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MONTEVALLO
Main Street
Memories

DELUXE CLEANERS

by Clay Nordan
 Vice-president, Montevallo Historical Society



The spot on the high bluff overlooking the Farrington Bridge over Shoal Creek on Main Street has been an important center for commerce, government, education, religion, and local society since the early days of settlement in the area. According to "Montevallo, The First One Hundred Years" by Eloise Meroney.

Montevallo's first Masonic Lodge was constructed on this site

in 1848 and the town's first "Calaboose" or jail was located here until it burned in 1873.

Today, this area is dominated by the new Montevallo City Hall and its parking lot. But from the mid-1930's until the early 1970's, **DeLuxe Cleaners** operated out of a narrow metal-clad building that sat where traffic turns in to the city hall today from Main Street. It had a tall black smokestack at the back of the building that belched thick smoke from its coal-fired boiler year-round. Close by was the historic Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church (1872 – present) on West Street behind the building.

Ownership and management of DeLuxe Cleaners was taken over in 1954 by local businessman, Clarence Chism, when he purchased the business from Charlie Crisswell. Mr. Chism had owned Montevallo Cleaners on Middle Street and Mr. Crisswell began his career in the business when he worked for Chism for a few years in the 1940's. Mr. Chism had most recently operated a clothing store on Main Street that he dissolved with the acquisition of DeLuxe.

Advertisements from the period often refer to DeLuxe as "Charlie's Place" or offer "Charlie Sez" enticements to its clientele. After the sale, Crisswell was retained as an employee at DeLuxe and Chism took advantage of his popularity with his ex-



Photograph courtesy of Carey Heatherly & Aldrich Coal Mining Museum

DeLuxe Cleaners provided pick-up and delivery service to customers all over town and had student agents providing the same service to all dormitories on the Alabama College campus.

isting customer base by reassuring them that Charlie was as involved as ever with the care and expert cleaning of their garments.


Clarence Chism continued to own and operate DeLuxe Cleaners until he sold it to a new owner sometime between 1971 and 1973. He died in 1974 at the age of 72. He is buried in the Montevallo City Cemetery.

DeLuxe Cleaners did not last long following the sale and Chism's death. The 1950's era Montevallo City Hall had been pinned in by the cleaners building from the start, squeezed between DeLuxe and the Montevallo Motor Co. (later Victory Automotive) building, so the city took advantage of the opportunity and purchased the property, tore down the building, and began to use the lot for much needed new access and parking.



Mr. Clarence Chism was an active member of the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce for many years and kept this sign posted behind his customer counter at DeLuxe Cleaners.



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MONTEVALLO CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Montevallo Chamber of Commerce will honor the Citizen of the Year and the Civic Leader of the Year at the 45th Annual Montevallo Community Awards on Thursday June 22nd at the University of Montevallo Stewart Student Retreat Center.

This tradition started back in 1978 with the first Citizen of the Year recipient being Pete Givhan. F.P. "Pete" Givhan operated his Coca Cola distribution business out of his office in Montevallo on Main Street, as well as an insurance agency. Pete was the product of two prominent Montevallo families. His father, Edgar Givhan, was a well respected local physician and former mayor, and his mother was a daughter of the second president of Alabama Girls Industrial School, Dr. Francis Peterson.

In the same year, Civic Leader of the Year recipient was James D. Seaman. Jim served as a forester for three years before moving to Montevallo to establish Seaman Timber Company, Inc. He was an avid supporter of the Alabama Historical Society, American Village, Academy of Fine Arts of Shelby County, Alabama Symphony Orchestra, Birmingham Museum of Art, U.S. Olympic Team, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Restoration, Reagan Ranch Historical Trust and many local charitable organizations. Jim was honored for his service and achievement by Boy Scouts of America, State University of New York, Montevallo Jaycees, University of Montevallo, Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, and Anglican Church of the Holy Comforter.

The Montevallo Community Awards is also the event where the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce announces the three Business Hall of Fame inductees. Induction into the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame is reserved for Montevallo businesses that have been in business 15 or more years, an active Chamber member and demonstrate years of customer community support and good will.

Another part of the Montevallo Community Awards program is where other community groups can present their honors for the year also.

Don't miss out on attending an evening of shining light on our stars in Montevallo. The 2023 Montevallo Community Awards will be June 22nd from 5:30-7:30pm at the UM Stewart Student Retreat Center. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available for purchase from Trustmark, Regions or Montevallo Chamber.



