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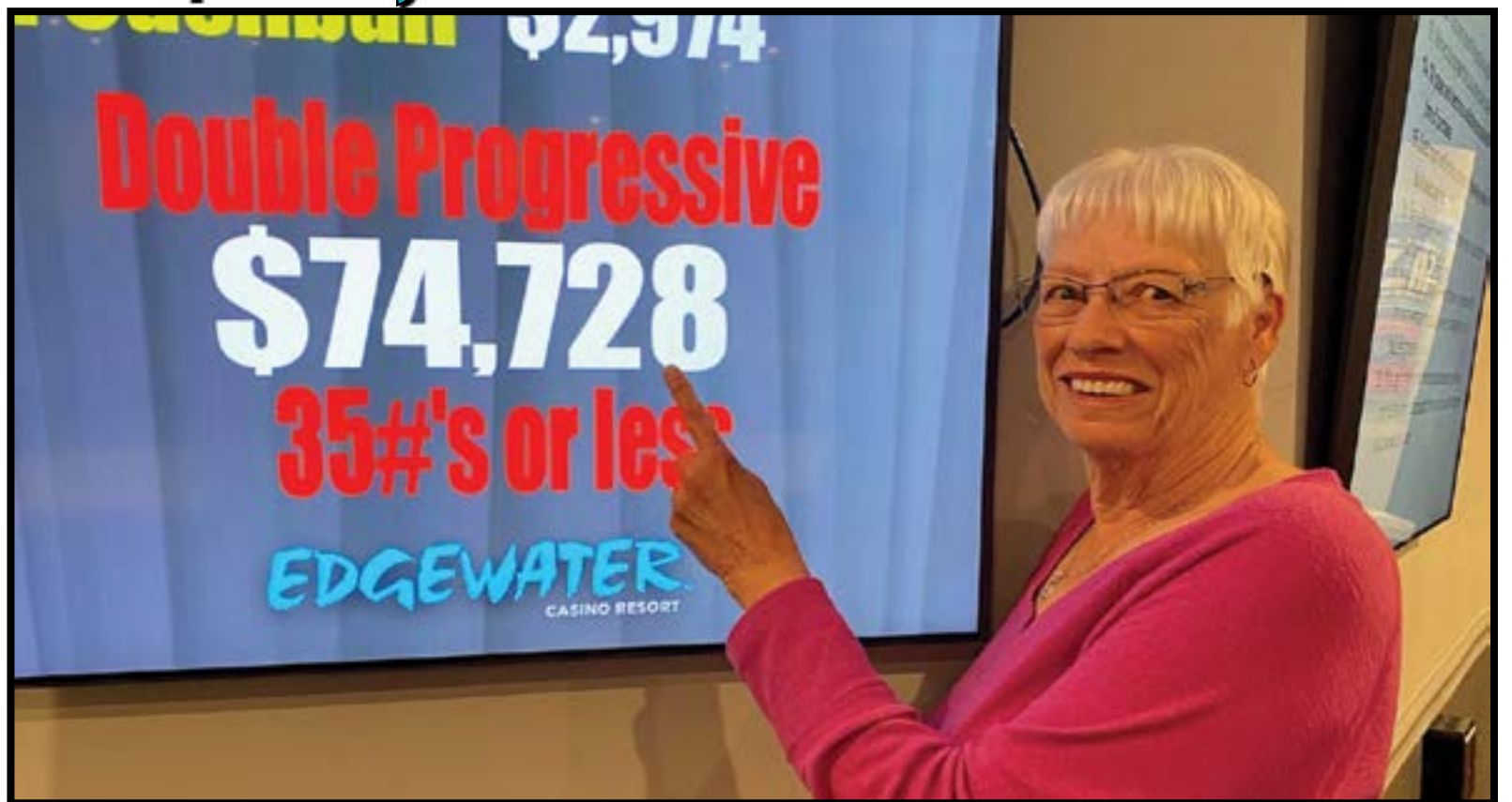
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\$74,728 JACKPOT!



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(From left to right)
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PART-TIME LOCAL WINS DOUBLE PROGRESSIVE BINGO JACKPOT AT EDGEWATER, TAKES HOME \$74,728



Laughlin, Nev. — April 2, 2024 — After soaring to new heights, the Double Progressive Bingo jackpot at Edgewater Casino Resort has finally been won by a lucky player hailing from Federal Dam, MN, winning \$74,728 and shattering the previous record win in the process.

Myla D., who splits her time residing in Laughlin and Federal Dam, B-I-N-G-O'd her way to the massive win on Sunday, March 24 during the 5 p.m. session at the Edgewater Bingo room.

Playable at The Edgewater Bingo Room located inside of the casino at 2020 S. Casino Drive, Double Progressive Bingo cards are available for purchase for \$1 each in paper or digital format. A overall game, Double Progressive Bingo can only be won within the posted number of balls drawn, starting at 32 numbers and progressing every 14 days up to the 35th number, where it will remain until the jackpot is won. The Double Progressive Bingo jackpot, which now sits at \$14,273 must be won within 35 numbers. Everyone playing at the session when the jackpot hits will receive a bounce back electronic rainbow for the next session and a chance to win \$250 in free slot play. See Bingo Room for details.

Players will be required to pay the session's minimum buy-in and Double Progressive cards can only be played at the sessions in which they are purchased. For more Double Progressive rules, visit <https://www.edgewater-casino.com/casino/bingo/rules#:~:text=Double%20Progressive%20Jackpot%20Rules,until%20the%20jackpot%20is%20won>.

The Bingo Room at Edgewater offers playing sessions throughout the day during the entire week. Session times are 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. To learn more about the Bingo Room at Edgewater, as well as follow any jackpot updates, visit the website here: <https://www.edgewater-casino.com/casino/gaming/bingo-1>.

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- 1 French bulldog
- 2 Labrador retriever
- 3 Golden retriever
- 4 German shepherd
- 5 Poodle
- 6 Dachshund
- 7 Bulldog
- 8 Beagle
- 9 Rottweiler
- 10 Pointer (German Shorthaired)

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- LITERATURE:** What is the name of the kingdom in *The Princess Bride*?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
- TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

ANSWERS

- Florin.
- Mountbatten-Windsor.
- The Big Bang Theory*.
- Arizona.
- Loose lips.
- Andorra.
- Hypothalamus.
- The head.
- Red.
- Tequila.

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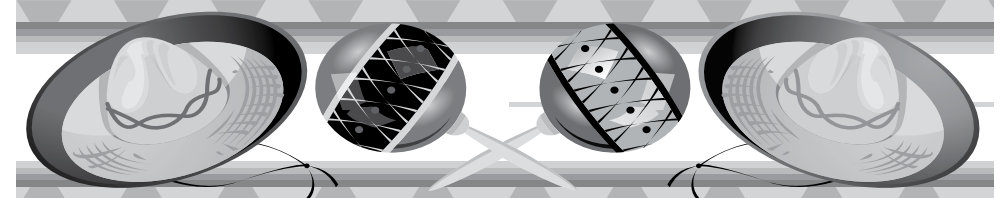
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Laughlin, Nev. – April 8, 2024 – There was no shortage of winners last month at Laughlin's Aquarius Casino Resort and Edgewater Casino Resort. Situated on the banks of the Colorado River, the two premier casinos combined to pay out over \$7 million to jackpot winners throughout the month of March.

Aquarius, located at 1900 S. Casino Drive, paid out \$5,678,698 in winnings in March while Edgewater, located at 2020 S. Casino Dr., delivered \$1,386,511. March's grand total amount of \$7,065,209 from both casinos was awarded to winners across a variety of casino games, including \$120,195 from Bingo jackpots. One of the month's biggest winners was Myla D., a part time local who splits her time in Federal Dam, MN, who took home a Double Progressive Bingo jackpot of \$74,728 at the Edgewater Bingo Room. Since the beginning of the year, Aquarius and Edgewater have paid out a total of \$18,203, 828 in jackpot winnings to date in 2024.

