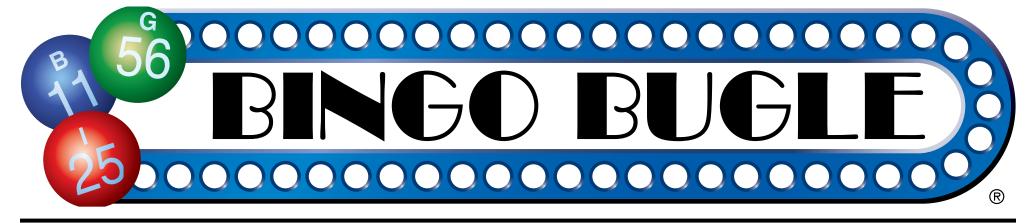
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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Lucky Lotto News

Mega Jackpots Expires!

Remember the Mega Millions jackpot of An Iowa man said he was so excited to \$1.58 billion hit on last August 8 at a Publix supermarket in the Jacksonville, Florida, area, the third largest in U.S. history? It was claimed four and a half months later on the Iowa Lottery officials he bought a \$500,000 day after Christmas and the winner, a Florida LLC, opted for the \$783.3 million lump-sum payout (before taxes). You may not have it off inside the store, revealing the \$500,000 known that only two drawings later, Mega Millions was hit again for \$36 million, also in Florida, also in the Jacksonville area, also at a Publix. That one, however, was never won the top prize. He promptly rushed out claimed and it expired in February. Someone to the parking lot to call his family. "I was bought the winning ticket, failed to realize it, and forfeited a nearly \$14 million lump sum. It was the only unclaimed multi-state-lottery jackpot in 2023. Ouch.

Lottery Lawsuit When John Cheeks saw that the winning lottery numbers on the DC Lottery website matched his ticket in January 2023, he initially didn't know what to think. The prize amount was for a whopping \$340 million. "I didn't shout or scream," Cheeks told NPR. "I just called my longtime friend." That friend advised him to take a picture of the numbers on the screen, which matched a combination of Cheeks' family birth dates and other digits However, the ticket was repeatedly denied when Cheeks tried to redeem the prize. He was eventually told by the D.C. Office of Lottery and Gaming that the numbers posted online were a mistake. As a result, Cheeks is suing several groups that run Powerball in Washington, D.C. According to court documents, Cheeks has requested \$340 million in compensation, along with damages and interest. Taoti Enterprises, a lottery contractor and a defendant in the suit. said it had "accidentally" posted the wrong numbers as part of a quality assurance test. They also pointed to a disclaimer on the lottery website that says the site is not "the final authority" for the drawing.

Winning Ticket Left Behind

reveal a \$500,000 prize from a scratch-off lottery ticket that he accidentally left the ticket behind at the store. Kevin Frey told Ca\$h scratch-off lottery ticket from the Casey's store in New Hampton and scratched prize. Frey handed the ticket over to a store employee to scan and was overcome with excitement when she told him he had indeed so excited and flustered that I left the ticket inside of the Casey's store and went out to the car and started calling everybody, calling my wife at first and everybody else," he said. Frey said he only realized he didn't have the ticket when his adult son asked him to send a photo. "And then I realized, 'I don't have it! It's in the store," Frey said. "Fortunately, I was still in the parking lot of the Casey's store and I ran back inside and asked the employee for the ticket. She was so flustered, she forgot to give it to me the first time. So, we finally got it on the right page." Frey said the prize money will help with his retirement

Glenn Cyrus, a Lynchburg, Virginia resident and recent retiree, was playing the Easy Pick Cash 5 game earlier this year, but instead of using sentimental numbers he let the computer pick the numbers. It was a winning decision. Cyrus matched all five, winning \$562,044, lottery officials said. "Happy retirement!" Cyrus told officials. "It's great!

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Do I Need to File a **Tax Return?**

What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for retirees this tax season? I didn't file a tax return the past two years because my income was below the filing threshold, but I got a part-time job late last year, so I'm wondering if I'm required to file

-Retired Worker

Dear Retired.

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on how much you earned last year (in your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's IRS tax filing requirement thresholds.

For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2023 gross income counting your Social Security benefits, unless below the threshold for your filing status and age, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

- * Single: \$13,850 (\$15,700 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2023).
- * Married filing jointly: \$27,700 (\$29,200 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$30,700 if you're both over 65).
- * Married filing separately: \$5 at any age. * Head of household: \$20,800 (\$22,650 if 65
- * Qualifying surviving spouse: \$27,700

(\$29,200 if 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the 1040 and 1040-SR Instructions for Tax Year 2023, or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i1040gi.pdf.

Be aware that there are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirements. For example, if you earned more than \$400 from selfemployment in 2023, owe any taxes on an IRA, Health Savings Account or an alternative minimum tax, or get premium tax credits because you, your spouse or a dependent is enrolled in a Health Insurance Marketplace plan, you'll need to file.

You'll also need to file if you're receiving Social Security benefits, and one-half of your benefits plus your other gross income and any tax-exempt interest exceeds \$25,000, or \$32,000 if you're married and filing jointly.

To figure all this out, the IRS offers an online tax tool that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/Help/ ITA - click on "Do I Need to File a Tax 2023), as well as the source of the income, Return?" Or you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-

Check Your State

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume - which includes all taxable income, not that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might you are married and filing separately - was be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/fta-members.

Tax Preparation Help If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can free file through the IRS at IRS.gov/FreeFile if your 2023 adjusted gross income was below

Or, if you need some help, contact the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TCE provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/ freetaxprep to locate services near you.

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series The Bobbsey Twins, what are the names of the two sets of twins? 4. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the

chemical element platinum? 5. MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's

first commercial single? 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the

first U.S. national park? 7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for

8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier? 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states? 10. HISTORY: What were the principal

ANSWERS 1. Ottawa.

2. A sheep.

3. Nan, Bert, Flossie and Freddie.

powers of the Axis in WWII?

5. "That's All Right."

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Charity Bingo Nights Raise Thousands

last vear, VFW Post 449 of West Warwick, Rhode Island has raised thousands of dollars for local organizations—all in the name of supportive of its veterans. "The veterans' community greatly appreciates the support that it gets from locals," said George Russell, who organizes Post 449's various fundraising events. "This is our way to say, 'hey, we appreciate that." The Charity Bingo series was born of Post 449's creative endeavor to stay afloat amid some unexpected cost increases. After embarking last year on what it called the "Road to \$40K," the West Warwick-based post ended up surpassing its goal by more than \$10,000. The money was raised through a series of fundraisers, including flea markets, trivia and live music from the state police, Bingo nights proved particularly lucrative for the post. "They've been off the hook," Russell said of the Charity Bingo events. Last year, the post raised some \$23,000 for various charities. And it's on track to soar past that this year.

Bingo Helps Habitat for Humanity

Putnam County Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa recently held their third annual tool and purse bingo event. Ottawa American Legion hosted this year's event; People First volunteers served food prior to the bingo games and live music was featured throughout. Leading the show as emcee was 106.3 Big Kahuna. In addition to several Bingo games to win purses or tools, the evening also included raffle drawings.

In July 2023, the Dudgeon family broke ground on the 14th Putnam County Habitat for Humanity home. The family partnered in the construction of this house dedicated last November. Since its inception in 2009, PCHFH has built 12 new homes and rebuilt giving back to a community that's been so an entire house. Homeowners purchase their homes through low- or zero-interest mortgages provided by PCHFH or through

No Go for Music Bingo

State regulators say a popular fundraiser that combines Bingo with the game concept of the show Name That Tune is not in the cards under current Nebraska law. And that's left a lot of nonprofits and charitable organizations scrambling for a new jackpot. Ironhawk Juniors, a youth triathlon program, has used music bingo at their fundraising event for several years. "We do one fundraising event events. And once it had received its license a year, and this is it," said Ironhawk Juniors President Erin Sullivan. The non-profit sponsors a free summer program for girls ages 7 to 14. "Everything we do is free. Plus, we provide any equipment that a child might need," Sullivan said. So, when the call came from state regulators that the popular game could not be used as a fund-raising tool, it hit a sour note. Piper doesn't understand why it's an issue since it's set up as freewill donations. "We've always enforced it," Nebraska Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division Director Brian Rockey said, "If it's in the statute, we have a responsibility to see that it's carried out," Rockey said. He said there are several laws at play. I gather there are folks who think maybe it's time those laws are changed.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner





