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The word diamond comes from the Greek "adamas," which means "invincible" or "indestructible." Some believed diamonds gave their wearers special powers of invincibility in battle.

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* "I use double-stick tape to hang lighter items on my walls, since it does not leave a hole, and I am a renter. You also can use it to reduce noise from vibrations. For instance, I used it in my car to keep the carpet lying flat in the trunk." — ***J.T. via e-mail***

* "To soften butter without melting it, warm a bowl that is bigger than the butter stick and invert it over the butter on a plate. It's nice before a meal because it makes a hard stick of butter easier to spread on bread rolls, but not so soft that you use too much." — ***T.G. in Indiana***

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Breakfast Boats Make Brunch a Breeze

You know why we love brunch dishes so much? Because they're so versatile. They work for breakfast, brunch, lunch or breakfast-for-dinner. Also, most are easy to prepare and very inexpensive, making them perfect for stress-free entertaining or a lazy Sunday at home.

This breakfast-boat technique is especially drool worthy. If French toast and quiche had a love child it'd be a breakfast boat. You're basically baking a quiche inside a loaf of bread. Along with the salty, savory sausage, the eggs soak into the bread as it bakes, making a creamy custard while the bread crust gets all crispity-crunchity. It's just crazy delicious. It smells amazing as it cooks and looks gorgeously rustic on a platter.

As with many ideas I share through Divas On a Dime, this is an adaptable technique rather than a single recipe. You can adjust the ingredients to suit your family's taste, dietary requirements and, most importantly, your budget.

A couple of things to know before you make this recipe, the sizes and shapes of bread loaves vary greatly. This makes it difficult to offer exact quantities to fill your loaf or give an absolute baking time.

You can use any kind of unsliced loaf (French bread, whole wheat, Italian bread) as long as the crust is, well ... crusty. Day-old is preferable because it better absorbs the eggs, is less likely to leak and is super affordable. If you fill your loaf with the egg mixture and it looks skimpy, add a couple more eggs.

SAUSAGE AND VEGGIE BREAKFAST BOAT

Serving breakfast in a bread boat is fun and a major way to upgrade your eggs for the cost of a loaf of day-old bread.

Yield: 4 to 6 servings
Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 35 to 45 minutes

What You'll Need:

1 (16 ounce) loaf French bread
1 pound breakfast sausage
2 cups mixed vegetables, such as onion and bell peppers
8 eggs
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 cup shredded cheese — cheddar or your favorite

Here's How:

1. Preheat oven to 375 F degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. 2. Place the whole bread loaf, upside down, on the sheet. Place it in the oven for 10 minutes to lightly toast the exterior of the bread, set aside.

3. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook and crumble the sausage until no longer pink.

4. Next, add 2 cups of veggies to the sausage, and saute until soft. (I used 1/2 cup each of diced onion, red pepper, green pepper and sliced mushrooms.) Allow most of the liquid from the veggies to cook out, so the mixture isn't wet. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

5. Whisk together eggs and half-and-half until well-combined.

6. Using a serrated bread knife, horizontally slice the top inch from the loaf of bread. Scoop out most of the center of the bread. Keep at least an inch away from the sides to avoid damaging the outer crust. (Make breadcrumbs with the bread you remove.)

7. Spoon the sausage and veggie mixture into the bread, distributing evenly, and top with the cheese. Slowly, pour the egg mixture over the sausage and let it percolate through toward the bottom.

8. Bake immediately for 25 to 45 minutes. It's done when the internal temperature reaches 160 F.

TIP: For variety, swap out different meats, vegetables and cheeses to vary the flavor. If you have about 4 cups of total "goodies," proceed with the recipe as directed.

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

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QUESTIONS

1. What was Byron MacGregor's single claim to fame?
2. Which group released "Never Been to Spain"?
3. Steve Lawrence and Donny Osmond both had hits with the same song. What was it?
4. Name the first No. 1 hit in America by Yes.
5. What song contains this lyric: "What are we gonna tell your mama, What are we gonna tell your pa, What are we gonna tell our friends when they say ooh-la-la"?

ANSWERS

1. MacGregor released a spoken word recording of "The Americans (A Canadian's Opinion)," with "America the Beautiful" played in the background, in 1973. It tells of one Canadian's appreciation for all America has done to help around the world in response to crises.
2. Three Dog Night, in 1972. Hoyt Axton wrote and released the original in 1971, and it's since been covered by numerous others.
3. "Go Away Little Girl," released in 1963 and 1971, respectively.
4. "Owner of a Lonely Heart," in 1983.
5. "Wake Up Little Susie," by the Everly Brothers in 1957. The song shot to No. 1, even though it had been banned for having suggestive lyrics. Simon and Garfunkel released a cover years later, but it wasn't even close. That sibling DNA in the brothers' voices just can't be duplicated.

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BROOM-HILDA By Russell Myers



Gasoline Alley By Jim Scancarelli



Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

Protect Your Social Security Number

Dear Savvy Senior,

I'm retired and was a victim of identity theft a while back. I've already frozen my credit to protect myself, but I recently heard that I can also "lock" my Social Security number. What exactly does that mean, and is it something I should do?
–Recently Scammed

Dear Recently,

Freezing your credit was one of the smartest steps you could take after identity theft. But there's another layer of protection many people don't know about—limiting how your Social Security number (SSN) can be used.

While you can't actually "lock" your Social Security number the way you can freeze a credit report, you can block two of the most common ways criminals misuse it–using it to get a job and gaining access to your online Social Security account.

Your Social Security number is the master key to much of your financial life. It's linked to your taxes, Social Security benefits, Medicare, banking and employment records. With data breaches becoming routine and identity thieves using increasingly sophisticated tactics–including AI-generated scams–protecting your SSN is more important than ever. Criminals don't need your Social Security card; they only need the number.

E-Verify Self Lock

The first tool is E-Verify Self Lock. It prevents someone from using your SSN to get a job with employers that participate in the federal E-Verify system.

