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Teresa N. and Bernadette R.



Diana P. was the winner of the Silver Slots Tab, taking home \$500!
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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Protecting Pets

What is the best way to ensure my pets are taken care of after I'm gone? I have two dogs and a cat that are my four-legged family, and I want to make sure they'll be well taken care of after I die.
—Solo Senior

Dear Solo,
It's a great question. Approximately half a million cats and dogs enter shelters each year when their pet parents experience an emergency or pass away. Without a proper plan in place for the future care of your pets, they are at risk of ending up in a shelter where they could be euthanized.
To avoid this terrifying scenario and ensure your furry family is cared for both physically and financially after you're gone, you should consider including them in your estate plan. Talk to your attorney about how to insert them in your will or trust in accordance with your state's laws. Here's what you'll need to do.

Wills
If you already have a will or are planning to make one, you could simply add in a trusted caretaker clause for your pets, along with an alternative if your first choice falls through. You should also set aside money in your will for your pet's care with an explanation of how the funds should be spent.
To determine how much to leave, multiply your pet's annual food, care and medical costs by their life expectancies. You may want to add a separate document, called a letter of instruction, describing your pet's routine, food and medication.
But be aware that even with this provision in your will the caretaker is not legally obligated to follow your instructions, spend

the money as you intended or send the pet to another caretaker that you've named. Once the money is distributed to the caretaker, it's an honor system.

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The cost for a living trust ranges anywhere between \$1,000 to \$3,000, while a will typically costs between \$200 and \$1,000. There are also cheaper do-it-yourself resources for making a simple will or trust, like Nolo's Quicken WillMaker & Trust (Nolo.com, \$99) and Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com, \$159). Or, if that's more than you're willing to pay, you can make your will for free at FreeWill.com or DoYourOwnWill.com.

Other Arrangements
If you don't have anyone who would be willing to take care of your pets after you're gone, you should make arrangements to leave them to an animal retirement home, a rescue, humane society, pet care program or other animal welfare group. Many of these organizations find new homes for pets or offer lifetime care but may require a fee or donation. Talk to your veterinarian about the options available in your area.



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- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president died at his retreat in Warm Springs, Georgia?
- MOVIES:** Which 1999 movie features a character named Neo?
- MEDICAL:** Which part of the human body is affected by Bright's Disease?
- TELEVISION:** In which state is the sitcom *Newhart* set?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the tallest mountain in Africa?
- HISTORY:** Which politician made the phrase "Iron Curtain" famous in a speech about eastern Europe?
- U.S. STATES:** What is the capital of South Dakota?

ANSWERS

- A drake.
- Jane Austen.
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NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Lego Bingo!

What would you think of testing your luck with your beloved game of Bingo, but first you get to build the game itself out of... Legos!? A husband and wife team recently collaborated on creating a Lego Bingo set, combining the couples' favorite past times of building and displaying Lego sets and playing Bingo with family and friends; it includes Bingo cards, caller's card, 75 color-coded and numbered balls, and of course, a functioning Bingo cage. The cards can be rearranged with different number patterns, allowing players to choose their favorite number combinations or use a random layout. The couple hopes to get the 10,000 supporters needed to have Lego review the project and consider making it into an actual Lego set for sale. If you want Lego Bingo to become a reality, go online and click the "support" button at ideas.lego.com (search for "bingo"). At press time, they'd hit the 100-supporters mark, so let's make it to 10,000 and see if we can make Bingo a real-life Lego!

Big Jackpot a Special One

A winner identified as Pam from Massachusetts won the \$50,000 jackpot at the Plaza's Super Bingo Tournament event this past October in Las Vegas. But as the Plaza reported, this winning story has a special twist. Last year, on the exact same day, October 11, 2022, Pam played in the same tournament and had a very different experience: she had a heart attack. During a break from the Bingo action symptoms led her to be admitted to Valley Hospital Medical Center. Obviously, Pam made a courageous recovery, and one year later, to the day, Pam took home the \$50,000 jackpot in the company of her best friend,

THE MIDDLETONS



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Reptile (R) — In this crime thriller starring Benicio del Toro and Justin Timberlake, a detective (del Toro) with a past of uncovering crooked cops is put on the murder case of a young real estate agent. Her body was found by her boyfriend (Timberlake) in their home, painting him as a prime suspect. But with one trail leading back to her ex-husband (Karl Glusman), and another leading to a mentally unstable man seeking revenge for a corrupt real estate deal, solving the case won't be an easy feat. Del Toro's acting prowess is what easily carries the film, along with a refreshing performance from *Clueless* star Alicia Silverstone. Out now. (Netflix)

Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13) — Based on the video game franchise of the same name, this horror film follows security guard Mike Schmidt (Josh Hutcherson) as he starts working the night shift at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza. Abby, Mike's little sister, is in his care and accompanies him to the abandoned family fun center, where she soon discovers a few animatronics that all seem to have a mind of their own. Although a local police officer (Elizabeth Lail) comes around to warn him of Freddy's sinister past, it's only a matter of time before Mike and Abby find out for themselves. You won't look at a Chuck E. Cheese the same after this. (Peacock)

Donna. Plaza's Super Bingo draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country for the three-day tournament. Bingo players take their Plaza Bingo seriously: back in 2021, a woman named Rhonda won \$1.4 million at Golden Gate and immediately went to Plaza for Bingo.

Bingo Gets Spooky in Wisconsin

Spooktacular Bingo made its return at the Town Square Community Center in Green Lake, putting a thrilling twist on its monthly Bingo night with Spooktacular Bingo. Bingo-goers attended the event dressed in their Halloween best. The evening offered 13 spine-chilling games, along with speedy bingo and a progressive blackout featuring a multi-thousand-dollar jackpot. "I always love seeing how people incorporate the theme of Bingo into what they wear," volunteer Diane Rogahn said. Proceeds from the games support Town Square, an award-winning community center located in the historic county courthouse buildings in the heart of downtown Green Lake.

Bingo Battle

Arizona veterans' groups say state agencies are unfairly cracking down on electronic bingo cards, while state agencies say agents are only conducting inspections to prevent the use of illegal bingo machines. At a recent news conference at the Arizona Capitol, several members of local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts were joined by Republican Senate Majority Leader Sonny Borrelli, who said the departments of Revenue, Gaming, and Liquor are conducting raids and harassing organizations for their use of bingo technological aids.

