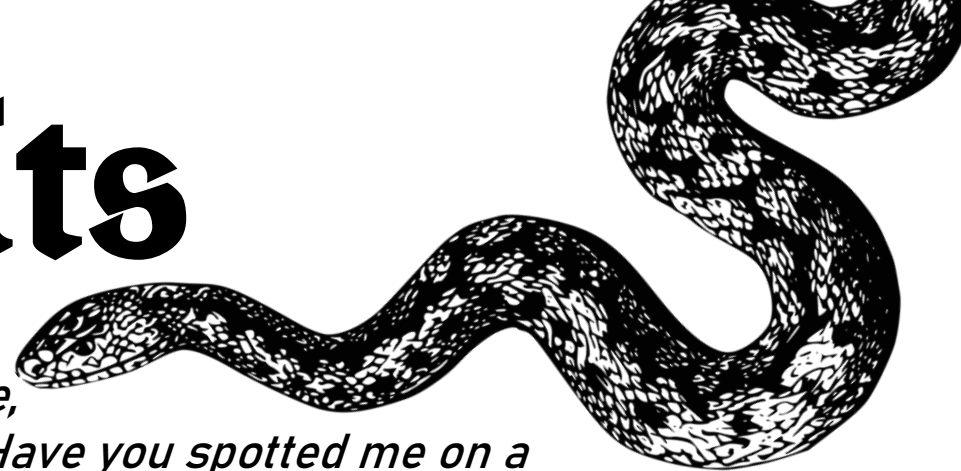
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Credits



hey, you! Cmere, don't be shy! Have you spotted me on a window ledge, bookshelf, or coffee shop board? Take me home with you, or leave me for someone else to find, I'm free!



This Zine is made by local Kentucky artist and owner of Froggie's Puzzle Portfolio. They made everything, including the puzzles, in a combination of Excel and Publisher. The cover image is *Spring* by Charles Peter Larsen in 1917. The playlist cover is *Spring Twilight No. 2* by J.J. Lankes in 1936. other images sourced from Wikimedia Commons.

The idea behind Elemental Magazine is simple- each season is a theme, each issue a small break from the mundanity of the world. Have fun, do the puzzles, learn something new! This is only the second issue and there is so much to learn, so please reach out if you hated it OR like it! I wanna hear what you think! You can make a zine too! All you need is an idea and the willingness to fuck up!

Opinions? Puzzles? Art? Just want to chat?

Email blubuzz89@gmail.com!

Submissions cannot be over 500 words.

There is no payment, this zine will not be sold for profit. Most likely, you wont get famous. :-) It's just for fun!



Listen to Eclectic, a Rock trio based in Louisville, KY combining retro sounds with modern approaches

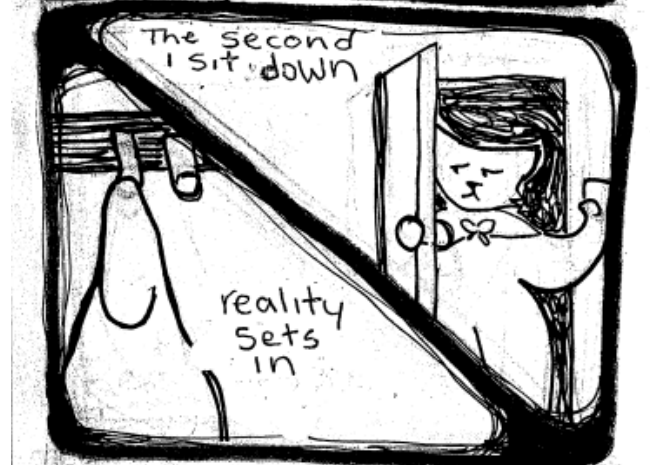
You Need New Music

A psychedelic introspective surf funk smoothie- in a band!