If someone uses your Social Security number to get a job, the wages they earn may be reported to the IRS under your name. That can trigger IRS notices, delay tax refunds and require months of work to correct your tax and Social Security records.

To activate Self Lock, create a free my E-Verify account at e-verify.gov and answer a few identity-verification questions. Once the lock is in place, employers using E-Verify won't be able to confirm your Social Security number unless you first remove the lock. It remains in effect for one year and can be renewed annually. If you ever return to work for an employer that uses E-Verify, you can temporarily remove the lock online and reactivate it afterward.

Electronic Access Block

The second protection is the Social Security Administration's Electronic Access Block, which helps prevent criminals from taking over your online Social Security account. An Electronic Access Block disables online and automated telephone access to your Social Security record–including your own. That prevents scammers from changing your direct deposit information, redirecting your benefits or updating your personal information.

To set it up, call the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office and request an Electronic Access Block. If you later want online access restored, you'll need to verify your identity before the block can be removed. For many retirees–especially those who've already experienced identity theft – that extra step is well worth the added security.

Extra Safeguards

A credit freeze remains one of the best defenses against identity theft, but it only prevents someone from opening new credit in your name. It won't stop someone from using your Social Security number for employment or trying to access your Social Security account. For even greater protection, create your personal my Social Security account before a scammer does by visiting ssa.gov/myaccount. Keep your credit reports frozen unless you need to apply for credit and request a free IRS Identity Protection PIN. The six-digit PIN acts like a second password for your tax return, preventing someone else from filing under your Social Security number. You can get one by searching "Get an IP PIN" at irs.gov.

Identity theft has become a fact of modern life but taking a few simple steps now can help protect your Social Security benefits, tax records and financial future, and give you greater peace of mind.



Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ The Chocolate River in the "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" was real! The production used 150,000 gallons of water, cream and chocolate. But the ingredients spoiled and smelled really bad when the movie ended.

★ Studies have shown that playing Tetris can curb sex, drug and food cravings.

★ A Vietnamese man was hospitalized after drinking too much methanol. Doctors transfused 15 cans of beer into his body to revive him. The liver breaks down ethanol before methanol, which gave doctors more time to do dialysis to remove the methanol from his system.

★ Santa Claus was issued a pilot's license from the U.S. government in 1927, along with airway maps and a promise to keep the runway lights on.

★ The fighting on D-Day was so fierce that as much as 4% of the sand on Normandy beaches is magnetic due to shrapnel that has been broken down over the decades into sand-sized bits.

★ Only official members of federally accepted Native American tribes may legally possess or collect eagle feathers.

★ Instead of kissing his bride, Edward II of England sealed his wedding vows with a smooch to his lover, Piers Gaveston, 1st Earl of Cornwall.

★ During a game, Babe Ruth would place a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep cool under the sun, replacing it every inning or two.

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PICKS OF THE MONTH

Unabomber (R) — One young actor who never came to play and is always up for a more mature role than his peers is Jacob Tremblay. Tremblay leads this crime drama as Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, opposite none other than the prolific Russell Crowe and recent Emmy winner Shailene Woodley. The film alternates between two timelines, with the first spanning Kaczynski's time at Harvard University starting in 1958, where he engages in psychological experiments. Meanwhile, the second begins in 1994, catapulting viewers to the FBI's pursuit of him for his crimes as a domestic terrorist. The two timelines work together to show Kaczynski's descent into becoming the Unabomber and to also provide some insight as to his motives. (Netflix)

American Horror Story: 13 (TV-MA) — Thirteen seasons of *American Horror Story*! Can you believe it? It seems like only yesterday that *Murder House* (2011) became a phenomenon within the horror community. Over the years, we've come to love Ryan Murphy's chic and chaotic horror series, as well as its recurring cast of actors — including the magical Sarah Paulson, Evan Peters, Billie Lourd, and the incredible Jessica Lange. In this 13th season, Murphy's pulling off what he's described as an "Avengers-style crossover," with characters from his previous 12 seasons recurring to face the ultimate evil tied to the number 13. (Hulu)

Brothers (TV-MA) — At the most recent Emmy Awards, Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson presented the final award of Best Comedy Series, and they took this opportunity to tease their own comedy series that had its two-episode premiere on Sept. 23. In the series, McConaughey and Harrelson respectively play themselves, but in a fictional version of their lives. They're still the best of friends, much like in real life, and they decide to live together on McConaughey's Texas ranch after some family drama occurs with Harrelson's daughter. While living together at the ranch, a family secret is revealed in which the charming and hilarious duo could actually be biological brothers. The legendary Holland Taylor co-stars in the eight-episode series, as well as Natalie Martinez. (Apple TV)

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ANIMAL CRACKERS By Fred Wagner





The Best of the Bingo Sisters: Zucchini Bingo

There is one time of year when you are told always to lock your car when you park downtown and that is during zucchini season. Otherwise when you return you may find your back seat covered in zucchini. Zucchini is so popular in our area that our town decided to have a festival honoring the squash. You got in free to the buffet if you brought a zucchini dish to share. We had zucchini soup, zucchini salad and stuffed zucchini. We also had zucchini bread, zucchini and meatballs, fried zucchini and zucchini Parmesan. I brought zucchini soup, which I think is delicious, but I was sick of the taste of zucchini by the time lunch was over.

Next we played Bingo. We had two long tables set up on the main highway so that all the cars had to detour around us four blocks. We started playing and soon a man won and called out "Zucchini!" quickly followed by "I mean Bingo." Then it got to be a fun game of who would remember to call "Zucchini" before yelling "Bingo."

It was not a lucky day for me. I was on twice but didn't win and quickly tired of all the zucchini winners around me.

