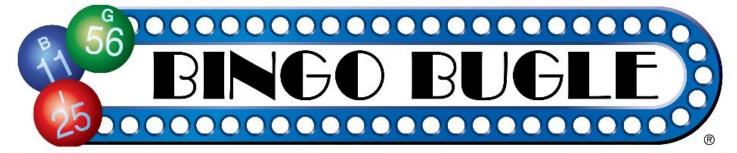
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by Matilda Charles

Books as Brain Food

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted, it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller Pompeii by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were

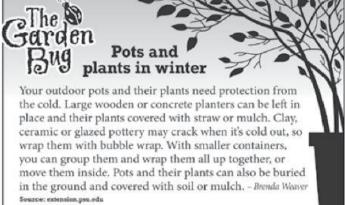
Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as

well as processing language According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, and a story we

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2024 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book

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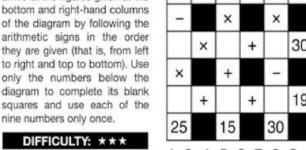


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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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How Incentive Trust Can Influence Heirs

What can you tell me about creating an ncentive trust? I have an adult son and daughter that are both financially inept. Before I die, I want to put some type of requirements in place that they will need to follow in order to receive their portion of my

Dear Frustrated.

after you're gone, an incentive trust is definitely an option to consider, but be cause unintended, unfair consequences. Here's how it works, along with some tips to help you create one

Incentive Trusts Basics

An incentive trust is an estate-planning tool designed to help encourage your heirs in a direction you desire when you're no longer

With an incentive trust, some or all of your assets are passed to your trust when you die rather than directly to your heirs. Your trustee is empowered to distribute funds from the trust only if and when your beneficiaries do whatever it is you have specified in the trust.

For example, an incentive trust might encourage a beneficiary to graduate from college, enter a particular profession, get married or even have children. They could also reward beneficiaries who do charitable work or supplement the incomes of those who choose low paying, yet meaningful careers like teaching or social work. Or they could penalize beneficiaries who don't work by cutting off or decreasing distributions or placing restrictions on heirs with addictions by requiring that payments go directly to rehab centers.

But be aware that these types of trusts can also have drawbacks. A poorly constructed incentive trust can have a high risk of unintended consequences. For example, if your trust provides a financial incentive for your children to be employed full-time, but one of them gets sick or seriously injured in a car accident and can't work, they would be punished unfairly

You also need to know that incentive trusts aren't cheap. You can expect to pay an attorney \$2,500 to \$5,000 to draft one.

There are also legal limits on what you can do with an incentive trust. While state laws vary, incentive trusts that encourage a beneficiary to join or leave a particular religion, or leave a spouse or not marry at all, can be challenged in court and possibly struck down.

How to Create One To create a solid incentive trust that If you want to influence your heirs even accomplishes what you envision, you need to hire an estate-planning attorney who will include precise instructions that clearly spells careful how you construct it because it can out your wishes. You'll also want to include language granting your trustee the right to use his or her discretion and that the trustee's decisions should be final and binding.

This allows your trustee to make common sense rulings, which will reduce or eliminate the chances of unintended and unfair consequences. It also makes it very difficult for beneficiaries to successfully challenge the trust or trustee in court. When a trust grants final decision-making authority to its trustee. it becomes almost impossible for beneficiaries to successfully argue that this trustee is not correctly implementing the trust's terms.

The key is to select a trustee who's smart enough to interpret your intent and has sufficient backbone to stand up to beneficiaries when necessary. You also need to select a successor trustee too if your first choice can no longer serve. Fees paid to a trustee vary widely depending on the state's fee schedules, the size and complexity of the trust, and conditions laid out in the trust.

To find an experienced attorney in your area to help you create an incentive trust, see the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org).



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1. Capt. Merrill Stubing.

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Turkey Bingo

Every so often, there was a cheer, or a groan of dismay, after the Bingo number the fenced-in area on a beautiful and sunny Saturday afternoon. The painting was was called. However, win or lose, there were smiles aplenty as the Sandpoint Lions kicked off the club's annual Toys for Tots drive with two nights of Turkey Bingo. So many people turned out Friday night for the Idaho event-more than 130 people-that players were gathered around the piano and leaning against the wall after all of the tables filled up. The action was equally brisk on Saturday. Lions Club president Janice Rader said her favorite part of Turkey Bingo is seeing the families gathered together to play, from the very young to moms and dads to grandparents. "It's just amazing," Rader said. "I love watching the kids learn how to play Bingo," Janelle Schramm said there is a nostalgia in coming out to play Turkey Bingo, having come to the games when she was her daughters' ages. She said the family enjoys supporting the Lions Club's Tots for Tots campaign, knowing it will help make Christmas merry for area youngsters. Funds raised during the annual campaign go to purchase new toys for area children-or gift cards for older youth—who live in the Lake Pend Oreille School District. Every Christmas, the Lions help almost 1,000 area children

Cow Pie Bingo

This past November a couple hundred people came out for the inaugural Cow Pie Bingo event held at Hot Shots Bar & Grill in Moneta, Virginia. At the center of the event were two calves-affectionately named Buttercup and Billy Bob-on loan from Steve and Dwayne Manning of Manning Bros. Beef in Moneta. Local artist Lisa Floyd painted a picture of

afternoon, won by Charlene Jones. Those in attendance weren't watching the paint dry on this day though. They were paying attention to Buttercup and Billy Bob, waiting for them to do their business on the bingo card grid. It was all for a good cause. put on by an organization that is known for doing good for their communities in and around the world-Rotary. A total of 99 numbered squares with numbers had sold for \$100 each, forming the Bingo grid. A little after 3 p.m., Buttercup did her business-netting Pidge Morgan the grand

Buttercup and Billy Bob, both who stood in

sold in an auction-style format later that

Showgirls Hold Bingo Bash

Sequins and feathers were fluttering all over the Mesquite Elks Lodge on a recent Saturday as the Glitzy Mesquite Showgirls held their 4th annual Bingo Bash fundraiser in Mesquite, Nevada. The very popular event was held with two bingo sessions: one in the morning with 49 participants, and one in the afternoon with a full house of 90 participants. Raffle and fifty-fifty tickets were being sold throughout and the Bingo room bar was open and busy. The Mesquite Showgirls are a state registered nonprofit group that serves the community by helping other organizations and businesses with their community events. Usually by showing up in their glamorous showgirl outfits, registering guests and selling raffle tickets. Notable bingo players were Anne Murphy, Ms. Senior Mesquite. Murphy was spreading the word that the 2024 Pageant is open and looking for contestants