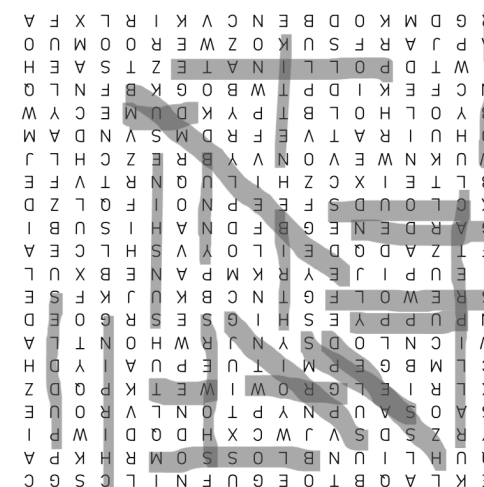
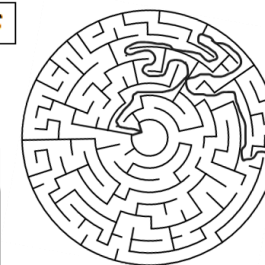
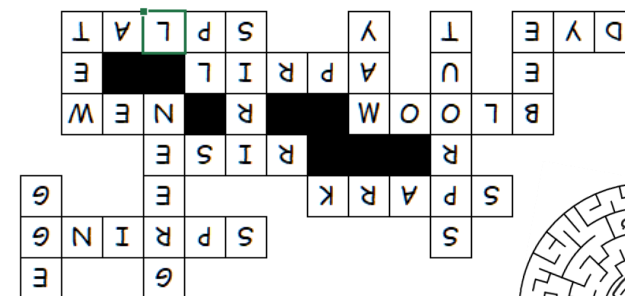
Listen on bandcamp, spotify, youtube, etc! come to a show!



Super Grief Kitty #02— Busy



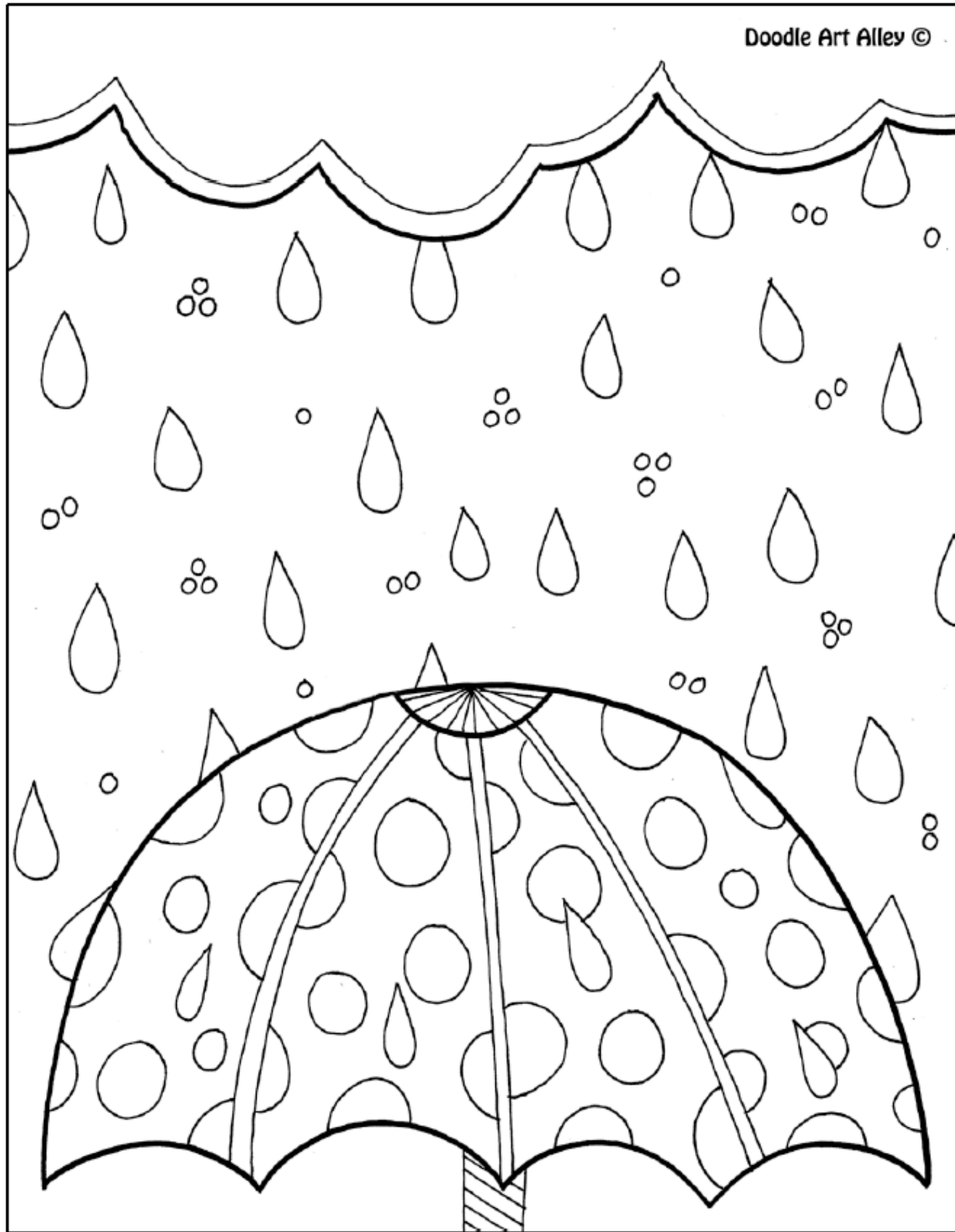
ANSWERS!



dont die wondering...



transgenderism could be for you.



