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Julia M. won \$35,000 on a Pick 8 at Morongo Casino Resort & Spa. Ready to be next? Bingo is played Wednesday through Sunday.

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Lucky bingo player, Mitzi M. won three times at St. Bernard Catholic School, taking home \$1,200! Way to go, Mitzi!

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Pressure from TikTok was the proud winner of \$2,500 split from St. John Bosco's New Years Eve event last month. Congratulations, Pressure!

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VEGAS STRIP!**



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9. Room Rates • *Rio Hotel & Casino* • 24 hours • \$23 and up
10. Beer • *Stage Door Casino and Lounge* • Daily • \$1.00

List courtesy of Anthony Curtis' Las Vegas Advisor, a monthly newsletter devoted to helping you get the most for your money in Las Vegas. An annual subscription costs \$50 U.S./\$60 Canadian/\$70 foreign; sample issue \$5, Las Vegas Advisor, 3665 Procyon Street, Las Vegas, NV 89103. 800-244-2224. Website: www.lasvegasadvisor.com



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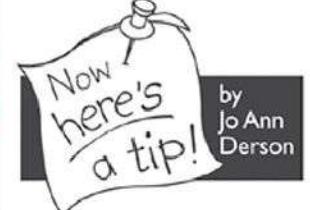
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* If you are traveling with pets, you know to bring something for them to drink out of. If you have ice in a container, they can lick the ice to stay hydrated, but it doesn't slosh around or spill easily.

* For moister and softer cookies, use honey as a substitute for a third of the sugar in your cookie recipe.

* "At a party, a cup of red wine spilled on one of my throw pillows. I love the pillow, since it is just the right size and really soft, but I could not get the stain out. So I covered it with a new fabric. I ended up doing all the assorted pillows in the same fabric, and it made a big change in the room. I wish I had done it sooner." — *I.F. in Pennsylvania*

* "Keep venetian blinds from sticking to one another and discourage dust by rubbing them down individually with a sheet of fabric softener. This effect will last at least a month in my experience." — *S.F. in Alabama*

* "Have a headache? Try drinking a couple of glasses of a sports drink. This works for me and my friends. Maybe we just need to be drinking more water, but the sports drinks get us back on track more quickly than medicine most times." — *E.L. in Colorado*

* Bringing some plants indoors? Use Styrofoam packing peanuts in the bottom of pots when planting. They aren't as heavy as rocks, and they do just as good a job. The pots will be easier to move around should you need to move them.

Send your tips to: Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Where to Watch It

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Mission: Impossible - The Final Thrill Copenhagen Test (R) — Peacock
The Closer (Seasons 1-7) — Netflix
Ne Zha 2 (PG-13) — HBO Max
Goodbye June (R) — Netflix
Stranger Things (Season 5, Vol. 2) — Netflix
The Best You Can (R) — Netflix
Prep & Landing: The Snowball Protocol (TV-G) — Disney+
The Life of Chuck (R) — Hulu
A Royal Residence (Docuseries) — Acorn TV

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Veterans Post



Saving lives with Buddy Check

Test Your Knowledge

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the dragon in *The Hobbit*?
2. MOVIES: Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of *When Harry Met Sally*?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
4. HISTORY: In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which wrestler is known by the nickname *The Rock*?
6. LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
7. TELEVISION: In which state was the sitcom *Newhart* set?
8. MATH: How many sides does a nonagon have?
9. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie *Tarzan*?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential spice in paella?

ANSWERS

1. Smaug.
2. New Year's Eve.
3. Cambodia.
4. 1993.
5. Dwayne Johnson.
6. A unique language developed between twins.
7. Vermont.
8. Nine.
9. Phil Collins.
10. Saffron.

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Ask Annie

Dear Annie,
Do you have a winter soup recipe that you can recommend? We're all turkey noodled out!
—D. from Delaware

Dear D.,
Here's a new version of my squash soup. I added the pumpkin and red pepper—it was delicious. I served it for Thanksgiving and my guests were very pleased. I hope our soup-loving Bingo players enjoy this recipe as much as we did. —Annie

A FESTIVE SOUP

4 T. butter
1-2 T. olive oil
1 medium sweet onion, diced
2 T. minced garlic
1 small pumpkin, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped



BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

Bingo Returns to Vegas Strip

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Bingo hasn't been offered on the Las Vegas Strip for one simple economic reason: It doesn't make enough money to justify the space. Bingo rooms are considered an amenity, much like buffets and spas, and they tend to have big footprints, with hundreds of seats, dedicated staff, equipment and fixed session times. They produce only a fraction of the revenue a casino can earn by filling that same square footage with slot machines. Plus, Bingo players tend to be locals, value-seekers and lower theoretical gamblers who aren't likely to spend big on slots, tables, bottle service or upscale dining before or after their bingo session.

During deployments, the stress of performing rigorous tasks daily in the heat of the desert, miles away from home, is quick to weigh on any person. While the post provides numerous resources such as sports tournaments, movie theaters, and recreation area to help, the MWR team has found few things have been more beneficial than a night out for Bingo with friends. MWR Volunteer DJ, Jake Bustos, says it's a reminder of home.

The Bingo Nights on Camp Buehring begin at 7pm every Wednesday and Saturday night, with players checking in to receive their game cards. Music blasts throughout the post as Bustos deejays to start the night and in between rounds. A Volunteer MC explains which board arrangement will win the game and lights up an LED lightboard to help players track their play. Players are encouraged to participate throughout by joining the MC in call-and-response chants to certain combinations and shouting "Bingo!" loudly to indicate they have come up with the correct arrangement on their cards.

Substantial prizes such as wireless speakers, ear buds, blankets, and even televisions are on offer. Bingo Night continues to be a vital occurrence for fostering esprit de corps on Camp Buehring, and MWR plans to keep hosting it for residents.

Look at the American Legion Buddy Check. Go to www.legion.org and search for "Buddy Check." Learn about their program and download the tool kit.

If you are the one who needs help, don't wait, don't hesitate. Help is only a phone call away, day or night, at the Veterans Crisis Line. Dial 988 and press 1. Or text to 838255. For confidential support for a family member or friend, see VeteransCrisisLine.net.