We were thinking it was near the end of the session when a little bright red sports car came barreling into the closed off intersection. The driver was talking into his phone when he suddenly realized he was headed into a table of Bingo players. He braked as fast as he could and turned the wheel to avoid us. He managed to stop just before he hit anything, but his front end was nudged up to a table. He dashed out of his car, full of apologies, trying to give the caller money to offset any damages.

As a group we decided to play one more game in honor of the little red sports car with the driver providing the winnings. It was the Big Z, a game I am usually lucky at.

The driver sat down nearby but seemed too shook up to play. He just observed and I got excited when I was on. Then someone else won and I was really disappointed.

The driver came over to me and said, "I am so sorry you didn't win. Could I take you to dinner to make up for it?"

I don't usually go out with someone I don't know, but he seemed so sincere and was a nice looking fellow, so I said, "I am here with my sister. Are you up for taking us both out?"

He hesitated then realized I meant the caller and became enthusiastic again. "Yes. Ok. I'm up for learning more about Bingo." Kate was also a little skeptical about going out with someone we didn't know, but then agreed.

We had time to kill before dinner, so we drove down to the harbor to join the whale watchers. Personally, I never saw a whale, but some folks up the beach claimed to have seen one and that was enough excitement for one day.

At dinner we talked and talked about Bingo—its history, how the game got started, why it remains so popular, the moneymaking aspects, where it is headed. Kate was as vital and enthusiastic as I have ever seen her. She really liked Kevin (that turned out to be his name) and I sensed he was warming to her as well.

After dinner I pleaded a headache and took off to find my car, which I had left in back of the Chinese restaurant. Min who owns the place came out to give me a tongue lashing for parking there so long, but since I am a very good customer, he still waves happily as I drove away.

Kate did not get home for three hours and said she'd had a great time. "Zucchini Season is not so bad after all," she grinned.

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Clue: **M** equals **T**

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Sycuan Casino Resort Kicks Off Its Entertainment Line Up Through December

EL CAJON, Calif. – Sept. 30, 2026 – Sycuan Casino Resort has announced its newest entertainment lineup through December with a range of shows, featuring arena rock, Motown, country, comedy magic and Prince-inspired funk and pop. The lineup will begin with a sold-out show by soul-infused singer Trish Toledo in October.

"I feel very grateful and thankful to have a sold-out night full of people who support my dream and live music." said Toledo. "They can expect an emotional rollercoaster! My ultimate goal is to help them feel empowered and let go of what no longer serves them."

Following her performance, the casino will also bring two nights of rock at the Live & Up Close Theater. Rock & Roll tribute Hairball will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, bringing what fans describe as "multiple concerts in one night" through tributes to KISS, Queen and Van Halen, among others. Rock fans can also enjoy a performance by UK-based Queen tribute band Killer Queen on Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets for both events start at $69.

The lineup will also continue through December with performances by:

Trouble Man: A Tribute to Marvin Gaye starring L. Young at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30

Magician Michael Carbonaro at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21

Grammy-winning country artist Ashley McBryde at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4

The Purple Xperience starring Marshall Charloff at 8 p.m. from Friday, Dec. 18 to Saturday, Dec. 19

Hotel-and-show packages combining event tickets with a hotel stay will be available for select performances.

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Gaming News

Neon Keepsakes

A new book, *Neon Keepsakes—Nevada Authors on Toys and Trifles*, features eleven writers from Las Vegas and beyond who explore the tension between the austerity of the desert and the extravagance of Sin City through the metaphor of toys. Las Vegas loves toys—slot machines, roller coasters, ziplines. The Las Vegas Writes series of books are great for Vegas enthusiasts, with their recognizable locations, situations, and personalities—and feature subject matter you won't find anywhere else. No equations. No basic strategies. Just a relaxing read provided courtesy of some of the city's best wordsmiths. This latest in the series promises to be a lot of fun. Visit the main page of www.lasvegasadvisor.com and look for the book under "SHOP. "

Gambling Tax Deduction Update

The FAIR BET Act, federal legislation proposed by Nevada's congressional delegation that would restore the 100% deduction on gambling losses, recently passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee. After 14 months of failed attempts to clear this key hurdle, the bill to rescind the 90% limit on gambling losses now goes to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote. If the House passes the bill before Jan. 1, the tax will never have taken effect and would lay this discriminatory and inexcusable extraction from phantom winnings to rest once and for all, permanently, forever and ever. Until the next time some dim-bulb politician sneaks it back onto the last page of a 1,728-page Big Ugly Bill.

Billion Dollar Win

The Illinois winner of the $1.04 billion Powerball jackpot finally came forward. The anonymous winner took the lump sum payout of $450.5 million and will, after taxes, wind up with roughly $262 million (Illinois rakes just under 5%). The winning icket was sold on Aug. 12 after a run of more than three months without a jackpot; it was the 15th largest lottery payout in U.S. history. The winner told the Illinois Lottery, "I initially didn't believe I'd won, so I called a family member to confirm it. Even after claiming the prize, I'm still processing the news and experiencing the full range of emotions that come with winning a billion-dollar jackpot—from disbelief and shock to overwhelming elation." The winner bought a $2 single-line Quick Pick at a Hy-Vee Fast & Fresh convenience store and gas station in Quincy, Illinois, and said, "I never could have imagined that a $2 purchase would lead to a $1.04 billion jackpot."

Orson Welles Explains Craps

It seems that actor and director Orson Welles needed some cash at some point in the late 1970s because he agreed to narrate a 30-minute video on how to play baccarat, craps, blackjack, and keno for Caesars Palace. Welles, who caused a national panic about a Martian invasion when he narrated a radio adaptation of H. G. Wells' novel *The War of the Worlds* and co-wrote, produced, directed, and starred in the 1941 masterpiece *Citizen Kane*, struggled with money his entire life due to his outsized artistic ambitions and expensive tastes.You can see this rare 1978 video, seven years before Welles died at the age of 70, for a good look at late '70s Caesars when it was the most glamorous casino in the world and to see and hear Welles narrate an in-depth lesson on how to play the games. Find the video on YouTube by searching "Caesars Guide to Gaming with Orson Welles."