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



Susie Searches (NR) — College-aged student Susie is the host of a true crime podcast that doesn't really get much traction. Determined to make her podcast succeed, she covertly takes advantage of an opportunity to get herself more clout when a student at her college, Jesse, suddenly disappears. After Jesse does eventually get found by Susie, she gets praised as a hero, and her social status instantly begins to climb. But when another student finds incriminating evidence of Jesse's kidnapper, Susie realizes that she might be way in over her head. Kiersey Clemons (*The Flash*) plays the titular character in the film, with appearances by Alex Wolff, Jim Gaffigan and Alex Moffat. Premieres Oct. 27. (Hulu)

Write in to Couch Theater by emailing TheCouchTheater@gmail.com or writing to KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Gaming News

Sports Bets at Your VP Machine

The most interesting product being rolled out at this year's Global Gaming Expo (G2E) is a machine that combines video poker and sports betting introduced by IGT, which calls it "the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup of slots." On the machine, you can play video poker and make in-game sports bet at the same time, all from your credits on the meter. Choose your VP variation from the multigame screen, then toggle to the "equivalent of a sports betting kiosk" with the touch of a button. While you're playing VP, a sports ticker runs across the bottom of the screen, but you can pin your game of choice to the screen "for even faster access to in-game bets." The sports-betting screen has all the options available at a kiosk and sports book; a betting ticket is printed, which you can also redeem at the machine if it's a winner; the payout is reflected on the credit meter. "For accounting and reporting purposes, the machine notes in the background how much was bet for sports and how much for video poker." You cash out your combined credits in the usual fashion by printing the TITO ticket. No word, of course, about whether the sports bet odds are worse than at the kiosk or book, but *Las Vegas Advisor* says, "we'd lay 100-1 they're not better and 10-1 they're not even the same."

Casino Stocks Signaling Downturn?

A recent article on YahooFinance.com enumerated the major slump of casino stocks since early August, "with some entering bear-market territory after dropping more than 20%." It reports that the "biggest losers have been the world's largest gambling stock by total valuation, Las Vegas Sands, and MGM Resorts," which is still recovering from their cyberattack. Only a single stock out of the top ten largest-cap gambling companies (Light & Wonder) "has eked out a gain in the second half of the year, edging up just 0.5%," and "casino stocks have plunged so much over the past two months that they're even underperforming the S&P 500." The article goes on to cite the gambling industry as a leading economic indicator of potential rough seas ahead: "When people have less money to spend, they're more likely to use it to buy food or pay rent than bet on roulette or blackjack in Las Vegas." We'll know more when third-quarter earnings reports start coming in over the next couple of weeks.

Sports betting At WarHorse

Sports betting is taking the field in Omaha after Nebraska state regulators gave recent approval to WarHorse Casino. Sports fans can now place wagers on the field of the Horsemen's Park track. "I think that interest in Omaha is going to surpass what we've seen in Lincoln because those are people who are used to crossing the river and gambling," said Lynne McNally, WarHorse CEO. The rest of WarHorse's Omaha location is still under construction. More than 130 workers are piecing together the new parking garage at the former city landfill site. Crews are repainting the existing building, renovating its inside, and adding a new facade to the exterior. WarHorse is targeting a September 2024 opening.



The Gift of Giving

Kate loves to dress up like Santa Claus, complete with beard. She volunteers her time at two nursery schools that really like to play up a visit from the grand old man of Christmas. This year she was contacted by our local casino to see if she would play Santa for their Christmas party. She was thrilled, of course, and bought new boots to make sure she looked perfect. I was happy to go along for the ride.

The big party was three days before Christmas, and you had to make reservations! We convinced Cliff and Rodney to go and soon the plans were afoot. We dressed in holiday sweaters and Santa hats and were off to enjoy the party.

Kate's job was to accompany the floor worker who made the payouts and give each winner a big howdy and a Christmas candy cane. She was also instructed to keep the party lively and happy. She is good at this and soon everyone was having a great time whether they were winning or not.

We had some special games for the yuletide. One was the Christmas tree which was the N row, the second I, the second G and the third B, I, and O. That one was fun, and I was actually on before someone else took the prize.

We played along merrily enough, enjoying the spirits and happiness of the season when all at once a great uproar happened on the far side of the room. We were too far away to see what was going on but stood up anyway. The calling ceased temporarily while it was discovered that two big glasses of punch had somehow got dumped over, making a huge mess. In the spirit of the season, the casino kindly replaced some soaked cards with new cards (but not more punch LOL) and we were off again.

I could tell our jingly-belled Santa was wearing out as she was not as jingly as she had been earlier, but she kept right on making the candy cane payouts.

We were then at the final blackout and concentration was deep. At last someone shouted "Bingo" and I could see it was a woman nearby whom Kate particularly disliked. I urged her to do her job anyway as I could clearly see Kate giving off a distinctly un-Santa Claus-like aura. Kate managed to suck it up (except for her Santa Belly) and gave the woman her candy cane, then led her to the Christmas tree at the caller's stand that was loaded with gifts for all the attendees, courtesy of the casino. The woman helped Kate hand out the gifts to each attendee. They were nice little makeup cases filled with all manner of samples for the women, and the men were given quite nice wallets.

"I've been thinking about getting a new one," said Cliff obviously pleased. And I loved my little case.

We were truly delighted with the way the evening had gone in spite of none of us winning anything. Kate was exhausted, but happily collected her pay for her part in the celebration.

Then to make the evening perfect, we all went out for a late supper.

BROOM-HILDA

By Russell Myers



BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

Checking My Inbox—Again

I love checking my e-mail, at bingo@earthlink.net. Since this column is printed in *Bingo Bugle* publications all over the country, I only really feel in contact when someone writes to me. So, take this copy of the paper home with you and let me hear from you!

First, a short note from "Stewey" in Carrier Mills, Illinois:

"Bob, I hope this note gets through to you at the home office. I have a suggestion. You are always talking about how important good callers are. So, I think you need to have a contest and find everyone's favorite caller.

"There is a special lady here whom I would vote for. She is funny and always smiles and is organized AND I can understand every word she says. Think about having a contest. —Stewey."

Well, Stewey, that is a great idea. I'll talk to the powers that be and find out how we

can do that. Maybe more, next month.

Stewey's remark about the caller whom you can easily understand brings me to this note from AC in Canandaigua, New York:

"Bob, the other night at Bingo I was reminded of a column you wrote a very long time ago about Bingo callers who mumble. Now, I know being a caller is NOT easy. I know it takes concentration and organization. And, I know that good workers are hard to find, particularly at charity halls, but it would seem that no one is in charge sometimes.

"You said something in that column that I still remember. You mentioned that you had done over 50,000 hourly newscasts on radio during your career. You then mentioned that when you were on the air you talked differently than when you were off the air. Then, you wondered why many Bingo callers don't learn from this. Anyway, stay well and thanks for being here each month. —AC."

Finally, a really sweet note from Sam B., in Columbia, Maryland:

"Bob, the other night I noticed that an elderly woman who has been at our Thursday Bingo for years was not there. I called her the next day to see if she was OK. She told me that she had reached the age where she had her driver license revoked. She had no way to get to Bingo. 'I'm going to fix that,' I told her. I have now made arrangements for some of my fellow Bingo players to give her a ride, to and from the hall, each week. After a lifetime of playing Bingo, there was no way we were going to let her be left out. —Sam B."

The merriest of holidays to all in your family. And, when you are playing Bingo, give my Christmas greetings to everyone. (Next time: A strange e-mail.)