Players looking to increase their casino dividends are invited to sign up for True Rewards, Golden Entertainment's rewards program, to receive bonuses including increased point multipliers, prizes such as cash and free slot play, as well as eligibility in select tournaments and special events. For more information visit the True Rewards center, check out the Aquarius website at www.AquariusCasinoResort.com or on the Edgewater website at www.Edgewater-Casino.com.



PICKS OF THE MONTH

Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13) — Is it the end of Jason Momoa's *Aquaman*? In December 2023, Momoa told *Entertainment Tonight* that if the audience loves the sequel, "there's a possibility" of a third film getting greenlit. But after negative reviews and the film only making \$434 million against a budget of \$215 million, it doesn't look too good. In the sequel, Momoa stars as Arthur Curry four years after the events of the first movie. Now a married family man, Arthur splits his life between the land and sea, while Black Manta still seeks revenge in the shadows. When he learns of Manta's plans, Arthur breaks Orm, his half-brother, out of prison to join him in the fight against Manta. Amber Heard, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II and Nicole Kidman reprise their roles from the first film. Out now. (Max)

We Were the Lucky Ones (TV-MA) — After starring in the 2022 film *Bullet Train* together, Joey King and Logan Lerman reunite to lead this new eight-episode series based on the historical novel written by Georgia Hunter. King and Lerman respectively portray Halina and Addy Kurc, two siblings in a Jewish family of seven who live in Poland at the start of World War II. The large family inevitably gets separated as the war carries on, taking them far away from home and spreading them across continents. Amid the tragic circumstances they're forced to endure, the Kurc family is determined to keep their resilience and reunite with each other once the war ends. (Hulu)

Road House (R) — Almost 35 years after the 1989 film *Road House* starring Patrick Swayze and Sam Elliot released, a reimagining starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Conor McGregor has made its way to streaming. Gyllenhaal takes on the lead role as Dalton, a former UFC fighter who gets hired to work as a bouncer at a roadhouse in the Florida Keys. The joint attracts a great number of rowdy customers, but none are a match for Dalton's fists. However, when news of Dalton's immaculate butt-kicking hits the ears of Ben Brandt (Billy Magnussen), the heir of a criminal empire, Ben will stop at nothing to shut Dalton and the roadhouse down. For anyone who loves nonstop action, this one's for you! Out now. (Prime Video)

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Dear Aunt Bingo,
Last evening, I was arriving to Bingo with my friends and began to see that a lot of cars pulling into the parking lot had only one occupant: the driver.
My friends went on ahead while I stayed in the parking lot to see how many more cars would drive in with just one passenger. I was startled to see that more than half of the cars arrived that way.
When I went inside the hall, there were very few people sitting and playing Bingo alone. Almost everyone was sitting with one or more Bingo buddies, which meant that although these people played Bingo together, it didn't occur to them to travel to Bingo together as well.
This is a terrible waste of fuel and has a bad impact on the environment. Would you please ask your readers to consider carpooling with their Bingo buddies in the future? It will save them money, and also help the planet.
—California Tree Girl, via e-mail

Dear Tree Girl,
I'm glad you wrote in on this subject, and I am more than happy to share your concerns with readers. With gasoline costing more than ever, it is really a wise fiscal move for players to think about carpooling to Bingo—not to mention to work, shopping, or any other outing that requires travel by car.
Online, you can find a calculator that shows how much money you save by traveling with others instead of alone when motoring around town at <https://www.rideshare.com/easy-commute/commuter-savings-calculator/>. Depending on distance, you could save \$1,000 or more per year in gas and auto maintenance by carpooling. Just imagine all the extra Bingo you could be playing with that spare cash! —Aunt Bingo



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QUESTIONS
1. Name the actor/singer who was born Arthur Andrew Kelm.
2. Which group topped the charts with "Nashville Cats"?
3. Name the album with all four Beatles holding umbrellas.
4. Randy & the Rainbows were best known for which song?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Aruba, Jamaica, ooh I wanna take ya, Bermuda, Bahama, come on, pretty mama, Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go, Jamaica."

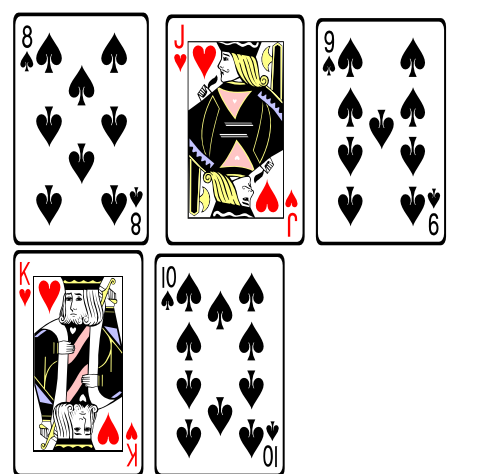
ANSWERS
1. Tab Hunter. He released a half dozen songs but only one topped the chart: "Young Love," in 1957. He found greater success when he appeared in dozens of films and television shows over his long career.
2. The Lovin' Spoonful, in 1966. The group's name came from Mississippi John Hurt's "Coffee Blues."
3. Beatles' '65, released in 1964. Over the years there have been posters and T-shirts using that image. Originals can be worth quite a bit.
4. "Denise," in 1963.
5. "Kokomo," by the Beach Boys, in 1988. Even though the song topped the charts in the U.S. and other countries, it can't seem to get rid of the negative reviews coming from music critics. The only ones to like it have been the fans.

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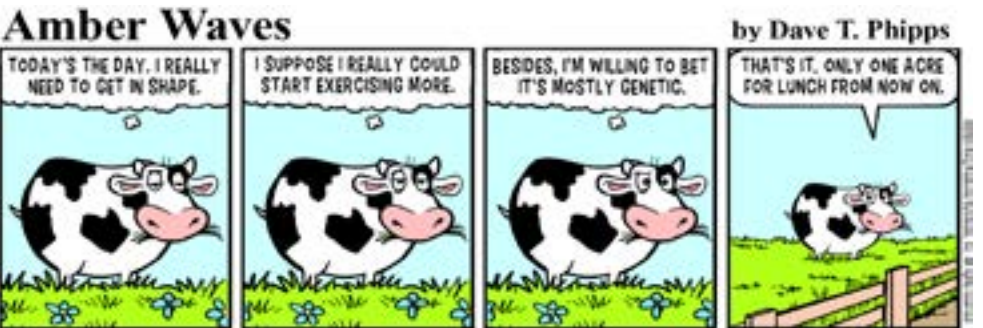


VP Playing Options

Many video poker players think they know their playing strategy cold. However, where they miss the boat is not recognizing all the playing options in a hand before they decide which cards to hold. For example, suppose you are playing 9/6 Jacks or Better and are dealt the following hand. Which cards would you hold?



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Most players will recognize two playing options; the suited J-K of hearts (i.e., two-card royal flush) and the consecutive three-card straight flush 8-9-10 (spades). Of the two options, the three-card straight flush (8-9-10) has a higher expected value (3.00 ER) than the two suited high cards (2.98 ER). It's a close call, but holding the suited 8-9-10 is slightly better than holding the suited J-K. Nevertheless, if you look closely at the hand there is an even better option that most players miss. That's holding the four card-straight 8-9-10-J. The EV for the latter is 3.72, making this the preferred hold of the three options. Here's another example (Jacks or Better). Which cards would you hold?

The above hand is an example of how players tend to focus only on the high cards in their hand. They immediately make a decision on which high cards to hold and then hit the draw button. In addition, many players view the Ace as a high card only, when, in fact, it could be used as a low card (and part of an Ace low, three-card straight flush).

