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MONTEVALLO CHAMBER LUNCHEON
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21st FRIDAY
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25th TUESDAY
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28th FRIDAY
MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
TARRANT at MHS / 7pm

29th SATURDAY
MONTEVALLO NUTRITION RIBBON CUTTING
10AM / 746 Main St.

MONTEVALLO ARTWALK / ARTSTALK
11am - 6pm Downtown Montevallo

30th SUNDAY
CRITTERS BY THE CREEK
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MY MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE : A HALLOWEEN STORY IN MONTEVALLO

by Marshel Roy Cunningham

My love of history began when I was a child. Maybe it was the arrowheads I would find in our back field along Shoal creek. Maybe it was the broken pieces of mule chains that would wash up in the red gullies on our farm (now Orr Park) after a summer storm. Or perhaps it was the square nails I would dig out of tin buckets sitting in dark corners of the hay barn. I became a hunter and gatherer of old things. My grandmother gave me the blue fruit jars discarded in her basement. To me , anything old was valuable. Knowing this about me will help you to understand what led me to experience the most frightening event of my life.

Miss Dearborn lived in one of Montevallo's old Victorian homes. That was not her real name. I'm not telling you her real name. Some of you may have heard of her. Some of you might have been friends with her. I don't want anyone to know who she really was. If there ever were people named Dearborn who lived in Montevallo, it was not them. I'm making the name up. Don't ask me who she really was, because I won't tell you.

I got to know her because one of my grandfather's cousins, Miss Ella Peters, knew her. They would talk family history and Montevallo history and Miss Dearborn discovered that Cousin Ella had given me her father's old hand written ledger with notes about Shelby County people. Several genealogists knew I had the book. Miss Meroney knew I had the book and never liked me because I wouldn't loan it to her to use in the history of Montevallo she was writing. I didn't care if she liked me or not, because, first of all, I was a teenager, and second, Cousin Ella had given me the book with strict instructions that it was never to be loaned out or leave my possession.

Miss Dearborn asked Cousin Ella if I would come by for a visit and allow her to see the ledger. I wanted to see the inside of her old house so I thought that would be a fine idea. Besides, like Mr. DiOrio (my Latin and French teacher at the college), I had the condition Dr. Eva Golson called "grandmother complex." We both loved old ladies. I wanted to meet Miss Dearborn to see if she had any good stories about my family, or old Montevallo, or anything about the past that might be useful to write in my own ledgers which I was creating.

I was not disappointed. Miss Dearborn was my type of old lady. She knew a lot about a lot of things historical. She read each page of the ledger and knew several of the people Cousin Ella's father had mentioned. I was in genealogy blue-haired old lady heaven. I cannot describe her as a chatty type of woman, but she was educated and friendly enough for me, and apparently approved of me and my love of history.

All of the furniture in the room was what I considered to be "antique," so I said something about how nice it would be someday for me to have a house like hers. I think I used the magic word "heirlooms" and that set us off on a piece by piece house tour of her oak tables, needlepoint chairs, and mahogany etageres in the rooms.

The drapes were very heavy for the 1970's, the carpets a little worn, and the sofas overstuffed (probably 1930's) , but even as a teenager I could pick out the 1840's Empire mixed in with a few pieces she had gathered that had been cast off "from the early days of the college."

After we walked the first floor, we got to the stairs. Miss Dearborn told me I could go up and explore the rooms if I wanted to, because there were some very nice old things up there, but she said she would just wait downstairs. I concluded that she rarely if ever went up herself, as she had a downstairs bedroom, and there were at least sixteen steps to climb since the ceiling was twelve feet high. Miss Dearborn had relatives in another state, but Miss Ella had told me they were elderly and no longer visited her. Miss Dearborn lived quietly alone, and her furniture had not been moved or replaced during my entire lifetime. I was ready for a time-capsule adventure.

It was darker upstairs because the blinds and drapes in most of the rooms were partly if not completely closed, but my eyes adjusted and I was able to see well enough. All the beds were made up and a bit musty since no one had slept in them for twenty years or more. Framed prints of flowers hung on the walls, but I did find three or four portraits in charcoal whom I supposed were her deceased family members.