Q: I have an unusual cylindrical lamp that has a cast-iron base and vented cast-iron top. The sides of the cylinder are covered by a picture of a cabin in the woods. When the lightbulb inside is lit, the inside of the lamp rotates and orange and yellow "flames" appear. It still works but the cord is old, so I don't use it. What can you tell me about it?

A: This is called a "motion lamp." When the lamp is lit, rising hot air causes an interior cylinder to turn, making it look like parts of the picture are moving. Several companies made motion lamps from the 1920s to the early 1960s. The scene on your lamp is known as "Forest Fire." It was one of 11 motion lamps made by Scene-In-Action Corp. of Chicago, Illinois, from 1927 until about 1936. Econolite Corp. made a similar Forest Fire motion lamp after 1946. It's best to use a low wattage bulb in a motion lamp to avoid damage. The lamp should be rewired if you want to use it.

TIP: Clean the inside of a bottle with detergent powder and a Water Pik.

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Rain Dodging by Susan Godwin

Scholar Susan Godwin is hooked when she comes across the captivating story of Mary of Modena—a seventeenth-century Italian princess who was only fourteen when coerced into marriage with the future king of England, James II, yet went on to cultivate a court full of women writers in an age when female authorship was rare. How did Mary achieve such a feat?

Rain Dodging is Susan's creative nonfiction account of the years-long search upon which this question— and her own unquenchable curiosity—launched her. Godwin travels through both space and time, solo adventuring through Britain in pursuit of truth and, in a spicy parallel arc, chronicling her own cluttered but resilient feminist path. Join Susan in this irreverent and illuminating journey—a fascinating account of the late Stuart monarchy, the progression of feminist history, and the unexpected connection between the two.

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COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Request
- 4 Blunder
- 8 Weapon handle
- 12 Island neckwear
- 13 Sandwich cookie
- 14 Exile isle
- 15 Spelling contest
- 16 "West Side Story" composer
- 18 Tiny ear bone
- 20 Ball prop
- 21 Office part-timer
- 24 Stuffs tightly
- 28 "E = mc2" man
- 32 Not procrastinating
- 33 Chowd down
- 34 Precipitous
- 36 Historic time
- 37 Wound cover
- 39 Piano name
- 41 Pitched
- 43 2012 Ben Affleck movie
- 44 Vast expanse
- 46 Celery unit
- 50 "The Grapes of Wrath" author
- 55 Heavy weight
- 56 Frogs' hang-out



- 7 Typeface
- 8 Straight, for short
- 9 Hearty brew
- 10 G-men's org.
- 11 Bronze
- 17 Moment
- 19 Part of TGIF
- 22 Citi Field team
- 23 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 25 Freshly
- 26 Actress
- 28 Sorvino
- 27 Remain
- 28 Right on the map?
- 29 Pruritus
- 30 In the vicinity
- 31 --do-well
- 35 Football
- 38 Adjoining
- 40 "To be or --"
- 42 Cyst
- 45 Sleeping
- 47 Small particle
- 48 Timber wolf
- 49 Make a sweater
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Upper surface
- 52 Type measures
- 53 Greek vowel
- 54 Mangy mutt

HOCUS-FOCUS



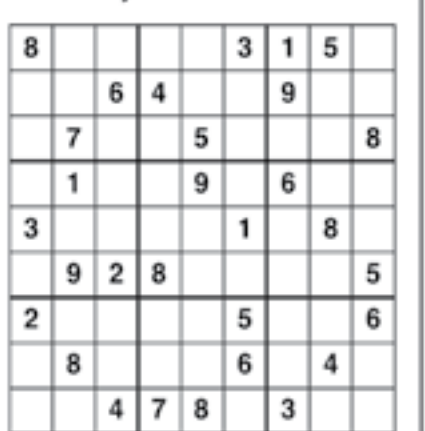
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap!

Score _____

STAVI _____

EMBOIL _____

RIMBET _____

POTION _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: INSECT THAT FLUTTERS BY

- Adder
- Baboon
- Bees
- Blue gill
- Bollworm
- Coot
- Eels
- Hippos
- Kitty
- Llama
- Mutt
- Otter
- Puppy
- Raccoon
- Tyrannosaurus

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SOTHI

YOEMN

LATNEY

DIRSAH

A: _____



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

CryptoQuote

ANYOLBAAR 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.

KX FJZ NSM EZCAKAT NSWGKMR
 VKLP EJWJTJMT, FJZ EPJZIO
 WSCCF LPTW JM LPT VSF PJWT.
 — FAJMMT GCKMQ

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

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 Pick a Pet Jackpot (cons \$500)
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An Ethical Dilemma

Dear Aunt Bingo,
 I've landed in a bit of an awkward situation and am not sure what is the best thing to do to make things right.

When I last went to Bingo it was to one of three places I like to go to—a middle school not too far away from my apartment building. They run a nice Bingo in a clean, activity center (lighting is important for me because my eyesight is not the best) with Bingo that goes at a good pace and brings in a fairly good crowd but not so many people that you feel you will never win because there are too many people playing against you.

When I play Bingo, I like to play two 9-on packs which give me enough cards so that I can keep up with the caller and not feel rushed or get bored because there is too much lag time between calls.

I bought two packs the night I went to the school Bingo. But when I got to my seat and laid out my paper, I discovered that the packs, which had felt a little thicker/heavier than normal when the cashier gave them to me, were actually four packs that had stuck together and made two double packs.

I sat there with the four packs undecided about what to do. I was late getting to Bingo and the caller was about to start so I didn't want to start some big discussion with a Bingo worker and mess up my Bingo.

When the first game started, I pushed the two extra packs to the side to return to the cashier later and began to play the two I paid for. But I couldn't help glancing over at the other two packs and immediately noticing when the numbers that were called were on those cards. It didn't take long for me to feel that a LOT more called numbers were on the sheets I wasn't playing.

I finally couldn't stand it anymore and pulled the other two packs over and started daubing all the numbers that had been called. My stress turned into total relief when I finally marked all the back numbers and all four packs were caught up! I then continued to play the four packs and was surprised that I easily kept up with the caller although I had never played this many packs before.

The evening got even better when I Bingoed in the middle of the second session and won \$75 from a split pot. My luck was going so well that I half expected the next thing to happen was a rich old boyfriend showing up with a bouquet of roses and asking me to marry him!

When Bingo ended and I was heading home, I started feeling guilty about the extra packs. Did I steal them? And if I did, does that mean I also stole the \$75 prize? Or was it the cashier's mistake and once I paid her and walked away, all four packs were mine. I would really appreciate your opinion on this and what you think I should do about it.

—Lucky Lady, California, via email

Dear Lucky Lady,
 You have presented a very interesting dilemma (so interesting in fact, I'm repeating this letter again).

1. Was the extra Bingo paper yours to keep and play because you paid the buy-in and it was then given to you through no deception on your part? Or...