Here are two tips that could help you avoid the costly mistake of not recognizing all the options in your hand.
1) When you initially look at the cards in your hand and hit the hold buttons under the cards that you believe are the best playing option, train yourself to look at the hand one more time to be sure you haven't missed another playing option.

2) Practice playing video poker at home on your computer, using a video poker training software. The program will alert you when you make an incorrect play (that includes "missing" a playing option). This type of training will help you recognize all the playing options in each hand. (The two software programs that I recommend are Video Poker for Winners, and Optimum Video Poker.)

Lastly, if you slow down your play and, in addition, take frequent breaks (at least stand and stretch once an hour), this will help keep your mind fresh and focused on recognizing all the playing options in every hand.

When players initially see this hand pop up on their screen, they will invariably focus on the three high cards (A-K-J). The correct hold when you have three unsuited high cards that includes an Ace is to drop the Ace and hold the other two unsuited cards (i.e., hold the unsuited J-K with a 2.42 EV). However, look closely at the hand again because there is a better hold that is not so obvious: the three-card straight flush A-2-5 (2.69 EV).

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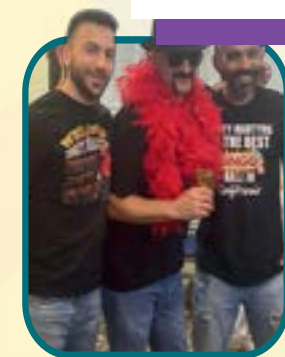
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Guy's Turn

Unfair fit?

Dear Guy,
I play Bingo with three friends pretty much every Thursday night. We like to talk and crack jokes and bust on each other, because it makes it more fun for us than just sitting there playing Bingo. But there's a group of these women players there that hate us. They want us to clam up and sit there like zombies marking our Bingo cards and not say a single word. They've told us to "shut up" and I think they may even have complained about us to the people that run the Bingo.
We sit way off in the corner and nobody else seems to mind us, but this one group has a fit the minute we walk into the hall. Do you think this is fair?
—Bernie G., Illinois

Dear Bernie,
When it comes to Bingo, different people have different idea about what constitutes appropriate hall behavior. Some of them want the hall so quiet that you can hear an ant sneeze. Others like to be social and talk with friends while they play. As a result, there often will be clashes between the different groups.
What I tell people is that it is perfectly fine to have fun and socialize at Bingo no matter what your definition of that may be. But you also have to keep in mind that you are in a room full of people, and you must take others' feelings into consideration. Are you guys being too loud? Are you cracking jokes or talking at the same time a ball is being called? If you are, then I am afraid that you are asking for trouble—and that trouble will certainly come in the shape of people scolding you and lodging complaints about you to the folks in charge.
On the other hand, if you are being thoughtful to other players and attentive to the game, and these people who are complaining about you are simply grouches who have singled you out just to be difficult, then you have every right to complain about THEM to the manager and ask that they be told to get off your back. —Guy

Trimming tree branches

Source: extension.umd.edu —Brenda Weaver



Plaza Hotel & Casino to celebrate summer with Friday night fireworks

Also introducing only all-inclusive hotel package in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (April 18, 2024) – The Plaza Hotel & Casino will celebrate the start of every weekend this summer with a live fireworks show Friday nights at 9:15 p.m., beginning May 24 for Memorial Day weekend through Aug. 30 for Labor Day weekend. Inspired by the fireworks shows at Disneyland, the Plaza's Welcome to the Weekend Summer Friday Fireworks will light up the sky above downtown Las Vegas and be part of a festive summer block party atmosphere at the property's Carousel Bar and rooftop pool deck.

"The Plaza is known for its great fireworks on New Year's Eve and July 4th, but who says fireworks are only for those holidays?" said Jonathan Jossel, CEO of the Plaza Hotel & Casino. "This summer, we wanted to celebrate and give a gift to everyone downtown by sharing the excitement and fun of our fireworks shows with them every Friday night."

"Las Vegas is the world's destination because of all the spectacular attractions that are available here," City of Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman said. "The Plaza is adding a new weekly fireworks extravaganza this summer, and everyone is invited to visit downtown Las Vegas and enjoy the show!"

Derek Stevens, CEO and Owner of Circa Resort & Casino said "The weekly fireworks show will amp up Fremont Street's high-energy atmosphere to a new level. It's a terrific addition for the entire neighborhood, providing another exciting reason for visitors to come downtown. Huge thanks to Jonathan and the Plaza team for bringing this idea to life. We'll definitely be enjoying the show every week from Circa's rooftop lounge, Legacy Club."

The fireworks shot from the Plaza's towers will be visible to the thousands of tourists and locals in downtown Las Vegas as well as for miles beyond. Plaza hotel guests will be able to enjoy the fireworks from an exclusive viewing party on its rooftop pool deck where the fireworks will be "ignited" by a special guest pushing a detonator button on an oversized TNT box.

To attract even more people to stay downtown, the Plaza introduced the only all-inclusive hotel room package starting at \$125 per person per night. The package includes bottomless drinks, breakfast and dinner, a free bingo session, waived resort fees, and more. Rooms must be booked online by June 30 for a stay June 1 through July 1.

The Friday night rooftop pool party for hotel guests will feature the Frozen Firecracker, a special red, white, and blue cocktail made with strawberry daiquiri, pina colada, and blue lemonade spiked with Don Q Rum. At Carousel Bar the summer party vibe continues every Friday night with a DJ and the specialty cocktail Watermelon Agua Fresca made with Mi Campo tequila, Jägermeister, rose aperitivo, watermelon juice, chamoy, and aloe leaves as a garnish.

"Downtown Las Vegas is already a vibrant, unique, and exciting destination. Our Summer Friday Fireworks paired with our all-inclusive room package and great summertime block party atmosphere at Carousel Bar and the rooftop pool deck will be even more reasons to come downtown this summer," added Jossel.

The Plaza's fireworks will be dependent on weather conditions and are subject to change or cancellation. Updates will be available on the Plaza's social media channels, including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

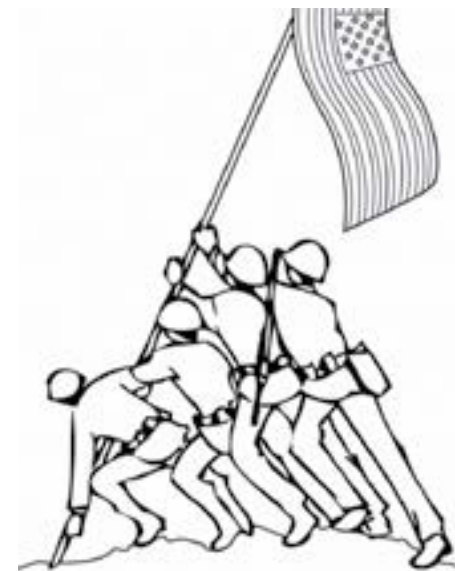


Pricey Purses

When your mother asks if you want a piece of advice, it doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway. — Erma Bombeck

It's the merry month of May and time to look forward to the sultry days of summer; unless you're like me and hate to sweat. Daylight savings time is allowing an extra hour of daylight in the evening so we're no longer driving to bingo in the dark and cold. Recently, my friends and I attended a Purse Bingo for a charity event. I thought my luck might change since I was not playing for money, but for something in which I could hide any future winnings from my loving, but nosy, husband who would never look in a purse. Every female should have a stash of hidden cash for whatever, no questions asked.