PICKS OF THE MONTH

Poor Things (R) — The second mostnominated film (11 nominations) for this year's Academy Awards is finally available to rent! Emma Stone (who has already secured a Golden Globe win for Best Actress this year) transforms into Bella Baxter for her second feature film with director Yorgos Lanthimos (*The Favourite*). Bella is a young woman in Victorian London who gets resurrected by a mad scientist (Willem Dafoe) following her suicide. But even after the experiment successfully revives her, Bella's brain and body aren't synchronized, so she navigates the odd world around her in an almost childlike state as she begins an entirely new, empowering chapter in her life. Mark Ruffalo, also nominated for Best Supporting Actor, co-stars as Duncan Wedderburn, along with appearances from Ramy Youssef, Jerrod Carmichael and Margaret Qualley. (Amazon Prime Video)

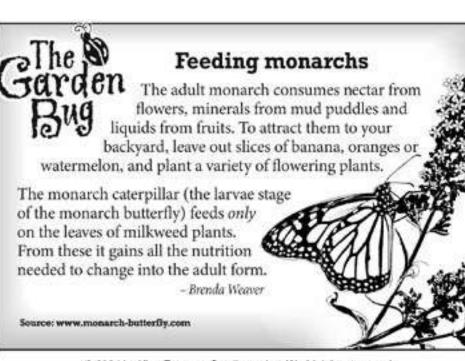
The Color Purple (PG-13) — Almost 40 years after Steven Spielberg and Quincy Jones collaborated to bring Alice Walker's 1982 novel to life, a new musical adaptation of The Color Purple hailing from the producers (and Oprah Winfrey) hit the big © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

screen once again and is available now for viewers to stream on their small screens. The 2023 version features quite a talented cast to tell Celie's profound and heartbreaking story, including Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson, Danielle Brooks, Colman Domingo, Halle Bailey and many more. American Idol winner Barrino takes on the role of Celie in her feature film debut, while Henson portrays jazz singer Shug. Even though some controversy ensued about the film's subpar working conditions, which were rightfully pointed out by Henson, she also stated that she hopes the focus remains on "this beautiful film." (Max)

Beautiful Wedding (R) — The sequel to the rom-com Beautiful Disaster has arrived, although it's a bit unclear who really wanted it since the first film received terrible reviews. Alas, director Roger Kumble persisted to continue bringing Jamie Mcguire's Beautiful book series to life. Dylan Sprouse and Virginia Gardener reprise their roles as Travis Maddox and Abby Abernathy, respectively, picking up right where the first film left off. Travis and Abby wake up after a crazy night in Vegas to find out that they are now newlyweds, even though they've only just begun dating. At first, they try to accept the situation, even jetting off to Mexico for their honeymoon with some friends. But as their honeymoon drags on and the two face their first challenges as a couple, Travis and Abby start contemplating an annulment. (Apple TV+)

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Gaming News

WSOP Schedule Released

The World Series of Poker will start this year on May 28. The 55th annual tournament, with 99 bracelet events, will be played at the Horseshoe and Paris in Las Vegas. The Main Event will kick off on July 3; the four starting flights will end on July 6, with late registration available on July 7-8 through Level 7. The final table will be played on July 16-17. Last year, the Main Event attracted a record 10,043 players and the first-place prize paid \$12.1 million, also a record.

World's Largest Chip Collection

Kansas City resident Paul Schaffer has been certified by Guinness World Records as owning the largest collection of casino chips in the world. A collector for twenty years, Schaffer has amassed 2,250 chips from different casinos, both contemporary and historical, common and rare. His first chip was given to him by his mother, who visited Las Vegas in the 1980s and brought him a \$1 chip from the Silver Slipper. Later, on a 30th birthday trip to Las Vegas with his wife, he realized that collecting chips was a low-cost hobby. Chip collecting is a popular pastime; the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, a.k.a. Casino Collectibles Association, has been holding annual meetings and conventions since 1988 and in Las Vegas since 1993. This year's will be held at South Point June 13-15. You can read the full story about Paul Schaffer and see photos of his collection on GuinnessWorldRecords.com.

Movement on the W-2G Front

The \$1,200 threshold for documenting jackpots via W-2Gs was instituted in 1977 and hasn't moved since. Modernizing

the threshold has been a priority for the American Gaming Association and Nevada's congressional delegation for a decade. All of a sudden, there has been movement on the issue. It was recently announced that the IRS' own Advisory Council has issued an opinion that the threshold should be raised to \$5,800, based on current accounting for inflation; the Council also suggested that the threshold could be increased again based on cost-of-living adjustments each year.

Gaming Revenue Higher Than Ever

Gross gaming revenue for 2023 hit \$67.5 billion, up 11% from 2022's total of \$60.7 billion. At this rate, 2024 will surpass \$70 billion; if it were a country, it would fall between the gross domestic products of Costa Rica and Uruguay. There are, of course, more casinos and slot machines outside of casinos around the country, but the main drivers of this expansion are sports betting and internet gaming. In 2023, 30 states offered legal sports betting, attracting a handle of \$119 billion, resulting in \$10.3 billion in revenue (a 9.6% hold)Online casinos in six states generated \$6.2 billion in win in 2023, up 26% from \$4.9 billion in 2022 from the same six states.

Largest Poker Room

The Venetian has announced that a new poker room will debut this summer. The number of tables will increase from 35 to 50 in the 14,000-square- foot space, which the Venetian claims will be the largest poker room in Las Vegas. In addition, it will feature self-serve soda and coffee machines, its own restrooms, numerous TVs, charging ports at every seat, and a side room dedicated to streaming, which will allow players "to coordinate a vlogging session," with the ability to stream cash games and tournament final tables. The current poker room will remain open until the new room is ready; no opening date or budget was announced.





By 8ob Whittmore

Planning Vacation Around Bingo

I recently received an email about planning your vacation around Bingo. It was from my sister Diane in Bloomington, Indiana, She

wrote a column about the fun of spending the night in towns where they play Bingo. I remember taking your advice and going on the Internet to look for Bingo halls. I simply got out a map of my expected route, figured out where I'd like to stay, then Googled the names of the cities where I wanted to stop for the night adding the word "Bingo" on the search line. I got a wealth of information.

"Additionally, I found out that many rural communities print nice looking brochures and travel guides. So, while I was online I

also researched the addresses of the Tourism Bureau and/or Chamber of Commerce for the towns I planned to visit, wrote letters notepad paper. When Mr. Schulz was requesting any tourist information they had.

Along the way I discovered some really neat small towns, great mom and pop motels, wonderful food, and some wonderful Bingo halls. I even won a few dollars.

"The real fun was getting off the Interstate onto some the nation's older, two-lane roads and meeting people. I loved the experience could have. and plan to do it again this summer. Thanks again for a great idea. See you at Bingo. Diane'

I would love to hear from you about your experiences of playing Bingo in other cities. I know my favorite place to play is a big hall on Airline Highway, west of New Orleans; and one of the best things about it is the Cajun food.

I'm lucky, over the past years I have been in all fifty states and played Bingo in and condition help determine the value. most of them. I have discovered something interesting—the smaller the city, the less formal the sessions are. All the years I lived "Dear Bob. I remember some time ago you in Las Vegas I got used to Bingo halls that had posted rules and put a high emphasis on sticking by those rules. The moral is: When you do travel the country and play in small halls, be prepared for Bingo games that can

Next time: Those Boisterous Bingo Biddies.

be both fun and confusing. But no matter where you play, the important thing is that you DO play. Some Bingo halls are suffering. They need your help to stay active and alive. Bingo is a If you register on our website, kovels.com, there wonderful game, but it will only continue to be available IF we patronize and support it.

has seemed perfectly rational behavior until "I refill my daubers," said a young woman. recently when an incident happened that "I buy ink and refill them as I don't want made us question our state of preparedness. to add to the pollution in the world." She One bright day we were on our way to sounded a little sanctimonious to me, but I play Bingo when flashing red and blue lights went ahead setting out three dozen daubers showed in our rear windows and we pulled for everyone's amusement. I guess I was still over. "I wasn't speeding, was I?" asked Kate. a little giggly from the police encounter. "No, you certainly were not," I answered "I wonder what's up." The tall young

with us at all times, because who knows and we ended up with many orange and pink

"You do it your way, I'll do it mine," said Kate, reaching under the table for our bringpolicewoman came to Kate's side of the along Bingo bag. It was gone and Kate began car as she reached into the back seat for a frantic search. Just then an announcement her purse where she stores it in back of the came over the loudspeaker that someone had passenger seat. The policewoman rapped left a Bingo bag at the cashier's desk and sharply on the window, which Kate had would the owner please come get it. It has neglected to roll down. With her left hand 'Outta my way, I'm off to Bingo' printed on working the window, she fumbled for her

The officer assumed a somewhat defensive

stance but when she suddenly realized what

she was looking she burst out laughing. In

fact, we all laughed until the tears came.