2. Did a "theft" occur after you realized you had been given extra paper and recognized it

Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort to Host 12th Annual "Feed-A-Family" Charitable Initiative

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa tops the list of Southern California casinos in newspaper's 2023 "Best of the Southland" Readers' Choice poll

Laughlin, Nevada – Nov. 1, 2023 – Aquarius Casino Resort, located at 1900 S. Casino Dr., and Edgewater Casino Resort, located at 2020 S. Casino Dr., will host the 12th annual "Feed-A-Family" charitable initiative in support of local Laughlin area families, beginning Wednesday, Nov 1. through Saturday, Dec. 25.

The annual "Feed-A-Family" program provides boxes of food to families in need through partnerships with local food pantries for the upcoming holiday season. For every 25,000 True Rewards points contributed, Aquarius and Edgewater will purchase and donate one box of holiday food sized to feed a family of four. Each box includes a ham or turkey, along with traditional holiday fixings of potatoes, gravy, vegetables, stuffing and pie.

"We are honored to be a part of the Laughlin community and our 'Feed-A-Family' initiative is a way that we can give something back that directly impacts local families," said Jeremy Jenson, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Aquarius and Edgewater. "Holiday meals with loved ones are something special but we often take them for granted, so knowing that we're able to bring that joy to families who need it most is heartwarming and what the holidays are all about."

To participate, True Rewards members may contribute any number of points or monetary donations, which will be allocated towards the purchase of food items included in each box.

Since the program's inception in 2012, Aquarius and Edgewater have fed thousands of families in need. Participating food pantries include ACS Food Bank, BHS Homeless Youth Program, Colorado River Food Bank, Cornerstone Mission, Food for Families, Golden Valley Family Resources, Havasu Community Health Foundation Food Bank, Isabel's Pantry, Kingman Food Bank, Mohave Valley Food Pantry, Nana's Pantry, Needles Community Partners, Set Free Church and St. Vincent de Paul.

More information is available about Aquarius on the website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com and about Edgewater at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.

About Aquarius Casino Resort
 Aquarius Casino Resort is the largest 24-hour gaming resort in Laughlin, providing 1,906 rooms and suites and a 57,000-square-foot casino with more than 1,000 state-of-the-art slot machines, the widest variety of favorite table games in town, and a non-smoking race and sportsbook. The Aquarius Casino Resort offers a variety of dining options, including River Rock Pizza & Pasta, The Cove Bar & Lounge, Duet Coffee & Wine, Café Aquarius, Rivers Edge and more. More information is available by calling (800) 662-5825 or (702) 298-5111 and on the website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com.



QUESTIONS

1. Name the first rock group to record and release "Turn! Turn! Turn!"
2. Which group released "New York Mining Disaster 1941" as their debut single?
3. Who was Walden Robert Cassotto?
4. Who wrote "The Beat Goes On"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I would have waited forever if I'd known that you'd be here."

ANSWERS

1. The Byrds, in 1965. The lyrics (written by Pete Seeger) came from the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The song is also subtitled "To Everything There Is a Season."
2. The Bee Gees, in 1967. Two of the Gibb brothers wrote the song during a power outage at the record company. Their inspiration was the Aberfan disaster in Wales that saw the top of a mountain slide down and kill hundreds when it hit the town.
3. Bobby Darin. His "Dream Lover" was covered by numerous others, including Dion, and Ricky Nelson.
4. Sonny Bono, of Sonny & Cher, in 1967.
5. "One Promise Too Late," by Reba McEntire, in 1987. The song tells of the regret of finally meeting the one she's dreamed of ... after making a promise to someone else. The song topped country charts in both the U.S. and Canada.



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The tradition of gift-giving at Christmas has a rich and diverse history that has evolved over many centuries. It encompasses various cultural influences and religious traditions.

The practice of giving gifts during the winter season predates Christianity. In ancient times, many cultures celebrated winter festivals around the time of the winter solstice. These festivals often involved the exchange of gifts as a way to spread warmth and cheer during the cold, dark months. Examples include the Roman festival of Saturnalia and the Scandinavian tradition of Yule.

Today, gift-giving is a central aspect of Christmas celebrations in many parts of the world. People exchange gifts with family and friends, often as a way to express love and appreciation. The tradition has expanded to include not only religious significance but also secular and cultural aspects of the holiday season.

Now that we have that trip through Google out of the way, let me dish on some of the oddest gifts I've ever received at Christmas (all accepted with love and appreciation, of course).

--The negligee. I was 15 years old, and a well-meaning relative gifted me a hot pink negligee, complete with ostrich feather trim. Once again, I was 15. Ladies, picture yourself at 15, opening a beautifully decorated Christmas box, and extracting a very sexy piece of clothing in front of aunts, uncles, grandparents, and assorted cousins.

--More recently, I received a gift that was identical to the gift I gave that person the Christmas before. Coincidence? Luckily, I tend to give items that I would enjoy having myself, so it was a welcome gift.

--I once received a whole case of canned clam chowder soup, because at some point that previous Spring, I mentioned how hard it was to get good clam chowder around here. Well, now I had 12 cans of it. Stop whining, Elle.

--Bags of shelled pecans. This is a GOOD gift. I had a family member with pecan trees on their property, and if you were one of the lucky ones, you would receive one or two bags of shelled pecans from them. They've passed on now, and no store-bought bags of pecans taste nearly as good.

--A Pachinko machine. For a very brief period, in the 70s, Pachinko machines became quite popular. My mother bought one for us kids, and it was a hit-or-miss with us. I loved it; my brother barely touched it. I wish I still had it, but it eventually got passed down the line to another relative.

I hope you all have a lovely holiday season. Our family has dwindled down considerably, but I'll be spending it with loved ones--and the doggies!

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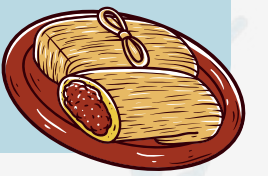
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BINGOMENOW

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ In a survey of hundreds of Oreo cookie eaters, Kraft Foods came to the conclusion that biters were easygoing and self-confident; dunkers displayed a more energetic and adventurous side; and twisters leaned toward the sensitive and trendy.

★ Not only does the moon have its own time zones, but an astronomer designed a watch relying on "lunations," the amount of time it takes for the moon to revolve and rotate around the earth.

★ An hour of drumming will burn between 400-600 calories. That's more than hiking or weightlifting.

★ The oldest known prosthetic wear, a toe made primarily of wood and bound with leather thread, possibly dating to 950 B.C., was discovered on the mummified body of an Egyptian noblewoman in Cairo in 2000.

★ Stanford University's English department offers a course titled "The Last Great American Songwriter: Storytelling with Taylor Swift Through the Eras," in which students analyze Swift's albums and draw connections between her lyrics and classic literature.

★ Only four words in the English language end in "dous."

★ Cambodian bamboo trains are made of an electric generator and a makeshift bamboo platform for seating and run at speeds of up to 40 km per hour. While unmaintained tracks do indeed make for some bumpy rides, at least the fares are low.

