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by Jo Ann Derson

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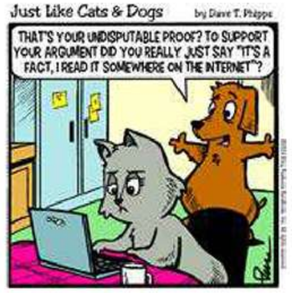
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phippe



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QUESTIONS

1. What was "Band of Gold" about?
2. Name the group that released "Love Don't Live Here Anymore."
3. Who was Big Bad John in the song of that name?
4. "Born to Be Wild" was best known for being used in which film?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "As we walk along and I hold her hand, I may never even speak, But my love is strong and she understands."

ANSWERS

1. Freda Payne's 1970 hit (a song she didn't even want to record) was about a newly married couple who end up sleeping in separate rooms.
2. Rose Royce, in 1976. The song was one of the first to use a Pollard Syndrum, an electric drum with reverb. The song only reached 32 on the Hot 100 chart, but reached single digits in several countries such as New Zealand and Ireland.
3. He was a miner who saved others when a mine caved in.
4. The Steppenwolf hit was used in *Easy Rider* in 1969.
5. "Still Waters Run Deep," by Brook Benton, in 1962. The song appeared on Benton's *Golden Hits Volume 2* album, along with "Hotel Happiness" and "Lie to Me." Benton (born Benjamin Franklin Peay in Lugoff, South Carolina) died of pneumonia in 1988.

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THE BINGO SISTERS

by Kate and Reva

Valentine Memories

I decided to make Ron's Valentine's Day really special this year by planning a day of activities and goodies just for him. We started with breakfast, Rod's favorite meal to eat out, and as we were waiting for our food, I suggested we tell each other something the other never knew about us. Rod thought for a minute then said he'd had loved a girl when he was age ten—a neighbor near his grandfather's farm where he spent the summer. She was an "older woman" of twelve and she introduced him to the joy of his first crush.

Now it was my turn, so in keeping with his story, I also told of my first crush. He was also a neighbor, David Kannar, and very smart and good in school. I hung around him as much as I could, which in retrospect looks pretty dopey. We had to do a big history project and I made a map of what the old world used to look like using colored pencils to denote the various countries. Our teacher was impressed and said so, but David started pointing out my mistakes and making fun of my effort. I was humiliated and over my crush, just like that. Rod was sympathetic and we left the restaurant feeling full and happy.

Then we went to a luggage store where I bought him a new briefcase, which he badly needed, and much appreciated.

Then it was off to Bingo. Our favorite place was having a special Valentine's Day party and we weren't about to miss it. The first of the special games was an equal sign. This, explained the caller, was to denote the equality between couples—I loved the sentiment, but neither of us won.

The second special game was the Big T to symbolize togetherness. I was on for that game and really excited about winning, but someone else took the prize.

The third and last special of the day was a sort of heart, consisting of the middle B, the second and fourth I's, the middle and bottom N's, the second and fourth T's and the middle O. This I found hard to keep track of, but Rod had no problem as he marked his cards in advance and was ready. He did very well, being on right away and then winning the game to my delight.

After we left Bingo, I wanted to take Rod to an early dinner, but he protested. "It's time now to let me do some Valentine-ing," he said.

I was thrilled. Rod drove us to a jewelry store he liked and asked me to pick out something I fancied. I was like a kid let loose in a candy store as I looked and what was on offer, at least twice over. The price tags were all discreetly turned down so I could not decide by cost. I finally chose a pair of diamond hoop earrings that I had been coveting and put them on straight away. Rod pronounced them beautiful and perfect.

Dinner was at a steak house and very good. We laughed and talked with the couple at the next table, who were there to celebrate their engagement.

"We are so lucky to have found each other," I said to Rod, taking his hand.

"Indeed, we are," he replied.

Gasoline Alley

By Jim Scancarelli

BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

Bingo Memories

Over the years I have traveled a lot. A friend of mine says he keep hearing the song *I've Been Everywhere* playing in the background every time he and I have dinner. Over the years, I have played Bingo in a lot of different kinds of halls in a lot of different cities. Because of that, when I got an e-mail last year, asking about my favorite memory of Bingo, I had plenty to choose from. Marjorie M, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, wrote: "Bob, could you share with us your favorite memory of Bingo or some favorite person you met over the years?" Well, Marjorie, here goes!

Years ago, I ran into a well-educated man who had high connections on the White House staff, though he provided slim details. I was very surprised when he claimed he had never played Bingo before. Hasn't EVERYONE played Bingo?

Even though this person hadn't played before, I assumed he would be a quick learner. After all, he had been in the U.S. military most of his life and was assigned to duty with Air Force One for decades. He had a house full of citations and photographs of himself with world leaders and important dignitaries. If ANYONE would be able to understand the simple rules of Bingo, it would be this person.

I was completely wrong. The evening was a disaster. The first thing I noticed was that my new friend seemed to be in some kind of daze. I will admit, that the session was not easy even for a seasoned veteran. It was one of those halls where it was possible to Bingo in about ten different patterns. As you know, I have never liked that concept. I think it should be banned.

Anyway, I abandoned my own cards and started helping my new friend with his cards. He just didn't seem to be catching on at all. It was getting more and more frustrating as the night progressed. I kept trying to help, but the harder I tried the more he seemed to get upset. At one point he said: "What kind of silly, childish game is this?!"

Well, the night finally ended. He never had a Bingo—at least as far as I could tell—and I stopped playing my cards after the first game, so who knows what would have happened there. Nonetheless, it WAS a night to remember.

What's wrong with Bingo being a "childish game" I ask to this day, reflecting on his comment. We could all use more play in our lives. Of course, we all like to win, but playing is the real fun—and being the self-appointed "King of the Low Rollers," I seldom do. But while I can't afford to play more than a few cards, I swear I seem to have more fun than the people who win regularly.

More next time as we continue with a new year. Write to me at: bobonbingo@earthlink.net.

BINGO LAND

News from the Real World & Cyberspace

Resolutions Bingo

As the New Year gets rolling and resolutions may be falling by the wayside, a creative approach to setting goals for the year ahead is going viral online. The approach involves turning your resolutions into a bingo card, with each goal written into a square. When you achieve a goal, you mark it with an X and try to get multiple bingos throughout the year. Camille Smith, 26, of Philadelphia, said she has used a goal bingo board for the past two years and finds it keeps her engaged with her resolutions instead of writing them down once and putting them away.

"The bingo board is more like gamifying your goals," Smith, a chemical engineer and content creator, told *Good Morning America*. "And at least for me, it's been able to keep me engaged with my goals." She added of her success using the bingo approach, "I accomplished so much because I was consistently thinking about it all year, which is something that I hadn't experienced when I had just written my goals down." For a sample card and more on this story search: ABC News Bingo Resolutions.

Bingo Battle Bad for Alabama Town

The government in a tiny town in west Jefferson County was effectively shut down at press time following a state raid, a battle with the attorney general over bingo halls and an ongoing feud among city leaders. City accounts were frozen, employees were not being paid, and services for residents were ceasing in Lipscomb, home to about 2,000 people just outside Bessemer. "As a result, all city services are now suspended and payroll cannot be issued for city employees until further notice," Tonja Baldwin, the mayor of Lipscomb wrote in a statement. A judge had recently entered an order freezing the city's assets and all of the money in its bank accounts. The issue? Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall is cracking down on electronic bingo halls, the small city's largest source of revenue. In Lipscomb, city hall was bitterly divided with council members blaming the mayor, and the mayor pointing back at them. The city previously approved an ordinance allowing electronic bingo. Tyson said services, including the town's police department and garbage pickup were in peril. The county provides some assistance, including street paving and infrastructure, but Tyson said they cannot provide other essential city services. "This is the harshest measure that I've witnessed since all of this bingo stuff started," said Gary Richardson, host of the Gary Richardson Morning Show on WJLD Radio. Along with his callers, Richardson, who is also mayor of the nearby city of Midfield, criticized what they described as a heavy-handed move from the attorney general. Richardson also said the state was hypocritical for allowing games in some places but not others. "Is that an adequate use of the state resources, them going out trying to enforce misdemeanor laws?" he asked.

