The Sunday Edition

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CLASSIC MOVIES

When the movies moved outside

An experiment in a New Jersey driveway gave moviegoers a new place to watch a picture: right behind the steering wheel.



Before opening his theater, Richard Hollingshead tried the idea at home. He set a projector on his car, hung a screen, and experimented with sound and sightlines. At a drive-in, the car in front of you could block the screen just as easily as a tall hat could indoors.

On June 6, 1933, his Park-In Theater opened in Pennsauken, New Jersey. The invitation was simple: bring the family, stay in the car, and watch a movie under the open sky.

Source: New Jersey Historical Commission

BASEBALL HISTORY

Jackie Robinson’s first game

On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. His debut broke Major League Baseball’s modern color barrier. The Dodgers were playing the Boston Braves, and Robinson started at first base.

The box score shows he went hitless. It also tells a story worth reading past that first line. In the seventh inning he reached base on an error and scored the go-ahead run. Brooklyn won, 5–3.

Source: National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

GARDENING

A little garden by the window

If you have a bright south- or west-facing window, try a pot of chives and a pot of parsley. Keep them where you cook so it’s easy to snip a few leaves for eggs, soup, or baked potatoes.

Use pots with drainage holes. Before watering, feel the soil about half an inch below the surface. If it’s still damp, wait. If the stems grow thin and lean toward the glass, the plants may need more light.

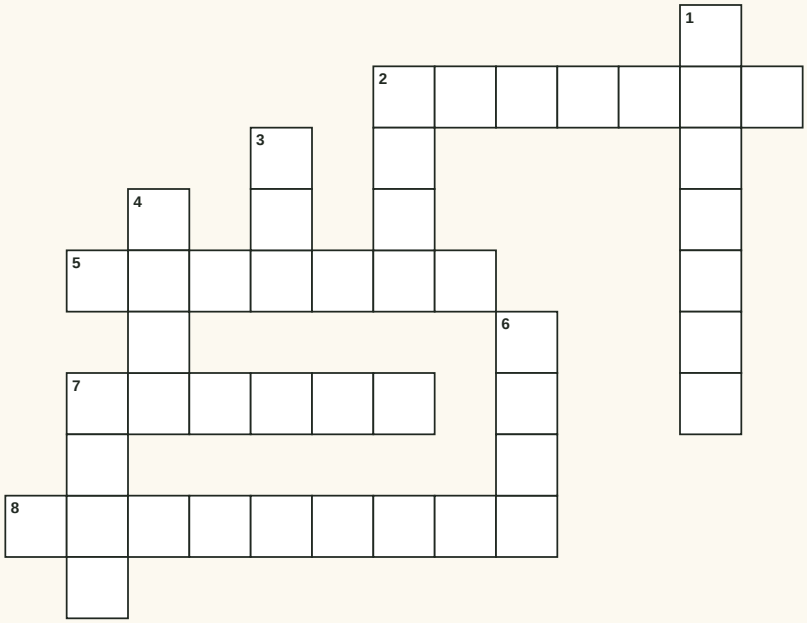
For tonight’s dinner
Snip fresh chives over scrambled eggs just before serving.

Source: University of Minnesota Extension

YOUR PICK / CLASSIC MOVIES

Movie musical matinee

Write one letter per box. Leave out spaces. Answers are on page 4.



ACROSS

2. What Dorothy sings about going over (7)

5. Mary ___, the nanny who arrives by umbrella (7)

7. Three syllables in a song title from *The Sound of Music* (6)

8. Star who danced with an umbrella in *Singin' in the Rain* (9)

DOWN

1. Kansas girl who follows the Yellow Brick Road (7)

2. Weather in the title of Gene Kelly's famous musical (4)

3. Style of dancing with metal plates on the shoes (3)

4. Dorothy's little dog (4)

6. First name of the actress who plays Dorothy (4)

7. Song performed by two people (4)

I’VE ALWAYS WONDERED

Why did old movie theaters have organs?

A call-in question from Evelyn, our sample subscriber

Before movies came with recorded sound, many theaters hired musicians to play along. A small theater might use a piano. A theater organ could give one player the sound of several instruments, from flutes to trumpets.

It could also supply the noises the picture couldn’t. If a train appeared on the screen, the organist could sound a whistle right on cue. The same player could make a chase feel frantic or give a tender scene a gentler tune.

Source: American Theatre Organ Society

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