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1. Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13) Taylor Swift, Amanda Balen
 2. The Exorcist: Believer (R) Linda Blair, Ellen Burstyn
 3. PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG) McKenna Grace, Taraji P. Henson
 4. Saw X (R) Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith
 5. The Creator (PG-13) John David Washington, Madeleine Yuna Voyles
 6. The Blind (PG-13) Aron von Andrian, Amelia Eve
 7. A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh
 8. The Nun II (R) Taissa Farniga, Jonas Bloquet
 9. The Equalizer 3 (R) Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning
 10. Dumb Money (R) Paul Dano, Pete Davidson
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Birthdays, Bad Luck, and TP

I got in touch with my inner self today. That's the last time I'll buy one-ply toilet paper at the dollar store. —Ms. Know It All

Happy December birthday to me and also happy December birthday to the game of Bingo which is celebrated nationally this month. *Bingo Bugle* magazine, our source for all things bingo, was first published in Tacoma, Washington by the current publisher's father, Roger Snowden. It grew to become the largest network of entertainment newspapers in North America with 100% of each paper's circulation free of charge in bingo halls. This is amazing and much appreciated by bingo lovers everywhere.

December is the biggest money-making month of the year for movie box offices. Three of the largest December releases of all time include *Titanic* (1997), *Avatar* (2009) and all three *Lord of the Rings* (2001, 2002, 2003).

Toilet paper was first marketed this month, December 8, 1857. The original contained aloe as a lubricant for our tushies and was marketed as a medical product for hemorrhoids. I grew up using an outhouse and a ragged catalog for paper so when dad added a bathroom with actual toilet paper, I was

overjoyed. Joseph Gayetty is credited with the first sales of this commodity, 1,000 sheets for one dollar; a bargain compared to current prices. A lot of us no longer have access to catalogs and use cell phones for shopping—I don't think the two items are comparable and our butts are surely a lot happier with Mr. Gayetty's product.

December 28 is not amazing, but a day to be aware of bad luck heading your way. It is said by some to be the unluckiest day of the year. Its origin lies in the story of Christ, as it was reportedly on this day that King Herod ordered baby boys be put to death, attempting to kill the infant Jesus. It is considered unlucky to start work, begin new ventures, or generally do anything on this day. In the 1600s some beat children with sticks to repel approaching bad luck. Yikes! If I had to do that to change my luck, I would be in deep doo-doo as beating a child is not an option for me under any circumstances. On the other hand, some researchers declare October 13th to be the unluckiest day, based on number of accidents, natural disasters, and financial losses occurring on this day. I may stay in bed on the 28th and pray my bed doesn't catch on fire.

My husband and I will celebrate my birthday in Biloxi, MS, where it is warm and beautiful. Years ago, we would drive to Laughlin, Nevada, and Vegas after Christmas. Now it's easier to take a junket, an inexpensive trip to a gambling destination, airfare and hotel included. Our last one was a bummer though. Arriving at our home airport, more than thirty of us had no luggage. We were stuck there for hours before filling out a missing luggage slip and going home. It arrived five days later after being tracked down in Minneapolis. We were not happy campers. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Don't forget the reason for this season and on that note, I write Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Joyful Kwanza, and happy holidays to all. Contact: nlpvz6172@gmail.com.



Morongo Named Best Casino in Southland For 2nd Consecutive Year by Los Angeles Times Readers

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa tops the list of Southern California casinos in newspaper's 2023 "Best of the Southland" Readers' Choice poll

MORONGO CASINO, RESORT & SPA – For the 18th year, the American Automobile Association (AAA) has named Morongo Casino Resort & Spa as the Best Casino in the Southland for the second consecutive year, according to recently-released survey results.

The newspaper's 2023 Best of the Southland Readers' Choice poll employed an exhaustive nomination and voting process that engaged readers across Southern California who honored Morongo as the Southland's best casino in the survey's Entertainment & Living category.

"Southern California has spoken and for the second year in a row, Morongo is the #1 casino in the Southland," said Richard St. Jean, Morongo's Chief Operating Officer. "There is no greater honor than receiving an award from the people who matter the most to us — our guests themselves!"

In its rankings, the Best of the Southland survey noted Morongo's massive gaming floor with over 4,000 slots, 80 table games, as well as the resort's outstanding dining, fantastic guest rooms and suites, and its world-class Sage Spa.

The honor is among the latest for the towering 27-story gaming hot spot, which last month received a prestigious AAA Four-Diamond rating for an 18th year.

Other past honors for Morongo include being named as the #1 Southern California casino by Yahoo Travel and the Best Casino Resort by Southern California Gaming Guide. Earlier this year, Wine Spectator, America's premier wine guide, bestowed the critically acclaimed Cielo Steakhouse at Morongo with a national Award of Excellence for an 9th consecutive year in recognition of the AAA-Four Diamond restaurant's unmatched wine lists and distinctive menu.

To view the full list of winners of the 2023 Best of the Southland Readers' Choice Poll, visit <https://www.latimes.com/bestofthesouthland>

About the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

The AAA-Four Diamond Morongo Casino Resort & Spa is located along the 10 Freeway near Palm Springs, Calif. Owned and operated by the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa offers the hottest slots and an array of table and high-limit gaming at one of the largest tribal gaming centers in the United States. The towering 27-story resort features six top-rated restaurants, a stunning swimming pool with private cabanas, a world-class spa, legendary live entertainment and, nearby, the 36-hole championship Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon. For more information, visit www.morongocasinoresort.com

The Garden Bug Purple Honey

In North Carolina, there are areas where some local honeybees have been known to produce honey that has a purple or bluish hue. No one is sure what makes this happen exactly or how many conditions affect this process. Some researchers theorize that some hives collecting nectar from sourwood tree blossoms in summer are the reason; others say hydrangea flowers, titi plants, kudzu blossoms or elderberry flowers cause the unusual coloration. Beekeepers who find their hives producing this rare honey say it tastes fruity.

Sources: newsobserver.com, honeybeesuite.com — Brenda Weaver

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Dozens of volunteers helped distribute 15,000 free turkeys from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

Morongo Provides 300,000 Thanksgiving Meals with Free Turkey Giveaway

The Tribe's 37th Annual Thanksgiving Outreach gave 15,000 turkeys to 115 nonprofit organizations to provide holiday meals to families, seniors and veterans in need.

MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION – The Morongo Band of Mission Indians gave away 15,000 free turkeys this week to non-profit groups, churches and charities across the Inland Empire and Southern California as part of its 37th Annual Thanksgiving Outreach program.

The turkeys donated this year will provide nearly 300,000 holiday meals to families, seniors and veterans in need from the Coachella Valley to Los Angeles. Over the course of the program's history, Morongo has contributed almost 200,000 turkeys, which have helped provide an estimated 3.8 million holiday meals.

"Morongo is a giving tribe, and our annual Thanksgiving Outreach program is a reflection of our tribe's core values to help others," said Morongo Tribal Chairman Charles Martin. "These are challenging times, and we are committed to supporting those in our communities who are struggling so that they can enjoy the holiday with friends and loved ones."