BROOM-HILDA









PICKS OF THE MONTH

Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG) - Steve Carell's grouchy, yet lovable supervillain, Gru, first appeared on the big screen in 2010 during the box-office sensation Despicable Me. The film quickly evolved into the highest-grossing animated franchise of all time, and Minions: The Rise of Gru was no different than its predecessors, garnering close to \$1 billion. Starring Carell as Gru and Pierre Coffin as the minions, the latest film in the franchise takes us back to 1976 where an 11-year-old Gru dreams of becoming a supervillain. But with ambitions as high as Gru's, he can't go it alone and will need to find some assistance - specifically in the form of a yellow banana-loving species of creatures. Out now. (Peacock)



The World to Come (R) - Winner of the 2020 Queer Lion award at the Venice International Film Festival this drama film taking place in 1856 New York stars Katherine Waterson (Fantastic Beasts) and Vanessa Kirby (The Crown) as two respectively married women who feel severe isolation in the farmlands they live in. Both being married to emotionally lacking men, and being devoid of children, the two women start spending their downtime together and find meaningful solace in their shared moments. Eventually, they find that their bond is much deeper than friendship. Waterson and Kirby are an incredible lead duo; their performances as actresses excellently sync up to the profound and poetic dialogue of their characters. Out now.

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Little Richard: I Am Everything (NR) Known as the "Architect of Rock and Roll," Richard Penniman, aka Little Richard, was a pioneer of his genre and lives on as a legend of popular music and culture. This documentary, which features tons of archival footage and interviews with his family and other musicians, dives into his legacy and explores his influence as a Black queer icon. It also touches on how he inspired other artists of his time and the many eras of music yet to come. The film depicts a very nuanced story that centers on the fact that Little Richard "was an omni being who contained multitudes - he was unabashedly everything," Out now. (Max)

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Gaming News

Maine Launches Sports Betting

In November Maine became the 35th state, plus Washington, D.C., where residents can make sports bets. Sports betting was legalized in August 2022, but the rollout was purposefully slow. Maine's four federally recognized tribes have exclusive licenses to run mobile sports betting apps. Caesars Sportsbook will operate its app on behalf of a tribe and DraftKings has an "agreement in principle" with another. Maine's two brickand-mortar tribal casinos can also accept

Fontainebleau Open at Last?

Hiring was seriously ramping up at press time as the Fontainebleau team was prepping to finally open their \$3.7 billion, 3.644-room resort. The Fontainebleau was first planned in 2005 but was delayed nearly two decades after the financial meltdown of the Great Recession and multiple ownership changes. Executives estimate a total of 7,100, full and part-time employees will run the resort when fully staffed. The property's design plays up texture and bright blue and gold throughout the building, as seen on a first-look tour with the Review-Journal. The simplified bowtie logo-the Florida-based parent company called Bowtie Hospitality LLC-can be found throughout the public and private spaces. The resort has several nods to its sister property on Miami Beach, such as a lobby bar named after Collins Avenue and pillars throughout the public spaces that reference the Florida hotel. Fontainebleau Las Vegas will have 36 restaurants and bars. and its casino will be among the largest in Las Vegas, trailing behind only Wynn and

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STARTS EATING AWAY AT YOU?

Pondering Casino Plans

Sixty acres of prime real estate sits just southwest of I-94 and 60th Street in Kenosha. Wisconsin. It's the site of a proposed Hard Rock Casino and a source of contention. Elected officials and area residents are torn on the short- and long-term effects of a casino. Kenosha has entertained the idea of building a casino since the 1990s. In 2015, a Kenosha casino was approved at nearly every level only to have then-Governor Scott Walker kill the deal. A new opportunity is back on the table and up for a vote in Kenosha's City Council and Kenosha County Board. In November 20023, city officials deferred the vote on an intergovernmental agreement with the Menomonee Tribe's gaming authority until Jan. 3, 2024.

A multimillion-dollar remake of The Buffet at Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi debuted Thanksgiving Day 2023 with a new look and more than 30 new dishes on the menu. Most everything is new, from the serving counters down to the carpeting and wood plank flooring. Among the biggest changes is the addition of live cooking stations that make the buffet custom to each customer's taste. A new waffle station and omelets made to order are among the specialties for breakfast. The new Mongolian Grill turns out customized Asian entrees, and the buffet has create-your-own pasta station, the carving board and the brick oven station with gourmet pizza. New food options include Cajun shrimp Alfredo, deep fried Caiun catfish and other coastal cuisine Back on the menu are Southern favorites like seafood gumbo, crawfish etouffee and jambalaya. Saturday is seafood night, when the buffet will be loaded with fried catfish. crab cakes, shrimp, fried oysters, oysters Rockefeller, fruits of the sea, lobster ravioli,



by Kate and Reva

Shin Min for the Bingo Win

Kate loves New Year's Eve like no other holiday. She carefully hoards fireworks from the 4th of July to shoot off on New Year's Eye and puts on a show for the neighborhood, starting about ten when it is clearly my bedtime. There is great whooping and hollering from the neighbors as they help her celebrate and she does love it.

On New Year's Day itself, we usually celebrate with Cliff and Rod. They take us to breakfast at the casino and then we play Bingo until we are worn out. Casino breakfasts are marvelous affairs and on this particular day they usually have a buffet with of all the time I was giving our friend, so I every goodie imaginable. We fill up and then snuggled up close to him at dinner just to let find a Bingo game.

Today they played in the biggest room and it was full. We quickly found seats with our friend and fellow Bingo fan, Shin Min. He how much you mean to me and wishing you is from Lanzhou, China, where he became the happiest of New Year's."

an acupuncturist and then emigrated to the U.S. He is a charming man and I love to get acupuncture from him, but I don't go to him often as he won't let me pay and that bothers me. I have tried to talk to him about paying but he is adamant-he will not accept money from close friends. What a joy it was to see him on New Year's Day.

Shin Min was having a lucky day. He won the first game and seemed always to be on when he didn't win. I had gotten a machine with 38 pre-programmed cards so I didn't have much to do except watch for wins. That's the reason I don't often get machines-they do all the work and you just sit there and monitor the results.

When intermission came, Shin Min insisted on treating us as he had been winning, but was still full from breakfast. He politely asked if he might take us to dinner after the games and we happily accepted, knowing he would want to stay in the casino.

After intermission we continued playing; I was wondering how all 38 of my cards could be so unlucky when Shin Min was playing with only 8 cards and winning consistently He became embarrassed and almost missed one win, but I finally convinced him not to feel bad about winning. That's just how it

The final blackout was preceded by what was called "the bell." That was the top N, the second I and G, the third B and O, the fourth I and G and the bottom N. Since it was a blackout, the trick was to keep track of the pattern, but Shin Min was very good at this and he won, of course.