I sat down at an Art Deco vanity , the kind with three mirrors. I noticed the silver in the mirror had begun to peel, and in the reflection of the room behind me , I was startled to see someone walking down the hall past the door. I thought maybe Miss Dearborn had decided to come up after all, but when I went to the bedroom door, there was no one in the hallway.

I dismissed it as nothing but my teenage imagination, and entered the next room, which had a massive tester bed with a matching marble top dresser. The marble had black and gold veins. There were a dozen empty or half empty perfume bottles sitting against the mirror. I opened one; the clear liquid inside had a faintly sweet smell.

As I walked out into the hall, I was sure this time I saw a shadow-like form enter another bedroom, even though the door to the bedroom was closed. I admit I had a full body chill and my eyes watered. I had not expected this to be a part of the upstairs tour. This was the end of it for me. I lost all interest in any further house exploration and made a quick retreat to the staircase. I had no desire to wait around for a possible third encounter.

I don't know who or what was in the upstairs hallway. I have no explanation for my being able to see what I saw. I only know that whatever it was, it was very real at the time.

The stairs were steep so I got a firm hold on the rail, and glanced quickly down the hall before sliding my hand down the banister. Miss Dearborn was calmly sitting in the chair at the bottom of the stairs.

You have heard of people who have a face you can read like a book? I must be one of those people, because when Miss Dearborn looked at me she seemed to understand all the emotions running through my mind.

"You saw her, didn't you?" she asked.

I closed my eyes and managed a faint "yes" in reply.

(The End)



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Christian education and outreach. Worship services are every Sunday at 10:30 in person and on Facebook. Holy Communion is the principle service each week. Adult Bible Study/Christian Education begins at 9:30 Sunday morning. Children's Church/Sunday School is at 10:45. Canterbury House, a residence for UM students, is located next to the church. Our outreach activities include a curbside Little Free Pantry that makes free food available to anyone in need. We welcome anyone in the community to "Take what you need. Leave what you can." A Little Free Library is located beside the Pantry. On the third Saturday of every month from 8:00-12:00, we welcome everyone to St. Andrew's Wardrobe, a free clothing ministry. All sizes of men's, women's, and children's clothing is available for anyone needing clothing.

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Everybody's stories matter. It's not just a matter of nostalgia, it powers us into the present and the future. -- Barack Obama
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN JACKSONVILLE

Only a few people today remember the once vibrant Black community of Jacksonville located on and just off Main Street where Jack's and the former Eclipse are now located. A few houses from the Jacksonville era survive on Island Street. Starting in 1952, many families were displaced by eminent domain to make way for FHA apartments and later Montevallo Elementary School.

The joy of growing up among kinfolk in Jacksonville is highlighted by a descendent of preacher Jesse Brazier. (He helped establish A.M.E Ward Chapel Church in 1872.) "All of Grandpa Jesse's children grew up in Jacksonville. Their children married and built their homes and reared their children there. You don't know the fun and joy of growing up with all your cousins, with your aunts having a hand in loving you and punishing you too. Aunt Mary sitting on her back porch seeing everything we kids did and reporting to our mothers if we did wrong. We had birthday parties with lemonade and ginger snaps. The children would always be in our yard." James Salter recalls playing hide-and-seek with the Jones children, Herman Jay, Marla and LuAnn. "We would run from one yard to the other trying to tag each other. Those were the days!!!"

As a way of honoring this almost forgotten black enclave, we present Jacksonville in pictures highlighting the people, homes, and a Sunday afternoon gathering in the back yards of the Cunningham and McGinnis families. The tables, according to Mrs. Patricia Walker, would have been loaded with soul food: Fried chicken and dressing, collard greens, black eye peas, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cornbread, cake, Kool Aid and Lemonade.



Franklin Fluker beside the Cunningham house on Main Street



O.C. Cunningham and his dog Danny



Sunday afternoon in Jacksonville



Jacksonville is one of countless communities of color impacted by eminent domain. "Cities often target these communities for condemnations, as government officials know the residents there rarely have the

political clout or the financial means to fight back." See the Institute for Justice: <https://ij.org/issues/private-property/eminant-domain/alabama-eminant-domain-laws/>.