It was a wonderful bingo for a modest amount of money and for a worthy charity, the music program at a local school district. Dinner was included as well as an auction for various gift certificates which went to the highest bidder on each item. Now, full disclosure, I am not a big purse carrying kind of gal, and most of the bingo prize purses were fairly large. Included in the group were Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Louis Vuitton, and other pricey purses retailing



We're told to wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds to kill the COVID-19 virus. How long should we wash our hands to kill bacteria and other viruses? — C.C.

ANSWER: 20 seconds is the right amount of time for bacteria and viruses. An alternative is an alcohol-based handrub, which is fast and effective. Of course, you should wash your hands before and after eating — and after using the restroom. Bacterial spores cannot be easily killed, but they are effectively washed off with soap and water. In cases where spores are a concern (Clostridioides difficile is a big one), then handwashing is essential, as alcohol is ineffective.

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.

from \$250 to over \$700. I had my eye on a small beige crossbody bag that eventually went to another lucky player, so what else is new? I've adjusted to my long losing streaks somewhat, but I still bemoan the loss of that little cutie that cost way too much for what amounted to a designer's name on a bag to carry essentials. So, the question is why do these purses carry such exorbitant price tags? The oldest known surviving handbag is inlaid with gold and silver and was made in Iraq around 1300 A.D. From there, we skip to the 16th century when historical evidence shows that both sexes carried purses attached to their belts. In the next century handbags became a status symbol for wealthy women who commissioned skilled craftsmen to make purses and thus display their social status.

During the next century mass production of purses as we know them began and they became affordable to most women. In the 1900s iconic designers came forward to once again fulfill the desire for affluent women to flaunt their standings in polite society and this caused their prices to skyrocket. Louis Vuitton, renowned for monogrammed canvas bags, was founded in 1854. Fast forward to 1955 when Chanel introduced the quilted leather handbag with a chain strap; followed in 1960 by those made by Valentino. FYI, the best known and most coveted luxury handbags in the world are made by Hermes. The company released the Kelly, named after Princess Grace Kelly in the 1950s. However, by far the most expensive designer handbag currently available is the Hermes Birkin bag, and it can be yours for a mere \$220,000. To go cheaper, the brass and gold Balenciaga Hourglass Metal Handbag, extra small, can be purchased for the bargain price of \$22,800. Sound good? Buy two and send me one. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Don't forget to take all the moms in your life to bingo on May 24th, Mother's Day.

by N. L. Preston



DEAR PAWS: My little dog Barney is quite a barker for a terrier, but for the past several days his bark has been very hoarse. He sometimes snorts or sneezes, too. I make sure he has plenty of water, but I'm not sure what else to do. It doesn't seem to be getting better. — Faye H., Hartford

DEAR FAYE: This is a perfect time to take Barney to the vet. Chronic hoarseness when barking can have several different causes, and the veterinarian can better evaluate him to see what's happening.

I'll go over some of the reasons for a barker suddenly getting hoarse. Laryngitis is a common diagnosis, but it's important to figure out the cause. A bacterial or viral infection may be the culprit, or gastroesophageal reflux.

Less common causes are masses or tumors growing on or near the dog's larynx, or other conditions affecting the larynx. These may require surgery, and the vet will discuss this option with you.

The vet will evaluate Barney to see if he has an infection, acid reflux, or if the hoarse barking has another cause. They'll then be able to recommend an effective treatment. For example, a bacterial infection would likely be treated with antibiotics. A viral infection has to run its course, but Barney would be treated with medications to make him comfortable and reduce inflammation.

If acid reflux is the suspected culprit, the vet may recommend changes to his feeding schedule and the amount of food at each meal. You can also try different varieties of dog food.

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

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Little Expenses That Add Up

"But it's only..." is a phrase I've come to dislike. It always involves money and people who don't understand living on reduced income.

"But it's only twenty dollars a month," said the one who was signing up for the new program at the rec center and trying to convince others to do the same. "But it's only an extra fifty dollars a month," said the one who was purchasing a package of extra TV cable channels and encouraging the rest of us to do the same. "But it's only..." said the one who happily signed up for a year-long membership at a certain big box warehouse, until we stopped her in mid-phrase.

"But it's only" tends to add up when we calculate all the additional expenses that have come as a result of the increase in prices of, well, everything: rent, electricity, food, clothing, car insurance, movie tickets, prescription drugs, telephone service, pet food and veterinary care.

Seniors on limited income do the mental math each and every time they hear that phrase and consider the extra expense. When they add the new number to the previous number, they come to the reality: They will not make it through the month if they add new X to the previous total Y, because the increased total Z doesn't exist.

Here are two ways I've managed to save some dollars off the amount that goes out each month.

The car insurance company gave me a hefty discount when I inquired about combining auto and homeowners insurance under one umbrella. The savings really added up, even though it meant leaving a company I'd been with for decades that did not offer a seniors discount.

I contacted every company I deal with, and three of them offer seniors discounts, which I'd never suspected.

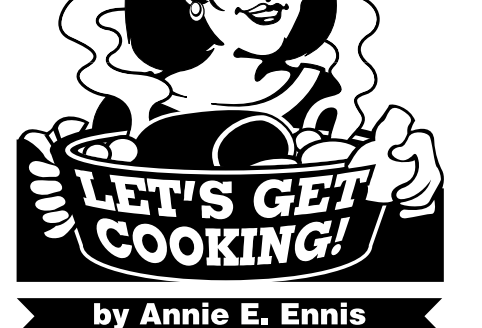
Sometimes all you have to do is ask.

THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



ASK ANNIE



by Annie E. Ennis

Cheesecake Redux

Dear Annie, I was reading the Bingo Bugle some years ago and came across the Italian Cheesecake recipe, made it—loved it, but have since misplaced it. Can you run it again for me, please?!

Janet in Georgia

Dear Janet, Here's a reprint of the recipe. Enjoy—again! —Annie

Preheat the oven at 325 degrees. Using a large bowl, combine the ricotta cheese, cream cheese and sugar. Mix well with an electric beater. Add the eggs and mix. Juice the lemon half. Add the lemon juice, vanilla, flour, corn starch, butter and cream to the mixture. Mix well together. Spray a spring form pan (at least 9- to 10-inches wide) with non-stick cooking spray. Bake for one hour. Then turn off the oven and leave the cheesecake in the oven for two more hours. Remove and serve or refrigerate for later use. Garnish each piece with fresh fruit. Serves 10 to 12 people.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD — om Cruise's Mission: Impossible 8, which has been shot so far in England, Malta, South Africa, Norway and Italy, resumed shooting in February after the strikes were settled. It's no longer called Dead Reckoning Part Two and will have a new title when it opens in May 2025.

Cruise's next project will be directed by four-time Oscar winner Alejandro G. Iñárritu, who won for directing Birdman (2014) and The Revenant (2015). The title and the script, written by Iñárritu and his Birdman co-writers, is an original story created by the 60-year-old director, who excels as a filmmaker despite having attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

The film is Cruise's first in his partnership with Warners, his new studio. However, he plans to keep making Mission: Impossible films, which will reconnect him to Paramount.

Speaking of Paramount, they're taking a different direction with the Transformers franchise. The live-action franchise began with Transformers (2007), starring Shia LaBeouf, and cost \$200 million while grossing \$710 million. Dark of the Moon (2011), also starring LaBeouf, cost \$195 million and grossed \$1.124 billion. Mark Wahlberg starred in Age of Extinction in 2014 (\$210 million cost with a \$1.104 billion gross) and The Last Knight in 2017 (\$260 million cost with only a \$605.4 million gross).

Then in 2018, John Cena and Hailee Steinfeld starred in Bumblebee, which cost \$135 million and only grossed \$468 million. In 2023, Anthony Ramos starred in Rise of the Beasts (a \$200 million cost, but a disappointing \$439 million gross). So, Paramount's remedy is to turn Transformers into an animated feature with the voices of Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson and Brian Tyree Henry. Doesn't that defeat the magic of seeing real Transformers transform?