Rod was beginning to be a little resentful him know how important he is in my life. "Well." he said. "What's this about?"

"Nothing special-just letting you know

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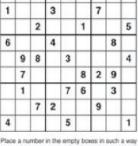
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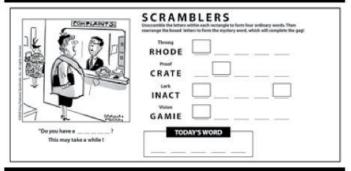


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By 8ob Whittmore

What's your favorite number?

As regular readers to this column know, my all-time favorite Bingo number is I-19. I'm not sure why, but I really love that number. And, once every five years or so, when I Bingo on that number, I get the chance to stand up and cheer.

Back when I was able play every nightwhen I lived in Las Vegas—I started naming all the balls. I just wonder how many reading this column have a favorite number or have given a Bingo ball a nickname. Well, let us

know at bobonbingo@earthlink.net.

Some of the numbered balls I've named: I-23: I always called I-23 "the cutie." Again, I'm not sure why, but it IS cute. It kinda looks like "1-2-3."



By Fred Wagner Gasoline Alley



I have always thought that I-26 was the most-hated number in Bingo. I got that idea from a friend. One night he needed I-26 to win in three consecutive games. All three Antiques & Collecting times he didn't win. Good old B-1 is, as far as I am concerned By Terry and Kim Kovel "The Leading Lady." I got that idea from a

great uncle who was a well-known Bingo caller in southern Illinois, I think I've mentioned B-1 before. Of course, N-32 is "the freezer." G-47

is, for me, "the birthday ball," since I was born in 1947. I have nicknamed B-4 as the "history ball." That's because history is what came "B-4" the current time. Just a few more: N-39 is the Jack Benny Ball. (Think about that one). O-65 is the

Retirement Ball. Finally, I had a friend who, every time B-9 was called, he would yell, "Be nice!" By the way, this same guy-let's call him Nicky-had a rare knack of being able to predict the numbers before the balls were

turned around on camera. I think I mentioned him in a column a long time ago, I finally realized that many of the balls needed cleaning and were rather recognizable, almost as if they were "marked." Once a new set of balls replaced the old ones, he no longer had ESP when it came to the numbers.

Back to my numbers game. I remember that years ago I went nuts trying to come up with funny names for each and every number. vaguely remember having a Kate Smith ball and a ball named for Guy Lombardo.

But, in the long run, any number can be the BEST number of all...IF you WIN on that number...and even better if you don't have to share it.

O: I have too many antiques and vintage objects from the early 1900s and middle 1800s that have been left to me from family. My children (all married with children) have no desire for any of my antiques or vintage collection, which includes dishes, silverware toys, books, blanket boxes (1800s) and multiple objects that are collectors' dreams How do I find buyers who will want them?

A: Many people face this dilemma. My biggest piece of advice is, first and foremost, don't just donate everything or have a big garage sale! You could be letting valuable items (and money) slip through your fingers. Going through your collection will take time and effort, as well as help from some experts in furniture, toys and other collectibles. Your first step is looking over the Kovels guide to downsizing, located in the "How to Buy or Sell" section of Kovels.com. Good luck!

TIP: Silver jewelry should be kept in an anti-tarnish bag, often the bag it came in, when you are not wearing it.

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Dear Aunt Bingo:

My friends and I decided this past fall that we were going to start the New Year rightby winning a big Bingo jackpot sometime before the end of January. We figured it was great way to kick off 2018 and set in motion what we dubbed our "Year of Big-Ass Winning." Plus, we knew that Bingo attendance got lighter during the winter, which also could boost our odds of winning sooner rather than later.

The plan was to make it through the holidays and then do a team Bingo marathon right after New Year's. We would hit a bunch of small Bingo games as well as make a few casino trips. The goal was to score a win of \$500 or more, which we would split four ways between us, and set in motion what we were confident would be lots more Bingo prizes in the months to come

Something about this New Year's plan got our Bingo juices flowing, however, and we found ourselves getting a jump on our plans by going to considerably more Bingo much sooner than expected.

We had a copy of your newspaper, and each time we met for Bingo we'd go through the directory and plot our next trip. An added bit of fun was picking games we'd never

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been to in other parts of town, which made us feel adventurous. When we branched out to new neighborhoods we also scoped the areas for little local diners and restaurants to try out. It led us to some amazing food-Thai, Vietnamese, Polish and other nationalities. It was really fun.

We're all pretty budget conscious and stuck with the smaller games, but by mid-November we were itching to hit one of the upstate New York casinos. We went with the closest one, piled into the car and were off.

Following our now usual pattern, we went early and had lunch at one of the casino bistros before heading to the Bingo room. The Bingo games were mid-session, so we went for a walk through the other gaming areas while we waited the 30 minutes before the next session started.

My friend Lisa wanted to do the slots, so we gathered around her to watch her play. On her third spin, the bells and whistles went off: Just like that she won \$350! "Bingo's on me!" she shouted, and we all cheered.

We still had a few minutes to kill, and the excitement of Lisa's slots win was more than enough for us all to take a seat at another bank of slots and play for a bit. It was getting close to the time to leave for Bingo, and I gave my slot machine one more spin. Bing Bing Bing! I won \$200!

My friend Elaine clapped her hands and chanted: "The Year of Big-Ass Winning, the Year of Big-Ass Winning!" and we all laughed and began chanting with her. It was a little early, but we weren't going to

With two slots wins under our belts, none of us had particularly high hopes of walking away with any of the casino's Bingo money, but we were all having a good time and headed to the Bingo room nonetheless.

The room was pretty full, but we did our buy-in and found some decent seats near the caller. We chatted and daubed away for a half-dozen games or so, when Lisa got quiet.

"Guys, I'm one away in two spots," she whispered as we were playing through a triple Bingo.

"Get out, we've barely started," I said, thinking she was just kidding around. "I mean it. Look!

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Sure enough, she had daubed practically every number called so far.
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Big-Ass Winning...!" Elaine began saying, and we all started chanting again

"Bingo!" The caller finally called O-61. one of Elaine's numbers.

We all cheered. We were about to split \$1.350!

Our plan had been to make 2018 the Year of Big-Ass Winning, but 2017 apparently had other ideas. Thank you, 2017! J.J. New York

Share your views! Write to Aunt Bingo c/o the Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email her at tara@bingobugle com. Be sure to include your name and address (you can request that your name not be published), as typically she will not include anonymous letters in her columns.