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“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Savannah Kitchens. “This grant will allow our library to help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space.”

Since 2014, ALA’s Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

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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

THE SOUTH'S GREAT GENERATION OF BLACK TEACHERS

I can't say it was the case with all Black teachers of my mother's generation, who had come of age in the South, but I know that many of them saw themselves as on a mission. Education was about the individual students but there was an additional component; an explicit mission of race uplift. . . . Becoming educated was an act of resistance. The classroom was a site of that resistance.

– Annette Gordon-Reed, *On Juneteenth* (Norton & Co, 2021), 50.



The caption to this photo, which probably appeared in a Selma newspaper early in 1962, reads: A group of teachers from Shelby County was entertained recently by the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Massey in their home, 1405 Washington Street. Mrs. Massey worked with the Shelby County school system before her retirement. Dinner was served buffet style to the visitors, pictured above. Shown left to right, are, standing: Miss Mary A. Kelly, Mrs. Hannah C. Harris, Mrs. B. M. Coger, Mrs. Addie T. Lacey, Mrs. M. M. Smitherman, Mrs. Lola M. Alexander, and the Rev. Massey. Seated: Miss Kathleen Boyd, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Anna M. Nunn, Mrs. Johnnie C. DuBose, Mrs. Beulah Collins, and behind Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Larnetta Smelley and Mrs. O. D. Fluker.

A clipping of the photo and caption, dated Jan 3, 1962 on the back, was contributed by James Salter. Next month's Untold Story, "Called to Teach: The Legacy of Blanche Coger," continues the story of this great generation of teachers.

**MONTEVALLO CHAMBER CO-HOST
WASHINGTON UPDATE LUNCHEON**



(l to r) Kirk Mancer, Shelby County Chamber; Adele Nelson, Montevallo Chamber; Emily Jensen, Mountain Brook Chamber; Congressman Palmer; Michelle Hawkins, Vestavia Hills Chamber; Meredith Drennen, Homewood Chamber and Toni Herrera-Bast, Hoover Chamber.



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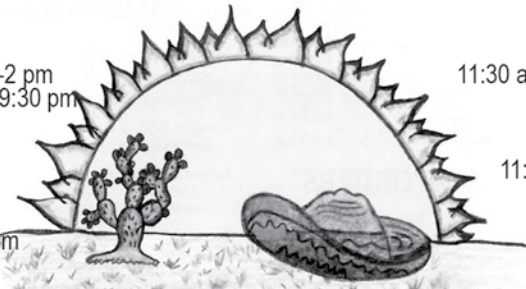
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CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

Mayor's Message...

JUNE 2023

Hello citizens of Montevallo! Summer is just around the corner and temperatures will be on the rise. Please remember to stay hydrated and take rest breaks when working or playing outdoors.



RUSTY NIX, MAYOR

I would like to start off by giving recognition to the University of Montevallo Fishing Team.

The team has been in first place for the past three years in a row and are currently retaining their first-place ranking. Way to go Fishing Falcons!

Plans are underway for a new mountain bike trail at the former UM Golf Course. Work on this project should begin in the near future. The bike trail should bring hundreds of people to the city for each event and will bring revenue to our city.

The City of Montevallo has a multitude of projects underway. The Mission Continues, headed up by Platoon Leader, Patrick Johnson, is in Phase 5 of improvements at Dailey Park. The park is looking better than ever! I would also like to thank Anna Fulghum and the rest of the crew for their role in that project. Looking good, team!!

The city is in the planning stages of completing grant applications to expand and improve the restrooms on the creek side of Orr Park. These restrooms were built in 2003 and have become outdated and no longer meet the needs of the park. When the restrooms were constructed, the city had no idea that soccer would grow in popularity as much as it has. Montevallo has 12 youth soccer teams and the league is growing every year. If the city is awarded the grant, the match will come from MDCD.

The parking expansion project on Wadsworth Street is close to getting underway. This project will include placing drainage pipe in the ditch, paving and adding about sixteen diagonal parking places that will run from Oak Street to Valley Street. Additional parking in this area will help with the parking shortage for businesses in the Village on Valley shopping complex and will provide additional parking for Montevallo High School students. This project is funded by the MDCD.

The City of Montevallo will soon be accepting bids for the Highway 25 sidewalk project. The sidewalks will be ADA compliant and will run from Lucky's to Pic'n Sav. This project was made possible from a grant we received through ALDOT and the matching dollars will be provided by the MDCD. I will be happy to see this project completed because it will make walking in that area safer for our citizens.