The hall will accommodate 255 players per session, and feature six sessions daily at the start. Each session will feature 10 total games, including traditional bingo games, a bonus game and a coverall, all played on paper with daubers. Guests will be able to purchase a full session package for \$30, with the opportunity to purchase additional cards. Prizes will be paid in cash, with payouts starting at \$50 and reaching up to \$1,500. The hall is located on the Promenade level and steps away from a new concession stand serving classic favorites, including hot dogs, pretzels, nachos, beer and a selection

of 24-ounce jar roasted red and/or yellow peppers, drained
2 32-ounce cartons prepared chicken broth (low sodium)
½ tsp. Morton Natures Seasons
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup small croutons, optional

In a medium-sized soup pot (at least 4 quarts), melt the butter. Add the olive oil, diced onion, minced garlic and the chopped pumpkin and squash pieces. Sauté over a low flame for at least fifteen minutes, stirring constantly. Add one quart of the chicken broth and continue to cook until the pumpkin and squash starts to soften. Add the peppers. When the squash and peppers are soft, transfer to another bowl or container. In batches, half the size of your blender, mix well. Pour the blended soup back in the soup pot. Continue to mix the remaining pumpkin mix in the blender, transferring after each batch. Add the remaining quart of chicken broth, Natures Seasons and nutmeg. Cook over a low flame for at least 15 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Adjust your seasoning to taste. Serve hot. Garnish with croutons, if desired. Serves 8 to 10.



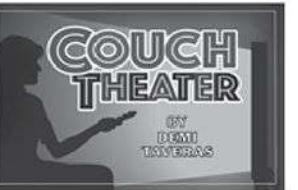
CryptoQuip

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: I equals S

AVYJ AFNDO EFN ZYDD LBDXBM
XS Y KYQXZYD YLXDXJE JF
OBJBGKXSB JVB FGXQXSI FM
JVXSQI? IFNGZBGE.

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Jay Kelly (R) — This comedy-drama film directed by Noah Baumbach presents a very emotional and layered depiction of the life of a famous actor named Jay Kelly. George Clooney stars as the world-renowned Jay — a charismatic, suave man, the type of actor you see on screen and can't take your eyes off of. Of course, behind every heartthrob who can deliver lines well, there usually lies some convoluted personal life that's meant to be kept hidden from the world. And with Jay, it's no different. Even though he lives a spectacular life and has a team (comprised of Adam Sandler and Laura Dern) that scrambles to leap over every obstacle Jay creates for himself, a deep loneliness and sadness emanate from him. This leaves us to wonder, is the life of being a famous actor worth the price? Clooney and Sandler have already received Golden Globe nominations for their performances in the film, which is out now to stream! (Netflix)

Little Disasters (TV-MA) — Diane Kruger takes on a leading role in this new limited drama/thriller series out now to stream. This is the second novel of Sarah Vaughan's to get a miniseries adaptation, the first one being *Anatomy of a Scandal* in 2022. The little disasters commence at once in this six-episode series when mother Jess' (Kruger) life is thrown for a loop after her child suffers a concerning head injury. Her best friend, who is also the accident and emergency doctor treating the child, subsequently files a report to child social services following the incident. This results in major cracks within their friendship and even an unveiling of hidden secrets that Jess desperately tried to keep buried. Ben Bailey Smith and Jo Joyner co-star. (Paramount+)

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ANSWERS
1. "Michelle," in 1965. It won the Grammy for Song of the Year in 1967. The song has been widely covered in various ways around the world, including as a cappella, a string quartet, Muzak and rap.

2. "Ain't That a Shame," in 1955. The Four Seasons followed with a cover in 1963, as did Hank Williams Jr. in 1971.

3. Dee Sharp, in 1962. The song referred to the dance fad of the time, the Mashed Potato. It was used in soup advertising in 1996, with Sharp doing the recording.

4. Deckers was the Belgian singing nun who released "Dominique" in 1963. Her religious name was Sister Luc Gabriel, and she was with the Missionary Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Fichternont.

5. "I Hear a Symphony," by the Supremes, in 1965. The song was their sixth to top the charts.

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QUESTIONS
1. Which Beatles song was partly sung in French?
2. Name Pat Boone's first No. 1 chart topper.
3. Who released "Mashed Potato Time"?
4. Who was Jeanne-Paule Marie Deckers?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You've given me a true love and every day I thank you love. For a feeling that's so new, So inviting, so exciting."

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THE MIDDLETONS



Gaming News

Legal Cheating Explained

An excellent 19-minute video, *How They Legally Cheated Every Casino For \$21 Million, Then Vanished*, animates the story of Phil Ivey and Kelly Sun as they milked casinos for tens of millions, "using a technique so clever, so subtle, that even the surveillance cameras didn't catch it." The video shows Kelly turning Ivey onto edge sorting, illustrating the concept complete with a magnifying glass. "How do you get the casinos to rotate the cards?" he asks her. Her answer is surprisingly simple—and it launched an epic takedown of casinos in London and Atlantic City. The whole story is told in the book *Advantage Players*, but this is as clear and easy-to-assimilate an explanation as you'll find on YouTube.

Two Dollar Bet Nets Big Win

A lucky gambler sat down at a slot machine near Tacoma, Washington and walked away with a "massive" jackpot win, casino officials said. The gambler won \$61,112 "on a single spin" on a Monkey in the Bank slot machine at Muckleshoot Casino Resort in Auburn, casino officials wrote in a Facebook post. The bet was \$2, a casino official confirmed in an email to *The News Tribune*.

Jai Alai Returns

Jai alai is returning to its historic home at Casino Miami. The World Jai-Alai League, which says it is the only professional jai alai league in the U.S., had been considering leaving South Florida after its lease at Magic City Casino ended in late 2024. The league—which plays a modified version of the traditional Basque game—recently announced its new home will be Jai-Alai Miami (JAM) Arena, a newly renovated entertainment space within the old Miami Jai-Alai complex. The 1,500-seat venue, which opens in 2026, will feature new seating, a refurbished terrace and bar area, and a redesigned entryway connecting to the casino. The World Jai-Alai League will operate the new venue, which will also host concerts, comedy shows and other programming, according to a spokesperson.

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Nevada Happenings

Fireworks Championship

The International Fireworks Championship Las Vegas will be held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Saturday Feb. 21. This fireworks competition debut features multiple elaborate displays throughout the evening, as four teams from around the world perform 12- to 15- minute shows, with 15-minute entertainment-filled breaks between them. Described as a "full-on sensory experience," these are "incredibly intense and creative displays, exploding lower to the ground, and they're all highly choreographed and synchronized to music." Tickets are on sale now, starting at \$95 per person for general admission and \$144 for reserved seats. Gates open at 2:30 p.m., with the first fireworks show starting around 6 p.m. The program concludes around 8:30 p.m., when a world championship team will be crowned.