OUESTIONS

- 1. How did Mitch Ryder get his stage
- 2. Where was the Beatles' last live show: 3. Name the first Beach Boys song to top
- the charts in the U.S. 4. What song was Bobby Hebb best known
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric:
- 'Though I know you're the kind of boy who only wants to run around, I'll keep waiting and, someday darling, you'll come to me when you want to settle down."

- 1. He snotted the name in a New York City phone book. He added "The Detroit Wheels" for the name of his band, and they were off
- Candlestick Park in San Francisco California, on Aug. 29, 1966. The crowd numbered only 25,000, with 7,000 tickets not sold, even at a reduced price. That could have been due to Lennon's comments one month earlier about the Beatles being more
- "I Gct Around," in 1964.
- 4. "Sunny," in 1966. Numerous others released covers of the song around the world.
- "One Fine Day," by the Chiffons in 1963. The song has been used in many soundtracks, including The Flamingo Kid (1984) as well as an episode of The Simpsons.

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An old coffee can filled with bacon grease

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using them to drain fried food, that's what

newspapers were used for. I have no idea

how much newspaper ink I ingested in my

childhood, but I'm still here, so that's a good

sign. Our brown bagged lunches consisted of

fruit. This is a small snapshot of my mother's

As kids, we'd eat crazy things like cold

recipe, and the always welcome Vienna

(or maybe your parents'

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sausages (Vi-een-ers, if you will). 11551 TRASK AVE. [Corner of Newhope] GARDEN GROVE | 714.534.0226 I certainly don't eat like that now. I cook my hotdogs and potatoes. Okay, I will

eat Vienna sausages on the rare occasion However, there are some actual dishes from my childhood I rather miss.

-- The "Lady's Special" dinner plate. There are variants, but this was typically found at a diner and consisted of a ground beef patty, tomatoes, cottage cheese and a spoonful of some sort of canned fruit. I also enjoyed the tuna salad stuffed tomato on occasion.

--Pincapple upside-down cake. This was my father's favorite cake. I made it often, not just for his birthday or special occasion. This became easier with boxed cake mix. I haven't baked or eaten any since his passing. Maybe it's time to make it again.

-- Canned chicken chow mein. It's not that I miss this recipe as much as I miss my mom making it for us kids. She would improve it by adding extra chicken and making sure we had plenty of those delightful crunchy noodles (also from a can).

--Jell-O salads. My favorites were the green ones. Either the lime Jell-O salad with cottage cheese, pincapple and chopped nuts, or the "Watergate salad" with pistachio pudding mix, pincapple, mini marshmallows and chopped nuts. I should have made one of these during the holidays. I would probably be the only one eating it, which is not a bad thing. Next year for sure.

--Homemade Chex Mix. It's just so easy to pick up a bag, whether it's Chex Mix or another brand. I believe the best was the one you made in a large roasting pan and cooked in the oven. We would customize it. Mixed sandwiches wrapped in wax paper, a cookie nuts might be swapped for cashews, pecans, or two wrapped in wax paper, and a piece of or fancier peanuts. No one liked the harder Wheat Chex so we would substitute that ingredient with another box of Corn Chex. Pretzels could be changed or eliminated—a hotdogs straight from the package, frozen lot of options to make it how YOU like it.

Well, I'm hungry now. I think I'll put "French fried" potatoes, raw potatoes pistachio pudding and mini marshmallows grabbed as Mama was cutting them for a on the shopping list, and just maybe some Chex cereals.

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By Samantha Weave

- ★ Atomic bomb tests were a major touris attraction in Las Vegas during the 1950s.
- ★ Microplastics aren't an issue only in the world's oceans and ice caps. Researchers have discovered the tiny particles in clouds over Japan's Mount Fuii and Mount Ovama.
- ★ A study found that students who chewed gum earned better math test scores than those who didn't.
- ★ Ever wonder why our friends across the pond wish each other a "Happy Christmas" as opposed to Americans' "Merry Christmas"? In the 19th century, the word "merry" also meant intoxicated, so they wanted to separate it from public insobriety
- ★ When staying at hotels, guests are more likely to interact with female robots, especially if they have human-like features, than male robots.
- ★ Next time you're feeling stressed, try reaching for a hunk of chocolate: The sweet's smell increases theta brain waves, which triggers relaxation.
- ★ In 1987, Marvel Comics celebrated the wedding of Spider-Man, aka Peter Parker, and his red-haired, green-eyed, longtime girlfriend Mary Jane Watson with a grand, live-action ceremony at New York's Shea Stadium. Guests of the happy couple included actors costumed as the Fantastic Four, Captain America and even the Hulk.
- ★ Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side, while left-handed folks are prone to chewing on their left.

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Q: Is it true that Big Little Lies is returning for another season? Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon are such busy actresses. I hope they have the time to film again and that it's not an all-new cast.— W.S.

A: I agree. Not only are Kidman and Witherspoon busy starring in other films and shows, but they also work behind-the-scenes as producers to help develop other projects. This past January, Kidman joined the cast of Special Ops: Lioness on Paramount+, then followed it up with the Netflix series The Perfect Couple. She'll also be seen in Netflix's A Family Affair in 2024.

Witherspoon produces and co-stars in Apple TV+'s The Morning Show She's also set to reprise her iconic character Elle Woods in the upcoming film Legally Blonde 3.

As for HBO's Big Little Lies, Kidman recently announced during a press event that they "will be bringing you a third one, just FYI." Nothing else has officially been announced, but I imagine that Witherspoon, Laura Dern and Zoe Kravitz will be reprising their roles.

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Z New Year

A zombie outbreak could be avoided if dead people were buried with their shoelaces tied together. -pininterest.com

January 1st is New Year's Day but is also Z Day. When I saw it mentioned somewhere, the first thing that came to mind was that it was meant to celebrate all things zombie as in the recent plethora of zombie movies, books, and TV shows. I love all things zombie; two favorites being the movies Night of the Living Dead and World War Z. Night of the Living Dead came out in 1968 and introduced flesh-eating ghouls that became synonymous with the term zombie. The story follows seven people in rural Pennsylvania who are trapped in a farmhouse under assault by slow moving reanimated corpses. World War Z was released in 2013 and stars Brad Pitt as a handsome hero hunk who saves our world from hordes of hungry flesh eaters.

However, much to my surprise, I discovered that Z Day on the first day of January is not about the walking dead, but instead gives recognition to all persons, places, and things that begin with the letter Z. Alphabetical order is reversed and those whose names begin with the letter Z come first in all matters of alphabet sequence; letters at the front of the alphabet go last. So,

if your name is Zelda, Zeke, Zia, etc. this is your opportunity to go to the front of the line Many years ago, the letter Z was removed from the alphabet because it was considered useless, but thankfully, it was later reinstated so Zelda, Zeke, and Zia aren't named Elda, Eke, and Ia. I suggest you celebrate Z Day by treating any friends/family who have Z-names s to Bingo and hopefully start your or their 2024 on a lucky winning streak.