"Good news, Senator! Most Americans believe you didn't know anything and still don't know anything."

DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

Bad Mood Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo,

I am not sure you will print this letter; however I am hoping.

There is a Bingo hall where I live that could be a wonderful place to play, however, the manager is not a very nice person. The games are good, the payouts are good, and it is in a nice location. You have the option of sitting inside or you can sit in an outdoor patio area.

This manager is rude to the customers and has no problem berating employees in front of everyone. Bingo is one of my favorite things to do. I get to go meet my friends and laugh and joke. It is one of my ways of relaxing. I went to this Bingo hall on Sunday hoping to have fun and visit my friends; however, as soon as I walked in the hall the drama started. A customer was complaining that she couldn't sit where she wanted to sit because someone was saving a seat and that was not fair. Instead of the manager saying I'm sorry let me see what I can do for you, he immediately went into his holier than thou mode and started making the situation worse. The manager insisted that saving seats was not allowed and they would put an end to it.

Now here is the part that really gets me. This same Bingo manager calls other Bingo halls and has them save seats if he is planning on going there to play so that when he decides to get there, he will have a seat.

It amazes me that in this day and age people are still so extremely selfish. It has been brought to several peoples' attention about this person, however no one is willing to deal with it. The Bingo Commission has been made aware of the situation, but because this manager has friends in the commission, things get blamed on the employees that work there.

I am hoping you will print this and readers will see this and if they are not happy about the way they are being treated at a Bingo hall or anywhere, they will feel inclined to do something about it.

—One Fed Up Bingo Player

Dear Fed Up,

This manager sounds like quite a hothead. But truthfully, it is not the gaming commission's problem: They exist to enforce laws and keep games on the up-and-up, not to monitor or discipline temperamental managers. As you yourself say, the hall is nice, the games and prizes are good, and that patio feature is awesome. So, you could simply plug in your earbuds, tune out the manager's outbursts, and enjoy the games. Or, you could be bold, and ask for an opportunity to speak to him in private, perhaps with a friend who feels the same as you, and ask politely if he might consider easing up on the attitude in the hall, explaining that the vibe is hurting their bottom line by scaring off players. I can't think of anything else you can do other than quitting and going elsewhere to play.

—Aunt Bingo

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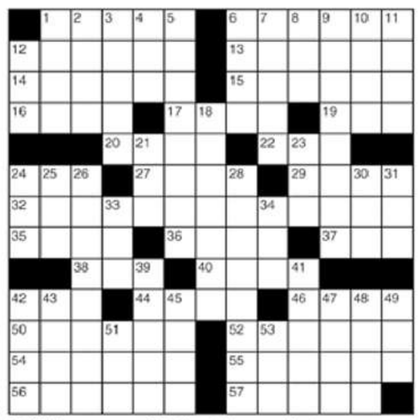

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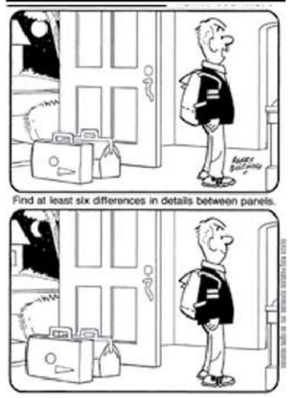
42 Storybook baddie
43 Stagger
45 Survive
47 Deadly septet
48 Playgoers' box
49 Type measures
51 Previous night
53 Shock and —

HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

SUDOKU

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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

"It doesn't matter much about the color — he has a long: _____?"

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 gag!

Cringe **CREOIL**
Expert **TAPED**
Gripe **TABLE**
Adorn **PARED**

TODAY'S WORD

MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE ● — WATCH

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

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: WATCH ON A CHAIN

Analog	Fob	Night	Stop
Blizzard	Graveyard	Quartz	Swiss
Day	Middle	Smart	Wrist
Digital	Neighborhood	Stand	

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JUMBLE

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

OCENU
TIKNH
DERTUG
BCAROH

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR 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.

E'F ZYQZET IVZI EY RBK JBBG ZI Z IVEAO JBAO LABKOV, EI JBHLH ZJJ BY EIH FLZAEAO.

— ZATR PZQVBJ

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

FEBRUARY

CASINO MORONGO BINGO

Check it out!

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BINGO CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY

ALL IN FRIDAY'S

$65 ALL IN BUY IN
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5 Early Birds Paying $250
10 Regular Games Pay $500
Double Action Progressive 35# or Less (Cons $500)
Pick a Pet Jackpot (cons $500)
Framed Jackpot $1,000 (cons $500)
$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot
Pick 8 Progressive 20# or less (cons $500)
** Morongo Ball & Hotball Not included

WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

$40 BUY-IN
(36 Cards) *with Rewards Card
***1-2-3 Warm Up's Paying $500
5 Early Birds Paying $250 • 5 Regular Games Pay $500
5 Regular Games Pay $1,000
**Double Action Progressive 35# or Less (Cons $500)
**Pick a Pet Jackpot (cons $500)
**Framed Jackpot $1,000 (cons $500)
**$2500 Super Bonanza Jackpot
**Pick 8 Progressive 20# or less (con $500)
**Morongo Ball & Hotball not included. **Not included in buy-in.

HIGH STAKES THURSDAY & SATURDAY

$70 BUY-IN
(36 Cards) *with Rewards Card
**Super Progressive Paying in Total $1,000
5 Early Birds Paying $750
10 Regular Games $1199
**Double Action Progressive 35# or Less (Cons $500)
**52# or less Pick a Pet Jackpot
**Framed Jackpot $1,000 (cons $500)
**$2,500 Super Bonanza Jackpot
**Pick 8 Progressive 20# or less (cons $1199)
**Not included in Buyin. **Morongo Ball & Hotball not included.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
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$140 Buy in (300 Cards)

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Double Action $2,000 (Cons $1,199)
52# or less Pick A Pet Jackpot (Cons $1,199)
Bonanza Jackpot Paying $5,000 (Cons $1,199)
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****PICK 8 JACKPOT 20# OR LESS PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT (CONS $1,199)**
**not included in buy in

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Secret Weapon: The Make-Ahead Casserole

The beauty of a breakfast casserole is in its flexibility: prep one now, freeze it, and you'll be ready to conquer the day anytime.

Make a few ahead of time, and you'll thank yourself every time life gets busy or when you simply want a leisurely breakfast without the effort. Whether feeding a crowd or just your family, this casserole has you covered.

Easy Breakfast Casserole
Yield: 8 servings | Prep Time:15 mins
Cook Time: 50-90 mins

10 large eggs
2 cups whole milk or half and half
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
About 6 slices (8 ounces) day-old bread, sliced into cubes
2 cups grated cheese, any variety (I used sharp cheddar)
1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
1/2 cup onion, diced
1/4 cup bell pepper, diced
8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
1/2 cup green onions, sliced
1 to 2 cups ham, cubed

If you wish to bake this immediately: Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Grease or spray a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk, salt, and pepper; set aside. Arrange the bread to cover the bottom of the dish and sprinkle cheese evenly over the top.

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat and add butter or oil. Sauté the onion, bell pepper and mushrooms until softened. Stir in the green onion and ham, then spread the mixture evenly over the bread. Pour the egg mixture on top, making sure it soaks into the bread. Let it sit for 5 minutes, then bake for 50 to 60 minutes, until the top is golden and the center springs back when touched. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

To Refrigerate: Assemble the casserole as instructed, cover tightly, and refrigerate overnight or up to one day. Bake according to the instructions above when ready to serve.

To Freeze: Prepare the casserole in your baking dish. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap, followed by aluminum foil, and freeze for up to 2--3 months. If using raw protein (meat, poultry, or seafood), cook it thoroughly before assembling the casserole.

To Bake from Frozen: For best results, thaw the casserole overnight in the refrigerator, then bake as directed. Alternatively, bake straight from frozen: remove plastic wrap, cover with foil, and bake at 350 F for 60 minutes. Remove the foil and bake an additional 30 minutes, checking that the internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Recipe Variations:

* Swap the ham for cooked breakfast sausage, crumbled bacon or even diced turkey for a different protein twist.
* Add variety with veggies like chopped spinach, kale or diced zucchini for a nutrient boost. Swap the bell pepper for roasted red peppers or sun-dried tomatoes for a bolder flavor.
* Prefer a spicier kick? Use pepper jack cheese and stir in a small can of diced green chiles.
* For a meatless option, leave out the protein and load up on your favorite vegetables--mushrooms, broccoli, or asparagus are all great choices.