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Hope

Emily Dickinson

"Hope" is the thing with
feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune
without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the
Gale - is heard -

And sore must be the
storm -
That could abash the
little Bird
That kept so many warm -
I've heard it in the chilliest
land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

SPRING Word Search

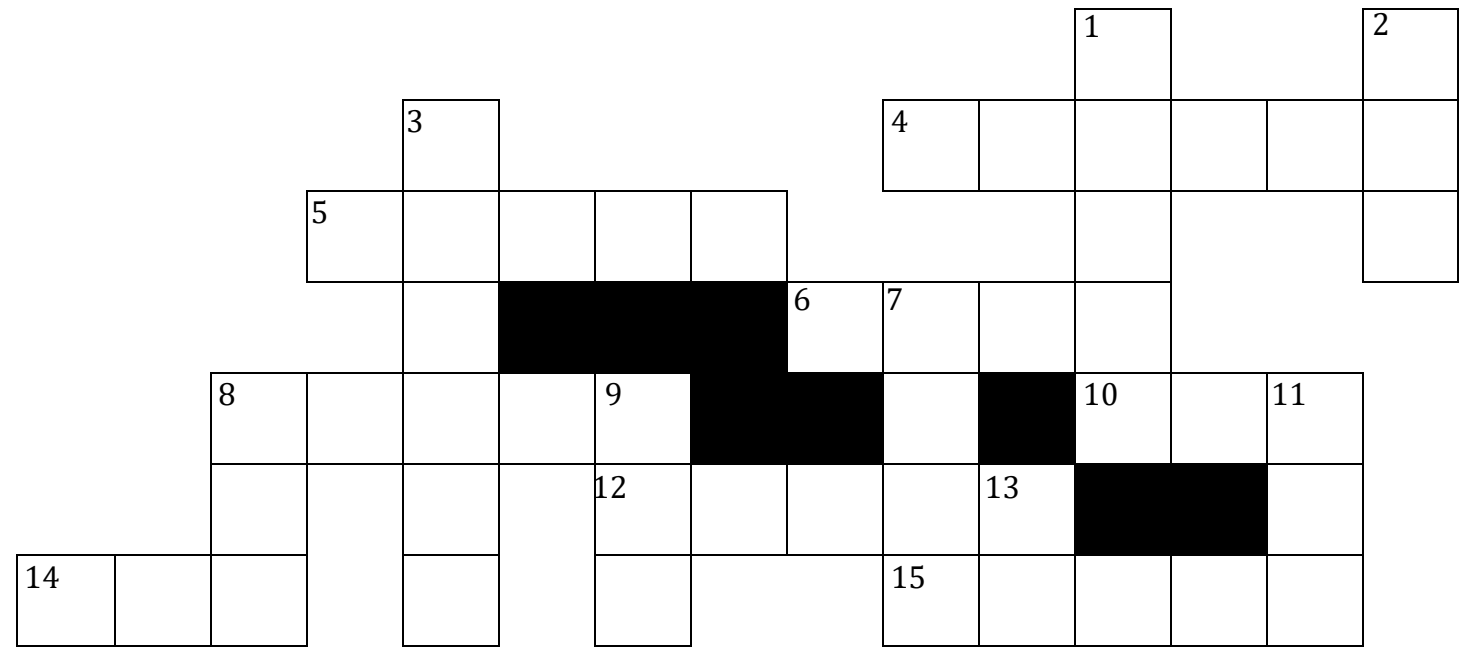
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| SPRING | SHOWERS | KITTEN | CLOUDS |
| BLOSSOM | FLOWERS | SEED | GARDEN |
| GROW | CHIRPING | MUD | PUDDLES |
| BUMBLEBEE | POLLINATE | WET | SPLASH |
| CATERPILLAR | BUNNY | BIRTH | RAINBOW |
| | PUPPY | SUNSHINE | THAW |

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 B Y O L H O L B T P Y K D U M E C Y W
 N C F E K I D P T W B O G K B F N L Q
 I W T D P O L L I N A T E Z T S A E H
 A P J A R F S U K O Z W E R O O M U O
 R G D M K O D B E N C V K I R L X F A

How many extra words can you find?