As for the rest of 2024, there are a few things you can do to attract good luck and surround yourself with good fortune. Start by filling a bowl with coins, crystals, lottery tickets, and other indicators of wealth. Place the bowl in the southeast corner of your house and await the goodness that comes your way. Next, you need a three-legged toad with a coin in its mouth; an artificial toad, not a real one of course. These toads are readily available online and you should hang the fake toad near your home's entrance to invite good luck inside.

Last but not least, whatever your circumstances, be grateful. Be thankful for what you already have in your life, including family and friends. Count your blessings and visualize more abundance in all areas of your life. Expect good things to happen and do not dwell on negatives. Doing so will bring calm to your soul and peace into your One last thought to ponder. January 31 is

National Sdrawkcab Day, translated National Backwards Day. Wouldn't it be a good idea to celebrate Z Day as well on January 31 or vice versa, celebrate Backwards Day on January 1? On Backwards Day we are to do everything backwards like wearing our clothes that way; similar to the idea of Z Day, so celebrate both together. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win My contact is nlpvzw6172@gmail. com. Final Fun Fact: Penguins cannot walk backwards. Neither can I, and do well to walk forward most days. LOL.



Facts on Becoming a Blackjack Dealer

I often get inquiries from players who are the Casino Gaming Schools of Nevada.

Are there any requirements to be a dealer? The minimum age to deal in a casino in Nevada is 21. Prospective dealers will undergo a background check, which varies from casino to casino. Generally, they expect the prospective dealer to be drug-free (they will be tested), have no jail time and have their finances in order (no major debts). Once a dealer is hired, they apply for a gaming card, which costs \$75 and is valid

performs during the audition is what determines whether or not they get the job. That's why I conduct two live, mock auditions with all of my students-one with their lead instructor and if the student passes. a final audition with me. I also give students feedback on their performance to better

How long does it take to complete a course

It depends on the game. Blackjack, for

example, is one of the easiest games to deal,

and typically students complete their training

(100 hours) in 3 to 6 weeks or less. Craps and

roulette are more complicated games and it

usually takes a student 6 weeks to complete

the training. Poker is very popular, and we

teach a 5-week course (100 hours) on how to

deal poker that includes Omaha High/Low.

Once a student completes his training,

The student has to audition with a casino

Are the stories about high rollers

Yes. For example, a few years ago a player

tipped as much as \$250,000 per day over

the three days he stayed at a high-end Strip

What makes a person a successful casin-

Their personality and attitude are the

keys. Successful dealers are well groomed

in their appearance, friendly, helpful, have a

positive attitude, interact well with players,

and are happy to be a dealer. Casinos figure

that dealer's skills at dealing will always

improve. What they look for is the package:

a pleasant individual with a good attitude

and the ability to deal. If they have these

characteristics it will show in their job

performance and result in a positive playing

casino. Dealers call players who tip large

amounts of money "King Georges."

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interested in becoming blackjack dealers. What follows is an excerpt I conducted a few years ago with Nick Kallos, owner of Nick's answers pertain to dealing in Las Vegas; in other gambling jurisdictions, the requirements may be slightly different Nevertheless, the Q&A gives you some idea on what's involved in becoming a blackjack



Flopping a Set

I was recently told about a poker hand that illustrates a situation where many players leave a lot of value on the table. Early in the World Series of Poker Main Event with 85 000 chips at 200/400 blinds it folded around to the lojack seat who raised to 1,000.

The hijack called and then it folded to me on the button with 5d-5c.

Some players opt to fold small pairs when facing a raise because they realize the flop will often fail to improve their weak pair, but that would be a mistake. Other players reraise with their pair because it is probably the best hand at the moment, but that would also be a mistake.

You should instead call and see if you improve to three-of-a-kind, and if you do, vou can then confidently get lots of money in the pot.

I called, as did the big blind. The flop came 6s-5s-2c. The big blind checked and the lojack bet 6,000 (130% pot) out of their 38,000 stack. The hijack folded and now I had to decide what to do.

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Quick Chicken **Enchilada Casserole**

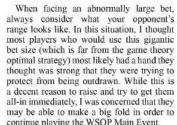
Make two cozy, comforting casseroles and

You know what we need? We need a recipe for an easy, comforting, home-cooked meal the whole family will love that doesn't break the bank

Today I'm sharing a recipe that's a true gem; a Chicken Enchilada Verde Casserole that's not only easy on the wallet but also on vour precious time. This is your ticket to a cozy, heartwarming dinner with a recipe that easily doubles so you can make one for dinner tonight and stash the second in the freezer for a zero-effort dinner when you are too tired from all the fun to cook.

Please note this is enchilada casserole, not enchiladas. I find layering like lasagna is faster and easier to prepare and serve than rolled enchiladas. But if you have the time, use this recipe to roll enchiladas to your heart's content.

This recipe calls for corn tortillas, but you could use flour tortillas if that's what you have. I love the way corn tortillas absorb the sauce and become almost fluffy. Besides, if you buy a package of 30 corn tortillas, you have enough to double this recipe.



I called and the big blind folded. The turn was the (6s-5s-2c)- 2d and the lojack checked.

Perhaps my read that my opponent had a strong hand was not accurate, but I should still bet to try to get their 32,000 remaining stack into the pot by the river.

I bet 8,000 and my opponent quickly called. The river was the (6s-5s-2c-2d)- 8h and the loiack checked again. The pot is currently 32,600 and the lojack has 24,000 in their stack.

At this point, some players bet small, hoping to ensure the opponent calls, but that would be a mistake since I still thought it was likely my opponent had a decently strong hand like an overpair. In the Main Event though, going all-in could be a blunder because many players will make a big fold to preserve their tournament life.

I decided to bet 20,000, leaving my opponent with 4,000 if they called. After much deliberation, my opponent called with K-K, awarding me a nice pot. While I may have left 4,000 chips on the table, I think in this situation that my opponent would have likely made a big fold if I forced them to put all their chips in the pot.