Playing Poker Out of Position is Difficult

By Jonathan Little

I recently played a hand in a \$3,500 buy-in poker tournament that demonstrates a tricky situation that many players approach incorrectly.

Early on Day 2 with blinds at 1,500/3,000 with a 3,000 big blind ante, a somewhat tight, aggressive kid raised to 7,000 from second position. The player in fourth position and the button called, and I decided to call 4,000 more out of my 125,000-effective stack from the big blind with the 9s6s9. While it certainly was not a great hand, calling from the big blind with suited gappers when getting amazing pot odds is usually a good



Lemon Polenta Cake

Lemon Polenta Cake is a gluten-free delight that's as beautiful as it is delicious!

Where zest meets zing! As we embrace the warmth of spring, it's time to infuse our kitchens with the vibrant flavors of the season. And what better way to welcome the sunshine than with a delightful, unexpected treat? Introducing the Lemon Polenta Cake — a delectable twist on the Italian classic!

Now, I know what you're thinking. Polenta in a dessert? Trust me, I've been there. But once you experience the harmonious marriage of sweet and tart, brought to life by the humble cornmeal, you'll be singing a different tune.

Picture this: a buttery, moist, tender crumb, slightly chewy, infused with the zesty brightness of freshly squeezed lemons. It's like indulging in a slice of sunshine itself.

This Lemon Polenta Cake traces its roots back to the rustic kitchens of the northern regions of Italy, where polenta is a staple ingredient. Inspired by the abundance of lemons in the Mediterranean climate, bakers sought to infuse cornmeal with the bright, tangy zest of citrus.

In a world of dietary restrictions, this Lemon Polenta Cake comes to the rescue, proudly sporting its gluten-free badge thanks to the absence of traditional flour. And let's not forget that light, fruity olive oil can substitute for butter for our dairy-free friends.

idea. If you fold too often from the big blind, you will be easily exploited by your aggressive opponents.

The flop came Qc7s2s giving me a flush draw. I checked because I will have no leading range on this board that should be good for the initial raiser. The initial raiser bet 18,000 into the 32,500 pot. Only the button called. At this point, I thought the initial raiser must have a reasonably strong hand to continuation-bet into three players, even on this somewhat dry board. I assumed the button would call with most of his one-pair hands as well as his flush draws. I had 118,000 left in my stack. So, what should I do?

Folding is out of the question unless both opponents are thought to be extremely tight because, even though I could be crushed by a better flush draw, most of the time my draw will be live.

When you have a draw and are getting decent immediate pot odds, calling is rarely a mistake. If I was facing a larger bet, perhaps 26,000 into the 32,500 pot, calling would become a worse option. The main problem with calling is that if I hit my draw on the turn, I will have a difficult time extracting value because I am out of position and I will not have the nuts. Notice that if I improve to a flush and lead into my opponents and face a raise, my flush will shrivel into a bluff catcher. If I check and it checks through, I have to dodge another spade on the river. If someone bets the turn, I can only check-call, again having to dodge a spade. Playing draws from out of position is difficult!



LEMON POLENTA CAKE Yield: 12 servings Total Time: 55 minutes

For the cake: 1 3/4 cups almond meal/almond flour 3/4 cup fine cornmeal polenta 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 1 1/2 cups butter (softened) 1 cup granulated sugar Zest of 2 large lemons (save juice for syrup) 3 eggs For the syrup: Juice of 2 lemons, about 1/2 cup 3/4 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with parchment paper and grease sides with butter. In a mixing bowl, combine almond meal, cornmeal and baking powder (dry ingredients), and set aside. In another bowl, using a hand mixer, beat butter, sugar and lemon zest until pale (wet ingredients).

You're going to mix the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients in three stages. To the wet ingredients, add roughly one third of the almond/cornmeal mixture, followed by 1 egg, and continue to beat. Alternate dry ingredients and eggs until it's all incorporated, beating the whole time.

Scoop the batter into the prepared pan. Bake the cake on the center rack until it's golden brown, and a cake tester or toothpick comes out relatively clean, about 35-38 minutes. Although the cake will be done, it might seem a bit soft in the center, that's alright. Leaving the cake in the pan, place it on a rack and let it cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the syrup by boiling together the lemon juice and powdered sugar in a small saucepan until the sugar is dissolved.

Peace the top of the cake all over with a cake tester or toothpick. Pour the warm syrup over the top of the cake, then let the cake cool completely in the pan.

Raising small, perhaps to 44,000, is not a good idea because it will frequently induce my opponents to call, which may induce them to call my small turn all-in shove with an overly wide range. When you have a junky draw and decide to play it aggressively, you want to ensure you can make your opponent's fold.

Going all in seems like a reasonable option, especially if I can make my opponents fold marginal top pairs and better flush draws. Going all in to some extent ensures that most of the time when I get called my outs will be live.

After some thought, I decided that going all in would lead to the best result for me. The initial raiser called with pocket sevens for the middle set, and I was out of the tournament when the Qs came on the turn, completing my flush, but also his full house. After discussing this situation with a few of my friends, I now think calling the flop bet is ideal, mainly because I am getting decent pot odds to see one more card and it decreases the odds I go broke. Minimizing the odds you go broke is a skill you must master if you want to succeed at poker tournaments. Although I gave myself the best chance to win this specific pot, I also opened the door to go broke, which lead to disaster this time.

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To serve, run a thin knife or small spatula along the edges, then remove the springform sides. If desired, garnish with powdered sugar and blueberries. Slice and enjoy! Refrigerate any leftovers.

As you slice into this lemony masterpiece, let its sunny disposition remind you that spring is not just a season, it's a state of mind. So, gather your loved ones, and keep spreading joy, one slice of lemon polenta cake at a time.

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GOOD to KNOW

Helping Alleviate Children's Anxiety

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), even with the best parenting, 80 percent of little ones feel anxiety.

Some Answers

There are several ways you can help. The NIH suggests parents of younger children can help them "come back to earth" from spiraling thoughts with the 3-3-3 rule: Ask your child to name 3 things they can see, identify 3 sounds they can hear, and move 3 different parts of their bodies.

One of the most anxious times for little ones is at bedtime. Scary things and worries flutter and flap around, making it hard to sleep. A calming nightly routine, including reading to your children, however, lets them settle down for the night.

Bedtime Reading Can Help

According to the Children's Bureau of California, reading to your child at bedtime builds trust in them that you will be there for them. With a little imagination you can create a cozy nest for happy thoughts—and sweet dreams for your kids. One excellent new picture book that can help with that is My Thoughts Have Wings, by Maggie Smith. The bestselling author of the viral poem Good Bones and the memoir You Could Make This Place Beautiful delivers a lyrical and reassuring book great for calming active minds at bedtime (or anytime).

The poetic book was inspired by Smith's own daughter who dealt with intrusive thoughts at night. It's an fine way for children to recognize and name unsettling thoughts and provides an empowering, reassuring strategy for self-soothing.

The colorful hardcover is aimed at children from preschool through grade 3, published by HarperCollins and available wherever books are sold.

Learn More For further information or to order the book, visit www.harpercollins.com.



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Green-Thumbed Aspirations

Gardening shows used to be reserved for weekend radio or perhaps a special segment on your local afternoon news. They eventually expanded to cable channels like HGTV, but there's an astounding amount of information to be gained about gardening through podcasts. You can even pop in your earbuds while pruning your bushes, planting your tulip bulbs or growing your own tomatoes! These five podcasts are a great place to start, whether you're still in the planning stages of your backyard garden, a newbie who has tried and failed in the past, or a seasoned grower looking for new inspiration:

The Beginner's Garden With Jill McSheehy — When host Jill McSheehy started gardening just 11 years ago, she said she scoured the internet and books, but she had trouble understanding all the lingo and determining what information was specifically helpful to her. Enlightening episodes include "Preventing Indoor Seed Starting Problems Before They Start," "Adapting the Garden to Your Climate and Having Fun Doing It," and even "How to Plant and Grow Blueberries Successfully." (JourneyWithJill.net)



Go Figure!
answers

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Veterans Post



Small Punishments for Scammers

What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could be a hefty fine, but it's the time behind bars that would keep society safe.