SPRING Crossword



Across

- 4. A Coil.
- 5. Ignite.
- 6. Greet the day.
- 8. Come into your own.
- 10. Green, in a way..
- 12. March follower.
- 14. A way to change colors.
- 15. Water balloon sound effect.

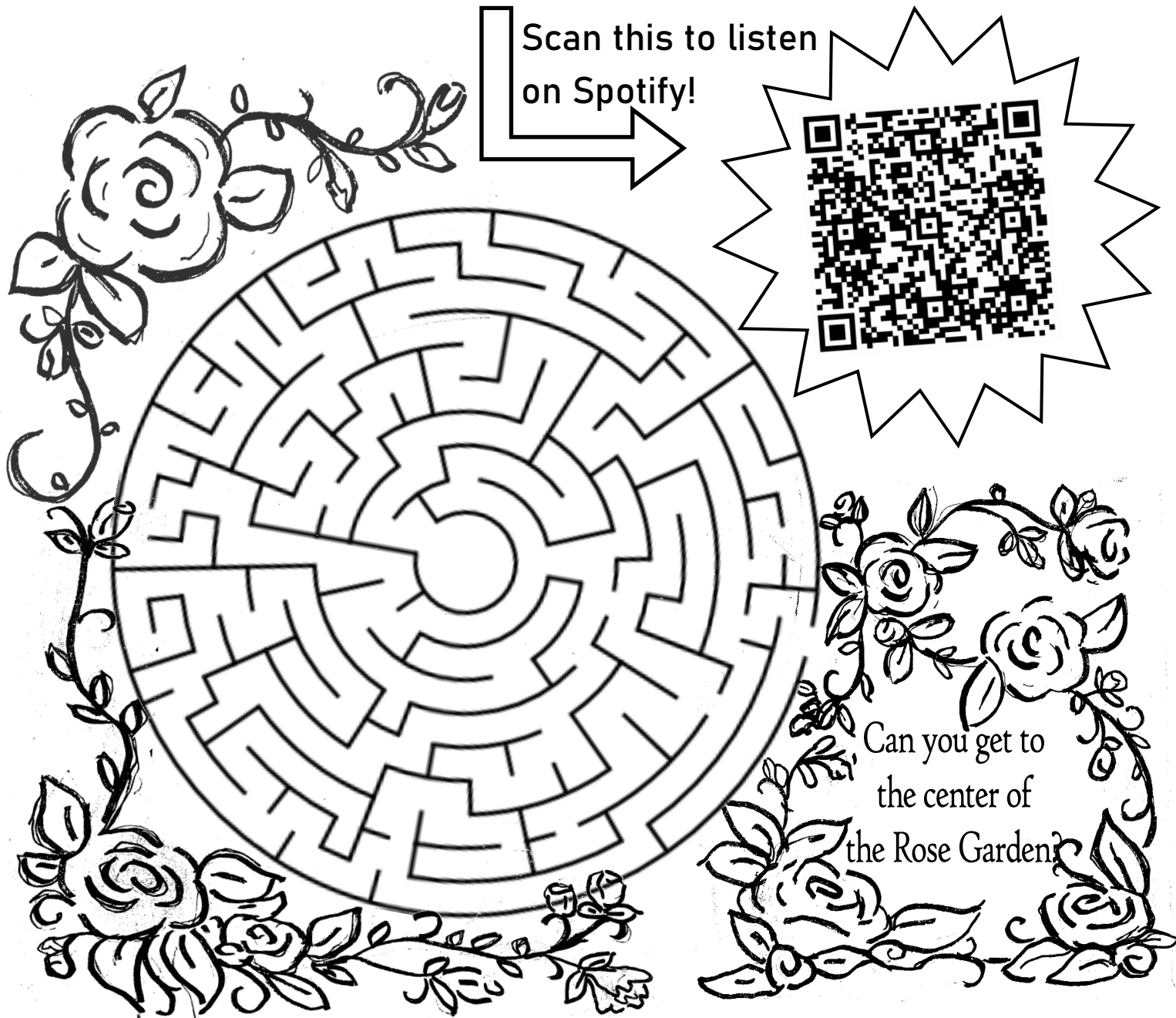
Down

- 1. Eco-Friendly
- 2. an "early bird".
- 3. A new growth.
- 7. Spring flower.
- 8. Pollinator.
- 9. Kentucky Derby Month.
- 11. Soaked.
- 13. Finished album.