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CHICKEN ENCHILADA VERDE CASSEROLE Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Total Time: 45 minutes

1 (28 ounce) can green chile enchilada sauce, divided

I cup sour cream

teaspoon ground cumin

I teaspoon ground chile powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 to 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded or chopped 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, drained

yellow corn tortillas, cut in half

3 cups Mexican cheese blend, shredded Optional Garnish: onions, cilantro, avocado, tomatoes, sour cream and tortilla chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees with the rack in the middle position. Grease a 9-by-13-inch pan, then pour 1 cup of enchilada sauce and spread around the bottom. Set it aside.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together 1 cup enchilada sauce, sour cream, cumin, chile powder, salt and pepper. Add the shredded chicken and pinto beans, then stir to combine

In the 9-by-13 pan, place 9 tortilla halves on top of the enchilada sauce. Placing the cut sides along the sides of the pan offers better coverage for layering.

Spread half of the chicken mixture on top

of the tortillas. Evenly distribute 1 cup of cheese over the chicken mixture.

Place another layer of 9 tortilla halves followed by the remaining chicken mixture and 1 cup of cheese.

Layer the last tortilla halves on top followed by the remaining enchilada sauce. Top with the last cup of cheese. Bake for 30 minutes, or until it's nice and bubbly. Allow this to rest for 15 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired.



Monty M. won \$500! Garden Grove Elks Lodge

Store leftovers in the fridge for three to four days. Or freeze for up to three months. Thaw overnight in the fridge and reheat in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes when completely

If you have the budget to add some ingredients to this casserole, you could happily add a can of diced tomatoes with chiles and/or a can of diced green chiles. And no one would be mad at you if you added

So whip up this Chicken Enchilada Casserole, sayor the flavors of comfort food and take a moment to cherish the warmth it brings to your table. And remember, doubling the recipe can be a lifesaver during these busy times, either for yourself or as a gift for another holiday harried household. Enjoy!

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"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." -Mark Twain

1. The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes

(PG-13) Rachel Zegler, Tom Blyth 2. Trolls Band Together

(PG) Anna Kendrick, Justin

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3. The Marvels (PG-13) Brie Larson, Teyonah Parris

4. Thanksgiving (R) Patrick Dempsey, Ty Olsson

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6. The Holdovers

(R) Paul Giamatti, Da' Vine Joy Randolph

7. Next Goal Wins (PG-13) Michael Fassbender, Oscar

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(PG-13) Taylor Swift, Amanda Balen 9. Priscilla

(R) Cailee Spaeny, Jacob Elordi 10. Killers of the Flower Moon (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Lilv

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Dr. Keith Roach I'm sure you've answered this question

before, but how important do you think the digital rectal exam is for a 70-year-old man with normal findings in his PSA tests? My previous doctor who retired would routinely do them during my annual physical, but my current doctor said it's my choice. So, I've opted not to have it done. Thoughts? - Anon.

ANSWER: The PSA test is much better at diagnosing than a finger is. There are cases where a clinician felt a tumor that would have been missed by the PSA test, so there is some small benefit to the digital rectal exam. But the benefit is quite modest.

There are men who have come to expect that part of the exam and feel unsatisfied without it, just as there are some men who absolutely refuse it. So, a wise clinician gives the patient the choice after explaining the small benefit and nonexistent risk

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

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do to stop this? - Francesca W., via email

isn't someone you know, and you're nervous about knocking on their door to talk to them about it, then contact the animal control department for your town, city or county. If you live in an area where there is no animal control unit, call the nearest shelter or Humane Society to make a report.

freezing, dogs can suffer a cold injury. Their paws and noses - any exposed skin - are at risk for frostbite. Hypothermia can be deadly, or it can permanently impair their immune system and overall health. A thick coat doesn't provide as much protection

Many cities have laws against leaving pets out in extreme cold or heat. And tying up a dog outside, even for a few hours, is also unacceptable. If no one else is saving anything about it, go ahead and make some noise by calling any organization that can help and finding out where you can go to make it happen even faster. Thank you for

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@



DEAR PAWS: On my morning walks, I've noticed that someone in a house down the street puts their dog outside, tied to the porch railing, with only a pan of water. They stay out there all morning. Now that the weather has turned cold. I still see this dog tied up every morning outside. Even with a shaggy coat, the dog is shivering. What can I

DEAR FRANCESCA: If this person

In cold temperatures, even temps above from the cold as one might think.

paying attention to and helping that dog out.

Symptoms of RSV People infected with RSV usually show symptoms within 4 to 6

days after getting infected. Symptoms of RSV infection usually include

drug to babies at the highest risk of severe disease.

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Double bingo win! Congratulations to these two!

Morongo Casino

A new RSV shot in short supply

A new shot for infants to help fight RSV is in short supply, and

U.S. health officials told doctors they should prioritize giving the





Problems breathing

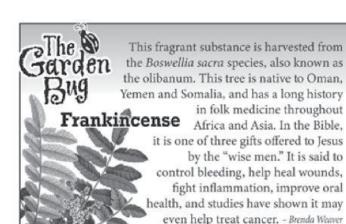
Infants younger than 6 months who have chronic lung disease or other underlying conditions should be given priority

Source: CDC, AP Graphic: Staff, TNS

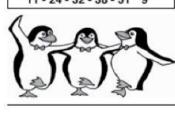
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Symptoms of RSV

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her underlying conditions should be given priority Source CDC AP





by Annie E. Ennis

Chocolate Chip Muffins

My children love the chocolate chip muffins they sell at the local bakeries in our town. However, I would rather make them myself and save the inflated prices that the bakeries charge. Do you have a recipe for chocolate chip muffins

Alexis and Sara's Mom, New York City



I have a wonderful recipe for Double Chocolate Chip Muffins that I was given by a dear friend from Minnesota. Enjoy! —Annie
DOUBLE CHOCOLATE CHIP

2 cups flour

1/3 cup brown sugar 1/3 cup granulated sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder ½ teaspoon salt

2 eggs, slightly beaten

2 cup butter, melted 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

clean). Makes 12 muffins.

Using a 12 standard muffin pan, line with

paper muffin inserts. Lightly spray with nonstick oil coating, including the area around each paper muffin insert. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugars, baking powder and salt. In a small bowl, whisk together the eggs, milk butter and vanilla. Add the contents of the small bowl to the large bowl and mix until blended. Stir in the chocolate chips. Spoon into the coated paper muffin inserts. Bake for 17 to 20 minutes (until a wooden pick inserted in the center of the muffin comes out



OUESTIONS

 a diamond-encrusted. alligator-skin belt with a solid gold buckle was awarded annually from 1950-76 to the top pro athlete of the year?

2. Joe Juranitch performed as the motorcycle-riding mascot Ragnar for what NFL team from 1994-2015?

3. What automobile endurance race was held from 1950-54 and was contested over six days and 2,100 miles through Mexico?

4. What Baseball Hall of Fame second baseman announced his retirement in June 1994, then returned to play for the Chicago Cubs for the 1996-97 seasons?