The Joe Gardener Show — PBS and DIY Network TV host Joe Lamp'1 brings his practical tips and wealth of information to his weekly podcast with an emphasis on organic gardening and growing food. His recent episodes include "Greenhouse Hacks and Tips: Lessons Learned in My First Year," "Your Seed Starting Questions Answered," and "Grow Fruit Trees Successfully." He also welcomes guests like flower farmer Lisa Mason Ziegler and garden designer Benjamin Vogt to lend a hand in their areas of expertise. (joegardener.com)

Garden Basics With Farmer Fred — Fred Hoffman has been a U.C.-certified Master Gardener for over 40 years, and he's also a veteran of three radio shows about farming and gardening in Northern California. He has no plans to slow down, putting out his weekly podcast that includes special Q&A episodes on "Lawn Drainage and Perennial Pruning," "Seed Starting Tips and Weed Control," and "Mason Bee Basics," among many others. (Buzzsprout.com)

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top ten
LONGEST Sea Creatures OF ALL TIME

1. Lion's Mane Jellyfish
2. Blue Whale
3. Sperm Whale
4. Whale Shark
5. Basking Shark
6. Giant Squid
7. Giant Pacific Octopus
8. Oarfish
9. Ocean Sunfish
10. Japanese Spider Crab

Source: TreeHugger.com

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Casino Q&A

Gambling Word-Origins

Ever wondered where the terms one-armed bandit, blackjack, and jackpot came from? Here's the history behind some of the common terms used in today's gambling world:

BINGO: In the U.S., Bingo was originally called "Beano" and was commonly played at county fairs and carnivals. A caller would draw numbered discs from a cigar box, and players would use beans to cover the numbers that were called out. The lucky player would yell "Beano!" The prize: a small Kewpie doll.

In December of 1929, New York toy salesman Edwin S. Lowe happened to watch a game of Beano being played at a carnival near Jacksonville, GA. During the game a winner accidentally yelled "Bingo!" instead of "Beano!" Seeing the game's potential as a crowd pleaser and money maker, Lowe changed the name of the game from Beano to Bingo. And with the help of a math professor from Columbia University, Lowe made Bingo the game we know today.

BLACKJACK: The game is believed to be of French origin and was brought to America by French colonists in the early 1800s. It was called vingt-et-un, meaning 21.

The game wasn't very popular, so some gambling houses paid a bonus if a two-card 21 was made up of an ace and a jack of either clubs or spades. The black jack was the key to the bonus and hence became the name of the game.

JACKPOT: Slot machine is actually short for nickel-in-the-slot machine, which was a coin-operated gaming device found in saloons and cigar stores in San Francisco in the 1890s. Prizes consisted of one or more cigars or drinks at the bar. Then the nickel-in-the-slot was designed to pay out real coins as prizes, sometimes called jack, a slang term for money—like dough, mullah, and



Nevada Happenings

All Coin Machines at Slots A Fun
To go with the new table games, the refurbished Slots A Fun next to (and owned by) Circus Circus has installed upwards of 75 vintage token-operated slots in 25-cent, \$1, and \$5 denominations. All the coin machines from Circus Circus were relocated to Slots A Fun and a few dozen more were bought from Vegas vendors to fill out the floor. In addition, the small joint is offering \$5 table minimums and \$2 shrimp cocktails

Tortazo Coming to Caesars
Caesars Entertainment announced that Rick Bayless, Michelin-starred celebrity chef, author, and long-time host of the food show on PBS, *Mexico: One Plate at a Time*, will open "his acclaimed restaurant" Tortazo at Caesars Palace. Tortazo has two locations in Manhattan and one in Chicago and is considered fast-casual, with prices for tortas, tacos, quesadillas, and tlayudas ranging from \$13 to \$18 (could be higher in Vegas). The Chicago restaurant serves three meals, New York brunch and dinner. Tortazo is scheduled to open in late summer and will be Bayless' first restaurant in Vegas.

Peppermill Honored
The iconic and beloved Peppermill Restaurant and Fireside Lounge on the north Strip was one of six restaurants singled out last week by the James Beard Foundation for an America's Classics Award. The Foundation cited the Peppermill's "welcoming atmosphere" and the long-time waitresses who know customers' names. Indeed, the general manager started as a waitress in her teens and has been there for nearly 50 years (her son is the executive chef).

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simoleons. The new devices rewarded the lucky player with a pot full of jack. Hence, the term jackpot.

LAS VEGAS: In the 1830s, Las Vegas served as a watering stop and comfort station for Spanish pack trains along the Old Spanish Trail (Santa Fe, NM, to Los Angeles). It was prized for its lush meadows, watered by a creek that rose from a series of bubbling springs. Las Vegas in Spanish means "the meadows." From the full Spanish place name, Nuestra Seizora de los Dolores de Las Vegas (Our Lady of Sorrows of the Meadows).

ONE-ARMED BANDIT: In the Old West, two professional bandits were playing a rigged slot machine. After losing heavily, one crook said to the other, "Boy, with a machine like this, you don't need a gun to hold up anyone." "Yeah," replied the other crook, "and it only has one arm too!" Here's a less colorful but more plausible origin. In the 1930s, a slot machine operator was arrested and tried for operating a gambling device. The judge, when sentencing the man, referred to the slot as a one-armed bandit. And the name stuck.



happy mother's day

Lady Gaga Returns
Lady Gaga will return to Dolby Live at Park MGM with her "Jazz + Piano" show for an eight-date mini residency in late June and early July; the dates are June 19, 20, 27, 29, and 30 and July 3, 5, and 6.

Eagles Could Be Coming
Meanwhile, the New York Post is reporting that the Eagles "have agreed to a residency at Sphere" after they finish their "Long Goodbye" tour on June 15 in the Netherlands. The Post writes that the band will perform over 10 weekends from September through December, though no dates for or terms of the shows had been disclosed at press time.

Million Dollar Jackpot at Palazzo
A slot player in the high-limit lounge at the Palazzo hit a jackpot of \$1,037,828 on a Dragon Link machine off a \$25 bet in March. It was the third million-plus jackpot hit in the Palazzo's high-limit room since October.

Summerlin Movie Studio Approved
Yesterday, the Clark County Commission approved an \$1.8 billion (!) movie studio and mixed-use development in Summerlin. The joint venture, between Howard Hughes Holdings (the landlord) and Sony Entertainment (the Hollywood connection), will be called Summerlin Production Studios and located on Town Center Drive just off the 215 Beltway. Encompassing ten buildings with approximately 500,000 square feet, 100,000 of which will be retail, restaurants, and offices. No timeline has been divulged at press time and this is the first step in a long process, but the end result will be: movie stars all over the west valley.

All reporting by lasvegasadvisor.com



Lucky Predictions for May 2024

ARIES: March 21 to April 19

1st thru 6th...
Lucky dog the 1st!
7th thru 12th...
Outstanding bet the 11th!
13th thru 18th...
RED's your color 13th-14th
19th thru 24th...
Quick returns the 23rd\$\$
25th thru 31st...
Believe it 27th-29th\$\$!