Red Rock Regal Theater Renovation

Station's Red Rock Casino has completed a major renovation of its 16-screen Regal movie theater. The lobby has been upgraded, the bar expanded (with craft beers and specialty drinks), a spacious lounge has been added for group gatherings before or after movies, and an RPX screen (Regal Cinemas' proprietary premium large format) is now part of the mix, along with IMAX and 4DX. Tickets remain \$10-\$15, with discounts for Regal loyalty members.

David Byrne at the Colosseum

David Byrne, lead singer and prime mover of the influential '80s rock, punk, and funk band Talking Heads, will play one show at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace on April 20. Talking Heads formed up in New York

in 1977 and issued eight studio albums before disbanding in 1991. They're biggest hits were *Once in a Lifetime*, *Burning Down the House* and *Road to Nowhere*. In his post-Talking Heads solo career, Byrne has received an Academy Award, a Grammy, a Special Tony, and a Golden Globe and is an inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Eggsalt Opens at the Rio

Eggsalt, the popular long-time breakfast fast-foot counter at the Cosmopolitan, opened at the Rio this past holiday season. Eggsalt began life as a food truck in L.A. in 2011 and has since gone global, with locations as far flung as the UK, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Kuwait, and of course Las Vegas. The venue at Cosmo serves four breakfast sandwiches (\$9-\$10.50), cheeseburger (\$12.50), tri-tip sandwich (\$16.50), the Slut (coddled egg on potato puree, \$11.50), truffle hash browns (\$6), and coffee (\$6). The Rio location will open at 7 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. The Rio also has a Hash House A Go Go, open 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., so there're plenty of breakfasts to go around. And parking is free.

Chubby Chinatown

Chubby Group, the hospitality company behind the Chubby Cattle restaurant, is partnering with Hashi Market to create Chubby World in Chinatown at the corner of Spring Mountain and Valley View. Plans call for a four-story complex that features a theater for cosplay shows, anime, and cultural events, a Tokyo-style food court, a Hashi Market, and a music venue for concerts and a late-night club. A timetable for the project wasn't disclosed at press time.

Million Dollar December Hit

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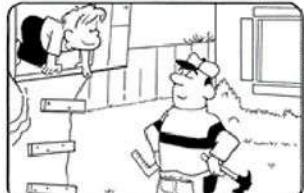
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: SCALY SWIMMERS

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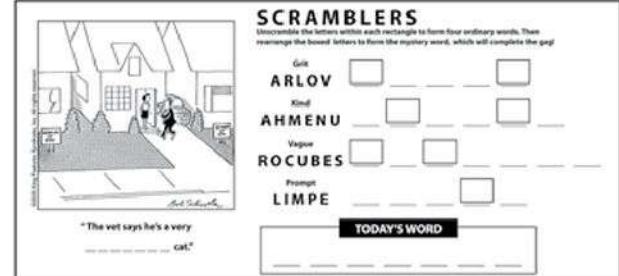
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE



THE MOTHER OF ALL CREAM CHEESE DIPS
 1 1/2 cups
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1 (8-ounce) block cream cheese, at room temperature
 1/2 cup sour cream or mayonnaise, at room temperature
 3/4 teaspoon salt
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 Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 Optional Mix-Ins (use one, some, or all — whatever's handy):
 1 green onion, thinly sliced
 1/2 cup shredded aged cheddar or other cheese
 1/4 cup bacon crumbles
 1/4 cup toasted almonds

Low-Stress Entertaining Starts Here

Some of the best gatherings I've ever hosted were powered by simple food, mismatched napkins and the sheer charm of wonderful people being together.

Instead of stressing about elaborate spreads or complicated appetizers, let's bring the joy back to hosting with low-cost, low-fuss tricks.

Easy, Affordable Entertaining Tips

Share the Spotlight with a Potluck: Ask guests to bring a favorite side or appetizer while you handle the main dish. It lightens the load and the bill.

Create Instant Ambiance: Dim the lights, turn on lamps, light a candle — instant cozy, no decorating required.

Set Up a Self-Serve Drink Station: A few bottles of vino, a pitcher of sparkling water, some citrus, ice and glasses let guests help themselves while you enjoy the party.

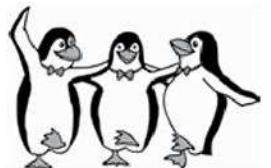
Think "Nibbles." Not a Buffet: Crackers, fruit, veggies and your cream cheese spread looks generous without draining your time or budget.

Make Something You Can Ignore: Cream cheese dips and spreads shine here — no wilting, no reheating.

Start with my "Mother of All Cream Cheese Dips," a simple base — like a mother sauce — that every other flavor can be built on. Use whatever you have: herbs, cheese, leftover roast veggies, odds and ends. It turns out a little different each time, always delicious and perfect for effortless appetizers or last-minute hostess gifts. The very definition of frugal and fabulous!

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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The bird-of-paradise plant can be toxic to animals, so keep pet access in mind if you choose one. These plants are known to live for more than 50 years with the right growing conditions, not even flowering until they are five or six years old. They can do well in pots indoors, but they grow tall, upward of five feet in some cases, and their leaves love to spread out, so be sure your potted bird-of-paradise has plenty of room.

- Brenda Weaver
 Source: www.housebeautiful.com

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ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



DONNA ERICKSON'S
 BEST BITES

Bring Leftovers Together in a Meatloaf Mash-Up

OUTSIDE-INSIDE MEATLOAF MASH-UP
 Serves 8

2 pounds lean ground beef
 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 2 cups fresh or packaged breadcrumbs
 1 tablespoon tomato paste
 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 3 cups prepared mashed potatoes
 1 cup cooked peas or corn
 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
 Ketchup or mustard for drizzling on top

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, with very clean hands, let your child thoroughly mix together the meat, eggs, breadcrumbs, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce and seasonings.

Place on a large sheet of parchment or wax paper and form a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. Use a rolling pin to make it even and smooth. Spread the potatoes over the meat with a spatula, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Top with vegetable and cheese.

With adult assistance, your child can roll up the large meatloaf lengthwise, lifting up the paper to get it started. Remove paper and place the meatloaf seam-side down on a foil-lined baking pan. Pat it together firmly, pinch ends closed, and drizzle ketchup or mustard on top.

Bake uncovered for 1 to 1 1/4 hours, or until completely done. Remove from oven and let rest for 10 minutes before transferring to a large serving platter for slicing.