"That's the first time I've ever thought I was

being threatened by a dauber," said the officer,

getting her laughter under control. "Now perhaps I could see your driver's license."

Kate fumbled out her license while the

woman told us our rear license plate was not clearly visible as the plastic cover had darkened

and needed to be replaced or removed. She

said she also was a Bingo player and quickly

recognized Kate's "weapon" especially when

she saw the elephant head on the dauber. "You

ladies have a good time today," she said as she

wrote a warning ticket. "And get that license

You'd think that would be enough with

the daubers for one day, but it wasn't. When

we got to the Bingo hall, we found they

were giving away bags of daubers. We were

immensely pleased as you can never have

too many daubers. Kate likes to give them

As we chose our seats a great swapping

frenzy was occurring, people wanting more

blue, purple or green and ready to swap two

for one for the colors they wanted. This

made no sense to me, but I joined in anyway

ones that did the job as well as any other

plate fixed."

away to new players.

color as far as I could tell.

"That would be mine," said Kate getting up to go fetch it. "I think I will officially name this Dauber Mania Day."

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purse with her right hand and came up with

the Bingo bag and one bright pink dauber

clutched threateningly.

THE

by Kate and Reva

We always carry a fully stocked Bingo bag

with us in our car. We have daubers, pens,

lucky coins and Barney the Bingo Dragon

when the irrepressible urge to play Bingo

will hit us, so we are always prepared. This

Licence to Carry...

A Dauber?

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: In 1967, as a 14-year-old, I lived in Sebastopol, California, with Charles Schulz as a neighbor. I was friends with his sons. One day, as I was visiting his place, I got several discarded sketches on 4- by 6-inch formulating ideas for his strip, he would sketch out his ideas on notepads before he finalized them in his strip. Then he would crumple them up and toss them away. Many years ago, I framed them with copies of the actual comic strips that they inspired, which were published a month or so later. I have always wondered what value these sketches

A: Charles Schulz created the comic strip *Peanuts* in 1950. It originally ran from 1950 to 2000 and has been in reruns since then. Original art for popular comic strips sells for high prices. The record price for original art for Peanuts was \$192,000 for a four-panel, black-and-white daily strip from 1950. It sold at Heritage Auctions in 2020. Individual sketches have sold for a few hundred dollars to over a thousand dollars. Subject, size The artists' signature also adds value. Your small, unsigned sketches will be of interest to collectors if they are in good condition. Contact an auction house that sells comic art to find out the value of the sketches.

TIP: Keep old, worn vintage doll accessories. Even if you substitute new accessories, save the old ones. They add value.

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Red Deuce by Tom Roehlk

One fiery redhead in the family can be a caution. When the redhead comes in a pair. it means double trouble for anyone who bets

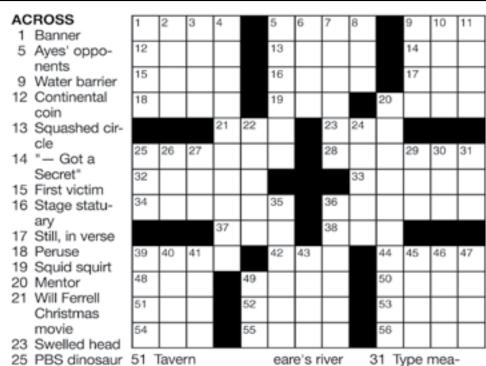
Mandy Doucette is a by-the-book corporate lawyer; her twin sister, Reggie, is an FBI pathologist. Both are happy in their respective comfort zones. But things are about to change. First, Mandy spots a mystery behind why a major corporation made a whistleblower's complaint disappear—along with the whistleblower.

Soon Mandy's up to her eyeballs in trouble. She's risking her life to stop moles from stealing American defense technology and trying to figure out who is trying to frame, then kill, her. At the same time, Reggie is investigating corpses dug up in cornfields and forests. Could they be the key to what Mandy is investigating? Suddenly, Reggie's life is also at risk. Purchase at https://bit. ly/3tV8ssp.

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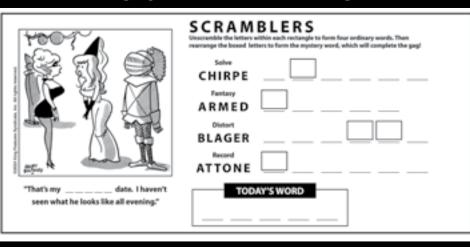
by Linda Thistle 3 8 |

that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the

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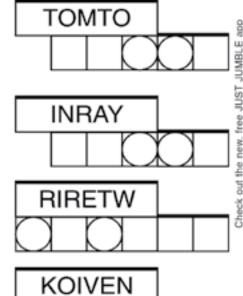
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:



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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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by Bonnie Mitchell

And They're Off! **Making Noise**

Dear Aunt Bingo,

My mother and I go to a Bingo hall in Illinois. The problem is this. While the last part of the Bingo game is going on, there are also people gambling on another game that is Bingo numbers are being called, these women

What I want to know is, isn't this illegal? The people that run the hall don't stop this and the yelling that goes on back and forth for the racing game is very disruptive to the other Bingo players. I was told the reason it goes on is that someone's husband runs

are yelling back and forth about their numbers coming in on this so-called "racing game."

the place and it's his wife that is doing this. Isn't there something or someone that can do something about this?

—Lucille, via e-mail

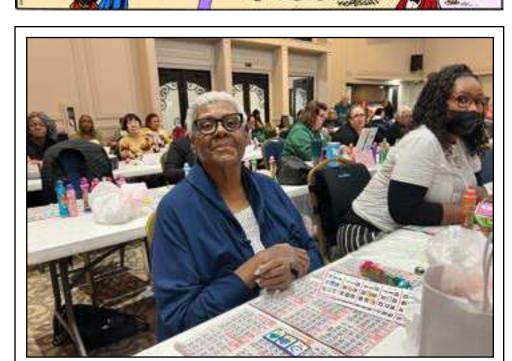
Dear Lucille,

Technically speaking, any type of gambling that goes on in a Bingo hall that is not part of the sanctioned games is illegal. That would include a quick hand of poker during the break, someone selling chances for a sports pool, even someone betting someone else a \$1 that they can't hold their breath for two minutes. As long as a cash wager is involved, it constitutes gambling, and should not be taking place in a licensed

I am not familiar with this "racing game" you are speaking of, and I am not clear on what sort of wagering is involved so I can't speak to its legality in this particular hall. What I can say is that it sounds very annoying, especially if it is occurring during being run by some Bingo players there. As the regular Bingo sessions, and would bug the heck out of me. —Aunt Bingo







Debbie C. all set up and looking forward to a fun bingo session at 40 Martyrs



Happy bingo winner smiling from ear to ear at Morongo Casino!





1. On a 1963 episode of the TV sitcom Mister Ed, Ed (the horse) hit an inside-thepark home run off of what Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher?

2. Basketball Hall of Famer James Worthy or other slow-cooked meat dish, make then spent his entire playing career from 1982-94 with what NBA team?

3. NASCAR drivers Dick Trickle, Dave Marcis, Alan Kulwicki, Matt Kenseth, Paul Menard and Danica Patrick were all born in what U.S. state?

4. What sports and fitness society was created in the Soviet Union in 1923? 5. Name the two defensive linemen for the

Dallas Cowboys who were named co-MVPs of Super Bowl XII.

6. What publication, promoted as "The IN YOUR FACE Basketball Magazine," launched in 1994?

7. Before the 1994 season, the Los Angeles Dodgers traded what future Hall of Fame It will be easy to see the changes your little pitcher to the Montreal Expos for second baseman Delino DeShields?

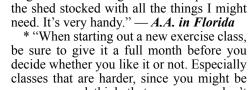
ANSWERS

1. Sandy Koufax.

- 2. The Los Angeles Lakers. 3. Wisconsin.
- 4. Dynamo. 5. Harvey Martin and Randy White.
- 6. SLAM. 7. Pedro Martinez.