TAURUS: April 20 to May 20

1st thru 6th...
Sweet ride 2nd-3rd!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Intention = success the 7th!
13th thru 18th...
You can do it the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Step aside
25th thru 31st ...
Show 'em how 25th-26th\$\$

GEMINI: May 21 to June 21

1st thru 6th...
A fortunate fluke the 1st!
7th thru 12th...
Keep up the good trend, 9th!
13th thru 18th...
Luck pays a visit 18th!\$!
19th thru 24th...
Dang good chances 19th
25th thru 31st ...
Right on target 27th-28th!

CANCER: June 22 to July 22

1st thru 6th...
BLUE becomes you 2nd-3rd!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Money sticks to you, 11th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
You outsmart them 16th-17th!
19th thru 24th...
Don't miss out 21st-22nd
25th thru 31st ...
Patience 'til the 30th!

LEO: July 23 to Aug. 22

1st thru 6th...
You're far ahead 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
YELLOW Shines 9th-10th
13th thru 18th...
Chill
19th thru 24th...
Super-hot 23rd-24th!\$!
25th thru 31st ...
Better days ahead

VIRGO: Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

1st thru 6th...
Not likely
7th thru 12th...
Amazing luck the 7th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Plan materialize\$ 16th-17th
19th thru 24th...
You dreamed it? 21st-22nd!\$!
25th thru 31st ...
Nailed it! 25th-27th

LIBRA: Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

1st thru 6th...
Roaring fun the 1st!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Play your cards right 9th!
13th thru 18th...
Lucky upswing the 13th!
19th thru 24th...
Best odds the 24th!
25th thru 31st...
Get busy to win 28th!\$!

SCORPIO: Oct. 24 to Nov. 21

1st thru 6th...
True BLUE win the 2nd!
7th thru 12th...
Wait 'til the 11th
13th thru 18th...
Winning streak the 16th!
19th thru 24th...
Chances in your favor 21st!\$
25th thru 31st...
Fine tune it 27th & 31st!\$

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 22 to Dec. 21

1st thru 6th...
You got it down 4th-5th!
7th thru 12th...
Wait this out
13th thru 18th...
Make 'em proud 13th-14th!
19th thru 24th...
PURPLE play\$ 24th
25th thru 31st...
Bring friends & win 27th-28th!\$!

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 to Jan. 19

1st thru 6th...
Listen to yourself 2nd-4th!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Done deal 7th-8th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
GREEN = \$\$ 16th-17th
19th thru 24th...
You'll be pleased 21st-22nd!
25th thru 31*...
Fabulous week

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

1st thru 6th...
Ride that RED horse the 4th!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Gutsy moves 9th-10th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Worth the wait 18th!\$
19th thru 24th...
PURPLE surprise\$ 19th
25th thru 31st...
All is new & good, 27th!\$!

PISCES: Feb. 19 to March 20

1st thru 6th...
Early the 4th!\$!
7th thru 12th...
Luck beckons 11th-12th!\$!
13th thru 18th...
Purposeful break
19th thru 24th...
GREEN in your pocket 21st!\$
25th thru 31st...
Hard card luck 25th-27th!\$!

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

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR MAY 2024

2	21	32	54	62
1	24	31	53	61
7	29	★	60	67
3	18	42	59	64
14	22	37	48	63

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS **MAY 2024**

1st	Last Quarter Moon ☾
4th	Kentucky Derby
5th	Cinco de Mayo
8th	New Moon 🌑
12th	Mother's Day
15th	First Quarter Moon ☽
16th	Wear Purple for Peace Day
23rd	Full Moon 🌕
25th	National Wine Day
27th	Memorial Day
28th	National Hamburger Day
30th	Last Quarter Moon ☾



by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for May 2024

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): You're feeling the natural potency of your sign as Mars, your fiery ruler, visits you throughout the month. The full Moon on the 23rd inspires you to pursue a new study or academic pursuit. You're attempting to gather information to support your effort to expand your influence and conquer new terrain.

Lucky Days: 7 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 45 - 47

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The wheel of time has turned once again. You're still reorienting yourself after last month's surprising events. Intuitively, you know that there's no going back to familiar terrain. Acknowledge what's past and fuel your optimism by focusing on new interests that will carry you into the future.

Lucky Days: 18 - 21
Lucky Numbers: 14 - 49

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Beauty is your theme this month. Also, highlighting your magnetic charm. With Venus in your sign, your allure factor is amplified. Consider, too, cultivating your home environment with aesthetic touches that soothe and inspire. The full Moon on the 23rd sparks interest in a new intellectual pursuit.

Lucky Days: 8 - 14
Lucky Numbers: 23 - 43

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): Your urge to create and present new ideas is brought down to earth by the necessity for security and conservation. Don't obsess over what you imagine to be your shortcomings; that's a waste of energy. Instead, consult with allies for suggestions on achieving your goals. Steady persistence allows you to prevail.

Lucky Days: 9 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 11 - 54

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Your natural *joie de vivre* is back online, giving you a surplus of energy that's ready to be channeled constructively. But for maximum results, set a deadline for yourself for whatever project you're undertaking. Put away excuses and hunker down to reach a finishing line that coincides with landing an achievement.

Lucky Days: 23 - 29
Lucky Numbers: 2 - 8

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): If you're feeling overwhelmed, it's because your array of interests is too widespread, scattering your focus. Exercise your discrimination and pick one or two subjects to devote time and effort toward. By applying limitations, you'll accomplish much. The full Moon on the 23rd sets off your pressure release valve.

Lucky Days: 11 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 9 - 18

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): What social support systems can you create now? With Mars opposite your sign this month, you might feel like you're fighting the world alone. Don't get waylaid by others' blunt reactions. Reclaim your personal power by finding direct ways to express your boldness. Take a risk—ask, and you'll receive.

Lucky Days: 8 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 28

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): Jupiter opposing your Sun stimulates your desire to do something big—something dazzling. What's that about? Primarily, you need to feel recognized and merge your life with some project that's bigger than yourself. This is a beautiful time to undertake studies that involve spirituality or philosophical topics.

Lucky Days: 16 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 56

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): The lens through which you view life is undergoing a recalibration. Consequently, your outlook might seem fuzzy. If you have doubts about where you're headed, it most likely relates to how your perspective is gradually shifting and enlarging. Have faith that at the end of this anxious period, you'll see the world with a fresh perspective.

Lucky Days: 17 - 49

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN 20): Inspiration arrived from an unlikely source last month. However, sustaining it this month will require consciously altering familiar patterns and habits. Rearranging is one of nature's prime methods of creation. Take inspiration from Mother Earth and how she generates and destroys simultaneously.

Lucky Days: 10 - 18
Lucky Numbers: 34 - 38

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): Stay loose this month. Don't become attached to one idea over another. If you take a stance, you won't see the merits of *alternative* approaches. You'll surprise yourself when you discover the pleasure in letting go of previously cherished ideas. Prepare for what will walk in through the "out" door.

Lucky Days: 4 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 7 - 19

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): You might feel trapped in a struggle to transcend uninspiring limitations. But breaking free requires comprehending why you became enmeshed or misguided in the first place. Find ways to embolden your ambitions and commitments by carefully considering (and then enlivening) the interests that inspire you most.