Tribal members and volunteers gathered at the Morongo Community Center for three days starting on Nov. 13 to distribute the 15,000 Thanksgiving turkeys to 115 nonprofit organizations, including food pantries, churches, senior centers, schools and veteran groups from across Southern California. Groups receiving turkeys hailed from Banning, Beaumont, Riverside, San Bernardino, Moreno Valley, Temecula, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Redlands, Los Angeles, and other communities.

The groups will use the turkeys to provide hot holiday meals to those in need or will distribute the birds in holiday meal gift baskets with additional side dishes to help feed thousands of people who otherwise would not have been able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

"Morongo's gift of 300 free holiday turkeys is a blessing that exemplifies the

Tribe's dedication to the community," said Dana Johnson, Director of Family Services of The Desert in Desert Hot Springs. "Thanks to Morongo's generosity, our organization can help those in need experience the warmth and togetherness of the holiday."

The Janet Goeske Foundation in Riverside received 200 turkeys to help feed senior citizens this holiday.

"Morongo's generosity brightens the season for our senior community, ensuring they can enjoy special and nourishing meals this holiday season," said Danielle Nelson, Executive Director of Janet Goeske Foundation in Riverside. "Morongo's commitment to enriching the lives of our seniors is truly heartwarming."

Other non-profit groups who received turkeys included the Los Angeles Mission, Victory Outreach in Banning, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Food Pantry in Desert Hot Springs, and Carol's Kitchen in Beaumont, among others.

"Morongo's unwavering generosity enriches the lives of our military families, especially during the Thanksgiving holiday when some veterans struggle," said Todd Sieja, President and CEO of the Western Eagle Foundation in Temecula. "Year after year, Morongo's support ensures that our veterans can share a delightful Thanksgiving feast with their friends and loved ones."

Thousands of veterans and military families have benefited from the tribe's Thanksgiving Outreach program with turkeys donated to the VFW Post 1956 in Menifee and the Ysmael Villegas Memorial VFW Post 1984 in Riverside.

To receive turkeys, participating groups submitted applications to the Tribe and were notified over the summer that they had been selected. For organizations interested in receiving turkeys next Thanksgiving, applications for next year are due in Spring 2024.



Morongo Fire Department Paramedic Chris Bui helps load some of the 15,000 free turkeys given away by Morongo Band of Mission Indians this week.



Churches, food pantries and veteran groups were among the 115 organizations that received free turkeys from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

to Your good health
WITH Dr. Keith Roach

Colds and flus seem to linger in my lungs and nose for a week or more after all other symptoms have passed. If my phlegm and mucus are clear or white, and I feel healthy otherwise, am I still considered infectious? — S.C.

ANSWER: The color of sputum and mucus is not a reliable indicator of whether an infection is caused by bacteria or viruses, nor of whether you are still infectious. Colds and flus like COVID are caused by viruses. A person is most infectious starting from a day or two before they get symptoms up until a day or two after symptoms start. Most people are no longer infectious after five to seven days of having symptoms, but unfortunately, that's not always 100% certain.

Part of the body's response to infection is to make a great deal of mucus to wash the infection away. This can lead to us feeling very uncomfortable with copious sneezing, runny noses and productive cough. In some people, this tendency is more prolonged. It sounds like you might be one of those people in whom the body's response to infection causes more symptoms than the infection itself.

We can test pretty well for COVID infectiousness with at-home testing, but those home tests don't exist for the flu or other viruses. Following the same advice for COVID — staying home for at least 24 hours after a fever has gone, or remaining in isolation for at least five days without a fever — will minimize your infectiousness to others.

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.edu.

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Paw's corner
by Sam Mazzotta

DEAR PAWS: I'm writing about your recent article on the pack of outdoor cats that had started hunting in the person's yard. This person was looking for ways to keep birds and other small creatures safe from these cats. You should have added a suggestion that the neighbors bell their cats so that chipmunks, birds and other creatures have a chance to escape. — Elizabeth L., via email

DEAR VICKY: That's a good point, and thanks for suggesting it! One issue that the person had was that only a few of the cats roaming together actually had collars, making them wonder if some were housecats and others were strays or feral cats. They also weren't sure which neighbors the cats with collars might belong to.

If they knew which neighbors had those cats, they could certainly speak with the neighbors about at least putting a bell on their collars to warn wildlife of their approach. But sometimes, neighbors in rural areas of the U.S. aren't very approachable. You may know what I mean.

So, an indirect approach is sometimes the best or only way to address the problem in an area with no animal control department. Join the local community's Facebook page and post about the problem that outdoor cats are causing for wildlife in the area. Find opportunities to speak to others about it at church, school board meetings and public forums.

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

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Why Single Deck Games are Better

Why is a single deck game better for the player than a multiple deck game?

One of the major reasons is simply due to the fact that you will be dealt more blackjack hands in a single deck game compared to a multiple deck game. Here's why this is so.

Suppose you took a single deck of cards, shuffled them, and then randomly picked one card. What is the probability that you'll pick an ace? Since there are four aces in a single deck of cards, the chance of drawing one of those aces is the ratio of 4 over 52. Once you draw the ace, you are left with 51 cards to draw a ten-value card. There are 16 ten-value cards in a deck of cards (the four tens, jacks, queens and kings) so the chance of drawing one is the ratio of 16 over 51. If you multiply these two ratios, you will compute the probability of getting an ace followed by a ten-value card in a single deck to be 2.41% (4/52 times 16/51 = 2.41%.)

However, you could have just as easily drawn the ten-value card first then the ace. Therefore, the overall probability of getting a blackjack hand in a single deck game is twice 2.41% or 4.82%. This translates into one blackjack out of every 20.72 hands, an important statistic in blackjack.

For a 6-deck game the chance of drawing the ace as the first card is the ratio 24 over 312. The chance of drawing the ten-value as the second card is the ratio 96 over 311. Multiply the two ratios and you get 2.37%. Double it and you get 4.74%, which is less than the 4.82% probability of getting a blackjack in a single deck game.

In fact, if you do the math for 2, 4 and 8 decks here is what you'll calculate as the probability of getting a blackjack hand.

Single deck	1 in every 20.72 hands
Double deck	1 in every 20.93 hands
Four decks	1 in every 21.02 hands
Six decks	1 in every 21.07 hands
Eight decks	1 in every 21.07 hands

Essentially the effect of removing a card from a single deck affects the percentages of the remaining cards to a much greater extent than in a multiple deck game. This is another important point to remember when playing blackjack.

Although getting more blackjacks is good for the player, it's even better when you get a blackjack and the dealer doesn't. Which brings me to the second reason why the single deck game is better than a multiple deck game, namely the dealer's chances of duplicating a blackjack is less in a single deck game compared to a multiple deck game.

Blackjack pushes are about 20% more likely in a six or eight deck game, compared to a single deck game, which reduces our earnings potential (remember you get paid 3 to 2 on a blackjack hand when the dealer doesn't have blackjack, but get nothing when they do have a blackjack). This makes a single deck game a much better game.