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Iesha R. won \$400 at St. Joseph High School



Raul R. won \$150 at St. John Bosco High School



Pauline G. won the \$1,500 Double Action Jackpot at Morongo Casino Resort & Spa

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Bingo John

In the Woods

(Dear Reader, when we last saw Bingo John, he was headed down river to visit all the Bingo halls in the country. But tragedy struck when his canoe capsized, and he ended up in log jam and was pulled under!)

I felt myself blacking out as the current pushed me into the tangled logs at the bend in the river. I could feel the slick logs holding on to me like a den of oily snakes. My mind started going blank, and in the darkness, I saw a splinter of light. It was the image of Sarah-Mae. She said it was Valentine's Day, and I better not die. Because she was expecting a big present.

Next thing I remembered, and I do not know how, I was sitting on an island in the middle of the river. My canoe was tied to a tree, but I had no memory of getting out or tying up the canoe.

I was wet and shivering. Fortunately, I always keep a pocketknife, a lighter, and Bingo money in my pockets at all times. I gathered a few sticks and dry leaves, and I used the lighter to start the fire. Once I was dry, I sat down by a smooth tree and fell into a deep sleep like Rip Van Winkle. In my slumber, I dreamed of Bingo hall chili dogs and nacho chips.

I woke up to an agitation like demons gnawing on my bones. It was mosquitoes, thousands, covering my face and arms. I jumped up, and ran as fast as I could, swiping at the insects. In the distance, I saw a clearing in the forest. As I got closer, I could smell cooking in the air, hickory smoke and bacon. The smoke came from a small cabin at the opposite edge of the opening. Outside, an old man was sitting on a bench moving dirt around with a gnarled walking stick. In his lap was a plate of beans and bacon, but he wasn't touching it. I crept around the edge of the opening, keeping hidden in the woods. Once I get closer, close enough to smell

the food, a young woman came out of the cabin. I was dumbfounded. She was the most beautiful woman I had seen. She wore grey homespun clothes and a red handkerchief covered her silver hair. Her skin was pale like fresh milk and floating in her face were a pair of crystal blue eyes. She stooped over to help the old man.

"Come on Pa, let's go inside," she said.

After they got inside, I rolled over and watched her get him into a worn chair. He woke up and told her the, "One in The Woods" brought him the money. She said she knew he'd been hiding a few bills for the right moment, what with the doctor bills for little Johnny coming due.

She thanked him. Then said, "Think of it as a Valentine's Day present."

"Seriously," he said, "It was the One in The Woods."

Right then and there a deep welling started in my heart. Those Bingo winnings were going to do some good. I figured I'd hang around a few days and see what this little family was all about.

Next time: Bingo John gets caught.



Kimberly S. won the \$1,900 Hotball Jackpot at Morongo Casino Resort & Spa



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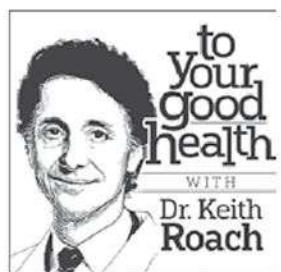
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What do we now call what was once referred to as a "nervous breakdown" in the 20th century? — A.M.

ANSWER: I asked this question to my psychiatry professor way back in the late 20th century when I was a first-year medical student. My professor replied that the term didn't have a meaning anymore. There is no formal medical or psychiatric diagnosis of a "nervous breakdown." The term is used by laypeople to describe when a person has severe impairment of their day-to-day function as a result of a psychiatric diagnosis, especially mood disorders like generalized anxiety disorder or major depressive disorder.

An adjustment disorder may resemble a major depressive disorder, but it occurs within a few months of a traumatic life event. A severe case might also be termed a "nervous breakdown." It is not usually used to describe a person with acute psychosis (a term meaning a grossly distorted sense of reality), such as a person with schizophrenia or bipolar affective disorder in their acute and uncontrollable state.

All these conditions have effective treatments. Treatment starts by talking to someone, who might be your own regular doctor or a mental health professional. For people who are in acute distress with thoughts of hurting themselves, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is an option in the United States and Canada.

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

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KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: I want to check the value of my vase. It is shaped like an urn with two handles on the sides and raised pictures of people and trees. There is a cupid flying above them. It is marked "F. & A. G." on the base.

A: It sounds like your vase is based on the Portland vase, a famous ancient Roman vase. Many potters made copies of it in the 18th and 19th centuries. The most famous and most valuable copies are made by Wedgwood. The mark on your vase was used by the Austrian pottery company of Gerbing & Stephan (located in the present-day Czech Republic) from about 1900 to 1903. The initials stand for brothers Friedrich and Alexander Gerbing, who were running their family's company at the time. The company made majolica, a tin-glazed earthenware pottery, in styles inspired by ancient history, often with historical or mythological scenes. Today, their vases sell for about \$150 to \$200.

TIP: The general rule about dovetailing: The fewer the number of joints, the older the piece. A drawer made in the early 17th century was either joined with one huge dovetail or was pegged together.

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Tips for Bankroll Management Part II

Last month we covered the rules of the session bankroll and proportional betting for the recreational blackjack player. This month we explore the details of varying your bets and more tips and strategies.

Varying Your Bets

The "safest" way to bet at blackjack when you don't have the edge is to make the minimum size bet on every hand. This will decrease your theoretical loss and reduce your risk of busting out quickly.

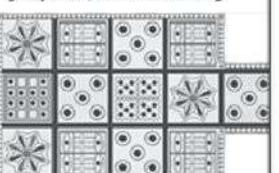
However, most recreational players find betting the same amount on every hand not very exciting. Therefore, they use some type of progressive betting system to vary their bets, where you increase or decrease bet based on whether your previous hand won or lost. The bottom line on progressive betting systems is this: mathematically speaking, you can't, and you won't, gain the advantage over the casino using a progressive betting system. Nevertheless, for those players who insist on varying their bets, I suggest using a conservative system known as Oscar's Grind. It works like this.

You begin your progression with a one-unit bet and after every win, you bet one unit

Fun Fact

The "Royal Game of Ur" is the oldest playable board game found in the world so far. In 1922, Sir Leonard Wooley led a team that discovered two sets of this game in a tomb near the site of ancient Ur, in southern Iraq. It has been dated to be roughly 4,600 years old.

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Assuming the Worst

Hi Guy,

This week when I was at Bingo, I was hit with one of my biggest dreads—a woman with two small kids arrived at Bingo late after I was all settled in and sat at my table.