Lucky Days: 8 - 28
Lucky Numbers: 3 - 39

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. March 2. Pesky 3. Tome 4. Somber
Today's Word: MATCHBOOK

JUMBLES: STASH MIGHT PREFIX NOTIFY
Answer: The backup quarterback was — PASSING TIME

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Phone is moved. 2. Card is larger. Tie is different. 4. Chair is missing. 5. Hand is moved. 6. Window is not as wide.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: No matter how dark the moment, love and hope are always possible. — George Chakiris

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS Solution time: 25 mins. [Crossword grid]	SUDOKU ANSWERS [Sudoku grid] 5 9 7 1 2 3 8 4 6 3 2 8 9 6 4 5 1 7 6 1 4 5 8 7 2 3 9 1 4 2 6 3 8 9 7 5 7 5 3 2 9 1 6 8 4 8 6 9 7 4 5 3 2 1 9 7 5 8 1 2 4 6 3 4 8 6 3 7 9 1 5 2 2 3 1 4 5 6 7 9 8	MAGICMAZE ANSWERS WORDS ADDED TO THE DIC IONARY IN 1900 [Maze grid]
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Special Mom, Special Recipe

My mother was a wonderful cook. Our house was the place for all the big family gatherings. On Thanksgiving she would make so much homemade cornbread dressing that it eventually took two of us, cooking almost non-stop for two days, to get it all made—this was to accommodate all the family that wanted big portions to take home. Her birthday cakes were wonderful. No boxed mix for Mom, and her most popular cakes were Italian Cream Cake, Coconut Cake (tons of coconut), and the ever-popular Texas Sheet/Sheath Cake. I inherited her recipe book, but not her enthusiasm for cooking, I'm sad to say. Still, when I'm feeling nostalgic or hankerin' for some comfort food, I will take a dive into that treasured cookbook and pull out one of my favorites. So, I'm sharing with you a special recipe that Mama would make for me. Once I was old enough, I helped, of course. My sister-in-law made this for my birthday last year, and that was one of the best birthdays I've had in a long time.

MAMA'S CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

- 3 cups shredded or chopped cooked chicken breasts
- 12 oz. spaghetti, broken into 2-inch pieces
- 28 oz. (2 cans) low sodium chicken broth plus water (to cook the spaghetti)
- ½ stick butter (4 Tablespoons)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cans Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom soup
- 1 teaspoon Lawry's Seasoned Salt, OR ½ teaspoon onion powder plus ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Bring chicken broth and water to a boil in a saucepan to cook pasta.
3. Break spaghetti into approximately 2-inch pieces.
4. Cook pasta in the broth according to directions on package.
5. Reserve some of the cooking broth for later.
6. Drain the pasta and set aside for later.
7. Melt butter in a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat.
8. Add onions and cook until soft and tender but not brown.
9. Add soup, Lawry's Seasoned Salt, cooked shredded chicken, and some of the reserved cooking broth - maybe 1/3 cup (can add more later if needed) to the skillet.
10. Mix well.
11. Heat thoroughly.
12. Add cooked spaghetti, stir, and heat just to a boil - turn off heat when boil reached.
13. Add salt and pepper to taste.
14. Immediately pour or spoon into a 3-quart casserole dish.
15. Sprinkle shredded cheese over the top.
16. Place in oven and cook/heat for about 20 minutes - until hot all the way through.

Note: If using a Dutch oven (step 7), you can skip the casserole dish and oven, and simply add the cheese to the dish at the end. The cheese won't have the same texture as oven-baking will give it, but the taste is almost identical. However, the casserole dish makes a nicer presentation.

I hope you have a chance to try this recipe someday. You can lighten it by using a little less butter, lower sodium/lower fat soup, or cutting back (or even omitting) the cheese. Make it yours.
Happy Mother's Day!

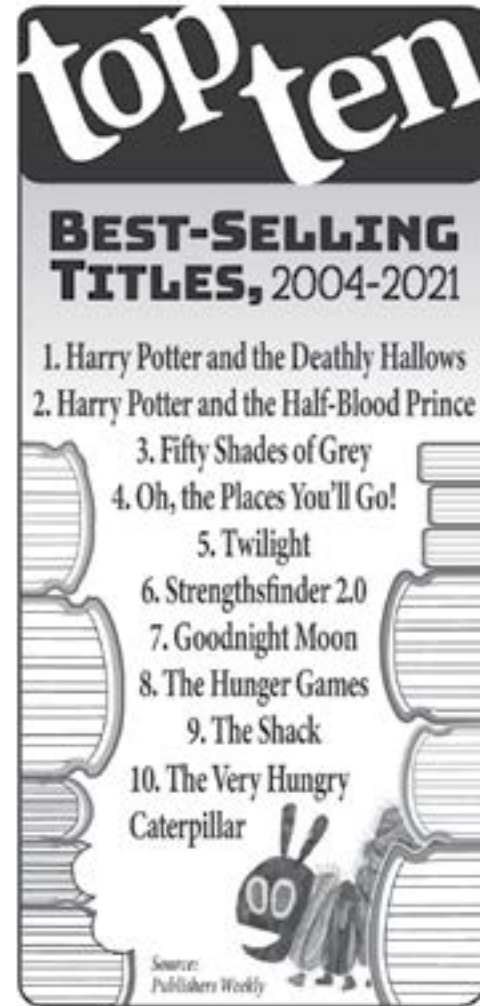


QUESTIONS

1. Pitcher Masanori Murakami, the first Japanese player to play on Major League Baseball club, debuted in 1964 with what team?
2. The Cresta Run is a natural toboggan track located in what Swiss mountain resort town? (Hint: It hosted Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948.)
3. George "Punch" Imlach won four Stanley Cups (1962-64, '67) as head coach of what NHL team?
4. In 2021, Formula 1 held its first race on the Jeddah Corniche Circuit located in what country?
5. Who was the first three-time winner of golf's Masters tournament?
6. Warren Beatty starred as Joe Pendleton, backup quarterback for the Los Angeles Rams, in what 1978 film?
7. In 2014, thieves stole nine World Series rings, two MVP plaques and other memorabilia worth over \$1 million from a Little Falls, New Jersey, museum dedicated to what Baseball Hall of Famer?

ANSWERS

1. The San Francisco Giants.
2. St. Moritz.
3. The Toronto Maple Leafs.
4. Saudi Arabia.
5. Jimmy Demaret (1940, '47, '50).
6. "Heaven Can Wait."
7. Yogi Berra.



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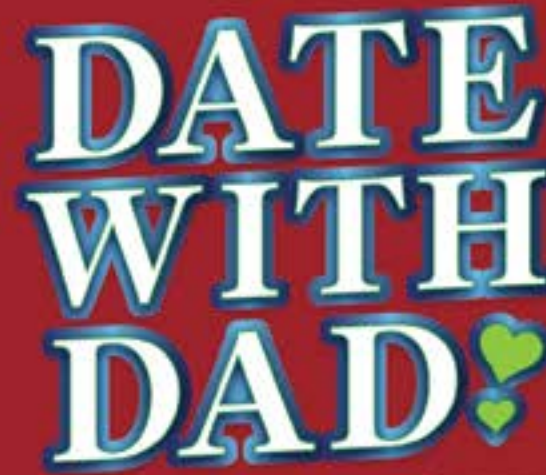


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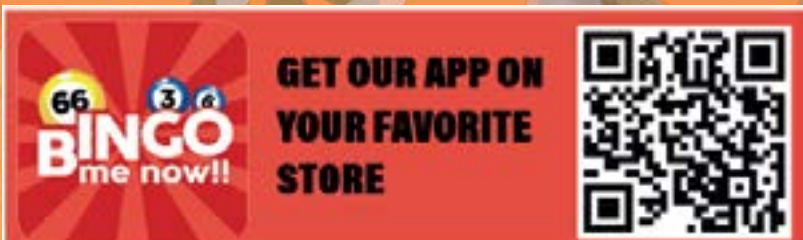
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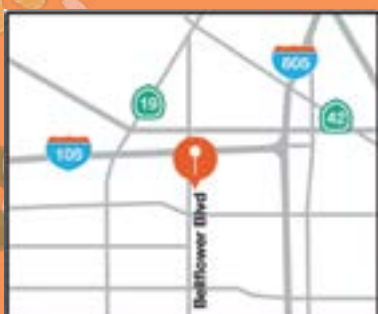
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