Photos courtesy of James Salter. Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims. Contact us at Moaltrail@gmail.com. We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of any errors of fact or interpretation.

HONORING DR. A.L. JONES



(l-r) Dr. Wilson Fallin, Mrs. A.L. Jones, and Dr. William D. Walker


A dedication ceremony was presented by the Baptist Bible College / Shelby County Extension at New Everdale Baptist Church, Montevallo, AL by Pastor Dr. William D. Walker to honor Dr. A.L. Jones with guest speaker Dr. Wilson Fallin, president of Easonian Baptist Bible College.



Tuesday, October 18th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
ORR PARK-PECAN GROVE (925 ISLAND STREET)

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Chief Jeremy Littleton would like to personally invite you to attend Montevallo's National Night Out-2022. This annual event is a great way to strengthen police-community bonds, learn about local resources, fellowship with your neighbors and there will be lots of activities for the kids.



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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

Hello citizens of Montevallo!

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the cooler weather that is around the corner. Yes, Fall is in the air and that means lower humidity. I hope everyone will get out and enjoy the great outdoors.



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

The 2022 Tinglewood Festival looked like it might be a rain out but it ended up being a beautiful day. The attendance wasn't as large as last year but the threat of rain and competing with the Alabama/Texas football game was a factor. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, Cars by the Creek, the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Montevallo Main Street and Montevallo Arts Collaborative for their efforts in making the 4th Annual Tinglewood Festival a success.

On September 17, 2022, Phase II of the project at Dailey Park was completed. Thank you to all the citizens and UM Athletes who volunteered and worked so hard to help with our community project. I would like to extend a special thank you to Pat Johnson for organizing this "Mission Continues" event. Phase III of this project will be scheduled in November.

On a discouraging note, I would like to take this time to inform everyone that the city is experiencing vandalism in all of our parks. Someone tried to burn the new restroom at Dailey Park and the restrooms across the creek at Orr Park. In addition, the sinks and toilets were busted up with bricks at the restrooms at the softball field. The restrooms at Shoal Creek Park have had their door handles pried off, graffiti painted on the pavilion and the Mahler home has been vandalized twice. We are currently in the process of installing more efficient cameras at all the parks to catch the persons responsible for these crimes. The restrooms are also on timed locks but our vandals are propping the doors open so they cannot lock. To the person(s) committing these crimes, you WILL be caught. To those that frequent our beautiful parks, I would like to say thank you and please continue to enjoy your time there. Most people have phones on them at all times and some, if not all, phones have cameras. If you see someone being destructive or in the

process of vandalizing our parks, please call the Montevallo Police Department. Photo evidence would be helpful as well. If you see someone propping the restroom doors open, please remove the item being used to keep the door open.

Please take the time to complete the Comprehensive Plan survey for the community/recreation center and dog park. The community/recreation center will be a multimillion-dollar project and would serve as a multi-use building. The Montevallo Community has needed a facility like this for a very long time and we need your input. To take this easy and short survey please go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p8dzybh> and follow the prompts. Let your voice be heard!

October is loaded with many activities for everyone to enjoy. Events include the annual Downtown Fire Prevention Parade, Founders Day at the University of Montevallo, Red Ribbon Week/National Night Out at Orr Park Pecan Grove, Montevallo Art Stalk on Main Street, Critters by the Creek at Orr Park and the annual Hometown Halloween Trick or Treat in Downtown. Please come out and enjoy.

Christmas is less than 100 days away so please consider shopping our local merchants for your holiday gifts and supplies. Shop Montevallo First!