I could just imagine how the evening would go, with these two littles squirming, fussing and complaining and being bored while I tried to ignore them and concentrate on the numbers. So, I was surprised and a little ashamed when they sat quietly in their chairs and did coloring books and drawings and minded their manners for the entire night.

When the games ended and we were all packing up to leave, I made a point of telling the kids how impressed I was with their good behavior and complimented their Mom for the good job she was doing raising them. The woman positively lit up when I said this and said that as a single Mom, she did worry about how good of a job she was doing.

It gave me a second pang of shame that it had not occurred to me that this woman brought her kids to Bingo because she clearly had no other option. I decided from that moment that I would not be so quick to look negatively on a single parent and his or her kids in social situations. —Henry, via email

Hi Henry,

I'm a total sucker for kids—except for the ones you feared you might be confronted with—noisy, misbehaving brats who should not be allowed in public. Ever!

I'm glad you realized that we should

never assume the worst when it comes to kids at Bingo. While some folks argue that Bingo is gambling and children should not be "exposed" to it, others, like me, see it as a game and have no problem with kids playing or simply being in the hall with an adult. Well behaved kids, that is. And may we all be less quick to judge others, kids or adults. —Guy

Hey guys! (And gals!) Write to: Guy's Turn c/o The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or e-mail the editor at tara@bingobugle.com. Be sure to include your name and address (you may request that your name not be published), as typically Guy will not include anonymous letters in his columns.



Ramon H. And Alicia H. won \$400 at 40 Martyrs



Laura G. won \$500 at Montebello Armenian Center



Elizabeth A. won the \$1,600 Hotball at Morongo Casino Resort & Spa



Vilma L. won \$1,500 at St. John Bosco High School



by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for February 2026

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

1st thru 6th... Fortune fluke the 5th!

7th thru 12th... Go for it 11th-12th!

13th thru 18th... Success 15th-16th!

19th thru 24th... Hella luck 19th-20th!

25th thru 28th... Easy winning 26th-27th!

Get on the RED train 28th!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

1st thru 6th... Sly and fly 3rd-4th!

7th thru 12th... Pace yourself 9th & 12th

13th thru 18th... Trick moves the 16th!

19th thru 24th... Best odds 20th & 24th!

25th thru 28th... Be there the 28th!

Get on the RED train 28th!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

1st thru 6th... Plenty of SS the 4th!

7th thru 12th... No dice 'til the 12th

13th thru 18th... Looks good 13th & 18th

19th thru 24th... Totally possible 17th-18th!

25th thru 28th... Aim high the 22nd!

Be there the 28th!

Slight advantage 26th!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

1st thru 6th... In your favor the 6th!

7th thru 12th... Get outta town 11th-12th!

13th thru 18th... Got those moves 16th!

19th thru 24th... Lucky schemes 19th & 24th!

25th thru 28th... BLUE luck 26th-27th!

Save it for March

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

1st thru 6th... Best advantages 2nd & 6th!

7th thru 12th... Step aside and wait

13th thru 18th... Place your bets 15th-16th!

19th thru 24th... Stay and play the 21st & 24th!

25th thru 28th... Solid gains the 22nd!

RED's the key 28th!

Save it for March

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

1st thru 6th... Observe and wait

7th thru 12th... Envy of all 8th-9th!

13th thru 18th... Place your bets 15th-16th!

19th thru 24th... One after another 17th-18th!

25th thru 28th... Amazing luck 26th-27th!

Color references: lucky objects, blotters, cards, machines, the clothing/jewels you wear, or a dominant color in the room.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22)

1st thru 6th... Excellent chances the 4th!

7th thru 12th... Hand over fist 8th-9th!

13th thru 18th... Waiting to happen 17th-18th!

19th thru 24th... All good the 22nd!

25th thru 28th... Lots to appreciate 26th-27th!

RED's the key 28th!

GEMINI (May 22-JUN 21)

Make a commitment to adopt a realistic approach toward your goals now. Bring outside assistance to help anchor you to the most realistic path forward: a wise friend, a skilled instructor (or savvy accountant) can assist you in getting where you want to go with minimal frustration.

Lucky Days: 4 - 27

Lucky Numbers: 5 - 19

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22)

February requires that you tighten things up on the domestic front. Exert your authority to straighten up any unruly financial situations.

Furthermore, minimize clutter—both literal and figurative. You operate optimally when your environment reflects order and security.

Lucky Days: 8 - 21

Lucky Numbers: 5 - 43

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23)

You might feel frustrated if you depend too much on others and their opinions. Ask yourself if you can forge a new path that isn't dependent on approval. If you feel feedback is necessary, be discerning about whom you invite to assess your plans. See if you can find a middle zone between self-promotion and rethinking what you're attempting to share.

Lucky Days: 11 - 20

Lucky Numbers: 4 - 32

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20)

Saturn will (finally) exit your sign for good; stop and congratulate yourself. You've been forged into an entirely new person. Reviewing the past couple of years, you'll see that commitment and discipline won the day for you. Now you're ready to return to the free-flowing nature of your imagination.

Lucky Days: 3 - 9

Lucky Numbers: 6 - 15

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR FEBRUARY 2026						
8	22	34	48	74		
15	27	33	54	68		
2	20	★	50	61		
12	18	40	52	65		
6	25	42	59	62		

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

1st thru 6th... Right on target 3rd-4th!

7th thru 12th... Be strategic 8th & 12th!

13th thru 18th... Driven to win the 13th!

19th thru 24th... Born to win the 22nd!

25th thru 28th... Risk brings SS 26th-27th!

Full Moon 1

1st National Freedom Day

2nd Groundhog Day

6th National Wear Red Day

8th Super Bowl

9th Last Quarter Moon 3

14th Valentine's Day



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A new Phoenix-based Civic Trust-Tech™ startup, HOADoctor.com, has officially launched nationwide, introducing the Community Trust Index™ (CTI™) and Community Trust Score—the first verified benchmarks of trust, transparency, and governance for homeowner's associations (HOAs) and condominium associations (COAs).

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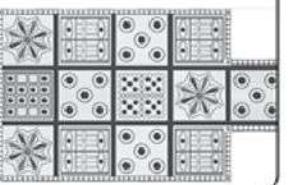
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Fun Fact

The “Royal Game of Ur” is the oldest playable board game found in the world so far. In 1922, Sir Leonard Wooley led a team that discovered two sets of this game in a tomb near the site of ancient Ur, in southern Iraq. It has been dated to be roughly 4,600 years old.