With endless possibilities, this breakfast casserole is your go-to recipe for any occasion.

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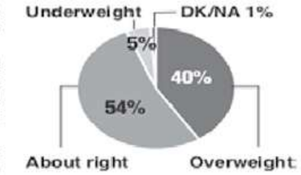
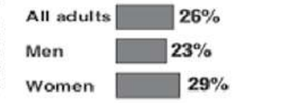
Weight situation

How would you describe your own personal weight situation right now?



Would you like to lose weight?

Seriously trying to lose weight



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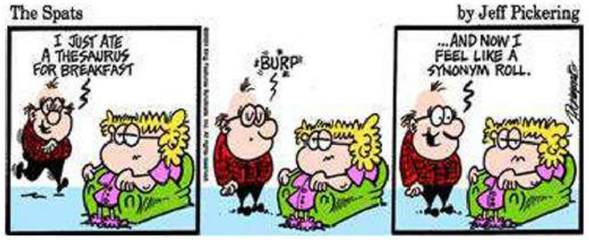
The Spats — by Jeff Pickering



In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks; this is essential for the flower buds to form. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. These plants bloom better when slightly "potbound." When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding.

– Brenda Weaver

Sources: chicagobotanic.org, worldoffloweringplants.com, gardeningknowhow.com

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **A** equals **P**

HDXC GKV AKAVFWEX WC XIAEG IXWQKH HNED FKEL KT IWFX LDXXA, N'Q BKCLNQXU EDWE UWI-NTNBWENKC.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Welcome	_ _ _ E _	Fantastic	_ _ _ A _
2. Coagulate	_ _ R _ _ _	Snuggle	_ _ D _ _ _
3. Rigid	_ _ N _ _ _	Harass	_ _ A _ _
4. Actress Shields	_ _ _ _ _ E	Babbling streams	_ _ _ _ _ S
5. Belt location	_ A _ _ _ _	Watch location	_ R _ _ _
6. Cowardly color	Y _ _ _ _ _	Bull's roar	B _ _ _ _ _
7. Idea	_ O _ _ _ _	Country	_ A _ _ _ _
8. Thirst quencher	_ _ T _ _ _	Thin biscuit	_ _ F _ _
9. Snow segment	_ _ _ K _ _	Flash of fire	_ _ _ R _
10. Summons	_ _ V _ _ _	Provoke	_ _ C _ _ _

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Sharon S. won the Double Action Jackpot of $1,400 at **Morongo Casino!**

DONNA ERICKSON'S

BEST BITES

Thrifty Taco Soup Is a Big Hit

Whether you make it spicy or mild, this family-friendly taco soup will be a big hit at mealtimes. It's thrifty, super easy to prepare, and just as yummy to eat the following day — if there are any leftovers.

Get your kids or grandkids involved and call it "Can Opening 101" or "Dump Cooking School," because most of the ingredients come in cans right off your grocer's shelf and are poured directly into your soup pot. Making a so-called "dump" recipe might sound like a cheater move, but I simply don't have time to spend all day cooking beans. Since my vegetable garden will be under snow during the cold weather, canned organic stewed tomatoes on sale at our neighborhood food co-op are a must.

I also pick up good-quality, organic, free-range chicken broth in quart-sized boxes in bulk at Costco, and I've discovered very good lean, organic ground beef in its fresh meat department. The price, quality and taste are just right, and the recipe is easy to remember. Think in "ones" because there is one of every ingredient.

Here's what you'll need for 6-8 servings:

1 pound lean ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
1 15-ounce can kidney beans, undrained
1 15-ounce can black beans, undrained
1 15-ounce can whole kernel corn, undrained
1 28-ounce can stewed tomatoes
1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
1 1-1/4-ounce package taco seasoning mix
1 handful tortilla chips for garnish
1 tablespoon grated cheese for garnish
1 dollop sour cream for garnish (optional)

Brown the ground beef with the chopped onions in a skillet. Drain any excess fat. Transfer the beef and onions to a stockpot, then add the beans, corn, tomatoes, tomato sauce and seasoning. Simmer for an hour on low heat, or cook in a slow cooker on low for 5-6 hours.

To serve, ladle into bowls and top with crushed tortilla chips, shredded cheese and sour cream. Prepare a green salad on the side, if you wish.

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Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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The Garden Bug

Herbs for holiday cooking

Bay leaves go into stocks and brines, and can be added to water when cooking pasta.

Parsley is good for blending flavors. It is sold in bunches rather than packaged in plastic.

Rosemary has stiff, needle-like leaves that are quite pungent. Dried leaves can be crushed, and fresh can be finely chopped.

Sage has a stronger flavor fresh than dried, which is sold both "rubbed" and "ground."

Thyme complements everything from poultry and meat to vegetables and pasta. – *Brenda Weaver*

Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Gaming News

Huge Jackpot, Details Revealed

A major jackpot of nearly $2.9 million was hit on a Dragon Link progressive slot machine at the Seminole Casino Hollywood in south Florida recently. It was a record jackpot for Dragon Link's manufacturer, Aristocrat Gaming, and the second highest ever at the Seminole Hollywood. It was a $25 machine with a 10x bet of $250, and the jackpot photo showed a credit balance of nearly $38,000 according to *The Las Vegas Advisor*. The Dragon Link isn't an advantage-play machine, the *Advisor* went on to explain, so they can safely assume that the player was a slot whale taking a long shot (with a bankroll of, say, $50,000-$100,000) at the huge progressive and accruing stratospheric comps in the process…and that they were very, very lucky.

Companies Face Class-Action Suit

According to WorldCasinoDirectory.com, four plaintiffs are suing IGT for allegedly "rigging" the Wheel of Fortune bonus wheel. The plaintiffs claim they lost an unspecified amount of money playing Wheel of Fortune and were deceived by the wheel, which "features equal-sized segments that create the illusion of fairness, but in reality, the outcome of the wheel is determined by an computer program that manipulates the results, stopping on segments with lower monetary values." The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Nevada, also targets MGM Resorts, Bally's, Penn, Station, and Boyd, all of which "knowingly profit from machines that allegedly mislead players about their odds of winning." The lawsuit accuses IGT and the casinos of violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), fraud, unjust enrichment, and negligent misrepresentation and argues that the rigged bonus wheel has led to "illegal siphoning of billions of dollars" from players WorldCasinoDirectory opines, "The allegations in this lawsuit could have significant ramifications for the gaming industry," though that remains to be seen.

New Coaching Rules for WSOP

In response to the controversy surrounding the winner of this year's World Series of Poker Main Event in October, WSOP has introduced a new rule on electronic assistance and coaching that eliminates the possibility of spectators on the rail assisting players, as happened in the Main Event. The rule, thus far, is just for the WSOP 2024 Paradise tournament in the Bahamas that starts this week, but now that it has been activated, it can presumably be enforced for the tournament in Las Vegas. The rule states: "Players and spectators are not allowed to use charts, apps, or any other form of electronic assistance in the tournament room. Spectators are also prohibited from providing live assistance or coaching." Spectators can be banned from the tournament for breaking the rule; players can be penalized "up to disqualification."