The ATRPP2 grant for the Moore's Crossroads intersection is in motion. In a few weeks, bids will go out for this project. As I have stated before, this project is a game changer for

Montevallo. This area is the gateway from the north into Montevallo and we need it to be a safe and inviting entrance to the scenic corridor into the city. This grant was made possible through ALDOT with the matching funds provided by MDCD. In addition to the intersection project, the city council voted unanimously to annex twenty-two acres at the crossroads as B2 commercial and retail development.

Bringing businesses to this area should capture some of the sales tax revenue that we are losing to surrounding cities.

The City of Montevallo is still in negotiations with Cobblestone Hotels and Suites for the construction of a hotel on Main Street. The city is currently awaiting the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission's Architectural Review Board to move forward on the project. After this process is completed, the city will be able to begin plans to demolish the old Victory Building. This building holds no historic value to the Downtown Historic District and is an eyesore to the area. Over the years, there have been two offers on the building but they were for about half of what the building/property is worth. A hotel would bring in an abundance of lodging tax and sales tax revenue to the city.

The City of Montevallo welcomes Ace Hardware to the community! They are already open for business and will hold their grand opening soon!. Be on the lookout for the grand opening date.

Music at Owls Cove Park is in full swing with the next event scheduled for Friday, June 30th, at 6:30p.m. Plan to bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and come out for some great family friendly entertainment. Be sure to eat at one of our local restaurants or bring your dinner with you. We had a fantastic crowd last month and I hope to see more of you there in June.

On a sad and disappointing note, on April 27, 2023, Montevallo High School was vandalized. Thirty-nine individuals were charged with Burglary 3rd and Criminal Mischief 1st. This was an unfortunate incident for our community and everyone involved. I, personally, feel like this was a senior prank gone wrong. For the younger youth, THINK before you act. Don't give in to peer pressure. Don't let others persuade you to break the law or try tobacco, alcohol or drugs. You do you.

Please remember to shop local. Montevallo business owners and city sales tax revenue depend on you. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor.



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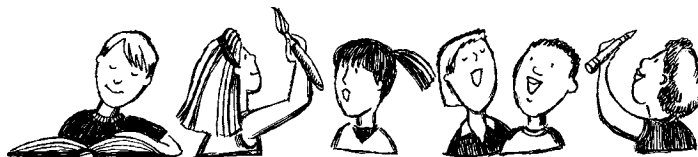
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12 Family Craft Kit	13 Mini Music @ 10:00 PokeNay CLUB! between 2-4 pm	14 9:15 Storytime with Mr. Mac 2:00 Kid's Movie	15 Tween Movie @ 4:00 pm Family Yoga @ 6:00 pm	16 Donuts with Dads @ 10am Join us for donuts and a hands-on craft to enjoy with family!
19 Family Craft Kit	20 Mini Music @ 10:00 PokeNay CLUB! between 2-4 pm	21 9:15 Storytime with Mr. Mac 2:00 Kid's Movie	22 Tween Movie @ 4:00 pm Family Yoga @ 6:00 pm	23 Life-size Hungry Hungry Hippos @ 1pm Join us for a wacky hands-on game!
26 Kids Craft Kit	27 Mini Music @ 10:00 PokeNay CLUB! between 2-4 pm	28 9:15 Storytime with Mr. Mac 2:00 Kid's Movie	29 Tween Movie @ 4:00 pm	30 Animal Tales @ 11:00 am Learn about animal friends, live and in person!
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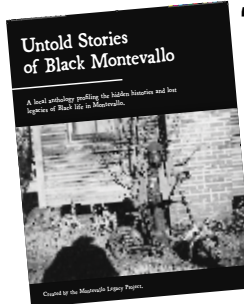
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DISC GOLFERS THROW DOWN FOR CHARITY

Submitted by Susan Lehman, Team Lehman

There's a Keller Williams saying—Give where you live. When you buy a house, you buy it not only in a neighborhood but in a community. That spirit informs our whole mission here at Team Lehman.

In the last 2 weeks, Team Lehman participated in 3 events that gave back to Montevallo and beyond, and we just want to say thanks to all involved!

First, Team Lehman was a part of Teacher Appreciation Day at Montevallo Elementary School. The team members coordinated the day's event with the help of Lori and Michael Weidenbach and gave out free Frio's pops to all the teachers. Maggie Hall represented the PTO and helped us serve the pops.