Sources: gamecabinet.com, gckeyz.com, britishmuseum.org



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Boggle® BrainBusters!

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words in all directions. You can search for words that touch once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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0-10	= Try again

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Lonora B. won the \$2,500 Bonanza Jackpot at Casino Morongo Resort & Spa



Meet Caller, Juan and Manager, Anthony who celebrated his birthday at St. John Bosco High School's New Year's Event!



DEAR PAWS: I find it weird that my two dogs, “Shep” and “Bull,” can eat just about anything (I have to hide all the pet food), while my cat “Trudy” will turn up her nose at most food. And although she’s perfectly healthy, sometimes she gets sick after eating wet or fresh food. Why? — Sarah in Madison, Wisconsin

DEAR SARAH: Cats’ eating behaviors have long been a source of curiosity for both pet owners and the scientific community. Why do they turn their nose up at certain foods and chow down on others? Why do they sometimes throw up after eating? Why do they gnaw on grass?

The answer is: It’s complicated, and no one is entirely sure. A 2015 study, for example, found that cats have some genes that are more commonly possessed by herbivores (animals that eat only plants, like cows). These particular genes help them detect bitter flavors, alerting them to potentially poisonous plants.

This research opens a new avenue into understanding why cats are more picky about their food than dogs tend to be. If cats are detecting a bitter taste in their food then they may be less inclined to eat it. And, a bitter taste also may trigger a vomiting response to safeguard against ingesting what is perceived to be poison.

The study’s results could lead to changes in how commercial producers formulate their cat food.

In the meantime, feeding a finicky cat remains a trial-and-error process. Try small amounts of different foods — dry, wet and fresh — and note Trudy’s likes and dislikes.

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

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QUESTIONS

1. Name the Los Angeles Rams defensive end who scored two safeties in a single game in 1973 and went on to star in the 1984-1991 NBC TV police drama *Hunter*.
2. Basketball Hall of Famer Willis Reed's No. 19 is the first number retired in the history of what NBA franchise?

3. A pair of sneakers worn in 1984 by what Basketball Hall of Famer fetched \$1,472 million at a 2021 Sotheby's auction?

4. What trophy, created in 2009 and carved from a 1,000-year-old oak tree, is awarded to the winner of the Florida Gators vs. Georgia Bulldogs college football rivalry game?

5. In the 2022 National League Championship Series, who became the first siblings to face each other as pitcher and batter in a Major League Baseball playoff game?

6. What Detroit Lions defensive tackle, selected No. 7 overall in the 1987 NFL Draft, killed three teenagers in a drunk driving crash in 1988 and was convicted of vehicular homicide?

7. What Italian cyclist set the new hour record by completing 56.792 kilometers at the Velodrome Suisse in 2022?

ANSWERS

1. Fred Dryer.
2. The New York Knicks.
3. Michael Jordan (an autographed pair of Nike Air Ships worn in his fifth NBA game).
4. The Okefenokee Oar.
5. Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola faced his brother Austin of the San Diego Padres.
6. Reggie Rogers.
7. Filippo Gamma.

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Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Pet Products for the Physically Challenged

Dear Savvy Senior,

My pet-loving mother has two cats and a dog, but her knee and back problems make caring for them increasingly difficult. Are there pet care products you can recommend that help elderly pet older owners with mobility problems? —Searching Susan

Dear Susan,

Great question! For older pet owners with limited mobility, daily tasks like feeding, walking or cleaning up after their pets can become physically challenging. Fortunately, there are a variety of products that are specifically designed to make pet care more manageable.

With the help of Next Avenue, a nonprofit, digital publication for older adults, here is a rundown on some top products that can help your mom care for her pets no matter her mobility.

Automatic Pet Feeder

Just like you, your pet needs to eat a few times a day. But lifting heavy food bags or bending to fill bowls can strain the back. An automatic pet feeder can help keep your mom’s pets well-fed without having to stoop or bend much.

The Petlibre Air Automatic Feeder (\$50) has a locking food tank to prevent between-meal snacking and can hold up to 16 portions. It runs on batteries that last 180 days, so you can put it anywhere you want. You’ll have to refill it now and then, but this product means a lot less bending and lifting.

Age-Friendly Litter Boxes

Bending or stooping over to fill or clean out the kitty litter box can be challenging for many mobility-challenged cat owners. To alleviate this, LoftyLoo sells an elevated litter box for \$289. Compatible with stairs and ramps for older cats, LoftyLoo’s raised litter box furniture has options for anyone living with chronic pain or recovering from surgery. It’s also fully wheelchair accessible.

Another option that can make kitty litter clean up easier is the Litter-Robot 4 by Whisker (\$699). This automatic, self-cleaning litter box eliminates scooping and reduces the odor and waste removal, which is helpful for older cat owners.

Long-Handled Pooper Scooper

Stooping over to clean up after your dog can be challenging if you have back, hip or knee problems. Long-handled waste scoopers can make this cleanup task much more manageable.

The ShinyDew Pooper Scooper (\$24) is a foldable, 32-inch-long dog poop picker upper, so you don’t have to bend to pick up your pet’s waste. You can use it with one hand, and also attach waste bags to the scooper for even easier disposal.

Hands-Free Leash

Most dogs love their daily walk and need the exercise for their own optimal health. But for seniors that use a cane, walker, wheelchair or have pain in their upper body, using a traditional leash can be challenging. If walking a pet is difficult, hands-free leashes or harnesses can make the experience more manageable.

One option is the Hands-Free Dog Leash with Zipper Pouch by iYoShop (\$22), which clips around your waist, has a reflective safety strip for visibility and includes two shock absorbers to prevent tugging. But note that this product should only be used if your pet cannot physically pull you down.

Pet Treadmill

If your mom can’t walk her dog any longer, she can still give them plenty of exercise by getting a pet treadmill. The PETSITE Dog Treadmill (\$286) has 12 preset programs and three incline options. The large running belt measures 39 inches long by 14.5 inches wide with a slip-resistant running surface and safety fences along the sides. It also comes with a remote to adjust speed and automatically turns off after 30 minutes.

Automatic Ball Launcher

Another way your mom can exercise her dog, if walking isn’t an option, is with an automated ball launcher.

The Joyhound Electronic Ball Launcher (\$120) comes with three tennis balls and can lob them 10 to 40 feet. Your mom can rest on her patio while her dog gets a challenging and entertaining workout.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

* The blocks of the Washington Monument are held together by gravity and friction, rather than mortar.