Hot Trend: Sweepstakes Casinos

Sweepstakes casinos are a fast-growing segment of the broader gaming industry though that growth is likely to be accompanied by increased regulatory scrutiny. Also known as sweeps casinos, this form of wagering blurs the line between social casinos, which are typically free to play, and iGaming. iGaming features internet versions of standard casino games with real-money betting and is permitted in just seven states. As Macquarie analyst Aaron Lee points out, sweepstakes casinos notched a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 75% from 2019 through last year, making it a $4 billion industry today, and one that could potentially stoke more iGaming legislation. As sweepstakes casinos rapidly expand, this form of wagering is increasingly drawing scrutiny because some regulators view it as iGaming in disguise. Like social casinos, sweeps equivalents lure players with the promise of free-to-play games. By playing those games, players have the potential to win prizes, but they're often faced with in-app purchases to advance and possibly shorten their odds of winning. The purchases aren't necessary, but that hasn't stopped some bettors from plunking down significant sums of cash on the games. The American Gaming Association (AGA) is encouraging regulators to pay more attention to the dual currency employed by sweeps casinos because it flouts federal and state laws. However, pursuing legal action against operators is nearly impossible because nearly all of them are based outside the US. Currently, sweeps casino operators prohibit residents of four states from accessing their offerings while there is some form of prohibition in another seven states.

top 10 movies

1. **Sonic the Hedgehog 3**
(PG) Jim Carrey, Ben Schwartz
2. **Mufasa: The Lion King**
(PG) Aaron Pierre, Kelvin Harrison Jr.
3. **Wicked**
(PG) Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande
4. **Moana 2**
(PG) Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson
5. **Homestead**
(PG-13) Dawn Olivieri, Neal McDonough
6. **Gladiator II**
(R) Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington
7. **Kraven: The Hunter**
(R) Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ariana DeBose
8. **The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim**
(PG-13) Brian Cox, Gaia Wise
9. **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**
(PG) Kynlee Heiman, Judy Greer
10. **Red One**
(PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Chris Evans

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

The Wild Robot (PG) — This animated sci-fi film became the fourth-highest-grossing film of 2024, garnering $309.7 million against a $78 million cost. A sequel for the film is already in development following its great commercial success, with critics praising its watercolor animation style and emotional storytelling. Lupita Nyong'o lends her voice to portray Roz, a service robot who gets shipwrecked on an island that seems to be the antithesis of her technological makeup. But as Roz befriends the local wildlife in the area, including Fink the fox (Pedro Pascal) and Brightbill the goose (Kit Connor), she not only figures out how to exist on the island — she also finds her home. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

Conclave (PG) — The magnetic yet terrifying Ralph Fiennes (*The Menu*) stars in this mystery-thriller film based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris. (Although with a PG rating, how thrilling can it really be?) In the film, Cardinal Thomas Lawrence (Fiennes) is tasked with leading the papal conclave to select the new pope, after the current Pope dies of a heart attack. With four candidates to choose from but none who really strikes a chord with the College of Cardinals, Lawrence must hold vote after vote until the cardinals decide on who will be the most powerful man in the Catholic church. Between these votes, plenty of shady politics and secrets transpire. Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow co-star in *Conclave*, out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

Summer Camp (PG-13) — Nothing keeps Diane Keaton from a comedy film about a group of older women, as evidenced by her starring in this film from the same producers of her other buddy-comedy franchise *Book Club*. In *Summer Camp*, Keaton plays Nora, who is best friends with Ginny (Kathy Bates) and Mary (Alfre Woodard), and their trio used to spend every summer as kids at sleepaway camp together. Although they're now much older than your normal camper, when they get the opportunity to attend a summer camp reunion, the women see it as a rare chance to bond and reminisce on their glory days. Eugene Levy, Josh Peck and Nicole Richie co-star in the film. (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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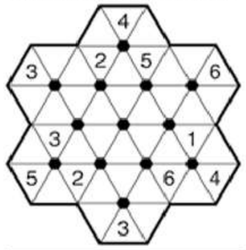
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Boggle® BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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7 letters = 6 points	21 - 30 = Rookie
8 letters = 10 points	11 - 20 = Amateur
9+ letters = 15 points	0 - 10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus

We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST NINE COLORS in the grid of letters.

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_____ _____
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The Garden Bug

Growing garlic

The best time to plant garlic is in the fall. Plant the individual garlic cloves with the peels intact, pointy ends up, 2 inches deep and 6 inches apart, in very well-draining soil. The cloves will form roots, but little top growth, before the ground freezes solid. Sprinkle seedless straw 5 to 8 inches deep over the planted cloves. It will pack down over the winter to about 2 inches, and will help to keep the weeds down during the growing season. Early next spring, your garlic will be ready to send up tiny green shoots as the ground thaws. – *Brenda Weaver*

Source: www.almanac.com

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Bingo winner, Nida R. from **St. Joseph High School**

Bingo winner, Melissa W. from **Santa Ana Elks**

Amanda R. won the $1,300 Jackpot from **Morongo Casino**

Cecilia D. from **Garden Grove Elks Lodge**

QuirkyAlone Day

It's February and not a leap year so 28 days not 29. The leaplings born on February 29 will not celebrate their actual birthday until 2028, unless they cheat and celebrate earlier or later. February is the month of love, so to all the readers of my column, Je t'aime and Ich liebe dich in French and German, I love you. Feel free to utter those phrases to your sweetie on Valentine's Day. Robert and I will do as usual, visit Wal-Mart, and read valentines to each other; loving their sentiments and humor, but not wasting the money to buy them, maybe dinner and bingo instead.

Some of us forget that Valentine Day can be hurtful for singles, but not Sasha Cagen. In 2003 she renamed February 14, Quirkyalone Day, a less commercial alternative that can be celebrated alone or with others in platonic, family, or other relationships. It is a reminder for singles that they are OK and that each individual has value, whether or not with a romantic partner. Share this column with singles and encourage them to start going to bingo. What better place to develop friendships, talk to like-minded people, and maybe win a little cash, or find a mate if their looking.

On February 9th the Big Game, aka the Super Bowl, will be played. To attend the game in New Orleans at Caesars Superdome, be prepared to pay big bucks, currently around $5,500/ticket. No wonder over 100 million watch it from home, close to snacks and bathrooms. Super Bowl Sunday is the second highest food consumption date, right after Thanksgiving. My feeling is to enjoy the wings, appetizers, and other goodies, then loosen your pants and take a nap. The next day, return to your diet and healthy eating habits. Only your bathroom scale will reveal your naughtiness. This year, Robert and I will be in Vegas, not New Orleans; having beer and pizza in our hotel room as we watch the game. We stayed home last year because the game was being played in Vegas and we knew the drunken craziness and hysteria would reach new heights. Fans from both teams, whether they attended the game or not, would be drowning themselves in alcohol and we're too old to participate in the shenanigans with the hooligans. Instead, we relaxed our chunky butts on our couch at home and chilled. Not that there won't be such activities in Vegas this year, but not to the extent it was last year, when thousands of fans were in attendance at Allegiant Stadium.

On another topic, and one dear to those who work at home, February 7th is National Working Naked Day. You may thank Lisa Kanarek who in 2010 created and promoted this day after she left her regular job to work from home. She realized no one knew if she was working naked, and that's the whole idea. One can be productive and not be inhibited by getting dressed and going to the office. For those who would like to be a full-time nudist, in office or not, I suggest that you refrain from public indulgence. Others might not appreciate your naked buns. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Contact me: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com

Marnell Hospitality and Tharaldson Hospitality Break Ground at Morongo on New Hotel

New 200-room four-story hotel being built beside the iconic Morongo Casino Resort & Spa will serve business and leisure travelers alike.

(Banning, CA -- January 14, 2025) – The Morongo Band of Mission Indians, in partnership with Marnell Hospitality and Tharaldson Hospitality, recently celebrated the groundbreaking of a new 200-room hotel set to rise alongside the iconic Morongo Casino Resort & Spa.

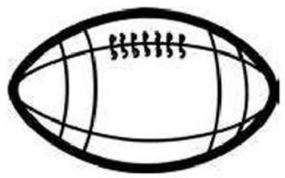
Scheduled to open in early 2026, the dual-branded Hampton Inn and Home2 Suites hotel will bring dozens of permanent new jobs and new economic opportunities to the San Gorgonio Pass. The four-story hotel, a landmark 50-50 joint venture between Marnell and Tharaldson, is being constructed on the Morongo Indian Reservation.

Designed to meet the needs of both leisure and business travelers, the hotel will circle a relaxing resort-style pool and spa while offering a blend of modern accommodations and conveniences, such as studio suites, plush guest rooms, a bar/lounge, dining, fitness center, two large meeting/conference rooms and ample lobby and lounge areas.