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Lucky Lotto News

First Play Pays

One North Carolina woman received a major payday after she decided to buy her first-ever lottery ticket on a whim.

Gastonia resident Kahla Jeffries said it all went down when she stopped into Will's Food Store on Hickory Grove Road during a routine gas stop, according to a press release from the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL). A particular scratch-off ticket stood out to her and she decided to take a chance. "That one just caught my eye," she recalled. The ticket—a $100,000 Cash Payday scratch-off—turned out to be a $100,000 top-prize winner. When she realized what she'd won, Jeffries said she could hardly believe it. "I didn't think I was looking at it right," she said. Jeffries visited lottery headquarters to claim her prize on July 24. She took home $72,018 after required federal and state tax withholdings, per NCEL. Jeffries said she plans to use her winnings to buy a car and save for school.

Forgotten Ticket = Big Dollars

An Australian couple spent almost two months going about their usual routine without realizing they had won a lottery prize of $3.4 million. The lucky ticket was left on a desk in their Sydney home for seven weeks before they decided to check whether they had won, according to Australian outlet 7NEWS. The pair held the only division one entry for the Set for Life jackpot, which was drawn on July 1, meaning they won $4.8 million, the equivalent of $3.4 million in the U.S. They will now receive over $14,200 (U.S.) a month for the next two decades. "I'm all shaken up at the moment," the woman told The Lott, per 7NEWS. "I can't believe it. I had no idea. This ticket has just been sitting on my desk at home the whole time. I kept saying, 'I've got to go check this ticket'—and today we did," she said. The woman said she had only been playing Set for Life for six months but had a feeling they were going to win big. The lucky winner described the prize as "literally a dream come true" adding, "this has changed our lives. You've no idea what this means to us. Things like this just don't happen to people like us."

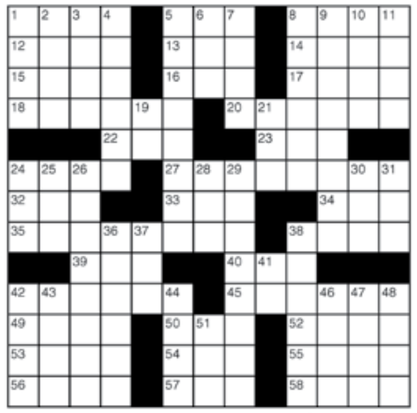
Winning Couple Still Giving Back

Ten years ago, everything changed for one couple when they won big in the lottery, winning more than $8 million. Since then, they've continued to give back to their local community. The massive prize from The National Lottery in the U.K. allowed Kevin and Michele Jones to better their own lives, and it also gave them the opportunity to lend support to others nearby. In May 2016, the six numbers on Kevin's Lotto ticket matched those of the jackpot draw perfectly. The lucky break allowed Kevin to quit his job as a bus driver. Michele, meanwhile, who had worked as a classroom assistant, also left her line of work. But even though the jackpot freed them from working their day-to-day jobs, the couple still wanted to make sure they could also give back to their community. In the ten years since, Kevin and Michelle have volunteered their time and given money to The Pantry at Sandbach Hub, a volunteer-run food bank that supports over 50 families throughout South Cheshire each week. "Winning the lottery has bought us more time than anything—the time to dedicate and support important charities like [the pantry], which do so much for the local community," Michele said. She also told the BBC that she has been on the team at the food bank for four years. "My husband saw it advertised that they were looking for volunteers, and I've joined it from day one." Michele added: "I've always wanted to help other people, so I've got the opportunity now."



COFFEE BREAK!

BINGO BUGLE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 "Arrivederci —"
5 Jazzy style
8 Wild guess
12 Slender
13 Piercing tool
14 Brownish purple
15 In — veritas
16 Corp. boss
17 Desertlike
18 Nowheresville
20 Saint Patrick's Day event
22 Hide-hair insert
23 Nine-digit ID
24 Engrossed
27 Promptly
32 Wedding words
33 Expert
34 Granada gold
35 "Wonder Woman" actress
38 Remain
39 Beer barrel
40 Stolen
42 Alpine home
45 Casts out
49 Opera set in Egypt
50 Guffaw syllable
52 Lavish party
53 Espy
54 Reuben bread
55 Kismet
56 Sparkling Italian wine
57 German conjunction
58 Lean-to

DOWN

1 Answer an invite
2 Hodgepodge
3 Behave
4 Quantity
5 Scenic route, often
6 Have bills
7 Fall into a chair
8 Meager
9 Puccini opera
10 Battery fluid
11 Eliot's "Adam —"
19 Rejection
21 Bat wood
24 Predetermine
25 Oklahoma city
26 Bikini pattern
28 Sgt., for one
29 Tied down
30 Mouths (Lat.)
31 Playpen item
36 Trattoria desserts
37 Candle count
38 Refuses to pay
41 Symbol of strength
42 Juanita's home
43 Swinging joints?
44 Drive- — window
46 Wife of Jacob
47 Diminutive suffix
48 Burpee buy
51 Novelist Rand

MAGIC MAZE

MAGIC MAZE ● THE — :MOVIE TITLES

L W R E L B B O C U R G P N K
I S S E N I S U B G D O B Z X
Y A D T S E G N O L V D S Q O
G M K I G C Z E C A Y F W U S
Q N P N S R U O H K R A D L S
J H I D F E C E D M A T N Y F
X V R K U S Q P R Y A H W N R
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: PERSON WHO MENDS SHOES

A-Team
Bellboy
Birds
Business
Croods
Dark Hours
Dirty Dozen
Godfather
Incredibles
Lion King
Longest Day
Matrix
Rescuers
Smurfs
Town

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS



"You're lucky, the only wheels my father lets me use are on the _____."