* Ancient Romans gave a hard “no” to the practice of eating butter, with Pliny the Elder referring to butter as “the choicest food among barbarian tribes.” Why? Mainly because they used it for treating burns and thus thought of it as a medicinal salve rather than food.

* Pencils have never been made from lead.

* The leather diamond patch on the outside of backpacks, called a “lash tab,” was initially used by mountaineers to secure their gear.

* Harvard University is older than calculus.

* Some research has shown that up to 40% of a worker ant colony may remain idle while their comrades soldier on with the labor. But before you label them lazy, one theory, based on scientific observation, is that keeping a team of workers on standby allows the colonies to stay productive.

* Heinz Ketchup has a “speed limit” of .028 miles per hour, set by the company as an indicator of the product’s consistency.

* “Watching paint dry” is an actual occupation for some folks, requiring an observation of the changing colors and particles of the substance as it dries, both on walls and under a microscope.

* Manhattan, New York’s most popular transportation hub, Grand Central Terminal, is radioactive.

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Dear Aunt Bingo,
We just had a church Bingo close because of lack of attendance. I was talking with my sister on the phone last week and she said that one of her favorite BINGOS closed a few months ago. I think this is terrible and I am worried that more BINGOS might close.

I hope you will print this letter in your column to encourage people to keep supporting their local BINGOS and do all they can to encourage new players to come and enjoy the Bingo games.

—Staci C., Illinois, via e-mail

Dear Staci,

These are wise words—for two reasons. First, we all love Bingo and want as many opportunities to play in as many Bingo halls as possible. Secondly, charity Bingo is a crucial source of revenue for countless charitable organizations. Without the support of local Bingo halls, the good works of these charities will either be scaled back or may disappear altogether.

Let's all act on Staci's call to action. Help support your favorite Bingo hall by bringing a new player—a son, a daughter, a spouse,



THE POD REPORT

By Dana Block

Top New Podcasts from 2025

There's no trophy or a definitive winner, but these newbies to the podcast world were the most downloadable podcasts of 2025, according to Apple Podcasts:

Good Hang with Amy Poehler — Comedic genius Amy Poehler's new one-on-one interview show has maintained a consistent top-10 ranking ever since its debut in March 2025. A-list guests include Ariana Grande, Kristen Wiig and Michelle Obama. (TheRinger.com)

Not Gonna Lie with Kylie Kelce — Taylor Swift's future sister-in-law Kylie Kelce has made a name for herself in her hit podcast where she speaks her truths on topics like modern parenting, social media trends, and women in sports. (Pod.Wave.co)



JOIN US & HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

Fun Fact

Japanese chefs consider Gomi (the Five tastes), Gokan (the Five senses), Goshiki (the Five colors) and Goho (the Five cooking methods) to be the most important aspects of meal preparation.

It is the chef's duty to make sure that everything creates a satisfying experience for those who are dining.

Sources: maff.go.jp/e/policies_japan-experience.com

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — Oscar winner Brendan Fraser is reteaming with Rachel Weisz for a fourth sequel to their *Mummy* franchise. And why not? The first three made over \$400 million each. Even Tom Cruise's *The Mummy* (2017) made \$410 million. (But with his cut, it barely broke even.)

Miss Piggy is ditching the Muppets after 50 years to star in her own film. Oscar winners Emma Stone and Jennifer Lawrence are developing the film, for which Cole Escola is writing the screenplay. It's likely that Stone and Lawrence will be Miss Piggy's co-stars!

Meghan Markle is returning to acting after an eight-year hiatus. The Duchess of Sussex, who is married to Prince Harry, stars with Brie Larson, Lily Collins, Jack Quaid and Henry Golding in Amazon MGM Studios' *Close Personal Friends*. The speculation is that she was often difficult when she starred in the series *Suits* (2011-2019), and now that she's a Duchess, she's more than likely to be a royal pain in the arse!

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Deadly Mirage — This true-crime podcast from Dateline NBC tells the sad tale of a seemingly perfect family with a "tight-knit group of friends who call themselves the "Wolf Pack." However, when one of the wolves is found murdered, secrets are uncovered that shatter the facade. (NBCNews.com)

Blink — This true-crime serial is about a coma patient named Jake Haendel. Just like in the soap operas, Haendel can hear his bedside visitors talking to him, even though he can't move or indicate in any way that he is aware. What the visitors have to say turns out to be a startling confession. (Blinkthepodcast.com)

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CryptoQuip

answer

What would you call belief in a magical ability to determine the origins of things? Sourcery.

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

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TULIP DAHLIA AZALEA

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Stay Calm to Foil Scammers

This is a new scam, but then it's what we expect from thieves — yet another way to steal from us. This one involves our innocent-seeming bank debit card, a scammer and a pair of scissors. Here's how it works:

You'll get a call from someone claiming to be from your bank who says there is fraudulent activity happening on your account, and they need your help. You'll be told that you need to act fast before you lose all your money.

The scammers will tell you to cut up your debit card, but not to cut up the little microchip on the card. Put all the pieces, they'll say, in an envelope and leave it at your door, because a bank "official" is going to rush over to take possession of the evidence. Oh, and there will be one last little detail they'll need — your bank PIN. By that time, if you're sufficiently rattled, you'll willingly tell them the number.

A scammer will quickly show up at your door to grab the envelope. Armed with that little card chip and your PIN, they can quickly empty your account.

The key is for you to not get rattled, to not let scammers direct your actions.

If you're suspicious about any call, hang up! It's OK (even preferable in this case) to be rude! Call the bank or company on their official number and ask if they were trying to contact you about fraudulent activity on your account.

If your debit card (or any card) expires and the bank or company sends you a replacement, cut up the old one. Be sure to cut through the chip, the magnetic strip on the back and the numbers as well as your name. Divide them up in multiple trash bags to keep the pieces apart.

Remember: Stay calm to defeat the scammers.