5. Name the 1969 LPGA Tour Rookie of the Year who made a record 299 consecutive cuts during her pro career.

6. How many times did Ingemar Johansson knock down Floyd Patterson in the third round of their 1959 world heavyweight championship boxing match before being declared the winner?

7. What member of the Toronto Maple Leafs scored an NHL single-game record 10 points (six goals and four assists) vs. the Boston Bruins in 1976?

ANSWERS

1. The Hickok Belt

2. The Minnesota Vikings

3. The Carrera Panamericana.

4. Ryne Sandberg.

5. Jane Blalock.

Seven 7. Darryl Sittler.

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Nevada **Happenings**

Say It Ain't So

The Las Vegas Review-Journal recently reported that the last of the great bargain casinos in southern Nevada, Emerald Island and the Rainbow Club in downtown Henderson, are being sold. Emerald Island has been owned by the Brooks brothers. Mike and Tim. since 2003 and the Rainbow Club since 2020 and the two are beloved among Henderson locals for their dizzving array of comps, contests, giveaways, and promotions. plus Cheer's-type customer service and a decidedly hands-on Tim Brooks, who says he spends 75% of his time on the casino floor and knows 1,000 regular customers name. The buyer is Las Vegas-based ECL Gaming, which owns and operates multiple historical horse racing venues in Kentucky. In a statement, ECL said it plans to maintain the existing company culture and "add to the guest experience as we continue to expand and grow the properties." Uh-oh. We hate to say it and don't want to jinx it, but in our experience, "enhancing the guest experience" is often code for enhancing owner/shareholder value. The terms of the deal haven't been disclosed, but the sale is expected to close this January.

Californian Hits Big

A gambler at the Cromwell in Vegas won \$1,155,366 by hitting a Mega Progressive ackpot on Face Up Pai Gow Poker. The California Pai Gow player was in town to attend the Raiders game (they beat the Jets 16-12) and hit the progressive on his second hand at the table. The Cromwell is a Caesar's owned 188-room boutique hotel on the site of the former Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon. Reporting by www.lasvegasadvisor.com

Casino Q&A

Q: A player I know claims he can tell when a slot machine is about to hit by watching the reels for patterns. Is this possible?

A: No. Each spin of the reels is completely independent of every other spin. So, whatever happened on the last dozen or so spins will have absolutely nothing to do with what's going to happen when you make the next spin. The only purpose the reels serve is to display the winning or losing symbol combination the slot's computer program has chosen. They have no effect on the outcome. Looking for a pattern on a slot machine is like looking for a pattern at Bingo or at the dice table.

Q: Is there really a secret to slot playing? A: Yes. The true secret to slot playing is to make your bankroll and playing time last as long as possible. The longer you can make your bankroll and playing time last, the better your chances of hitting a hot streak and winning something. Always playing with the top jackpot as your goal is unrealistic. You

just lose faster. A casino magazine poll of slot players revealed that 72% of the respondents bet max coin all times. But if you don't like or can't afford to bet max coin all the time, here are two suggestions

Two-coin slot: Use a 1-2 coin pattern (1 coin. spin; 2 coins, 1 spin). Or create a betting ttern of your own (e.g., 2-1, 2-2, 2-2, 1-2, etc.). This gives you a 50-50 chance at the top prize if you hit.

Three-coin slot: Use a 1-2-3 coin pattern (1 coin, 1 spin; 2 coins, 1 spin; 3 coins, 1 spin). Or create a betting pattern of your own (e.g., 1-2-1,2-2-3, 3-3-3, 1-3-3, etc.).

It may be heartbreaking to miss out on the top prize by not betting max coin. But don't focus on what you could have won, but how lucky you were to have won something at all. Remember: any win in a casino is a good win.



Rio's Food Hall Outlets Announced

We've known for a while that the Rio's beloved Carnival World Buffet has been relegated to the trash heap of history and that it will be replaced by a food hall. A press release yesterday lists six outlets that will grace the newly named Canteen Food Hall: Southland Burrito Company specializing in Sonoran-style (Southwestern) burritos; Shogun Ramen, a partnership between a master ramen chef (with 600 varieties of ramen created) and a Japanese restaurateur: Tony Luke's, a south Philadelphia's cheesesteak chain making its west coast debut; Tender Crush, New York-style chicken tenders: Nama Nama sushi from the creators of Tekka Bar (at the Cosmo); and Attaboy Burger, serving three burgers and a fried bologna sandwich.

Garth Extends, Again

Country superstar Garth Brooks, who announced 18 additional dates for performances at the Colosseum at Caesars in early 2024 following his sold-out performances there this year, has announced 18 new additional dates toward the end of the year. The dates are Sept. 26, 28, and 29; Oct. 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13; and Dec. 5, 7, 8. 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, and 22,

High-Speed Train Moves Ahead

The federal Surface Transportation Board recently issued a 21-page ruling that authorizes a modified alignment of the track between southern California and Las Vegas, moving the \$12 billion project another step closer to fruition. In its coverage of the ruling, RailwayAge.com reported not seen before numbers: "According to the STB, current plans are to operate 50 trains per day (25 in each direction) between Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga; trains will depart from both Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga at 45-minute intervals and operate at speeds up to 180 miles per hour."



Lucky Predictions for January 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19 1st thru 6th ... Wait and watch 7th thru 12th... RED hot 7th-8th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... Lucky surprise the 17th!S Charmed by chance 21x-22adS 25th thru 31st... GOLDEN prospects 266\$!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20 1st thru 6th... GREENS huge 1st-2nd! 7th thru 12th... Cash in big 10th-11th! 13th thru 18th... Get it done the 14^a!\$ 19th thru 24th.. You call the shots 22nd-23rdSS 25th thru 31st ... BROWN bags it 27th-28th\$

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21 1st thru 6th... PURPLE pa\$\$ion 3rd-4th 7th thru 12th... Hold out 'til the 12th 13th thru 18th... Reel in some cash 17th 19th thru 24th... 25th thru 31st ... Lucky ORANGE 26th-27th

CANCER: June 22 to July 22 1st thru 6th... BLUE brings \$\$ 5th-6th 7th thru 12th... Not advised 13th thru 18th... You're on a roll 14th-15th! 19th thru 24th... VIOLET success the 22nd\$\$ 25th thru 31st ... Worth your time 28th \$

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22 1st thru 6th ... GREEN triumph 3rd-4th\$ 7th then 12th... Travel to win 8th-9th 13th thru 18th... RED card rewards 16th-17thS! 19th thru 24th... Friend inspired win 22ndS 25th thru 31st ... \$potlight on you 26th-27th!