SCRAMBLERS

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

Move **ATONIC** _____
Design **NETVIN** _____
Recluse **RITHEM** _____
Refusal **RAVIEW** _____

TODAY'S WORD _____

JUMBLE

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

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

Print your answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) - ( ) ( ) ( )

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE

Bingo John

Destination Crazy Town

After I came down the mountain from the Bingo Castle, my feet were trembling like leaves with exhaustion. I had just seen a bunch of Bingo players age backward into babies! With no clear explanation! Anytime I encountered a Bingo hall something inexplicable happened. It was as if the fates were leading me toward something hidden just over the horizon.

When I was a young boy our teacher forced us to read the Canterbury Tales, about this guy traveling across medieval Europe and getting into all sorts of craziness. She made us play Chaucer Bingo, with the numbers and letters replaced by characters from his tales. I remember one character who was the wife of Bath. Her name was Alisoun. She had five husbands and outlived them all. She chased her last husband up and down with her toothless mouth. As I thought of her, my mind went straight to Sarah-Mae. Suddenly, I realized that I was missing her and I got an itch to cross the desert and see what she was up to.

The journey was long and hot, but eventually I could see a verdant stretch in the distance. I got close to a line of trees, where up on a limb I saw a pair of nesting bluebirds. I knew it was a sign to make haste and get back to Sarah-Mae. All I could think about was her home cooked meals and how she fawned over me like I was the best thing in the world. What a fool I was to leave that for seeing all the Bingo Halls along the muddy river.

I wasn't quite sure where I was, but I knew civilization must be close, so I journeyed on, until one evening I saw a string of lights on the horizon flashing from a wooded landscape. As I got closer, I saw it was a casino. And lo, under the signs for blackjack and craps, a neon Bingo Hall sign.

Once inside, I headed for the phone. I rung up Sarah-Mae, left a message then settled down at an empty table.

I was rich with expectation but poor on funds. I felt my neighbor at the Bingo table watching me. I turned to see it was a kindly old lady holding out a card for me with an arthritic hand. I thanked her and settled into the routine. The game was going well, and as I looked around, everything looked familiar and safe—to my relief no ghosts, or blue-eyed babies. Every muscle in my body relaxed. That's when I heard sirens, far off at first, then getting closer. I didn't think much about it until they pulled up outside. Everyone started to look around.

The kindly lady who gave me a card said, "It's always something at this place."

Then police burst through the door. I was looking around for some criminal type, when I noticed they were all pointing their guns at me.

"Don't move!" one of them yelled.

I kept my hands on the Bingo card in front of me. Before I knew it, ten cops jumped on my back and started hitting me with billy clubs. It didn't hurt right then, but I knew it wasn't good for me.

When I woke up, I was strapped to a stainless-steel table in a plain white room. My head was throbbing as if crushed by a huge vice. As my vision cleared, I got a view of my situation. The room looked like somebody had nothing better to do than clean it all day. There was a mirror I just knew was two-sided, like on cop shows. I could see someone in the reflection, but not what I remembered of myself. My hair and beard were shaved clean off and there were big bruises like grease marks on my face. Then in walks a skinny dude with greasy hair in his face, clearing his throat.

"Well, well. You sure are a hard fish to catch," he said wringing his long bony hands. I stared at him without saying anything. He scribbled a few notes on a clipboard.

"Your name's Bingo John ain't it?" he asked. I knew it was better to keep quiet.

"Well dear boy, Miss Sarah-Mae sure was worried about you. You ran off from the Bingo hall and no one could find you. Funny though, that stretch of woods you ran into is only a few acres, but you slipped right in there like a letter disappearing into an envelope. Lucky for us you came out, right back to the same Bingo hall you ran away from." I knew I'd traveled for miles and miles away from there. There was no way I was near home.

"You're a regular Rip-Van-Bingo," he said, giggling at his own joke. "But you're just in time for family day. We don't usually let patients see their families, but in this case we thought we'd make an exception."

After he left the room, I heard some shuffling around on the other side of the mirror. Then the door opened, and in rushed Sarah-Mae, throwing her arms around me and covering me with kisses. Before I could respond, a TV monitor rolled in with a guy on screen calling Bingo numbers.

Sarah-Mae put her head on my chest.

"I can hear your heart beating just for me," she cooed, as I looked up at the ceiling and stared at a deep crack running from one end of the room to the other. I imagined myself crawling into the crack and falling into the darkness.

"I love you so much," said Sarah-Mae, touching my face. I knew right then and there, that my memory blocked out the bad side of my romance with Sarah-Mae and only recalled the good. An uneasy feeling crept into the pit of my stomach like oil creeps on the surface of water. And like oil and water I was attracted and repelled at the same time. What was wrong with me?

Next month: Bingo John escapes from the loony bin.



SCRABBLE GRAMS

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E1 I1 U1 R1 N1 F4 G2 — RACK 1
A1 A1 E1 Y4 C3 M3 D2 — RACK 2
E1 I1 X8 W4 T1 B3 T1 — Triple Word Score — RACK 3
A1 O1 U1 N1 C3 R1 T1 — RACK 4
A1 E1 O1 W4 P3 S1 C3 — 3rd Letter Double — RACK 5

PAR SCORE 265-275
BEST SCORE 360

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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Make Apple Pecan Granola a Seasonal Specialty

As waves of autumn color highlight neighborhoods, parks and hillsides, I find my tastes shifting with the season. Although my taste buds aren't necessarily craving a popular pumpkin-spice latte from local coffee shops, I'm eager to prepare traditional harvest foods, like roasted acorn squash soup or a loaf of pumpkin bread.

Wherever the spirit and tastes of fall take your family as you reboot for the season, whether it's an apple orchard, pumpkin patch or nature center, check out this granola recipe when you get back home. Packed with dried apples, pecans, pumpkin seeds, cinnamon, and lots of healthy oats, it captures the tastes and crisp feel of the season.

Prepare it with your kids and store in a big, clear jar with a scoop inside for easy access on school days. Combined with milk and yogurt, it makes a convenient and healthy breakfast staple to keep living easy during the morning rush out the door.