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- Tuesday, Oct. 11: **Kid's Movie** at 3:30pm, Parnell Library Theater
- Wednesday, Oct. 12: **Take Home Craft Kit:** Halloween Play-Doh
- Tuesday, Oct. 25: **Sweets-n-Eats:** Witch Hat Snacks
- Oct. 17 – 28: **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**, sponsored by Montevallo Chamber of Commerce
- Monday, Oct. 24: **Classic Movie Monday** at 2pm, Parnell Library Theater
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EVERY 2ND MONDAY

MDCD Montevallo Development Cooperative District
 1 p.m., Meets at City Hall

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY

Historical Commission, 6:0 p.m., City Hall

EVERY TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Study - Community Wide
 10:00-11:00 am, Montevallo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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EVERY THURSDAY

Rotary Meeting, noon, City Hall

EVERY 3RD THURSDAY

Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

Montevallo Water & Sewer Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY MORNING

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AUM	Volleyball	Oct. 4	6 p.m.
UAH	Women's Soccer	Oct. 7	5 p.m.
Union	Volleyball	Oct. 7	6 p.m.
UAH	Men's Soccer	Oct. 7	7:30 p.m.
Christian Brothers	Volleyball	Oct. 8	2 p.m.
West Alabama	Women's Soccer	Oct. 9	1 p.m.
Lee	Women's Soccer	Oct. 14	5 p.m.
Lee	Men's Soccer	Oct. 14	7:30 p.m.
Shorter	Women's Soccer	Oct. 16	1 p.m.
AUM	Men's Soccer	Oct. 23	5 p.m.
West Florida	Volleyball	Oct. 25	6 p.m.
Southeastern Baptist	Women's Basketball	Oct. 28	6 p.m.
Lee	Volleyball	Oct. 29	2 p.m.

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• **Weather** – late summer and early fall are my favorite times to picnic.

• **Route/Destination** – University Lake, Orr Park, Shoal Creek Park, Main Quad, Hammock Park, Organic Community Garden, and the former Golf Course are some very bikeable locations.

• **Tools** – we suggest Swiss Army knife, lightweight cutting board, cloth napkins, blanket, and something to eat out of if you choose.

• **Packing** – backpacks work great (even in multiples), place heavier items on bottom, and your blanket on top. Don't over pack; your goal is to not bring home leftovers, only your trash.

• **Drinks** – you may decide to bring along something fun to drink. Think aluminum or plastic– skipping glass bottles prevents you from lugging around the 40% of undrinkable weight. Just remember to drink plenty of water.

• **Food** – Variety, versatility, and sturdy all come to mind when considering picnic foods. Bring an assortment of foods, not just sandwiches. Your menu is a collection of many small plates.

- o PB&J, hard cheeses/cured meats (parmesan & prosciutto)
- o Crackers/bread/cheese/sliced vegetables/dip/tapenade
- o Bread/cheese/apple
- o Baguette/pesto/cream cheese/salami
- o Cucumber/cream-cheese sandwiches/watermelon
- o Cheese & bread, avocado & basil
- o Fruit/veg/crackers/hummus
- o Crackers/firm cheese (Swiss, cheddar, muenster)
- o Baguette & soft cheeses (brie, goat, bocconcini)

• **Dessert** – it could be considered unforgivable if we forgot something sweet.

- o Chocolate Bar/Cookies/brownies
- o Savory almonds & a bar of chocolate
- o Fruit (apples/pears/grapes/sliced watermelon)
- o Nutella & pear

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For more information:
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MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,
UM Office of Veteran & Military Affairs



In the month of October, we recognize the United States Navy's birthday on October 13th and the Day of the Deployed on October 26th.

According to *Navy.com*, this branch of the military's mission is "To recruit, train, equip, and organize to deliver combat ready Naval forces to win conflicts and wars while maintaining security and deterrence through sustained forward presence." It continues to state, "The sea is an incredible beast. It reaches impossible speeds, depths and distances. It cannot be beaten with the strongest fist, the sharpest knife or the fastest bullet. In America's Navy, water and salt flow through our veins in the same proportion as the sea. That mighty force is the lifeblood of the greatest Navy ever to sail upon it, slip beneath it or fly above it. It shapes Americans from every corner of the nation into Sailors with the courage to protect liberty back home. Bonding us with the commitment to serve with honor. The sea propels every one of our men and women to defeat or defend. To comfort or to awe. To victory or to the rescue. We are America's Navy. And we are all Forged by the Sea."

Pretty impressive, right? I am a proud US Navy Veteran and on October 13th I will take a moment to celebrate this great force and say a prayer for all the Sailors who have served with Honor and for those that continue to do so.