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Gasoline Alley



* When putting in new plants, you can tear

strips of tin foil, then use toothpicks or small

stakes to pin them to the ground in your new

garden. It will keep the cats out, and can

* To remove the fat from your pot roast

refrigerate. The fat will float to the top of the

juices and coagulate. Remove this layer of

* "My kids are long past wagon size, but

their wagon isn't done hauling yet. I put it

to good use in the garden. I can park it in

even discourage birds.

fat and then reheat.

very sore and think that means you don't care for the class." — L.M. in Virginia * "Dedicate a photo album to class photos. ones have gone through over the years. It's especially nice when you include the individual portraits for each year and make the album for just one child. It makes a

* To sharpen a pair of worn scissors, try cutting through a piece of aluminum foil that is doubled or tripled over. Be sure to clean and dry scissors you use in the kitchen.

special gift, too." — J.K. in Pennsylvania

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By Jim Scancarelli



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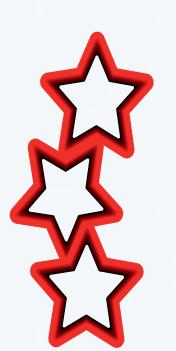


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Meet Cute at Bingo?

I have been divorced for over a year now, and now I would like to start dating. I'm retired, so some of the usual places where you see a lot of people, like at a job, where you might have the opportunity to meet someone, are not there for me. I belong to a has some degree of familiarity, you would bowling league, but that's all guys. Church is have a much better chance. out, because that would be a little too weird.

of women who work at the Bingo hall I go connections at the Bingo hall. You could all to, and I'm thinking I would maybe like to play near each other, which would certainly ask one of them out. Do you think it is OK make getting to know the person you're to do that? Or is Bingo not a good place to interested in easier, and perhaps, at some approach a woman for a date? I'm pretty rusty with all this and haven't felt real brave about talking to my buddies about it, so any advice you have would be appreciated. —Rob G., California



I believe a Bingo hall is a perfectly fine place to meet someone and ask them out: It's social, it's public, and because it's a place to go to have fun, a woman there may be more

However, you probably have a bit of homework to do before you approach someone whom you're interested in. Do you know anything about them? Do you even know if they are single? Have you spoken to any of these women to see if they are receptive? And by that, I mean: Have you had a real conversation and talked about something other than the price of pull tabs?

My guess is that if some stranger came walking up to a woman at Bingo and out of the blue asked her out on a date, she'd probably be startled, embarrassed, and very well might say no. But if it were a gentleman who was friendly, polite, and with whom she

It could be helpful to enlist your buddies But I do have Bingo. There are a couple (or their partners) in helping you make point in time, someone in your camp could

suggest some kind of dinner party or outing. Now, Rob, take a deep breath and get out

Hey guys! Write to Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail the editor at tara@bingobugle.com.







By Samantha Weaver

- ★ A double rainbow occurs when sunlight is reflected twice inside a raindrop. Look closely, and you'll see that the colors of the secondary rainbow appear in reverse order.
- ★ Blood makes up about 8% of your total body weight.
- ★ According to a Japanese study, looking at cute animal pictures can boost your focus.
- ★ We hate to break it to you, but Wendy's chocolate Frosty is actually half chocolate and half vanilla, because owner Dave Thomas thought an all-chocolate treat would be too overpowering when paired with the chain's burgers and fries.
- ★ At the Gettysburg reunion in 1913, two men purchased a hatchet, walked to the site where their regiments had fought, and buried
- ★ An Oscar trophy has a raw value of about
- ★ A 1907 ad campaign for Kellogg's Corn Flakes offered a free sample of cereal to any customer who would wink at their grocer.
- ★ The cubicle derives its name not from its shape, but from the Latin "cubiculum," meaning bedchamber.
- ★ It once took 27 hours to create a single Peeps Marshmallow Chick. Today, it takes

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by cindy elavsky

Q: I remember when singer Usher used to be on the soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful." Has he done any acting since?

A: Born Usher Raymond IV, superstar Usher was born in Dallas and sang in the church choir that was directed by his mother The family later moved to Atlanta and then Los Angeles, where Usher released his first album in 1994 at the age of 16 and also hit it big with his second album, My Way, in 1997. He flexed his talents even more by branching out into acting -- first in the sitcom The Parent 'Hood on The WB network, then in recurring roles on The Bold and the Beautiful and Moesha.

More recently, he's just played himself in several TV shows like *Dave* and The Lonely Island movie Popstar. However, being selected to headline the Super Bowl halftime show is a high honor for any recording artist, so I doubt he has any regrets about not having a hit acting career. He also just released his ninth album, Coming Home, so perhaps he'll be adding his ninth Grammy to his mantle during the next award season.

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Bad Haircut, No Lie

Hair today, gone tomorrow, but the memories of a bad haircut last forever. -Ms. Know-It-All

I'm sitting here with my feet up, a drink by my side, and my laptop on my lap as I write this column. I don't feel guilty even though my husband is washing dishes in the kitchen and he just put a load of clothes in the washer. Oops, I perhaps forgot to tell him that April 7 is National No Housework Day. My neighbor calls him my kitchen bi!#!ch because he does a lot of housekeeping chores. Don't get me wrong, I also do my share as we both can't stand clutter; however, I tend to organize, rearrange, and make sure there's a place for everything and our home is tidy.

As a teacher at day's end, my students picked up trash, put stuff away, and sometimes cleaned their desktops with a spritz of cleaner. They then put their chairs on their desktops to make it easier for the janitor. My, those janitors loved me and in return they took care of anything I needed maintenance wise. Anyway, let the housework go today and feel no guilt. Go to Bingo instead. On another topic, April 7th was my wedding anniversary with my first

and chose better the second time around.

stupid tricks, jokes, and untruths piling up all day long? I usually include something outlandish in this April column to honor this day, but I'm not going to do that this time around. Instead, I'll share a true Easter story with you that occurred in April years ago. Our church youth group was in charge of a service the week before Easter, so we carefully planned a small talk, poems, scripture readings, and hymns. Unfortunately for me, my mother decided the night before the service that I needed a haircut and perm, so she made an appointment with a local gal who was in training. Notice the key words in training. I wanted bangs and she cut my bangs alright, almost to my hairline followed by the perm. Two hours later, I looked like a demented poodle with curly hair and bangs standing out from my head like a weird halo. Needless to say, I cried copious tears. Program night, I straightened my shoulders, held my head high, and read my poem; not one person mentioned my new look and for that I was grateful.

If you have siblings, or step/half siblings, don't forget April 10 is Sibling Day. I am an only daughter with eleven brothers who used to refer to me as a spoiled princess. These days though, I have evolved into their adorable Sissy and that's no lie, even though April 4th is Tell a Lie Day. True confession, have two brothers, not eleven, and I dearly love them. Please note, it was not a lie but totally true that I was the victim of a crazed scissor wielding hair butcher who gave me a look only a mother could love. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars, win big! Contact me: nlpvw6172@gmail.com





What is your opinion of laser therapy for joint pain? What are the risks and benefits?

ANSWER: Low-level laser therapy, sometimes called cold laser, is thought to improve circulation, lessen inflammation and ecrease pain sensitivity when applied to the skin over a joint with osteoarthritis, such as the knee.

In several reviews of small studies, laser treatment provides a modest benefit in decreasing pain, disability and stiffness when compared to a treatment that appeared the same to the participant but did not use the same kind of laser. (In the most stringent studies, even the person using the laser didn't know whether it was set to the effective treatment or not.) Muscle strength was also increased. In these studies, no adverse effects

However, this therapy is still regarded as experimental, so it is not usually covered by insurance. Generally, insurance companies will cover treatments once enough evidence accumulates to prove them effective.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.

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husband as opposed to October 15th with my second and most loved hubby, Robert. My ex was not averse to doing household chores either, but I was averse to him. In due time I tossed his sorry carcass into the discard pile

Do you love April Fool's Day with its



DEAR PAWS: My dog Trey is a 3-yearold mixed breed, mostly Lab, who pulls at his leash every time we go out for a walk. I don't want to use a choke collar, because it seems painful and counterproductive to punish him every time he tries to pull ahead. How can I get Trey to walk next to me and not tug all the time? — *Bill in New*

DEAR BILL: Dogs love being outside and exploring. That's a big reason why Trey is tugging at his leash—he wants to run and explore everything in the world. But that's not possible in the city.

You're probably saying, "Oh, this is where Sam tells us to reinforce basic obedience training." And you're right. It's important for Trey to follow your commands, but that's just one element to leash training a dog.

When you pull on the leash to slow Trey down, he will automatically pull in the opposite direction. This is a reflex action. Γhe more you pull, the more they dig in.