Spring Playlist

1. Knowing, Tessa Violet
2. heavun, hemlocke springs
3. Harsh Augmented Reality, Strawberry Mountain
4. Dante's Inferno, Whirlybird
5. Wenn Du Springst, MOLA
6. Aromantic, DarronT
7. Leave Me Be, Computerwife
8. Frozen, Carter Ace
9. Pad Thai, Jack Stauber
10. I Like Giants, Kimya Dawson
11. Spud Infinity, Big Thief
12. Hopscotch, Pinc Louds

Scan this to listen on Spotify!



Can you get to the center of the Rose Garden?

Read these Books!

I was a Teenage Fairy

Francesca Lia Block

A tiny fairy winging her way through the jasmine-scented L.A. night. A little girl caught in a grown-up glitz-and-glitter world of superstars and supermodels. A too beautiful boy with a secret he can never share...

I have read and reread this book so many times in my life. The ecstatic bubblegum candy vibes completely take you over, and you are right there with Barbie and Mab as they try to navigate growing up in a vapid, scary world. It feels very "90's" in a way I have no way of knowing is accurate. It's a short, small book. Give it a try, it'll probably make you feel weird.

Two Centuries of Black Louisville

Featuring beautiful thick glossy pages with high quality photographs, this is a comprehensive history of black Louisvillians, beginning before Kentucky reached statehood up until the books publishing in 2011. There is a lot of fascinating stuff to learn about our city and its people here, from the formation of a substantial free black community in the early days of the city, to the many famous black Louisvillians who walked our streets and made great improvements to the community. Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue is one such person, who came to be the head of the Western Branch library, first in many ways. I also learned our city was used as quite a substantial base for union forces during the civil war, to the upset of many white Louisvillians.

I implore you to read this book yourself. It is a very large and heavy book that may not be conducive to purchasing your own, but there are a multitude of copies in the Louisville free public library available to check out. (including two in the western branch archives, which are worth a visit.)

Image courtesy of the Louisville historical league



A brief History of Animatronics



Chuck E Cheese Pizza Time Theatre, Louisville, 1990s

advance the field with attractions like the Enchanted Tiki Room and the Country Bear Jamboree, introducing the value of animatronic stage shows to the public and other entertainers. By 1977, The Atari company wanted a way in on the action, combining arcades, pizza, and animatronics to open what was first called Chuck E Cheese's Pizza Time Theatre. The market grew quickly oversaturated with copycats, with a few notable standouts among them such as Aaron Fechter's Rockafire Explosion.

After an intense and complicated battle, the Rockafire Explosion was decommissioned and reskinned, becoming the less complex "Munch's Make Believe Band". This signaled the beginning of the end of the "animatronic boom", spurred on by the arcade bubble bursting with the advent of home video game consoles. It was sink or swim, and many animatronic creators went out of business. The smart ones pivoted to making movie props or theme park attractions. Famously multiple full size t-rex

animatronics were created for the movie "Jurassic park". At the same time, "Sally Dark Rides" continued to build a legacy for themselves by creating reliable, affordable, and unique animatronic experiences, usually dark rides for



Billy Jo of the Bluegrass Bears, Sally Dark Rides

Animatronics are a form of programmable puppet, often with a "realistic skin" covering and a mechanical frame built with a specific and limited number of movements, for the purpose of running a show. A show can mean anything from an amusement park ride, a haunted house, or even musical concerts. The word animatronics is a portmanteau of animate and electronic, referencing the animatronics use of electricity to move without direct human control, unlike its ancestor the automaton. Automatons can be found throughout all human history, from complex clock decorations to robots that purportedly could write on their own.

The 20th century is when advancements significantly sped up. The 1939 worlds fair saw the introduction of "Sparko the dog", and a reported galloping horse. It also was inspiration for Walt Disney, whose "audio-animatronics" continued to

various amusement parks.

Today, we see a renewed public interest in animatronics, thanks in part to the Indie horror game franchise, Five Nights at Freddy's. This is a fantastic time to be an animatronic fan! There are sincere efforts to find and restore defunct animatronic shows, and things once considered lost media are being found and shared with the community. There are also many fantastic modern projects, and companies like Garner Holt continue to advance the field.

This is merely a brief look into the complicated and vibrant history of animatronic entertainment.

There is so much more, as most highly localized history is quite dramatic and interesting. If you are looking for further learning, Kevin Perjurer's Documentary is fantastic and covers a lot of historical ground (albeit focused primarily on Walt Disney). I would also

recommend Roskuil on youtube with their Animatronic Retrospective series. Thank you for reading, and I hope to make more articles about animatronics in the future.



Fatz Geronimo of the Rockafire Explosion poses for a production promo, 1980s

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