"We're beyond excited to be partnering with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians as one of the recognized leaders in tribal gaming and hospitality," said Greg Wells Manager of Marnell Hospitality. "This new location will enhance the world-class amenities already offered by Morongo, while also providing new accommodations for travelers to the region."

The new hotel evolved from a shared vision of the Morongo Tribal Council and the Morongo Economic Development and Planning Committee to continue to advance the Tribe's retail and tourism offerings along the bustling Interstate 10 corridor.

"Working together, the Morongo Tribal Council and the Morongo Economic Development and Planning Committee successfully moved this innovative project from concept to reality and identified the perfect partners in Marnell Hospitality and Tharaldson Hospitality," said Morongo Tribal Council Vice Chair James Siva, who also chairs the Economic Development and Planning Committee.



Guy's Turn

First Timer Tells All

Hi Guy,

I have been playing Bingo regularly for about five months now—twice a week so far at a number of different charity games and at a casino in my area.

I started going not long after I came across a copy of this Bingo newspaper in a neighbor's recycle bin while out walking one afternoon.

It was fun to flip through (the paper, not the recycle bin!), and when I saw all the games in the paper's directory, it got me thinking that I should try one of the games.

I went to a small school Bingo near my home and mostly had fun—except for being a little anxious about keeping track of the numbers. But after I went a few more times I got the hang of it and no longer worry about staying with the caller.

It has been enjoyable visiting the different halls in the area, and it gave me a chuckle at how many of the same people I see over and over again, no matter which Bingo I choose. Apparently, like most activities, there is a community of people who seem to be the core of Bingo fans, followed by the semi-regulars who only go to select halls. The jury is still out on which category I will eventually fall into. But I am sure I am not telling you anything you don't already know.

The reason for this letter is to share my excitement about finally winning my first Bingo! Actually, I should say my first two Bingos because I won two jackpots in one night with a triple Bingo followed by a coverall, both on the same card. It was SO exciting!

I have played enough now to know the feeling of being one number away and itching to hear that number called—until someone else's is called first. This was exactly the same, until I saw my number pop up on the monitor.

My jaw dropped, I could hardly swallow, it seemed like an hour before the caller finally said the number out loud. I called Bingo so loud it made the people sitting around me jump in their chairs. When I told them it was my first ever Bingo, they applauded.

When the last number for my coverall came up, I was a little calmer, but not much. And when I called Bingo the second time, the people around me were a LOT less enthusiastic about my win—which made me feel like I fit right in.

I am so very happy to now be able to say that I'm not just a Bingo player—I am a Bingo WINNER! I cannot wait for it to happen again.

—Brad L., Cicero, NY, via email

Hi Brad,

Congratulations and welcome to the winners' circle!

Most Bingo players remember their first Bingo win. For some, it was playing as a kid, perhaps at a birthday party, and winning candy or a small, treasured prize. Others were a bit older and thrilled to discover you could win money by playing a "kids' game" with adults. Still others, like yourself, came back to Bingo years later and rediscovered the fun of competing with a community of fellow Bingo fans, coming close to winning time and time again, but just missing, and then experiencing the joy of finally beating the crowd and taking home that big juicy jackpot.

Whether you're in a dimly lit church basement or a flashy casino game room, getting Bingo is equally thrilling. Here's hoping there are many more Bingos in your future. ***—Guy***

by Annie E. Ennis

Date Night Dinner

Dear Annie,

I would like to make a romantic dinner for my husband for Valentine's Day. It will be our 40th wedding anniversary. Can you make any suggestions? Also, he loves meat! Please keep most of the recipes simple!

Rosemary J. in Boise, Idaho

Dear Rosemary,

Congratulations on your upcoming anniversary. I would suggest a menu including shrimp cocktail; a fresh salad with sliced beefsteak tomatoes; filet mignon with either a bearnaise sauce (Knorr's packet) or a bottled steak sauce like A-1 (hide the bottle); fresh veggies such as asparagus, brussell sprouts or cauliflower; a twice-baked potato; and a fantastic dessert like an Ice Box Cake. Make the dessert the day before. ***—Annie***

TWICE-BAKED POTATO

2 large Idaho potatoes, pre-baked
Whipping cream
Butter or margarine
Salt
Pepper
Paprika

Carefully slice the potatoes in half. Remove the pulp, leaving the skins as intact as possible. Mix the potato pulp in a medium size bowl and add the cream, butter, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Fill the four potato shells with the potato mixture. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake for 15 minutes at 350 degrees in a pre-heated oven. Serve immediately.

ICE BOX CAKE

2 packages Ladyfingers - separated (unfilled)
½ gallon ice cream- allow to thaw for 15-20 minutes (your choice of flavor)
3 bars German Sweet Chocolate
¼ cup sugar
3 eggs (beaten)
Whipped cream (aerosol can)
1 pint fresh strawberries (stems removed and sliced)
1 springform cake pan

Line sides and bottom of springform pan with the ladyfingers (leave curved side of pastry facing the pan). Fill any empty spaces with broken pieces. Add softened ice cream carefully to spring form. Place in freezer for at least 30 minutes. Melt 3 bars of German Sweet Chocolate in a double boiler. Remove from the heat. Add sugar and beaten eggs. Pour on top of the ice cream. Return to freezer for at least two hours or overnight. Serve with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. May use 1 or 2 flavors of ice cream.

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BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
ARMENIAN CENTER IN MONTEBELLO	410 Washington Bl., Montebello	ST 2:00			ST 6:00			
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CANOGA	21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park • (747) 444-9188	ST Noon						
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SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL	5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood • (562) 940-7197				ST 6:00			

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GARDEN GROVE ELKS	11551 Trask Ave., Garden Grove • (714) 534-0226			EB 6:00					✓		
MISSION VIEJO ELKS	25092 Marguerite Pkwy., Mission Viejo • (949) 899-5753				ST 6:00				✓		
SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL	5825 N. Woodruff, Lakewood • (562) 925-5073				ST: 6:30				✓		
SANTA ANA ELKS	1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana		EB 6:15						✓		

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INDIAN BINGO AND CASINO LISTING

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.	PG	BB	BC
MORONGO CASINO	49750 Seminole Drive, Cabazon • (800) 252-4499	ST 2:00			ST 6:00	ST 6:00	ST 6:00	ST 6:00			✓

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AD = They have an AD in this paper

by Henry Tamburin

Personal History: Becoming A Card Counter

In one of my classes at the University of Maryland, our professor gave us a "statistics and probability" project. We had to make an oral presentation to our classmates on any game we chose, what the rules were for the game, what the odds were for winning, and what, if any, were the best strategies for playing this game. I vaguely recollect some of my classmates choosing games like bingo and chess, but I chose blackjack instead.

My presentation shocked the professor (and my classmates) when I explained that the game of blackjack could be beaten by using an optimal strategy for playing your hands and increasing your bets only when the advantage shifted in your favor using a technique known as card counting. In preparing for this presentation, I read several books that explained card counting in detail. Buoyed by the knowledge I had acquired about card counting and how it could give the player the edge over the casino, I made the decision to become an advantage player.

But reading about card counting doesn't make you successful at it. Learning how to track the cards accurately in a casino requires a lot of practice. However, I was determined to become a skillful card counter and with the help of my wife, Linda, I began the journey.

Based on all the information I had gleaned from the books, I decided to master the Hi-Lo card counting system. I began to learn the mechanics of card counting with a deck of cards. I would turn over each card one at a time while mentally keeping the running count. I knew if I counted all 52 cards accurately, my final count should be zero. I kept practicing at a relatively slow pace until I could accurately and consistently count down a deck of cards. Next, I focused on counting down a deck as fast as possible. Linda would time me on her watch and record how long it took me to count down the deck. After several weeks of repeating this exercise, I remember I was able to consistently do this drill in 25 seconds without making any mistakes.

In the beginning of my card-counting career, I only focused on keeping the count to vary my bets, betting more when the count was in my favor, and less when it wasn't. I always used basic strategy for playing my hands. Linda would deal me hands on our kitchen table. I'd play each hand following the basic strategy while mentally keeping a count of all the cards that were dealt, and varied my bets based on the count. We practiced for weeks on end; I bet using poker chips and I found over time that I was winning more than I was losing. I felt confident about my new skill and was ready to try card counting on our next trip to Las Vegas.