So instead, try a misdirection-reward strategy. Give the command "heel" and have Trey walk calmly beside you, with the leash slack. Whenever he gets ahead of you (before the tug of war starts), stop and change direction. He'll turn to go in the direction you're heading, and when he does, give him lots of praise and maybe (at first) a little treat. Do this every time he tries to move ahead of you.

If Trey tends to pull really hard, change from a collar and leash to a chest harness. This prevents injury and can make it easier

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@ pawscorner.com.

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by Matilda Charles

Vitamins and Supplements

When a neighbor strolled by on her afternoon walk, we got to talking about how she stays in shape, and she rattled off a list of vitamins and supplements that she takes. She swears by them, and she appears to be in excellent condition, although being 20 years younger might have something to do with it.

Still, I was tempted to try some of those supplements she recommended, but a little voice told me to check first. It's a good thing

I learned that too much calcium can affect the absorption of several medications, and St. John's wort can change how over 70% of prescription drugs work, sometimes in dangerous ways.

This is a time to be cautious. Do not add any supplements to your diet without running it by your doctor. Even giving a list of potential supplements to the nurse practitioner can be a good start if she also asks the doctor. If you're thinking about taking vitamin D or Omega-3, ask about increasing your intake of seafood instead. If you wonder about magnesium for bone health, ask whether you need it or if you should eat more bananas.

Read the labels on your food. Cereal, for example, is already fortified with several

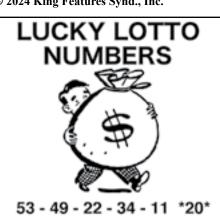
Remember that the vitamin and supplement industry is not regulated. Many are made overseas, and our FDA has no say in what's actually in each one.

Do your own online research. Checking drug interaction websites can help. The one I liked best is www.drugs.com (click "Interaction Checker").

Read what the National Institutes of Health has to say about dietary supplements for seniors at www.nia.nih.gov/health/vitaminsand-supplements/dietary-supplements-

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by Annie E. Ennis

Ribs from Scratch

Dear Annie.

Do you have a recipe for preparing spareribs? I am not a very good cook and I need to learn some easy recipes. I do not want to use store bought barbecue sauce. I want to be able to say I made it from scratch. I appreciate any help you can give me.

—Louise from Los Angeles



by Henry Tamburin

How to Play Against Dealer's 7 Up-card

When a dealer shows a 7 up-card, they have about a 26% chance of busting and about a 74% chance of getting to a final hand that totals 17 through 21 (rule dependent). Because of the latter, we have to be more aggressive when we are dealt a stiff hand (hit rather than stand) and less aggressive when we are dealt a two-card soft hand (hit rather than double down).

Fortunately for blackjack players, the playing strategy against a casino dealer's 7 up-card is nearly the same for any number of decks of cards or mix of playing rules. There is one exception and you'll find it below.

Multi-Deck Game Regardless of the playing rules, use the following strategy when facing a dealer's seven up-card.

Double down if allowed, otherwise hit if

- Hard 10 and 11
- Pair of 5s Split if holding
- Pair of As, 2s, 3s, and 7s and 8s
- Hit if holding • Hard 5 through 9
- Hard 12 through 16 • A-2 through A-6
- Pair of 4s and 6s
- Stand if holding:
- Hard 17 through 20
- A-7 through A-9

• Pair of 9s and 10s What if you are playing a double-deck game? The playing strategy for a doubledeck game is identical to the above multipledeck game except for one change:

• If the rules specify doubling down after pair splitting is allowed, split a pair of 6s (instead of hitting) against a dealer's 7 up-card. More on this topic at: https://www.888casino.com/ blog/playing-hands-against-7



Here is a relatively easy recipe for spareribs. Hope you like it. —Annie

BAKED SPARERIBS

- 4 pounds pork spareribs
- 1 cup catsup 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- l cup water 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- l teaspoon chili powder
- medium chopped yellow onion 3crushed garlic cloves

Preheat the oven at 350 degrees. Cut spareribs between the bones to make individual ribs. Place in a single layer in a baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients in a saucepan and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove the ribs from the oven and drain the fat from the baking dish, pour the hot sauce over the ribs and return to the oven for an additional hour. Turn and baste the ribs at least once. Serve ribs hot. Serves 8.



Coolers Are No Fun. but There Can Be Silver Linings By Chad Holloway

One of the newest poker rooms in Las Vegas is at Resorts World, which is where I recently found myself playing at a \$1-\$3 no-limit hold 'em table. There was a waiting list to play in the Mixed Game Festival IV, so I decided to pass the time battling a mix of locals and tourists.

On just the third hand after sitting down, three players called \$3 and I looked down at the 10c-2c on the button. It's a hand known

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as "The Brunson" due to poker legend Doyle Brunson winning both the 1976 and 1977 World Series of Poker (WSOP) Main Events holding a 10-deuce. Even so, it's actually a pretty bad hand, though that didn't stop me from putting in \$3.

The small blind put in an additional \$2 and the big blind checked their option to make it six-way action to a flop of 8c-7c-3d. Action checked to me but the dealer didn't realize I still had cards. He accidentally burned-andturned the 10d before he realized action was still on me

That would've been a good card for me, but per the rules, I would still have an option, and regardless of what I did, that premature turn card would be shuffled back in and a new card put out. Given I had a club flush draw, I decided to bet \$10 into the pot of \$18. Only the lady in the small blind and the

player in the hijack (the spot two to the right of the dealer button) called and it was three-way action to the new turn, which was

I not only made my flush but also picked up a straight flush redraw. Two checks put action back on me and I bet \$20 into the pot of \$48. The lady in the small blind folded but the hijack came along to see the 4h on the river. It was a brick and I began to think how much I was going to bet. Do I bet \$50 about half the pot – and hope to get called by

maybe a straight or two pair? Would those hands call a bigger bet of say \$100? I was leaning toward betting bigger when

my opponent surprised me by betting \$50. Alarm bells started going off in my head. Would my opponent really bet a straight with three clubs on board? Possibly a worse hand? Those seemed like check-call hands

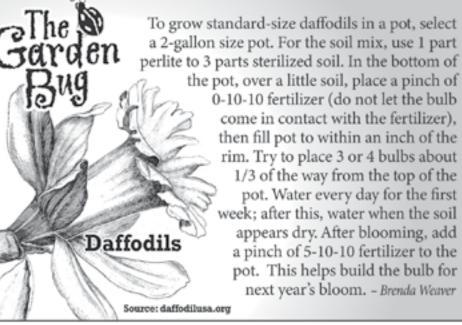
As such, it felt to me that my opponen was either betting because he missed a flush draw, say with either the bare Ac or Kc in his hand, and couldn't win any other way; or he actually had a better flush.

Given that, I didn't see a point in raising. If he was bluffing, then he'd almost certainly fold, but if he had the better flush, he would likely reraise. Obviously, l wasn't going to fold, so I opted to call and sure enough, he rolled over the Ac-5c for a superior flush

It was a cooler, but the silver lining was I actually saved some money because if he had checked, I'd more than likely have bet \$100.

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perlite to 3 parts sterilized soil. In the bottom of the pot, over a little soil, place a pinch of 0-10-10 fertilizer (do not let the bulb come in contact with the fertilizer), then fill pot to within an inch of the rim. Try to place 3 or 4 bulbs about 1/3 of the way from the top of the pot. Water every day for the first veek; after this, water when the soil appears dry. After blooming, add a pinch of 5-10-10 fertilizer to the pot. This helps build the bulb for next year's bloom. - Brenda Weaver



Salmon Burgers

Enjoy a salmon burger, a delicious and budget-friendly meal option.

Affordable, Sustainable, and Simply Delicious: Canned Salmon for Budget-Conscious Cooks

Here's a stellar pantry staple I don't write about often enough, so let's dive into some canned salmon.

There's no doubt that salmon is among the healthiest of foods. Yet fresh salmon is expensive, seasonal and sometimes hard to find, particularly salmon that's wild caught rather than farmed. So, while we wait for fresh salmon to go on sale, canned salmon is an affordable choice for the frugal and fabulous pantry.

It's crucial to scrutinize salmon labels for quality. Farmed salmon, raised in crowded pens with antibiotics and toxins, poses health risks. Avoid Atlantic salmon, which is farmed due to overfishing. Opt instead for wildcaught Alaskan pink salmon, sustainably harvested in well-managed fisheries. Not only is it ethically sound, but also budget-friendly.