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 1st thru 6th... In da money 5a-6a\$\$ 7th thru 12th... Incredible luck the 10th! 13th thru 18th... You See it coming 18th 19th thru 24th... GREEN S\$ flow 22nd-23rd 25th thru 31st ... Ready to roll 27th-28th\$!

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 1st thru 6th... PURPLE pays 3rd-4th\$ 7th thru 12th... RED for the win 8th-9th! 13th thru 18th... Easy \$ grab 13ⁿS! 19th thru 24th... GREEN = \$\$ 21*-22*d 25th thru 31st... Bright horizon 26th



SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21 1st thru 6th... Easy wins 3rd-4rh\$! 7th thru 12th... Surprises (!) the 8th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... RED is hot the 17th 19th thru 24th... Not now 25th thru 31st... ORANGE fortune 25th-26th\$!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19 You're a natural 5th-6thS 7th thru 12th... Hard card unbeatable 10th-11th 13th thru 18th... VIOLET's ultimate 14th-15th\$ 19th thru 24th ... Step back 25th thru 31st...

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 1st thru 6th... You're ahead 3rd-4th! 7th thru 12th ... Lucky ponies 8a-9a\$\$ 13th thru 18th... RED rises above 17th\$ 19th thru 24th... GOLDEN win 22nd\$1 25th thru 31st ... Up your alley 31st!

Best bets 28th-29th

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20 1st thru 6th... Best on BLUE 5th-6th! 7th thru 12th.. Many chances 10th-11th\$\$ 13th thru 18th... Bring it home 14th-15th! 19th thru 24th ... All systems GO the 22rd-23rd\$! 25th thru 31st ...

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

PREDICTORS LUCKY CARD FOR JANUARY 2024

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New Year's Day Last Quarter Moon Bubble Bath Day 11th New Moon Martin Luther King Jr. Day 15th 18th First Quarter Moon Squirrel Appreciation Day 21st 23rd National Pie Day Full Moon Chocolate Cake Day

National Puzzle Day

Backward Day



by Frederick Woodruff

Horoscopes for January 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): The new Moon on the 11th creates tension between your private and public life. A situation with your job requires quick, on-your-toes problemsolving. You may need to substitute one desired outcome for another but be flexible. Compromising will work in your favor. Support arrives through a secret admirer who has your back.

Lucky Days: 8 - 23 Lucky Numbers: 11 - 50

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): Your considerate, sometimes cautious, downto-earth approach serves you well as the new year progresses. But try to experiment with seeing the world around you with fresh eyes. Think beyond the boundaries of familiar concepts and opinions. Different perspectives are required now.

Lucky Days: 19 - 20 Lucky Numbers: 8 - 5

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): The new year promises new breakthroughs, although the discipline required to bring those about might confound you. Finding new ideas is a lot like prospecting for gold. If you only look in the familiar places, you'll probably find someone else got there first, so explore untried terrain. Luck arrives from around

new corners. Lucky Days: 7 - 18 Lucky Numbers: 9 - 15

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): "Only the most foolish of mice would hide in a cat's ear," said the designer Scott Love, "but only the wisest of cats would think to look there." The moral: Don't skip the obvious. Scan your environment (and imagination) to see what resources are right there in front of you And then hop in. Lucky Days: 9 - 30

Lucky Numbers: 46 - 51 LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): The new Moon on the 11th brings with it both insight and tumult. And so your new year starts with a bang. This shift will place you on an unfamiliar stage. Rather than rearranging the furniture and props, ask yourself what you can release and do without. The simpler you make your life now, the quicker you'll move toward your desired destination

Lucky Days: 8 - 13 Lucky Numbers: 43 - 55

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): The new year moves you into the world of your unconscious. What seems permanent and fixed is actually in a condition of constant flux. Your nocturnal dreams can help you untangle pressing issues and replenish your life force in surprising ways. Keep a notebook to collect and elaborate on your new insights. Lucky Days: 16 - 19 Lucky Numbers: 29 - 56

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): The new Moon on the 11th puts you in the hot seat; one part of you wants to honor convention and tradition. while another is itching to upset the apple cart. See if you can strike a balance between these two urges. If forced to decide, choose originality over the stuffy and outworn Embrace the shock of the new

Lucky Days: 2 - 19 Lucky Numbers: 24 - 29

SCORPIO (OCT 24th-NOV 22nd): Reversal is a keynote for you in the new year. When you're too focused in one direction, turn around and check out what's behind you. New ideas require seeing your objective from different angles and unique takes. You're guaranteed momentum when you step into another's shoes and see things from their

perspective. Lucky Days: 10 - 20 Lucky Numbers: 2 - 35

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23rd-DEC 21st): Nothing is more limiting than an idea wher it is the only one you have. The new year requires diversification married to persistence This combination will create the headway you desire. Ask yourself: What good ideas are below the surface? Or, what is the second right answer? Allow your imagination to turn like a kaleidoscope

Lucky Days: 19 - 25 Lucky Numbers: 4 - 11

CAPRICORN (DEC 22nd-JAN 20th): The year starts with a powerful new Moon in your sign. This is a cosmic infusion that will recharge all of your batteries. To optimize this creative phase, ask yourself what you can relinquish. What unnecessary assumptions can you eliminate? A new influx of energy means cleansing the channels that will guide

Lucky Days: 7- 15 Lucky Numbers: 28 - 60

AQUARIUS (JAN 21st-FEB 19th): Take a chance and disrupt the routines you're accustomed to. There's tension building between innovation and the safety of the familiar. Work on clarifying your intentions, and most importantly, get rid of excuses. Repeating them will hold you back. Say Ben Franklin, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else." Lucky Days: 9 - 27

Lucky Numbers: 40 - 58

Lucky Numbers: 9 - 42

PISCES (FEB 20th-MAR 20th): The new year's central theme for you involves discovering the benefits of limitations. Naturally, you prefer having lots of options open to you, but now it's time to do more with less. This can feel uncomfortable at first, but over time you'll be amazed at how your imagination kicks in to solve the most perplexing puzzles. Lucky Days: 1 - 10

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Horde 2. Trac 3. Antic 4. Image

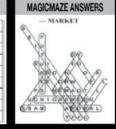
Today's Word: CHAIR JUMBLES: BRAWN YEAST LESSON LIZARD

Answer: The pregnant woman would need to leave the cookout quickly... t was - LABOR DAY

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Doors are missing. 2. Elbow is concealed. 3. Lamp is missing. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Light fixture is different. 6. Hair is concealed. CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse. - Jim Rohn

SUDOKU ANSWERS





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