I vividly remember my first attempt at card counting in Las Vegas. I was doing fine until the dealer started making small talk with me; then a cocktail waitress stopped at our table and asked me if I wanted a drink. While all this was going on, there was music coming from a band somewhere in the casino that was rather loud. These playing conditions were not the same as my kitchen table, and with all these distractions, I wasn't able to keep track of the count. The trip turned out to be a disaster.

When we arrived home, I told Linda we had to go to Plan B for practicing card counting. She said, "What is Plan B?" I told her we would go back to practicing card counting only with the radio or TV on, and she would be making small talk while I played and counted, much like the dealers in Vegas. It took me a while to learn to keep the count under these conditions, but I finally was able to do it. Needless to say, our next trips to Vegas were much more successful (and profitable).

As the years went by, my expertise in blackjack began to increase. I learned how to calculate the true count when playing in multi-deck games, and how to vary my playing strategy based on the true count. (I mastered the latter by making flash cards that had the hand on one side along with the dealer's upcard; on the other side I listed the index number for deviating from basic strategy. Linda used to flash those 30 or so index cards to me one at a time until I mastered all the index numbers.

At this point in my life I was living in New Jersey and working as a chemist for a large international chemical company. Linda and I made several trips to Las Vegas every year to play blackjack, and on virtually each trip we came home with a profit, and our bankroll started growing. Then, in 1978, the first casino opened in Atlantic City, a mere 45-minute drive from my house. And the rest is history!

Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

How to Talk to Your Doctors and Get Them to Listen

Dear Savvy Senior:

How can I get my doctors to listen better? I just turned 78, and over the past few years I feel more and more dismissed by my doctors. I know I can't be the only one who feels this way. Any suggestions?

—Dissatisfied Patient

Dear Dissatisfied,

Many older patients feel like their doctors are dismissing their concerns, which can be frustrating and lead to missed diagnoses and delayed care. If you believe your doctor isn't listening to you, here are some tips offered by the National Institute on Aging that may help.

Prepare for your appointment: Before your exam, make a written prioritized list of any questions and concerns you want to discuss with your doctor, or print any online health research you've gathered, and bring it to your appointment so you won't forget anything. If you're in for a diagnostic visit, you should prepare a detailed description of your symptoms, when they began and what makes them worse.

Be honest and upfront: Even if the topic seems sensitive or embarrassing, it's important to be honest and upfront with your doctor. You may feel uncomfortable talking about memory loss or bowel issues, but these are all important to your health. It's better to be thorough and share detailed information than to be quiet or shy about what you're thinking or feeling. Remember, your doctor is used to talking about all kinds of personal matters.

Ask specific questions: If you and your doctor aren't communicating well, ask specific questions that require a response. For example: What might have caused the problem I'm dealing with? What's the specific name of my diagnosis? Is the problem serious? Will it heal completely or require ongoing management? What future symptoms might suggest you need emergency care or a follow-up visit? When and how will you receive your test results? If you don't understand something, don't hesitate to ask: Can you explain that in simpler terms? Or: Can you give me more details about that?

Take someone with you: Bring along a family member or friend to your appointment. Your companion can help you ask questions or raise concerns that you hadn't considered and listen to what the doctor is telling you and give you support.

Be persistent: If your doctor isn't addressing your questions, repeat them or rephrase them. If you still don't get anywhere, follow up with one of these statements: "I'm worried that we aren't communicating well. Here's why I feel that way." Or: "I need to talk with you about X. I feel like I can't. Can we talk about this?"

After your appointment, if you're uncertain about any instructions or have other questions, call or email your health care provider. Don't wait until your next visit to make sure you understand your diagnosis, treatment plan, or anything else that might affect your health.

For more tips, the National Institute on Aging offers a free booklet called *Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older Adults* that can help you prepare for an appointment and become a better and more informed patient. To order a free copy or see it online, visit order.nia.nih.gov/publication/talking-with-your-doctor-a-guide-for-older-adults.

Consider moving on: If you're not making any progress with your doctor and the problem persists, it's probably time to start looking for a new provider. Depending how unsatisfied you are with your care, you could also notify your doctor's medical group and your insurance company or leave feedback on their online profile. If you're dealing with a serious issue—like a doctor who prescribes the wrong medication or fails to provide test results in a timely manner—it might be appropriate to file a complaint with the state medical board.

Poker Talk

Olympian Michael Phelps, F1 Racer Carlos Sainz Jr. Team to Win Poker Golden

By Chad Holloway

In November, the Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix took place in Sin City. In the week leading up to the big race, dozens of events took place throughout Las Vegas. One of them was Global Poker Table Talk at PokerGO Studio.

Ferrari drivers Carlos Sainz Jr. and Charles Leclerc joined 23-time Olympic gold medal winner Michael Phelps and poker pro Antonio Esfandiari for a special team event. Phelps and Sainz Jr. were paired to battle against Esfandiari and Leclerc for "The Golden G.O.A.T", a special goat-themed trophy to determine the "Greatest Of All Time."

It was a unique format where the players were allowed to consult with their teammate during a hand. Each team started with 310,000 in chips to coincide with the 310-kilometer length of the F1 racetrack.

After about an hour, Leclerc and Esfandiari were down 231,000 to the 389,000 of Sainz Jr. and Phelps when a truly epic hand took place. With the blinds at 2,000/4,000, the latter team raised to 8,000 with the A♥7♥ and the former defended holding the K♥9♥.

The 4♥Q♦8♥ flop gave both teams a heart flush draw and Leclerc/Esfandiari led out for 15,000, which Sainz/Phelps called. The 6♥ peeled off on the turn to give both teams a flush and it seemed destined a game-ending crash was coming.

Leclerc/Esfandiari bet 20,000 with the second-nut flush and Sainz/Phelps just called with the nut flush. When the J♠ completed the board on the river, Leclerc/Esfandiari bet 70,000 and left themselves 120,000 behind. Sainz/Phelps paused for a bit before Sainz announced, "All in."

Leclerc/Esfandiari quickly called off only to see their opponents roll over the nut flush, the one hand that could beat them.

"You've got to be kidding me," Esfandiari exclaimed. "That's so sick. That never happens by the way."

It was the ultimate cooler, which is the term in poker for a hand where, according to Up Swing Poker, a player holds a very strong hand, but loses to an even stronger hand and often loses the maximum amount of chips.

"It was awesome watching Carlos kind of get into his comfort zone," Phelps told media outlet PokerNews after the victory. "Obviously it's different playing on TV and playing with Antonio [Esfandiari]. It can be intimidating for a lot of people. But he kind of got in his comfort zone."

Congratulations to Michael Phelps and Carlos Sainz Jr. on winning the Global Poker Table Talk Vegas and for capturing the Golden G.O.A.T. trophy! As for the two F1 racers, they did well in the Las Vegas Grand Prix with Sainz Jr. finishing in third place while Leclerc was right behind in fourth place.

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Lucky Lotto News

Big Win and a Baby!

John Stanhill, 46, recently purchased a $50 "500X THE CASH" scratch-off ticket in Jacksonville Beach, according to a news release from the Florida Lottery. The ticket—which just happened to be a $1 million winner—was bought just three weeks before his wife Victoria Oakley was expected to give birth, state lottery officials added. Stanhill said winning on the lottery ticket "couldn't have happened at a better time" and "has been such a huge relief for us." Stanhill opted to receive a one-time, lump-sum payment of $640,000. Since then, the couple's baby boy was born. "We won the lottery, and then we won the lottery again with our beautiful, healthy baby boy!" Oakley said. Now, the couple plans to put the money to good use. "We were able to start a college fund for our baby and plan on paying off student loans," they explained. "We are over the moon with everything that's happened!"

Billion Plus Mega Millions Jackpot

An anonymous New Jersey resident has claimed the $1.13 billion Mega Millions jackpot won in March 2024 state lottery officials announced. A single ticket sold at a ShopRite liquor store in Neptune Township, New Jersey, had all of the winning numbers in the drawing for the jackpot—the fifth largest in the game's history. The winner has chosen to take the cash value of the prize—which amounts to $537.5 million before state and federal taxes. "The New Jersey player values privacy and has chosen to remain anonymous," the New Jersey Lottery said. Since 2020, lottery winners in New Jersey have been able to choose to remain anonymous under state law. Lottery winners in the state have one year from the drawing to claim the ticket before it expires. It often takes some time for winners to file a claim. The March jackpot marked the sixth time the Mega Millions grand prize surpassed $1 billion.

LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

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Lottery Winner Makes Big Donation

The Homer Foundation of Homer, Alaska recently accepted what it said is its largest donation since opening in 1991. During its annual meeting, the foundation received a check for $1.2 million from Homer resident Jules Ravin and his family, who cashed in on a massive payday this summer from Lotto Alaska. "It's a lot of money," said Homer Foundation Executive Director Stacey Schultz. "It is a gamechanger for our foundation." Ravin donated a portion of his winnings from the Alaska Lotto "Chase the Ace," in which he won more than $13 million. He has allocated $1 million for the foundation to invest and another $200,000 for the foundation to use immediately. "This was a huge spark for us," Schultz said. "To actually invest that money so that money will grow, and then we'll be able to use it year after year, so that we know it's not going to disappear." The foundation said the money will be used to build up an after-school program.

Montana Millions

Several people are going to kick off the new year with a much bigger bank account, thanks to the Montana Lottery. There were four grand prizes worth $1 million each. Montana Millionaire sold 500,000 tickets on November 1st; each ticket cost $20. The tickets sold out within three hours. The four grand prize-winning tickets were drawn on Thursday, December 26, 2024. At press time, the Montana Lottery officials were working to verify where the winning tickets were sold and the winners. The winning numbers were: 021333, 416013, 143115, and 077800.

DEAR PAWS: I inherited my aunt's cat, "Tabitha," late last year. When Tabbi came to live with me, I noticed that she had six toes, but only on one paw. Her other front paw was normal. I thought that was unusual but not dangerous, or my aunt would have done something about it. However, on our first visit to the veterinarian, when I pointed out the toe as a strange genetic anomaly, the vet got very concerned. The "toe" was actually a lump! Tabbi had surgery to remove it. Fortunately, it was benign, and she recovered completely. Please tell your readers to contact the vet when they notice any strange growth. — ***Joe in Portland, Oregon***

DEAR JOE: Thank you for sharing your story! Cats, dogs and other pets can develop strange growths or lumps during their lifetime. It's not always easy to determine whether a growth is harmless or needs to be removed. The vet will do a needle biopsy and can often examine the cells under a microscope right in their office.

Having new lumps and bumps checked out as soon as possible is important, because the vet can treat them while they're still small, so your pet suffers less pain and discomfort. If a mass turns out to be cancerous, the faster the treatment happens, the better.

So, just as a change in behavior or energy signals that it's time to visit the vet, a new lump or bump (or any strange new growth) should be checked out as soon as possible.

How would you handle a similar situation? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles

Planning 2025

I don't know what it is about hanging up a new calendar that makes me want to organize the whole year and set goals. But once again, as I hung up the 2025 calendar on the kitchen wall, I immediately began to consider how I might make the new year better and more productive.

As part of being "organized," I decided to set daily, weekly and monthly goals.

Here is what my 2025 will look like:

On a daily basis I will do some form of exercise. (Let's see how long this lasts.) It might be 15 minutes on the treadmill, 20 minutes of bicep-building with hand weights. I'll spend 30 minutes on the piano, and for brain strength I'll do one or more crossword puzzles.

I will read one book per week. This shouldn't be too hard, thanks to Kindle Unlimited on Amazon. Each week I will vacuum, whether I want to or not, and complete one section in my free online French lessons (www.duolingo.com). I've already started playing online chess (see chess.com) against the computer as a skills brush-up before signing up for weekly in-person chess at the rec center.

Monthly I will try to increase my savings by cutting back on what I spend. This one might be tough. And I've already volunteered to make the morning hello calls from the senior center on four days next month.

In the middle of all that, I'll organize and plan for summer, when I'll grow a few vegetables. I'll vow to donate half the fresh veggies to the food bank. And I want to do a slow but thorough decluttering before next fall.

lHow about you? Does that new 2025 calendar with all the empty boxes make you want to fill them out? What will you do with your 2025?

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Nevada Happenings

New Attraction Announced

Details are sparse, but a new attraction called "Interstellar Arc" has been announced for Area15, just as construction commences on the 20,000-square-foot venue slated to open next fall. According to the press release, Interstellar Arc will "transport guests to the 26th century, where they will take on a deep space mission." The attraction is being designed by Montreal-based Felix & Paul Studios, a virtual reality company, which has earned five Canadian Screen Awards, two Primetime Emmy Awards, and a Daytime Emmy for its many VR experiences and TV programs, including "Space Explorers: THE INFINITE," touted as "the world's largest immersive exhibit about life in space."

Two Upscale Bars Open on the Strip

Golden Gai Cocktail Club has opened at the Venetian. According to the press release, the bar "draws on the spirit of the neon-lighted blocks of the Golden Gai district in the Shinjuku ward of Tokyo, where hundreds of bars, clubs, and dining spots populate narrow alleys and passageways." It's located inside Wakuda, so you can order off the menu to pair with premium Japanese sakes and whiskeys. Joining Golden Cai is Caspian's Cocktails and Caviar, which debuts at Caesars Palace later this month. It's described as a "hidden live-music venue," which makes sense, given that it occupies the space formerly Cleopatra's Barge, where live music performances took place for decades.

Second Largest In N Out Burger

In N Out has confirmed that it will open a "retro" outlet at the BLVD shopping complex on the Strip across from Aria. The

restaurant space will be more than 8,000 square feet, smaller than only the largest location in Barstow, with a large outdoor patio overlooking the Strip. In addition, merchandise will be sold in conjunction with the burgers at a "unique company store." The second Strip location of the popular chain won't open until sometime in 2026.

Havana 1957 Opening at Flamingo

The good folks at VegasChanges.com posted some photos of the new restaurant at the Flamingo, Havana 1957. The construction walls, in place for nearly a year and a half, have been removed and the space formerly occupied by the Tropical Breeze Cafe is just about ready for Cuban food. Havana 1957 has five locations in south Florida and this one will be the first beyond those. The big online menu for the Miami locations shows appetizers such as a tamal, empanada, yucca fries, and masitas (fried pork), ceviche, burgers and a Cubano, and soups and salads; entrees include chicken, pork, flank and skirt steak, shrimp, salmon, and seafood stew, prepared with either Cuban mojo (citrus-onion sauce) or criolla (tomato sauce), along with a whole fried snapper, grilled lobster tail and shrimp, and surf and turf).

Pinky's by Vanderpump

The latest restaurant and bar from reality-TV star Lisa Vanderpump held its grand opening recently with a collection of other reality stars there to celebrate, including the cast from Vanderpump's latest show, *Vanderpump Villa*. Pinky's by Vanderpump (named after Vanderpump's nickname "Pinky") "features playful and decadent dishes that complement uniquely Instagrammable cocktails and the restaurateur's signature design aesthetic and bespoke decor," gushes the press release. Pinky's comprises a 198-seat restaurant, 32-seat bar, and 40-seat lounge.

Bingo Astrology Forecast

by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for February 2025

ARIES: *March 21 to April 19*
1st thru 6th…
Time to shine 2nd & 6th$$
7th thru 12th…
Luckiest the 11th$$
13th thru 18th…
Great timing the 15th$!
19th thru 24th…
RED victories 20th-21st
25th thru 28th…
Poised to win 25th-26th

TAURUS: *April 20 to May 20*
1st thru 6th…
Best chances 1st & 5th
7th thru 12th…
Bet BLUE 8th-9th$
13th thru 18th…
In the nick of time the 18th!
19th thru 24th…
Made for you the 23rd$
25th thru 28th…
GREEN magic 28th$$

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21*
1st thru 6th…
Brightest days 2nd & 6th$$
7th thru 12th…
RED power 10th-11th$!
13th thru 18th…
Potent PURPLE 15th-16th!$
19th thru 24th…
Better luck next time
25th thru 28th…
It's raining $$ the 25th!