If you've never tried canned salmon, here's what you should know. Canned salmon comes in two varieties: with the skin and bones (less expensive) and without (more expensive). If you buy salmon with the skin and bones,

and bones. You're getting a section of the whole fish (scales and organs removed) then

pressure cooked right in the can. The bones are soft and completely edible, in fact, they're highly nutritious. You can choose to eat bowl, combine the remaining panko and everything in the can, or you can pick out the skin and bones, leaving only the fillets.

If you or your family feel squeamish about the bones, I suggest you remove the obvious bits and add a handful of slivered almonds to any recipe using canned salmon to completely camouflage any remaining bones.

Canned salmon is so versatile; you can make sandwiches, salads, chowders, pasta and more. But a family favorite is salmon patties -- crisp on the outside, tender on the inside and bursting with flavor. This adaptable recipe also makes awesome burgers or little appetizer cakes.

> **SALMON PATTIES** Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Total Time: 1 hour 1 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup green onion, minced, divided l teaspoon lemon zest 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

3/4 teaspoon Old Bay seafood seasoning 1/2 teaspoon low sodium soy sauce 1/2 cup celery, finely minced

1 (14.75 ounce) can pink salmon l tablespoon slivered almonds, optional

1 3/4 cups panko breadcrumbs, divided 1 tablespoon everything bagel seasoning 2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil, for frying

In a mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, half (1/4 cup) of the green onions, lemon zest and juice, Old Bay and soy sauce. Reserve about 1/2 cup of this mixture to use as a dipping sauce or spread later. Into the remaining mayo mixture add celery, remaining green onion, beaten eggs and salmon. For this purpose, there's a tiny little drawback. Namely, skin I remove the skin and bones, but it's your choice. Add the almonds, if desired. Stir to combine. Thoroughly fold 1 cup of panko

breadcrumbs into this mix. Refrigerate for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in a shallow everything bagel seasoning.

When you're ready to cook your patties, place a skillet on medium-low heat and add 1 tablespoon of oil

Divide the mixture and form 4 or 6 patties. Press each patty into the panko mix, covering all sides. The patties are sticky until they're coated, then they're much easier to work with. Place into the heated skillet in batches. Cook on the first side for 4 minutes before carefully flipping over until fully cooked. Repeat with remaining patties, adding oil as needed. Serve with the reserved dipping sauce or as a burger later when the Ray Conniff Singers added with the usual accompaniments.

So, next time you're stocking your pantry, I hope a few cans of salmon find their way back upstream to your shelf.

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GOOD KNOW

Homeowner Hints for Hobbyists

If you're like many homeowners seeking to enhance your property and support your lifestyle interests, adding a freestanding hobby shop, vehicle storage building or recreational facility can be a great idea.

For hobby enthusiasts, projects range from a small garage to an elaborate workshop to support a wide range of interests, such as woodworking, classic car restoration, various collections or simply for storage of equipment and tools, said Andy Brown, Morton Buildings suburban product line manager. Also popular are man caves and she sheds, which offer a place to get away to relax and unwind, enjoy hobbies and spend time with friends.

"Our customers have used their Morton buildings for such diverse interests as an art studio, a family game room, a space for music and instruments, doing meditation and yoga brewing beer and exercising," Brown noted "Some couples split the space in their hobby building so they each have separate areas for their own interests.3

Many owners of boats, RVs and other recreational vehicles, such as motorcycles and ATVs, he added, want an attractive, well-designed storage facility to protect and enhance the enjoyment of those assets. Many of these vehicle storage facilities also have amenities, such as an office, kitchenette, lounge, bathroom and space for hobbies.

"Homeowners want a building that will not only support their hobby and recreational needs, but is also stylish and can be customized to complement the existing structures on the property with design features such as brick and stone, cupolas and porches," he said.

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OUESTIONS

1. Name the Frank Mills chart-topping instrumental that received extra attention lyrics to it.

2. "Here Comes the Sun" was released on which Beatles album? 3. Name the amusement park dedicated

to rock that existed for a short time near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. 4. What was the name of Del Shannon's

only No. 1 hit? 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "While she lays sleeping, I stay out late at night and play my songs."

"Music Box Dancer," first released in 1978. Ray Conniff add-ed it to his "I Will Survive" album in 1979.

2. Abbey Road, in 1969. George Harrison wrote the song while hiding out at Eric Clapton's house to avoid a meeting.

3. Hard Rock Park. It opened... and closed... in 2008. The 50-acre site had a Hang Ten roller coaster, a Moody Blues theme ride and more. When it folded, the new owners reopened but only managed to keep it going for one season.

4. "Runaway," in 1961.

5. "She Believes In Me," by Kenny Rogers, in 1979. The song has been covered by several others, including Johnny Mathis and Welsh singer Tom Jones in 1981.

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Veterans Post



The Records Center

The National Personnel Records Center has finally cleared up a huge, four-year backlog of work. Caused by the Covid pandemic, at one time they had a list of 600,000 requests for records.

From what we hear, it was a crazy time, with only a certain number of emergency personnel allowed to work in the building at once to take care of must-have requests for things like documents for funerals and medical emergencies.

Now back to work, they've dealt with longer hours for staff, working weekends, additional staff, new technology and much more. At this point they've caught up, and ideally any normal requests for separation records should be handled within a week or so, with other types of records taking approximately 20 days. Meanwhile, they receive over 4,000 new requests each day. That's over a million per year.

The vast majority of the records at the record center are paper copies that must be found by hand. They've been busy digitizing all the files they can find, including asking the VA to digitize all the military service records they hold. In addition, the eVetRecs portal has been upgraded to handle requests for files online, and there is now a phone line to check the status of orders.

The fire of 1973 continues to impact efforts to produce records. With 16-18 million files reduced to ash, it's been necessary over the years to reconstruct information from various sources and locations to produce the requested files, such as DD Form 214. Some of the alternate records they can search are final pay vouchers and medical/hospital records.

Staff at the records center should be applauded for their work under less than ideal conditions. I personally wondered if they would ever catch up, even with their plan of action and status report one year ago, but they have.

If you need to request service records. go to vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/ home.html and file your order online.

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What to Watch Where to Watch It

Einstein and the Bomb (Docudrama) —

Mike Epps: Ready to Sell Out (Comedy Special) — Netflix

Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG) — Messi's World Cup: The Rise of a Legend

(Docuseries) — AppleTV+ The Family Stallon (Season 2) —

Paramount+ Constellatio (Season 1) — AppleTV+ **Death in the Dorms** (Season 2) — Hulu *Mea Culpa* (R) — Netflix Jenny Slate: Seasoned Professional (Comedy Special) — Prime Video

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Casino Q&A

Q: How does video keno differ from the live keno game?

A: A video keno game is an exact computer replica of the live game. Every possible live-ball draw appears once in its computer program. And each ball-draw is randomly selected. Like the live game, video keno has one of the highest house advantages in the

Helpful playing tip. Group your numbers. In keno, numbers have a tendency to group. For example, the numbers 26, 27, 28, 35, 36, and 37 seem to hit more often than others. It's a favorite 6-spot for regular keno players. But whatever group of numbers you pick, stick with them. The numbers will eventually hit. Constantly changing numbers is keno suicide.

Q: My wife, an avid slot player, often chooses a slot to play based on a special select slots to play like this?

A: Yes. The practice is not uncommon. And it's perfectly OK to take a fling on a slot based on a particular feeling. It can add a little fun and excitement to your playing. But keep in mind that you don't want to lose track of common sense and your budget when it comes to betting your hard-earned

Speaking of adding some fun to your play...here's a true story about a player who was down to her last five quarters on a five-coin progressive. Before making the last spin, she waved her arms over the slot, chanting "booga, booga," The result: a \$1,200 jackpot! So even if you don't believe in magical incantations, when you're down to your last bet, what have you got to lose...try your own version of booga, booga, booga...at the very least you'll get a good



HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — It's not a good sign when multiple cast members of a movie appear on every talk show to promote their film. Argylle stars Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bryan Cranston and Ariana DeBose hit them all — morning and night. One reason may be because the \$200 million film has received mixed reviews from 33% of the top critics on Rotten Tomatoes, and its success or failure may determine the fate of

the next two films in the spy trilogy. of the hit spy TV series The Man From Whataburgers opened here starting in the UNCLE with Armie Hammer and Alicia Vikander (who won an Oscar the following year for *The Danish Girl*). The film cost \$75 million and only grossed \$110 million. Many have hoped Cavill would be the next James Bond, but he probably won't be considered anymore now that he's done Argylle and Guy Ritchie's next two films — an untitled action film that has already been completed and The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare, with Alex Pettyfer, Henry Golding, Cary Elwes and Reacher's Alan Ritchson.