Next, Team Lehman was a part of Keller Williams's Annual Red Day. The KW Metro South agents helped out Family Connections in their mission of providing ongoing and emergency youth and family services in the Alabaster area. The entire KW team helped with landscaping, organizing existing and incoming donations while also donating many much-needed supplies and labor as well.

And, for the grand finale, the team also organized and hosted the 2nd Annual Team Lehman SEA Disc Golf Benefit Tournament. Last year's tournament produced a record donation to Shelby Emergency Assistance, and this year's totals look to be even larger than last year's. Participants were impressed with the seamless experience of the tournament, and many commented on the several "extras" associated with the event. The player packs, the raffle items and the in-tournament refreshments were all highlights of the event. The C's Coffee and Cakes food truck provided delicious sandwiches, sweet treats, coffee and other beverages throughout the day.

While the stars of the event are too numerous to mention, Ed Hoffman (the Man), Scott Burdette, Ric Pevey, Lawrence Hinkle and Wendy Bryant, along with the Shelby County Disc Golf Club Members deserve a special shout out. Dean Aimee Mellon came out to represent the UM Stephens College of Business and to deliver the biggest donation of the day, edging out Alabama Professional Services and Kristie Redford of Movement Mortgage, whose booth catered to thirsty pets as well as providing valuable mortgage information. Many thanks to you all.

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All in all, the 2nd Annual Team Lehman SEA Disc Golf Benefit Tournament was a rousing success, and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year.

All of us at Team Lehman are proud to be members of such a unique, interconnected and mutually supportive community. We encourage everyone to stop and take a look around to see all that's going on, all the ways we lift each other up and how many opportunities there are in our community.



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The 50th Anniversary Gala will be a celebration of SEA's remarkable journey and the countless lives it has touched. The event promises to be an unforgettable evening filled with inspiration, gratitude, and a shared commitment to the future of SEA. Dr. Darrel Weaver, Vice President of Healthcare Services at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama, will be the guest speaker. SEA will recognize those who helped found SEA and will also announce the volunteer of the year award at the event.

"We are proud to commemorate this significant milestone in our organization's history," said Brooke McKinley, Executive Director of Shelby Emergency Assistance. "For 50 years, SEA has been a lifeline for those in need, and this gala is a reflection of the enduring spirit of compassion and generosity that has made our work possible. We look forward to sharing this evening with our dedicated supporters, partners, and the community at large."

The 50th Anniversary Gala is made possible through the generous support of sponsors, community partners, and



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Shelby Emergency Assistance (SEA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency aid and support to individuals and families facing hardship in Shelby County. Since its establishment in 1973, SEA has been committed to empowering those in need through providing housing, utility, medical, and food assistance as well as education. With a focus on fostering self-sufficiency, SEA continues to be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for positive change in the lives of those facing crisis.



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Follow these tips to improve your cornering.

- 1. Look:** The key to successful cornering is to look ahead and anticipate the turn. Keep your eyes focused on where you want to go, rather than on the ground or the obstacles around you. This will help you maintain a smooth line through the turn.
- 2. Brake Before:** Before entering a corner, brake lightly to reduce your speed. Try to do most of your braking before the turn, so you can maintain a steady speed through the corner and avoid skidding.

3. **Lean:** As you approach the turn, shift your weight to the outside pedal and lean into the turn. Keep your inside pedal up and your outside pedal down. This will help you maintain balance and control as you navigate the turn.

4. **Maintain Speed:** Once you have entered the turn, try to maintain a steady speed. Avoid braking or pedaling excessively, as this can cause you to lose traction and skid.

5. **Smooth Exit:** As you exit the turn, gradually straighten up and shift your weight back to the center of the bike. Pedal smoothly to regain your speed and continue on your ride. Cornering on a bicycle requires a combination of skills. By practicing these tips, you can improve your cornering ability and enjoy a safer and more confident ride. Practice your cornering skills on our next group ride.

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Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,
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June is PTSD Awareness Month. We also celebrate Women's Veteran Day on the 12th, The United States Army's birthday on the 14th, and Juneteenth on the 19th. Looks like it's going to be a busy month!