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Los Angeles Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
ARMENIAN CENTER IN MONTEBELLO	410 Washington St., Montebello		DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm				DO 12:00pm ST 2:00pm
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ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL	9647 Beach St., Bellflower							
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO BINGO	13400 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 926-7796							
ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH	500 S. Central Ave., Glendale (818) 245-6832	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm				
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	3848 Stewart Ave., Baldwin Park							
ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower (562) 920-1734							
SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL	5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood (562) 940-1797							
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Orange County Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
40 MARTYRS	5315 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm					DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	
NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2580 W. Orange, Anaheim (714) 672-8306						DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	
SANTA ANA ELKS	1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm ST 6:15pm ST 7:00pm						

San Bernardino/Riverside Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS OF WINCHESTER	32665 Haddock St., Winchester (619) 725-4562						DO 8:30am WU 11:00am	
CASINO MORONGO	49500 Seminole Dr., Cabazon (951) 755-5500			DO 3:00pm 7th Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 7th Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 7th Game 6:00pm	DO 11:00am 7th Game 2:00pm	

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Legend

- EB = EARLY BIRDS
- ST = STARTS
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Kumquat Trees?

This year we can celebrate three days when the man is always right. That would be the 29th, 30th, and 31st of February 2026.
—Ms. Anonymous

Sorry, dear readers, but we don't get an extra day this month as it is not a leap year. If it were, we would have an extra 24 hours to do stupid crap, act like idiots, and/or beg forgiveness from those we've previously alienated. Leap year occurs every four years so the next one is 2028; a year evenly divided by four. That's how you know when Leap Year is happening: or just check your February calendar, LOL. Wouldn't it be cool if that extra day every four years became a federal paid holiday? Those employed could enjoy a relax-and-chill day although some retirees, like Robert and me, do this most days anyway.

For those of you who are gainfully employed, did you know that February 6th is Working Naked Day? But, before you dash out your door naked as a jaybird, be advised that this day only refers to those who work remotely from their homes. Started in 2010, it's meant to encourage these workers to dress down or ditch their clothes completely so they're more comfortable as they do their computer projects. However, they should remember to dress appropriately from the waist up whenever zoom meetings are involved. No one will be the wiser if you're pantsless, not to mention missing your undies, as long as you're careful about your camera angles. Not being careful with them might cause the @#\$% to hit the fan, along with your job, if your boss sees your naked fanny.

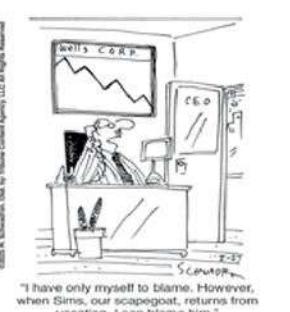
A Cozy Mexican Potato Noodle Soup

This is one of my favorite cold-weather recipes. It's budget-friendly, quick, and easy to make. It's quite versatile as well—you can add just about anything you want—more vegetables (corn and beans are good choices) or meat (shredded chicken is my preference, but I usually make it meatless).

SOPA DE FIDEO CON PAPAS

INGREDIENTS
2 large potatoes
2 tbsp olive oil (approximate)
½ large white onion (or 1 small), diced

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Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a winner! Denise VanderVeer of Hugo, Minnesota is the 2025 World Champion of Bingo. Denise sailed aboard Bingo Bugle's World Championship Bingo & Gaming Cruise in late 2025, nabbing \$3,800 in the regular Bingo sessions. That amount was enough to put her at the top of the leaderboard netting her an additional \$5,000 in cash and a free cruise for two aboard the 2026 Bingo Bugle Cruise. All of this Bingo fun and excitement while enjoying a luxury cruise vacation. Denise, right, is pictured with Cruise Specialist Roxanne Vasquez. Call Roxanne today at (888) 352-2464 to reserve your cabin aboard the World Championship Bingo Cruise 2026 to see if you can be the next World Champion of Bingo. The cruise sets sail October 24th, 2026 from Los Angeles, California for an 8-day trip through the sparkling waters of the Mexican Riviera. More information online at www.BingoBugle.com/cruise.

Booktrib's BookBites



Teaching in the Dark by Genét Simone

A young teacher buys a one-way ticket to the tiny Arctic village of Shishmaref, Alaska. Within minutes of landing, she finds herself dealing with unexpected, rustic accommodations and the culture shock of living in a remote Inuit community. To endure freezing temperatures, power outages, loneliness and first-year teacher anxieties and missteps, she relies on her courage, resilience, sense of humor and wit. Eventually, she realizes that her challenges pale in comparison to the life lessons she learns about the heart of teaching — lessons from her students, their culture and their community on the vast, windy landscape at the edge of the Chukchi Sea.

Full of poignancy and humor, this bold, heartfelt story has won numerous awards, garnering praise for Simone's "lyrical appreciation of the natural environment" (Gold Non-Fiction Book Award) and "rich character development," and the book's themes of "resilience, belonging, and the power of community" (International Impact Book Award). Jack Canfield, author of *The Success Principles* and the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, says, "Buy this book!"

Teaching in the Dark makes a great gift for new teachers or anyone who loves journeys of personal growth amid culturally unique settings.

ANSWERS

1. Fred Dryer.
2. The New York Knicks.
3. Michael Jordan (an autographed pair of Nike Air Ships worn in his fifth NBA game).
4. The Okefenokee Oar.
5. Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola faced his brother Austin of the San Diego Padres.
6. Reggie Rogers.
7. Filippo Gamma.

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More Winners from the 2025 Bingo Bugle Cruise



Cynthia S. won \$720
Yorba Linda, CA



Roxanne S. won \$720
St. Joseph, MO



Avis P. won \$770
St. Cloud, FL



Lynne L.
Dayton, OH

The hand began with a double straddle and action folded to Keating, who just called with the KdKc on the button. Peter looked down at the As3s in the big blind and raised to \$14,000, which prompted the straddlers to get out of the way. Keating then sprung to life with a three-bet to \$69,000 and Peter called.

The Ad turn paired Peter, he moved all in for \$434,000 and Keating snap-called to create a \$1,412,500 pot, making it the largest pot in High Stakes Poker history assuming there would be no chop as the duo agreed to run the river twice.

As it was in a vacuum, Keating was an 81.82% favorite to win while Peter had an 18.18% chance of hitting his flush. If Peter hit one of the two run outs, he'd at least recoup half the pot.

The Ac on the first runout ensured Keating would break even, but if he could avoid a spade on the second he'd scoop the entire pot. That's just what happened as the Jc completed the board on the second runout.

Not only did Keating win the largest pot in High Stakes Poker history, it came just four episodes after he won a \$911,000 pot off Peter after making what is considered one of the greatest hero calls of all time.

"It's my favorite hand because neither of us have much, but we made a game of chicken out of it by putting pressure on each other and no one backed down," Keating told media outlet PokerNews.

Clearly the two players have a long and expensive history, at least for Peter.

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