Another reason that a player's expectation is better in a single deck game is that a player is more likely to get a good hit when doubling down on 10 or 11 compared to the same situation in a multiple deck game. When you get a 10 or 11, it's usually made up of two undesirable small cards. Their removal from the single deck increases our chances of getting a good hit.

Because of the dilution effect of so many more cards in multiple deck games, the probability of drawing a good card is lower compared to the single deck game.

Casino Q&A

Test Your Slot IQ

- (1) Winning at slots is just a matter of luck. (T or F)
- (2) A slot advertising a 98% payback will return 98% of the money you put into it. (T or F)
- (3) When tipping a slot attendant during a hand-pay, the more you win, the more you should tip. (T or F)
- (4) Should you hit big on Megabucks, it's better to take a discounted lump-sum payment rather than receive yearly installments. (T or F)
- (5) A slot that hasn't paid out a jackpot in a long time is overdue and is bound to hit. (T or F)
- (6) Pulling the handle gave you better control than pressing the spin button. (T or F)
- (7) Asking a slot floor attendant which slots are "hot" and ready to pay off is a waste of time. (T or F)



ANSWERS:

1. True. Like keno, bingo, and your state lottery, winning at slots is just a matter of luck. If luck isn't with you, it doesn't matter what strategy you use or what you do.
2. False. A slot with an advertised payback of 98% will pay back 98% of all the money put into it, but over millions of spins! In the short time you're at a slot with a 98% payback, you won't get back exactly 98% of your money. You might, for example, get back 30%, 90%, or 0%. It all depends on computer timing and luck.
3. False. How much more effort is there in handing you twenty \$100 bills (\$2,000) as there is in handing you forty \$100 bills (\$4,000)? Many players tip 1% or 2% of a hand-pay win. The max suggested tip regardless of win size is \$50.
4. True. By taking a lump-sum payment and investing it with the help of an investment counselor, you will earn more on the interest than if you took yearly installments.
5. False. A slot is never due or bound to hit no matter how much time or money you or another player may have put into it. All payouts are spread out over time and completely at random.
6. False. It makes no difference how you start the reels spinning. But by pulling the handle, you did slow down your game play and burnt calories too!
7. True. Slot floor personnel may know what slots have been paying off in their area, but it doesn't mean they will pay off for you.



Nevada Happenings

Future Horror

Announced early this year, Universal plans to open a "111,000-square-foot, year-round, horror-focused attraction" to be the anchor tenant in a 20-acre expansion at Area15. No timetable or capital investment was ever revealed and as far as we know, ground hasn't been broken, although the January announcement mentioned "the next six months." However, the attraction has now been named and ThemeParkInsider.com reports that it will be "Universal Horror Unleashed." Not much progress 10 months later, but we're posting it as a reminder that it's another in a long line of entertainment choices that will open here in the foreseeable future.

Portillo's Coming

Chicago's iconic Portillo's has announced plans to open in Las Vegas. Famous for its Chicago dogs and Italian beef sandwiches, it will join Giordano's as a Windy City transplant, though it hasn't been announced when that will be.

Immersive Attraction At 63

A new digital "museum" is on its way from Korea to the Strip. Arte Museum bills itself as a "fusion of various digital-media technologies and visual creativity" using hyper-realistic projection through which "visitors experience nature unconstrained by time and space." The Korean digital-design company is opening the \$25 million, two-story, 30,000 square-foot exhibition space at 63, the shopping center attached to the Shops at Crystals between Aria and the Cosmopolitan. The show, "Eternal Nature," will surround guests with "towering waterfalls, vast beaches, blooming flowers, breaking waves, forest landscapes, the northern lights, and infinite star fields," plus a "Light of Las Vegas" zone, customized for this venue.



Tropicana To Be Imploded

A story on Thrillist quoted the president of the Oakland A's who said, "For us to build a ballpark on it, the entire site [Tropicana] needs to be clean. Part of it will be taken down manually, but part of it will be imploded. That will be a big celebration." He also mentioned that the team is talking to the Neon Museum about "incorporating vintage signs and marquees into the design, perhaps as part of the scoreboard. You could even tour the stadium on a non-game day and see the different signs, doubling as a mini-museum." The Thrillist piece quoted an internal memo citing late 2024 and mid-2025 for the Trop to close; a new hotel-casino will be built "around" the stadium and will probably be called Bally's. (Note: Major League Baseball had not yet approved the A's move to Vegas at press time.)

Las Vegas Tops for Tacos

A study by Clever, a real-estate data company, last month ranked Las Vegas the "No. 3 Taco City" in America. First was Austin; last was Cleveland. Las Vegas has 7.2 taco restaurants per 100,000 residents (most are probably Roberto's). Now a Yelp list of the "Top 100 Taco Spots in the U.S." puts Las Vegas' Aroma Latin American Cocina (2877 N. Green Valley Pkwy.) at #1. Others from Vegas making the list are YOURWAY Breakfast and Lunch at #17, Bajamar Seafood & Tacos at #19, Chicali Tacos at #27, and Garden Grill #41.

Reporting by the www.lasvegasadviser.com.



Lucky Predictions for December 2023

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th...
Best advantages 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
You're loaded the 12th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
On the Same path 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Bring it on 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
GREEN = GO the 25th!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th...
Good hunches 4th-5th!\$
7th thru 12th...
Better luck next time
13th thru 18th...
Unexpected gain 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th...
See to believe 22nd-23rd!\$\$
25th thru 31st ...
BLUE works 4 you 26th!

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th...
All yours 2nd-3rd!\$\$
7th thru 12th...
You are GOLDEN the 7th!
13th thru 18th...
You're ahead 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Jackpot! 20th!
25th thru 31st ...
Nice haul 29th-30th!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th...
Longshot pays the 4th!\$!
7th thru 12th...
No stopping you 9th-10th!\$
13th thru 18th...
Dreams manifest 13th-14th!\$\$
19th thru 24th...
Avoid 19th-21st!
25th thru 31st ...
Your picks are spot on 27th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th...
HOT game the 2nd!\$
7th thru 12th...
Multiple wins the 11th!
13th thru 18th...
Keep it rollin' 15th-16th!
19th thru 24th...
Watch, then win 20th-21st!\$
25th thru 31st ...
Luck infusion the 30th!\$!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th...
All about winning 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
Look out world 9th-10th!\$!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Got it goin' on 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th...
Solid wins 2nd-23rd!
25th thru 31st ...
True BLUE wins 27th!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th...
Revvv'd on RED 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Luck abroad the 12th!
13th thru 18th...
Mixed bag the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
It could happen 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
Try your luck 25th & 30th!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th...
Bank on it the 4th!
7th thru 12th...
Stroke of luck the 10th!
13th thru 18th...
Make it so 13th-14th!\$!
19th thru 24th...
Top results 17th-18th!
25th thru 31st...
Astounding the 27th

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...
Far ahead 2nd-3rd!
7th thru 12th...
Who knew (?)! 7th-8th!
13th thru 18th...
Great strategy the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
You lucky dog the 21st!
25th thru 31st...
Amazingly good 25th & 30th!\$!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th...
Keep trying 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
Magic begins the 9th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
You call the shots 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th...
Great start 18th-19th!
25th thru 31st...
Wait 'til the 31st!\$!