Make shopping for the healthy ingredients part of the cooking adventure with your kids. Discover how you can economize by purchasing most of the ingredients in bulk.

APPLE PECAN GRANOLA
Makes about 7 cups

4 cups rolled oats (not quick-cooking)
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
1 cup hulled raw pumpkin seeds
1 cup hulled raw sunflower seeds
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup olive or melted coconut oil
1/4 cup pure maple syrup
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup dried apples, chopped into bite-size pieces

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper, or spray with nonstick spray. Combine the oats, pecans, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a large mixing bowl.

Stir together the oil, syrup, egg whites and vanilla in a small bowl. Add to dry ingredients and toss well until fully coated.

Spread the mixture evenly on the baking sheet. Bake, stirring every 10 minutes, until lightly golden and toasted -- about 25-30 minutes. Stir in apples during the last 10 minutes.

Cool completely before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

Cook's Note: Substitute brown sugar with honey or agave syrup and combine with liquid ingredients before tossing with dry ingredients.

Make your own dried apple rings at home using my recipe at DonnaErickson.com.

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GOOD to KNOW

Tips To Reduce Food Waste In Your Child's Lunch Box

It's estimated that a family of four spends, on average, $1,500 a year on food that goes uneaten—but you can help save food and money and improve your kids' health.

1.Get your children's input on what they like. Avoid "wish packing" foods that your child won't eat at home as these foods will likely be discarded at school. If clementines and turkey wraps are his thing, pack those. It is challenging to find the sweet spot between good nutrition and your child's preferences.

2.Cut up fruits and veggies so they are easy to eat. Most fruits and vegetables are naturally low in fat, sodium, and calories. They provide many essential nutrients, including potassium, dietary fiber, folate, vitamin A, and vitamin C.

3.Make lunch fun. For example, add dips for cut veggies, make meat or cheese pinwheels and include dressing to add to a "shake and serve" salad.

4.Make sure to get the portions right for kids of different ages and sizes. USDA's MyPlate provides simple-to-use nutrition guidelines for allocating portions among food groups, such as one-quarter of the meal as lean protein, one-quarter grains, and fruit and vegetables for the remaining half of the lunch.

5.Aim for "zero-waste lunches" by using reusable water bottles, containers, and snack bags, compostable cutlery, and bento-style lunch boxes, which separate foods into different compartments to offer variety while providing portion control.

6.Always keep food safety in mind. Some practices can reduce both food safety risks and food waste, such as using insulated lunch bags or boxes to keep fresh foods fresh and including reusable cold packs.

Learn More

For further facts, tips and recipes, visit www.usda.gov/foodlossandwaste.

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Sycuan Casino Resort To Celebrate 43rd Anniversary With a $1 Million Cash Prize Giveaway, Special Offers and Full Day of Festivities

EL CAJON, Calif. – Oct. 28, 2026 – Sycuan Casino Resort is getting ready to celebrate its 43rd anniversary in November with a total of $1 million in cash and prizes, including two Mercedes-Benzes. The casino will also offer a limited-time food and spa special all month long and a full day of festivities, honoring more than four decades of growth in gaming, entertainment and hospitality.

Throughout the month, Sycuan Casino Resort will offer guests:

- A chance to play their favorite slot and win a share of $130,000 in cash and prizes during the 43rd Anniversary Hot Seat Drawings on Fridays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 from 6 p.m. to midnight
- A two-course meal at Viewpoint Neighborhood Kitchen featuring citrus dill Salmon Cake and Herbed Skirt Steak and Prawns, priced at $43
- A rejuvenating Signature N8iV Facial at Spa Ritual, inspired by the sacred medicine wheel that nourishes the skin with acorn oil, for $143

Guests can also look forward to a special anniversary-day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 21.

- Complimentary cupcakes in Rank & File at noon, while supplies last
- A tribal performance by the Bird Singers and Dance Troupe in the Bingo Hall at 5:15 p.m. and Main Casino Lobby at 6:15 p.m.
- A festive $650,000 bingo game featuring cash prizes and a 2026 Mercedes-Benz E-Class E350 during a special blackout game
- A $43,000 Table Games Hot Seat Drawing from 2:30 to 11:30 p.m., giving guests the chance to win a share of the cash prize while playing their favorite table games
- 43 chances to win up to $1,000 each every 15 minutes during Poker's Spin & Win from 1:30 p.m. to midnight
- A chance to win a 2026 Mercedes-Benz GLE 450 by playing any casino game during the $100,000 Anniversary drawings at 10 p.m., with other drawings happening at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.



As the casino turns 43, Sycuan Casino Resort celebrates its growth from a bingo hall in 1983 to San Diego's first casino and now a $260 million casino resort and entertainment destination.

Known for its AAA Four Diamond Rating, the resort today features a 12-story luxury hotel with amenities, including a full-service spa, meeting and event venues, seven restaurants, and an expansive pool deck with a lazy river and the county's only poolside gaming venue. The 510,000-square-foot casino floor also features over 2,300 slot machines and 52 table games, with a bingo and poker room recognized as the best by the SoCal Gaming Guide.