The Army recognizes the entire month of June for PTSD Awareness, but PTSD Awareness Day is observed every year on June 27th. PTSD stands for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and is a condition that many veterans and non-veterans alike suffer. PTSD is NOT a military condition, it is a human condition. It can occur when someone experiences or witnesses a traumatic event. This condition wasn't always understood properly by the medical or military community, and Department of Defense press releases often point to earlier attempts to identify PTSD symptoms in the wake of service in World War 2, Vietnam, and other conflicts.

Women's Veterans Day: June 12, 2023 will mark the 75th anniversary of the groundbreaking Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948. That law enabled women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and the recently formed Air Force.

While women have served in the American military since before we became a nation, they were not officially recognized as military members or veterans until 1948.

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Happy birthday to the U.S. Army on the 14th! From its humble beginnings as an amateur force of colonial troops, cobbled together from various militia, to its status today as the largest branch in the U.S. military, the Army has seen it all, from the Revolutionary War to conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Juneteenth (6/19): According to the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation (NJO), that day was the first "Juneteenth" and began the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. While perhaps the most celebrated day in African American history, Juneteenth also marks a momentous occasion in U.S. military history, perhaps highlighting one of its most shining moments as beacon of hope, a breaker of chains. On Juneteenth, it was a force of liberation — something that ought to be celebrated. "The soldiers represented what this country could be and what this country should be," Navy Vice Admiral Kevin D. Scott said at a Pentagon ceremony in 2017.

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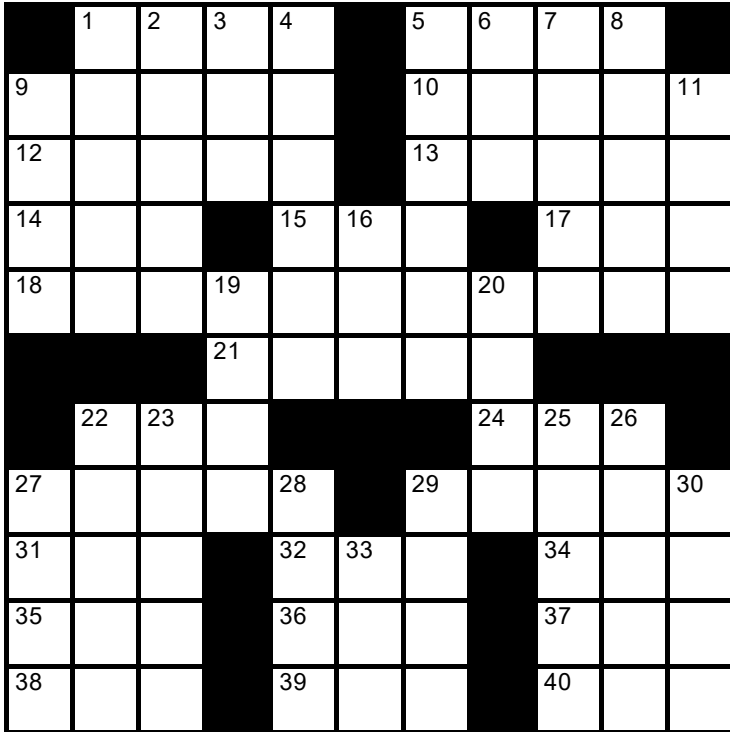
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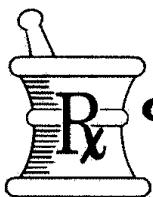
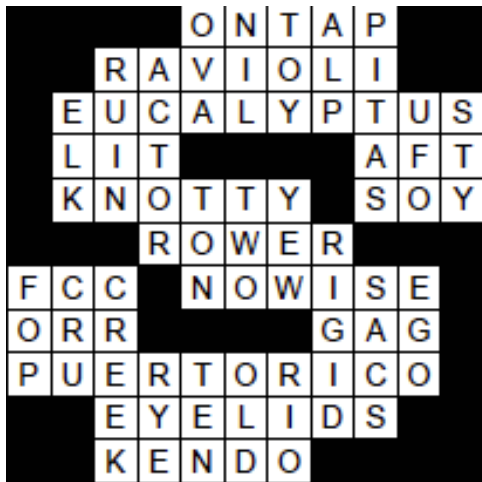
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38. Scrape by
39. Thole filler
40. The Five Boroughs: Abbr.

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1. Baked potato topper
2. Tripoli's land
3. St. crosser
4. One who dies for a belief, usually
5. Warning bell
6. Dark time for poets
7. Don McLean drove his Chevy to it
8. Word before Donna or Ballerina
9. Commotion
11. Epithet
16. Digested
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