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th...
Move aside, losers (6th)!
7th thru 12th...
Sky's the limit, 11th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Worth a shot the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Sure celebration 20th-21st!
25th thru 31st...
Step back now

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th...
Better luck next time
7th thru 12th...
That's the way (!) 9th-10th!
13th thru 18th...
Rewards a plenty 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th...
Wow-wow-WOW the 22nd!!
25th thru 31st...
For real, all yours, 26th & 28th!\$!

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

PREDICTORS

LUCKY CARD FOR DECEMBER 2023

3	19	39	50	70
9	24	42	60	74
11	18	★	51	65
2	26	40	49	66
7	22	33	55	67

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023

4th	Santa's List Day
5th	Last Quarter Moon ☾
8th	First Day of Chanukah
12th	New Moon
15th	Last Day of Chanukah
19th	First Quarter Moon ☽
21st	December Solstice
24th	Christmas Eve
25th	Christmas Day
26th	Kwanzaa
27th	Full Moon ☽
31st	New Year's Eve



Horoscopes for December 2023

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The new Moon on the 12th supplies you with a megadose of chutzpah. How do you apply this onrush of new vitality? How about confronting a particular habit that needs to be tempered? Instead of offering advice to others, use your surplus energy to organize your schedule to generate the outcome you wish to achieve next year.

Lucky Days: 4 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 34

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): A potent month where desires that have remained hidden force their way into consciousness. This awakening allows you to do some important restructuring. Consider this wisdom from Epicurus: "Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for."

Lucky Days: 11 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 23

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): A shock arrives on the new Moon on the 12th, bringing a sobering reality check. It's time to commit fully to a creative project that's remained a long-term dream. While restructuring your life a paradox will arise. Aristotle has some advice for you: "What lies in our power to do, lies in our power not to do."

Lucky Days: 8 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 54 - 55

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): December's message: Get on with it! Imagination is a potent force, but it can waylay you if too much time is invested into the world of fantasy. The new Moon on the 12th engages you in a sharp exchange of truth-telling. This burst of clarity pushes you onto a new path for the new year. Welcome the brisk wake-up call.

Lucky Days: 3 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 21

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): You've been skirting the boundary line between the familiar you and the unexplored you. You'll gain more mileage if you push yourself into untraveled territory. Feeling secure gives us a sense of safety, but we can become trapped in a mindset that no longer serves our long-range goals. Allow yourself to take risks—and win.

Lucky Days: 3 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 51

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The new Moon on the 12th sets you up for an explosive pressure release. Your tendency is to assist and spearhead the efforts of those closest to you. You'll find more peace of mind now by focusing on your own dreams and plans. Strive to find a middle ground between doing for others and claiming what's yours in the new year.

Lucky Days: 6 - 29
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 46

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Living just for yourself doesn't inspire you. Bonding with those close to you is your central drive. But consider these words from Thoreau: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." Allow yourself to stray from your tight alliance with others, and everyone will benefit.

Lucky Days: 9 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 55

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): Discrimination is the keyword for December. As is self-discipline. Avoid overindulgence. With Venus moving through your sign this month, your ability to attract what you want is running at a high-octane level. Use your keen intuition to oversee the choices you make.

Lucky Days: 7 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Make sound judgment the defining force in your life as the year closes. You need a strong dose of objectivity now—a way to experience the difference between an actual problem and fallout from your overactive imagination. Enlist a trusted friend or counselor to offer feedback.

Lucky Days: 9 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 50

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): Saturn, your ruling planet, is transiting the most imaginative sign in the Zodiac. This initiates a marriage between fantasy and materiality. An opportunity is present to shape your highest hope into a reality. Don't let the opinion of, or static from, others undermine your commitment. Move away from distraction.

Lucky Days: 8 - 25
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 23

AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): You might feel pulled in two different directions as the year closes. One side of your nature wants to maintain the status quo for security. But your social instinct is forcing you to extend yourself to forge new relationships. Follow your urge to hang out with others. That's where you'll gain the most traction.

Lucky Days: 6 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 20 - 48

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): As you prepare to make headway with a new creative endeavor, negotiation, and diplomacy are going to be an important part of your process. Don't allow your shy nature to distract you from the new path you're ready to tread. Our relationships with others are key to achieving what we want most in life.

Lucky Days: 10 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 51



Cold-Weather Crockpot Recipes

Dear Ask Annie,

The cold weather is on the way. Can you give me some crock pot recipes? I work part time and I would like to have our dinner prepared when I get home. Thanks a lot.
Louise Ann from Boise, Idaho

Dear Louise Ann,

Here are two recipes that should fit the bill. Enjoy. —*Annie*

MEXICAN BEEF

- 1.5 to 2 lbs. boneless round steak, cut into ½-inch strips
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chili pepper
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 beef bouillon cube, crushed
- 1 16 oz. can tomatoes, chopped
- 1 16 oz. can kidney beans, drained
- White rice for 6 servings



- Combine the beef strips, minced garlic, pepper, salt, chili pepper and mustard in the crock pot. Mix well. Cover with the onion and cut-up tomatoes. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Add beans and cook, covered for 30 additional minutes. Serve on a bed of rice. Makes 6 servings.

CHICKEN MARENGO

- 2.5 - 3 lbs. frying chicken, cut-up
- 1.5-ounce package spaghetti sauce
- seasoning
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 2 fresh tomatoes, quartered
- ½ pound fresh mushrooms

Place the chicken parts in the bottom of the crock pot. Combine the dry spaghetti sauce mix with the wine. Pour it over the chicken. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Add the tomatoes and mushrooms. Cover and cook on high for an additional 30 minutes or until the tomatoes are done. Makes 6 servings.

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Vista 2. Mobile 3. Timber 4. Option
Today's Word: BOTTOM
JUMBLES: HOIST MONEY NEATLY RADISH
Answer: When he was arrested, the mime chose to — REMAIN SILENT
HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Shutters are missing. 2. Swing is missing.
3. Dog's tongue is hidden. 4. Cap is missing. 5. Bug sprayer is missing. 6. Flap is smaller
CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If you can survive camping with someone, you should marry them on the way home. — Yvonne Prinz

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS Solution time: 25 mins. [Crossword grid]	SUDOKU ANSWERS [Sudoku grid] 8 2 9 6 7 3 1 5 4 1 5 6 4 2 8 9 3 7 4 7 3 1 5 9 2 6 8 7 1 8 5 9 4 6 2 3 3 4 5 2 6 1 7 8 9 6 9 2 8 3 7 4 1 5 2 3 1 9 4 5 8 7 6 9 8 7 3 1 6 5 4 2 5 6 4 7 8 2 3 9 1	MAGICMAZE ANSWERS [Maze grid] TYRANNOSAURUS [Maze grid]
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