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News from the Real World & Cyberspace

University Bingo Girls

To most people, they are known as the Bingo Girls. To the Student Union Board (SUB) of Elon University in North Carolina, they are the Late Night chairs. Elon sophomores Alecks Mantell and Allison Bell are the current faces of the late-night bingo events hosted by SUB. Bingo nights are characterized by scoreboards, sought-after prizes and community. While Bingo Girl is not Mantell or Bell's official title, their roles as hosts of bingo nights does include calling the numbers and introducing prizes. Even before they became Late Night chairs, Mantell said they were entranced by their predecessors as far back as orientation, watching them host. "I was like, 'Wow, that looks like so much fun. I want to be up there. That's gonna be me, guys,'" To become a Late Night chair, there was an interview process like any other job. And beyond the presentation skills the job requires, Bingo nights take a lot of behind-the-scenes planning, especially when it comes to the prizes. "We have to think about budget, and we also have to think about gender neutral things and different kinds of audiences," Bell said. Being a Bingo Girl also lasts beyond the late nights, as their titles blend into their social lives on campus. "I feel like a celebrity sometimes," Mantell said. "I am constantly recognized." Bell shares the same sentiment. "Throughout the events, people get to know you and see what you do," Bell said. "It's kind of just something really cool to feel that people know you." Bell and Mantell both quickly debunked the myth that bingo nights are rigged, stating that the games are not. "I'm breaking down the myth," Bell said. "I hate to tell you guys… the games aren't rigged."

Senior Wellness Decathlon

All fourteen Salt Lake County Senior Centers stepped up to the plate with a fierce competitive look in their residents' eyes. About 100 participants competed in a 10-event Decathlon, ultimately vying for gold, silver, and bronze medals. According to Amanda Anderson, manager at Magna Kennecott Senior Center, the participants came from all across Salt Lake County to show off their mad skills. "It brings everybody together and is a chance for them to meet other people," said Anderson. The competitive events included: 9-Ball Pool, Yard Pong, Boggle Mania, Cornhole, Horseshoes, Axe Throwing, Shuffleboard, Table Tennis, Wii Bowling and Bingo. The Decathlon is one of the ways that senior centers promote staying active, functional fitness, and community. Though the participants were competitors in the events, the decathlon was meant to promote friendship and mutual support.

Bark-o-lantern Bingo

Man's furry best friends and their owners joined the fun at the recent Bark-o-lantern Halloween Bingo in Tonganoxie, Kansas. Hosted by Tonganoxie Recreation Commission and County Line Brewing, this all-ages event featured five exciting rounds of bingo, paw-some prizes, dog-friendly snacks and an afternoon full of fun, friends and wagging tails. Prizes included items for people and their dogs. All pups were required to be friendly, leashed, and up to date on vaccines. And non-dog owners were welcome as well. Let's hope they host this event again next year, because it sounds like a howling good time.

Guy's Turn

Illness is Nothing to Sneeze At

Hi Guy,

No joke: I was sitting at Bingo today waiting for the games to start and remember reading a letter in your column about sick people in public places, while at the exact same time some human germ blob was hacking up a lung on the other side of the room.

Seriously!? Here were 50-60 people together in an enclosed space, we'd already paid for our Bingo paper and chosen our seats, and now we had to contend for the next two hours with some sick person spraying her germs all over everybody and everything. Needless to say, no one sat near her, and luckily the room was big enough that there was lots of seating away from her. At one point I started wondering if there might be some regulation that allowed the manager to ask her to leave. But no one did, and apparently nobody complained about her, and everyone stayed to the end and toughed it out.

Now we all can wait and wonder if the germ factory infected the rest of us. If she did, I guess we have no one to blame but ourselves…along with the Bingo boss.

At the very least it is common courtesy for sick people to stay home and keep their germs to themselves, or wear a mask. Not to mention that if they stay home and take care of themselves, they'll get better sooner. I sure hope more people take this advice. I sure will.

Fred L., New York

Hi Guy,

I tend to be a healthy person and do not catch illnesses often, which is partly because I try my best to avoid contact/situations where I might be exposed to germs, wash my hands often, eat properly and get lots of rest. When I do catch a bug, I try not to pass it on to others and pamper myself at home as much as I can so that I get better quicker. These are all such simple, logical things to do, which is why it absolutely astonishes me to enter a public place and discover a person who is clearly under the weather coughing and sneezing and making little if any attempt to keep from spreading their illness to others. Just recently I walked out of a Bingo because there was a woman there who clearly was too ill to be out in public. She was near me in the buy-in line and I decided to give her the benefit of the doubt by casually saying: "Wow, your allergies must be bad." She shook her head and said, "No, this is a cold I've had for a couple of days. I just hope it doesn't turn into the flu." The minute she turned away from me, I bolted. I was not about to stand in a line near this woman for the next 15 minutes, knowing that with every sneeze and cough she was filling the atmosphere with germs.

Healthy Helen, Indiana

Hi Fred and Healthy Helen,

As I've said before, there are many situations where a sick person has no choice but to be out in about in public for errands, appointments, work, etc. But it sure would be nice if they would show some manners and keep away from optional social settings until they are well.

I remain curious to know if a Bingo hall can ask a sick person to leave or wear a mask. This would not be within the parameters of gaming regulations but would fall instead within the "house rules." Does anyone have a hall with a sickness policy? If so, drop me a line through my editor: tara@bingobugle.com. ***—Guy***

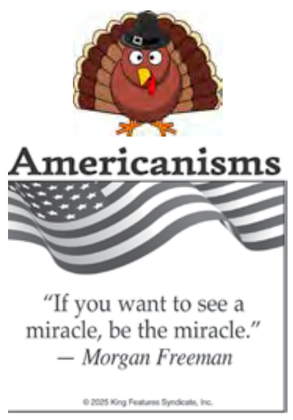




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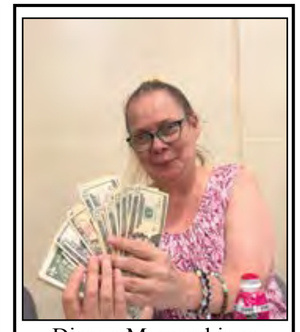
Teresa B. was one of the happy bingo winners at **The Bingo Club**



Nyota H. won $500 at **Montebello Armenian Center**



Melissa W. won $1,199 at **40 Martyrs**



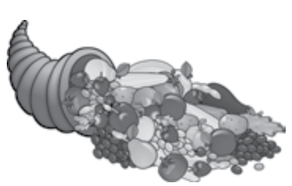
Dianna M. won bingo twice at **St. Joseph High School**



by Henry Tamburin

VP Payouts

I've written a lot about the 9/6 jacks-or-better video poker game, touting it as one of the best video poker games to play because it returns 99.5% with expert play. (Note: the 9 refers to the payout for a full house per coin played, and the 6 is the payout for the flush per coin played.) A recent trip to the casinos with friends alerted me to mistakes players might be making when looking for the 9/6 game. As we were walking through the casino, my friend shouted, "Here's a 9/6 machine." He was all set to sit down and play this 9/6 game when I came over and looked at the vscreen. This is what was on it: (First column of the pay schedule only.)