October 26th will mark the National Day of the Deployed. *Military.com* says "This day honors all service members who have been deployed in service to our country. It also acknowledges the sacrifices that military families make during deployment." The first National Day of the Deployed was observed in 2006, by 2012 every state in the US was observing it. If you're honoring those who have been deployed, it is recommended to post to social media including the #DayOfTheDeployed. If you're looking to support service members on this day of recognition, check with local veteran's service organizations for ideas and suggestions.

I was deployed to the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield and Storm. I am also the wife of an Army Colonel who has been deployed several times. I do not know which position (the one leaving or the staying behind) is tougher, I would venture to say both are incredibly difficult, challenging and not for the weak. Military members are taught to never leave a man (a service brother or sister) behind. I have been through a lot of difficulties in my life and at the very top of the most heartbreaking was when our 3-year-old son and I had to leave my husband standing on a curb waving goodbye to us, so that he could deploy to Iraq. Whether you are the one wearing the uniform or the one supporting them, deployments come at a very high price. One day a year doesn't seem like enough to remember and support those that pay this price.

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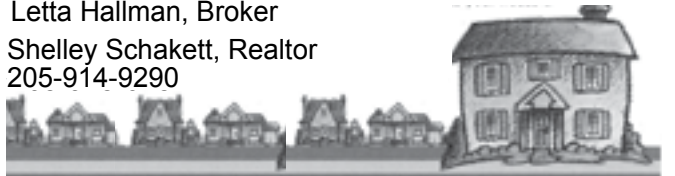
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Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey has appointed Cynthia Todd to serve on the University of Montevallo Board of Trustees. Todd is the first Black woman to serve as a UM trustee.

“I appreciate you serving in this capacity, and I am confident you will render valuable service to the citizens of Alabama,” Ivey stated in a letter addressed to Todd.

Todd’s term started July 18 and will end Jan. 19, 2032. She replaces Rep. David Wheeler.

“It is an absolute honor and privilege to be appointed by Gov. Ivey to the University of Montevallo Board of Trustees,” Todd said. “In this capacity, I commit to serving with honesty and integrity as done in other leadership roles previously held. I look forward to collaborating with this outstanding group of leaders in making impactful decisions for the University of Montevallo.”

Todd, a native of Calera who resides in Pelham, received her bachelor’s degree in business administration and management from UM in 1988. Before her trustee appointment, she served in several roles with the University of Montevallo National Alumni Association from 2006 to 2022.

In 2020, she was elected as the first Black president of the UMNAA. She served in the position for a full two-year term. She also served as president of the UM Minority Alumni Club from 2015 to 2017.

Todd has had a lengthy and distinguished career in corporate



America. On Oct. 1, after 13 years of service, she retired as the operations manager of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. She also worked as a manager at Protective Life in Birmingham for more than 20 years.

During her time as a student at UM, Todd served as president of the Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity, was an active member of the Inspirational Voices of Christ, the African American Society and Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society. She received several honors, including Senior Elite, Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Golson Scholars Seminar, The Wall Street Journal Annual Achievement Award, the John A. House Award and The United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate Award.

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FOUR NEGOTIATION SECRETS SMART BUYERS (AND THEIR AGENTS) USE TO GET THE BEST DEAL

Submitted by Susan Lehman Team Lehman

1. START FROM A WIN/WIN PERSPECTIVE

The best definition we've found of a win/win situation can be found in Stephen Covey's book titled *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. He writes "Win/Win is a synergistic situation where both parties can mutually benefit. Win/Win takes a certain amount of investment to favor its occurrence. The first step is to recognize what the status of our human interaction is at a given time. We must not only ask ourselves what we want but also what the other party wants from a given situation, bearing in mind that it's ok to walk away if a common agreement is not found (Win/Win or No Deal)".

Having a seasoned agent who clearly understands this human perspective is critical to the negotiation process. Such an agent will be sure to ask the agent (representing the other party) what is most important to their client. Once the identified "wants" have been detailed the buyer has a better chance at being strategic with their offer and ultimately gaining the winning bid. It is shocking to us that so many agents don't take the time to discover what is really important to the other party. Having a deep understanding of the other side is critical to presenting a successful offer. We, here at Team Lehman understand this very well and will successfully guide our buyers to ask "winning questions."