In 2022, Ariana DeBose won an Oscar as Anita in Steven Spielberg's West Side Story, a role that also won Rita Moreno her Oscar. It was originally created on Broadway by the late, great Chita Rivera, who passed away on Jan. 30. DeBose, proving to be multitalented, has completed two more films: the superhero epic Kraven the Hunter due Aug. 30, opposite Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Russell Crowe, and her first top-billed film — the supernatural-horror film *House of* Spoils, in which she plays a chef.

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** NEWS BYTE ** NEWS BYTE ** NEWS BYTE ** **Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot Soars to New Heights,** Now Over \$70,000 at Edgewater Casino Resort

Laughlin, Nev. – March, 14 2024 – After breaking \$60,000 just last month, Edgewater Casino Resort's Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot has reached new heights with a jackpot of \$70,642 and counting waiting to be won. A win of the jackpot would shatter the previous largest Double Progressive Jackpot win, with the last winner taking home a record \$50,807.

Playable at The Edgewater Bingo Room located inside of the casino at 2020 S. Casino Drive, double Progressive bingo cards are available for purchase for \$1 each in paper or digital format. A coverall game, Double Progressive Bingo can only be won within the posted number of balls drawn, starting at 32 numbers and progressing hunch or feeling. Do many other players every 14 days up to the 35th number, where it will remain until the jackpot is won. The Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot, which is currently over \$70,000, must be won within 35 numbers. Everyone playing at the session when the jackpot hits will receive a bounce back electronic rainbow for the next session and a chance to win \$250 in free slot play. See Bingo Room for details.

> Players will be required to pay the session's minimum buy-in and Double Progressive cards can only be played at the sessions in which they are purchased. For more Double Progressive rules, visit the link here.

> The Bingo Room at Edgewater offers playing sessions throughout the day during the entire week. Session times are 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. To learn more about the Bingo Room at Edgewater, as well as follow any jackpot updates, visit the website here.

More information about Edgewater Casino Resort can be found at www.edgewatercasino.com. devices at approximately 1,000 locations and owns 64 traditional taverns in Nevada. For more information, visit www.goldenent.com.

BROOM-HILDA







Nevada Happenings

Whataburger Opens at Waldorf

The popular Texas-based Whataburger chain opened its first Las Vegas location recently on the Strip in front of the Waldorf Astoria at City Center in the space formerly occupied by Bobby's Burger Palace. The first Whataburger opened in Corpus Christi in 1950 and now has upwards of 1,000 locations in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and the South; the Waldorf location marks In 2015, Cavill starred in a film version the chain's 15th state. Actually, several 1970s, but slowly disappeared. According to the press release, the restaurant will be Funkmeister To Appear at the Palms open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner from an expansive menu that includes Whataburgers, Breakfast on A Bun, Dr. Pepper Shakes, and a special Vegas burger. The two-story restaurant also houses Parry's Pizzeria & Taphouse. Parry's is another chain that launched in 2007 in Colorado and now boasts 23 locations in the Southwest. It serves styles of never-frozen wings cooked to order, strombolis, "Italian nachos," cocktails, and 120 beer taps, with several local breweries represented. The loft lounge apparently has amazing views.

Bruno Mars' Bar

Bellagio casino that's hosted by Bruno Mars will open on Monday February 12 in the space formerly occupied by Lily's Bar and Hooligans, will appear nightly at the new two weeks. Reservations are suggested.

JLo Tour Stop at T-Mobile

Jennifer Lopez's first tour in five years will play T-Mobile Arena on July 20. JLo's "This Is Me ... Now" tour will hit 30 cities in the U.S. and Canada over the summer.

Lucky Local

Las Vegas local Christopher Sem was feeling lucky on a recent Saturday night and for good reason, the Club Serrano member was named the ultimate winner of a brand new \$350,000 Ferrari Portofino at Palms Casino Resort at the culmination of the Win an Italian Legend joint-property promotion. Iconic comedian and car enthusiast Jay Leno was on hand to rev up the crowd of qualifying Club Serrano finalists from Yaamava' Resort Casino and Palms Casino Resort who had gathered at the Unknown Bar inside Palms before Sem was revealed as the winner.

The foremost practitioner of funk, George Clinton, will perform at the Pearl at the Palms on June 7 with his current Parliament-Funkadelic band. Clinton, now 82, is the singer, songwriter, producer, and bandleader who, along with James Brown and Sly Stone, helped develop funk music in the 1970s, marked by ostentatious fashion, psychedelic lyrics and jams, and humor. Clinton and "massive" NY-style slices from 14 pies, 10 fifteen band members were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997 and in 2019, he and Parliament-Funkadelic were awarded Lifetime Achievement Grammys.

Sphere Makes Top Venues List

Billboard's 2024 list of the 26 Top Music Venues around the world includes two The celebrity jazz bar in the center of the in Las Vegas: Resorts World Theatre and Sphere. Resorts World was cited as the Top Residency Venue, having sold 319,000 tickets in 2023 for 90 shows that grossed Lounge. Mars' long-time backup band, the \$45 million; it won the top spot for concert venues with less than 5,000 capacity, though space, dubbed the Pinky Ring, for the first the magazine noted that it has 900 more seats than the Colosseum at Caesars.



by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for April 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19 1st thru 6th... Nuthin' to it 3^{rd} - 4^{th} \$ 7th thru 12th... Wild ride 11th-12th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... Luck's on your side 16th-17th 19th thru 24th... Sit it out 25th thru 30th... Travel to win 26th-27th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20 1st thru 6th... Pull it together 1st & 6th\$ 7th thru 12th... Certain advantages 9th-10th 13th thru 18th... Listen to mom 13th-14th\$\$ 19th thru 24th... Great beginning 19th-20th 25th thru 30th ... Best efforts pay 28th-29th

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21* 1st thru 6th... Going your way 3rd-4th 7th thru 12th... Eye on \$\$ the 7th 13th thru 18th... Livin' it up 16th! 19th thru 24th... Totally worth it 21st 25th thru 30th ... You're on fire 26th-27th!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22 1st thru 6th... Patience 'til the 6th\$ 7th thru 12th... Stay focused 9th-10th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... Be vigilant the 15th 19th thru 24th... Good fortune 19th-20th\$\$ 25th thru 30th ...

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22 1st thru 6th... Wait for another day 7th thru 12th... Pick RED to win 7th-8th 13th thru 18th... Start-to-finish 16th-17th! 19th thru 24th... Stellar results 22nd \$! 25th thru 30th ... Make 'em proud 26th-27th

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 1st thru 6th... Above average 1st-2nd 7th thru 12th... Movin' ahead 9th-10th\$ 13th thru 18th... It's all good! 19th thru 24th.. Make it last 20th & 24th\$! 25th thru 30th ... Save it for the 29th

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 1st thru 6th... Celebrate winning the 3rd! 7th thru 12th.. Best chances the 11th\$ 13th thru 18th... Have a strategy the 16th 19th thru 24th... Not seeing it 25th thru 30th.. Game's on 26th\$

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21 1st thru 6th... Top o the world! (2nd/6th) 7th thru 12th... Best to wait 13th thru 18th... On a roll! (14th-15th) 19th thru 24th... Possibilities the 24th 25th thru 30th... Hang tight 'til the 29th\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21 1st thru 6th... You pull it off the 3rd\$\$

7th thru 12th... Wake up to win the 7th! 13th thru 18th... You betcha 16th\$ 19th thru 24th.. Not really

25th thru 30th.. More to come 27^{th} \$\$

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 1st thru 6th... Up to you the 6th\$ 7th thru 12th... Step up to win the 10th\$! 13th thru 18th... Sit back, enjoy the past 19th thru 24th... Great decision the 20th! 25th thru 30th...

Get right on it 29th\$!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 1st thru 6th... Try your luck the 3rd\$ 7th thru 12th... Stylin' high the 7th & 11th! \$ 13th thru 18th... Multiple wins the 16th 19th thru 24th... Practice makes perfect! 25th thru 30th... Hang your hat on it (27th)

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20 1st thru 6th... You got this the 2nd\$ 7th thru 12th... Get real & win (10th)! 13th thru 18th... More winning 14th-15th\$ 19th thru 24th... Serious win 19th-20th\$\$ 25th thru 30th... Rev 'er up & go (29th)

Color associations refer to lucky objects, daubers, cards, machines, clothing/jewels you wear, or a dominant color in the room.