CANCER: *June 22 to July 22*
1st thru 6th…
Go with the flow 1st & 5th$
7th thru 12th…
Minimal success the 9th
13th thru 18th…
Secretly good the 18th!
19th thru 24th…
Nope
25th thru 28th…
Dreams materialize the 28th$$

LEO: *July 23 to Aug. 22*
1st thru 6th…
Go for it the 2nd all day$!
7th thru 12th…
Call it your way 6th-7th!
13th thru 18th…
Helpful advice 16th wins$$
19th thru 24th…
RED returns the 20th$!
25th thru 28th…
Save it for March

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*
1st thru 6th…
Good fortune visits 4th-5th$
7th thru 12th…
Lucky break late the 9th!
13th thru 18th…
A perfect run the 18th$
19th thru 24th…
Hard cards ahead 24th$$
25th thru 28th…
Anticlimactic

LIBRA: *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*
1st thru 6th…
Worth waiting for the 6th$!
7th thru 12th…
Choose fearlessly 10th-11th$
13th thru 18th…
They'll envy you the 16th
19th thru 24th…
Money grows the 20th$
25th thru 28th…
Fantastic gain the 25th!$

SCORPIO: *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*
1st thru 6th…
Best chance early the 1st!
7th thru 12th…
Only the 9th worthwhile
13th thru 18th…
Slightly possible the 14th
19th thru 24th…
Prospects are best early 24th$
25th thru 28th…
Decent comeback late the 28th$!

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*
1st thru 6th…
You're on fire the 2nd$!
7th thru 12th…
RED hot luck the 11th$$
13th thru 18th…
Easy as pie the 16th$!
19th thru 24th…
Take a breather
25th thru 28th…
Chances to succeed 25th-26th!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*
1st thru 6th…
Even you're surprised the 5th!
7th thru 12th…
Nah
13th thru 18th…
Marginally good 14th & 18th
19th thru 24th…
Believe it/see it the 23rd$
25th thru 28th…
Sky's the limit late the 28th$$

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*
1st thru 6th…
Super promising the 2nd & 6th$!
7th thru 12th…
Totally awesome the 11th$$
13th thru 18th…
Luck still holds 15th-16th$!
19th thru 24th…
Jonesin' to win late the 20th$!
25th thru 28th…
Wrap things up BIG the 25th$$!

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*
1st thru 6th…
You get there 1st & 5th!$!
7th thru 12th…
Surprises in store the 9th!
13th thru 18th…
Get a good start the 18th$
19th thru 24th…
Plan with care 19th & 24th
25th thru 28th…
Hold off til late the 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 FEBRUARY 2025

5	22	31	49	62
11	27	38	51	73
8	17	★	50	64
14	21	41	55	75
1	23	37	52	71

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS — FEBRUARY 2025

1st	Spunky Old Broads Day
2nd	Groundhog Day
5th	First Quarter Moon
9th	Super Bowl
12th	Full Moon
14th	Valentine's Day
17th	Presidents' Day
20th	Last Quarter Moon
22nd	National Margarita Day
23rd	National Tootsie Roll Day
27th	National Chili Day
28th	New Moon

Star Luck Fortunes

by Frederick Woodruff
Explore more at ASTROINQUIRY.COM

Horoscopes for February 2025

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You're in for a smooth ride this month with Venus in your sign. Bringing a glow and upbeat vibe to your demeanor and prevailing attitude. This is an excellent time to make requests. Those in your circle are ready to help you succeed.
Lucky Days: 8 - 12
Lucky Numbers: 8 - 24

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): You've had your share of wrangling with irritation and opposition. It's time to bring everything you learned last year about meeting folks halfway and compromising to the table. Don't let tension develop into a condition that impacts your health.
Lucky Days: 19 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 19 - 28

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The full Moon on the 12th requires that you reconsider how you are exerting yourself. Pay attention to where you are leaking energy and losing momentum. You may have too many irons in the fire now. This means you must prioritize. Do it with grace.
Lucky Days: 3 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 45

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): You're in a unique cycle where discipline and forward momentum blend and pay off. This is an excellent month to launch a project you've harbored out into the world. The full Moon on the 12th puts tension on finances, so budget wisely as you head into the spring.
Lucky Days: 20 - 23
Lucky Numbers: 6 - 8

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): This month's full Moon lands in your sign on the 12th, which is both invigorating and exhausting. You need to shift how the voice of your inner critic influences your life. You'll benefit by consulting with an objective outsider, a friend, or a colleague who can give you facts instead of conjectures.
Lucky Days: 7 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 11 - 44

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): Outside pressure continues to dog you. The central question: Is your life arranged optimally right now? The universe requires that you not shy away from showing and promoting your best qualities. Selfishness can work to your advantage this month.
Lucky Days: 7 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 19

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): February might be a month of course corrections for you, especially if there was overindulgence at the close of last year. The holidays can do that to all of us. But don't fret. Defining goals and setting deadlines can turn your outpouring of feelings into genuine artistic achievements.
Lucky Days: 7 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 43 - 47

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): A force is at work now that wants you to fine-tune how you communicate with those in your inner circle. Don't remain trapped in dead-end arrangements. Allow your intuition to provide the signs and clues you need to follow and move forward. Freedom is the goal.
Lucky Days: 3 - 8
Lucky Numbers: 53 - 59

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): The full Moon on the 12th fills you with enthusiasm and hope. Challenges to self-expression have been complicated lately, but there is a way through. As Henry Ford noted, "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."
Lucky Days: 22 - 26
Lucky Numbers: 48 - 59

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Friction arises from outside your influence and control now. This can feel maddening for a sign like yours that prefers control over serendipity. But ask yourself if you are imagining those barriers. A part of your nature might want a 'time out' this month. Don't ignore its message.
Lucky Days: 8 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 12

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): The full Moon on the 12th has you revisit an agreement or settlement you assumed was completed. See if you have missed some vital puzzle pieces—a riddle that's commanded your attention since the start of the new year. You'll be surprised with what you discover.
Lucky Days: 2 - 19
Lucky Numbers: 55 - 58

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Your life right now requires that you assume two distinct personas. One side of the equation is focused on down-to-earth concerns, while the other is tugging you into new terrains of your imagination. No blame should you prefer one approach over the other but do aim for balance.
Lucky Days: 7 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 23

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Recoil 2. Adept 3. Bleat 4. Drape
Today's Word: BEARD

JUMBLES: OUNCE THINK TRUDGE BROACH
Answer: The oil drilling business was failing because the owners were running it — INTO THE GROUND

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Suitcase is larger. 2. Backpack is smaller. 3. Moon is different. 4. Window is added. 5. Mouth is closed. 6. Bush is larger.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: I'm afraid that if you look at a thing long enough, it loses all of its meaning. —Andy Warhol

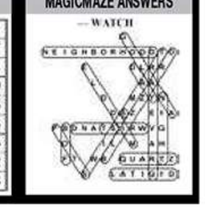
BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Solution time: 24 mins.

SUDOKU ANSWERS

7	4	8	2	3	5	6	9	1
1	2	6	8	4	9	5	3	7
9	5	3	7	6	1	8	2	4
3	1	7	6	5	2	4	8	9
4	9	5	3	8	7	2	1	6
8	6	2	9	1	4	7	5	3
2	8	9	1	7	6	3	4	5
6	3	4	5	9	8	1	7	2
5	7	1	4	2	3	9	6	8

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

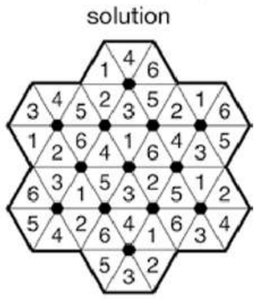
Even Exchange

answers

1. Greet, Great
2. Curdle, Cuddle
3. Tense, Tease
4. Brooke, Brooks
5. Waist, Wrist
6. Yellow, Bellow
7. Notion, Nation
8. Water, Wafer
9. Flake, Flare
10. Invite, Incite

SNOWFLAKES

solution



CryptoQuip

answer

When you populate an empty meadow with lots of male sheep, I'd consider that ram-ification.

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

RED TAN TEAL BLUE
GOLD GRAY CYAN
WHITE MAGENTA

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