2. ALWAYS USE MARKET VALUE INSTEAD OF ASKING (OR LIST) PRICE AS YOUR STARTING POINT

In Gary Keller's book titled *Shift* he states that "the most successful agents become masters of pricing." In our practice, we have found that unfortunately, not all listing agents are successful at this. Often times listing agents are off the mark with their list price. This could be due to lack of skill and research on the listing agent's part or a determined seller who thinks what they know what their home is worth (regardless of what the market is telling them). Despite the reason for "out of market" pricing, it is the job of a skilled buyer's agent to consult with their client, before they submit an offer, to give them a true understanding of the market value of the home and property. A buyer's agent who practices the art of successful negotiating will always do their research on the market value of such property. There are many determining factors that reveal market value including days on market, home sales, actives and pending sales in the same area and condition of the property. Here at Team Lehman we understand clearly that all of these factors and more should be taken into account when writing and negotiating a winning offer for a buyer.

3. HAVE MORE DATA THAN THE OTHER SIDE

There is much data to be gained from carefully researching similar homes that have sold as well as pending and active listings in the same zip code. An expert agent understands that such knowledge is power and will use this data to coach their buyer into making a bid on a home that will ensure they aren't overpaying or underpaying for a home.

4. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF TRUTH

A trusted agent will be direct, honest and forthcoming with his or her buyer. Their focus will be on relevant facts when guiding their buyers to get the best deal. Facts that include statistical data from home sales, actives and pending as well as days on the market and condition and location of the property. A skilled agent knows where to find this data and can offer trusted support to his or her client toward making an informed decision on negotiating a winning offer.



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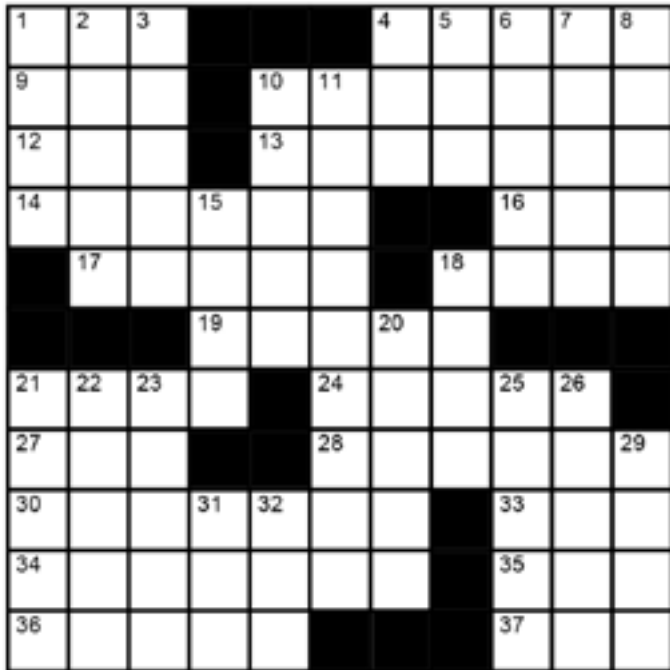
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13. Assiduous
14. The bald eagle is one for America
16. Poetic palindrome
17. Jet
18. War god
19. Check for freshness, maybe
21. Approve
24. Word after trench or winter
27. Apartment, slangily
28. Popular horror flick from the 90s
30. Wind pipe
33. Layer of green eggs (but not green ham)
34. Corrupt
35. Home of *The Tonight Show*
36. Lists of actors
37. Shaggy Tibetan bovine

Down

1. Tater ___
2. What tree does in an autumn breeze
3. Like a juicy roast turkey
4. Douglas and Fraser are types of this
5. Praiseful poem
6. Convict who is never leaving prison, informally
7. Get used (to)
8. Eyes inappropriately
10. What a mighty oak starts as
11. Riga's body of water
15. Like a bee
18. Where you might adore someone from
20. Type of point
21. Major type of nerve
22. For some, this is a b-word
23. 2nd and 6th President of the USA
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