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR APRIL 2024





April Fool's Day Last Quarter Moon 8th Zoo Lover's Day 8th New Moon 15th Tax Day First Quarter Moon .** 15th 20th Look Alike Day 22nd Earth Day 23rd Passover (first day) 23rd Full Moon

National Shrimp Scampi Day

Last Day of Passover

29th

30th

by Frederick Woodruff

Horoscopes for **April 2024**

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Science leads us to believe that all events must are the philosophical puzzles that require attention this month. As your investigation steadies, you'll naturally proceed without overanalyzing.

Lucky Days: 12 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 27 - 54

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): A theme you return to often in life involves the workings of power. Taurus folks are indeed heavy-duty power channelers. But their stewardship works best when they aren't thinking about themselves doing the conducting. This is your riddle to contemplate this month. **Lucky Days: 22 - 28**

Lucky Numbers: 7 - 31

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The full Moon on the 23rd presents you with a confusing choice: Spontaneous self-expression or disciplined self-control. Being Mercurial, you'll try to toggle between the two expressions. But I'm going to suggest that you hunker down and align your efforts with a set schedule and steady perseverance. Lucky Days: 1 - 9

Lucky Numbers: 3 - 38

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): There's a AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Folks in dreamy sense of the world right now that inspires the artistic part of your nature. Don't squander this magical feeling of flow. With Saturn and Mars closely aligned now, you can accomplish much with concentrated effort and your know-how. Lucky Days: 15-22

Lucky Numbers: 5 - 30

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Explore ways to simplify this month. Frugality can be made into a kind of art. Why the need to do more with less? You're attempting to understand better what your life is made of and what you truly value. Where is it, exactly, that you're headed and what do you hope to achieve? Those are your burning questions. Lucky Days: 5 - 8

Lucky Numbers: 23 - 38

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Our bodies have a remarkable capacity for optimizing for wherever we might be in our aging process. What was good for us in our twenties might not work well in our later years. Take a closer look at routines and habits that you can change to support your present-day maturity.

Lucky Days: 4 - 19 Lucky Numbers: 44 - 60

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): March is a peculiar month. You're reexamining what you used to be sure about. This is a good sign: you're about to discover what's most precious to your heart. Devise new strategies for achieving your intentions.

Lucky Days: 2 - 11 Lucky Numbers: 28 - 50

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The full Moon on the 23rd brings to a head a relationship quandary you've struggled to have a graspable meaning. But according to make sense of. The lesson? Don't try so whom? Who defines this meaning? These hard. It's impossible to know why people act the way they do. But you can comprehend the rationales that move you. And that's the critical lesson right now.

> **Lucky Days:** 9 - 29 Lucky Numbers: 1 - 31

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Your superpower is your ability to see the big picture and arrange all the attendant parts into a cohesive narrative. How will you apply your gift this month? Consider new ways to improve the communication habits in your key relationships, that will work wonders.

Lucky Days: 5-23 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 38

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): You've hit a critical point with your efforts to express your creative side. Maybe you feel stuck in a loop—if so, deliberately interrupt the pattern and reach for unusual streams of inspiration. Move towards humor as a way to upend old programming—it contains a wisdom all its

Lucky Days: 7-19 Lucky Numbers: 26 - 58

your circle who just say yes to you all of the time aren't going to be much help this month. You need friction. It's time to spin 180 degrees in your thinking and allow strange or surprising visions to fire your imagination. You're a nonconformist at heart, embrace this unique expression.

Lucky Days: 8 - 17 Lucky Numbers: 20 - 48

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): How to make the intangible tangible? The full Moon on the 23rd opens the door of your imagination, allowing a flood of new possibilities and insights to dominate your thinking (and feeling). Guidance from unlikely sources is

the central theme for you this month. Lucky Days: 2 - 29 **Lucky Numbers:** 9 - 39

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Cipher 2. Dream 3. Garble 4. Notate Today's Word: BLIND

JUMBLES: MOTTO RAINY WRITER INVOKE Answer: She let her husband make something with her yam, but he was a

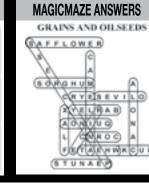
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Bumper is different. 2. Shelf is lower. 3. Window is different. 4. Wax is moved. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Doorknob is added.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: I often think that the night is more alive and more richly colored than the day. — Vincent Van Gogh

SUDOKU ANSWERS



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Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort Award More Than \$5.8M in Jackpot Winnings in February

Laughlin, Nev. - March 7, 2024 - There was no shortage of winners last month at Laughlin's Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort. Situated on the banks of the Colorado River, the two premier casinos combined to pay out over \$5.8 million to jackpot winners throughout the month of February.

Aquarius, located at 1900 S. Casino Drive, paid out \$4,458,077 in winnings in February while Edgewater, located at 2020 S. Casino Dr., delivered \$1,373,610. The grand total of \$5,831,687 went to winners across a variety of casino games with the month's biggest jackpot going to Jeffrery M., a visitor from Wisconsin who struck a whopping \$216.040 jackpot while playing a 1 cent Lighting Buffalo Link machine. Since the beginning of the year the two casino resorts have paid out a total of \$11,138,617 to date.

Players looking to increase their casino dividends are invited to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program, to receive bonuses including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, as well as eligibility in select tournaments and special events. For more information visit the True Rewards center, check out the Aquarius website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com or on the Edgewater website at www.Edgewater-Casino.com. Golden Entertainment owns ten casino resorts – nine in Southern Nevada and one in Maryland. Through its distributed gaming business in Nevada and Montana, Golden Entertainment operates video gaming devices at approximately 1,000 locations and owns 64 traditional taverns in Nevada. For more information, visit www.goldenent.com.



The Most Important Meal of the Day

Folks commonly refer to breakfast as "The most important meal of the day", and I suppose it is. It's the meal that "breaks the fast" sauce as a fruit... or another vegetable. It'll from last night's evening meal to this morn-do. ing's first meal. It replenishes your supply of glucose to boost your energy levels and alertness, while also providing other essential nutrients required for good health.

Many studies have shown the health benefits of eating breakfast. It improves your energy levels and ability to concentrate in the short term, and can help with better weight management, reduced risk of type 2 diabetes with honey. It's quite versatile. and heart disease in the long term.

A good, healthy breakfast menu should include items that boost your calcium, increase your energy, and provide your body with some colon-loving fiber.

Thank you, Google!

All that said, let's take a look at what Elle has for breakfast during a typical month.

Keep in mind, I do not twirl out of bed, ready to break a few eggs and fry up a pound of bacon. I usually wake up with one eye daily meals include much healthier options, closed and I stumble into the kitchen, trying like vegetables, lean meats, whole grains, not to fall over my own feet. I'm rarely hun- and sometimes fruit. I guess ol' Elle is just gry at this time of the day, and sometimes not a morning person... or a morning chef.

the thought of food puts me off. However, I have to eat something while chugging down a half-dozen assorted pills, so...on we go.

All breakfast meals include one cup of coffee—my only cup of coffee for the day.

-A breakfast bar. Whatever we happen to have. Could be a Nutri-grain bar, might be a cereal bar of some sort, or even a Pop-Tart.

-Cold cereal. This involves two items (cereal and milk) that you have to combine, and is therefore a recipe, and Elle doesn't like to cook with one eye open, so this one is eaten less often. Plus, it's cold.

-Nuke it. I choose one: Microwaved scrambled egg, microwave bacon, microwave breakfast sausage, etc. Close to cooking, but easier to do with limited vision. No time for toast, just grab a slice of whole grain bread (Look! It's our friend, Fiber!) to eat with the nuked protein choice.

-A donut. Classic.

-Leftovers. Leftover pizza? It has bread, meat, cheese and maybe something that passes as a vegetable. I'm counting the pizza

-Leftovers, part 2. Simpler foods without the spiciness of things like pizza. This could be mashed potatoes, rice side dishes, or macaroni and cheese.

-Cornbread. I live in Texas. There's usually some cornbread or cornbread muffins lying around. Cornbread can be eaten plain, or with butter, or with jam, or with syrup, or

-Cake, cookies, pie... NO. I'm not a bar-

-Tamales. So delicious.

-Pretzel Rods. Don't judge me.

-Biscuits. Ha! No... those take 15 minutes, plus I have to preheat the oven. We only eat biscuits at dinnertime. LEFTOVER biscuits are pretty good breakfast food, though.

It might not be my "best meal of the day", but at least I eat something. The rest of my





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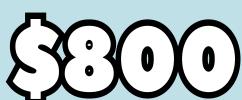
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