Royal Flush	250
Straight Flush	50
Four Aces	160
Four 2-4	80
Four 5-K 50	
Full House	9
Flush	6
Straight	5
Three of a Kind	3
Two Pair 1	
Jacks or Better	1

Yes, the full house and flush paid 9 and 6 respectively, but this was not a jacks-or-better game. The game my friend was about to play was Double Bonus Poker. A 9/6 Double Bonus game has an expected return of only 97.8% (as opposed to the 99.5% return for a 9/6 jacks-or-better game). A better paying Double Bonus game returns 10 and 7 for the full house and flush, with an expected return of 100.17%. What my friend was about to do was to play an inferior game even though it paid 9 coins for the full house and 6 for the flush.

It's been my experience that most video poker players don't know the difference between one video poker game and another. You shouldn't just sit down and play a video poker game because it pays more for aces, or pays more for four aces with a kicker, and so on. There are different video poker games, such as Jacks-or-Better, Bonus Poker, Double Bonus, Double Double Poker, Triple Bonus, Bonus Poker Deluxe, etc. It is important that you know what the best pay schedule is for each game, and what the return of the game is if you play it accurately.

For example, if you had a choice of playing a Bonus Poker or Double Double Bonus Poker game, which one would you play? The only way to know which is better is to look at the pay schedule for each game and know what the expected return is for each game. Trust me, you will find different pay schedules for Bonus Poker in a casino. Some are good; others are horrible. Ditto for Double Double Bonus Poker.

Here's another example my friend came across in the same casino. I had told him if he wanted to play Bonus Poker, look for an 8/5 payout for the full house and flush. He found the following two 8/5 Bonus Poker games in the same casino:

Royal Flush	250	250
Straight Flush	50	50
Four Aces	30	80
Four 2-4	30	40
Four 5-K 30	25	
Full House	8	8
Flush	5	5
Straight	4	4
Three of a Kind	3	3
Two Pair 2	2	
Jacks or Better	1	1

Notice that both Bonus Poker games are 8/5. They pay the same for winning hands except for four-of-a-kinds. The 8/5 game in column #2 pays 30 coins for a four-of-kind, whereas the 8/5 game in column #3 pays 80 coins for four aces, 40 coins for four 2-4, and 25 coins for four 5-K. The expected return (ER) for the 8/5 Bonus game in column #2 is 98.5% whereas the ER for 8/5 game in column #3 is 99.2%. If you are a smart player, you should play the game in column #3 (which my friend did and he ended up hitting four aces for a nice profit).

If the game in column #2 paid 35 coins (instead of 30 coins) for all four-of-a-kinds, the ER would be 99.7%, an excellent game. However, in this casino, they shorted the payouts to 30 coins, which lowered the ER to 98.5%. (Note: Even though this game was labeled Bonus Poker on the video poker machine, technically it's a jacks-or-better game because it pays the same for all four-of-a-kinds.)

The point I'm making is that if you want to play video poker, you should know what the best pay schedule is for each game and then find those higher paying games in the casino when you play. That's how you become a winning video poker player.

(Note: The ER's quoted in the article assume the maximum of five coins played. You should never play less than max coins when you play video poker; otherwise, the ER will be lower.)

Booktrib's BookBites

From the Cyclops Cave: A Braided Memoir

by Don Schofield

Poet Don Schofield looks back on a childhood marked by abandonment, instability and a deep hunger to belong. Raised by a succession of adults after his father left him in the care of strangers, Schofield carries those early wounds into adulthood — and eventually to Greece.

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Written with a poet's attention to image and place, Schofield's memoir explores resilience, identity, family and the complicated work of understanding the people who shaped us. Ultimately, it is a moving account of learning to care for the child he once was.

Purchase at https://tinyurl.com/from-the-cyclops-cave.

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by Bonnie Mitchell

All Work No Play?

Dear Aunt Bingo:

I remember someone writing to you about being a Bingo worker who also is a Bingo player and the grief he gets from some players who think he somehow cheats whenever he wins.

I have had similar experiences as the spouse of a Bingo worker, especially when I play Bingo where my husband volunteers. It is so crazy—getting dirty looks from certain people almost as soon as I walk in the door, like I'm a criminal. And Lord forbid, I should sit at a table with other family members or friends of volunteers. There always seems to be that handful of players who spend as much time glaring at us as they do looking at their cards.

To be fair, it is just a very small number of players who act like this and it doesn't happen all the time. Most folks pay us little or no attention and just go about playing their Bingo. (Thank goodness.) But it only takes a handful of people to spoil Bingo in this way, when they should know perfectly well that there is nothing fishy going on.

Peg J., Ohio

One woman went so far as to call for the Bingo coordinator between sessions and complain about workers playing Bingo. (She did not single me out or point at me or anything, but I knew I was the reason she was upset.)

The coordinator explained that there is no policy against it and that there is certainly no advantage for someone who is not working that night and is playing Bingo instead. But the lady kept insisting that it was wrong and said she was going to call the gaming inspector about it.

After that, I wished I was anywhere but at Bingo and actually began to worry that I might get a Bingo. Can you imagine? Being at Bingo and hoping NOT to win?

As it happens, I didn't Bingo and was very happy to have the evening over and to be heading home.

But I simply cannot understand why a player would be so against a worker also wanting to play Bingo. There is no advantage for us, and we pay to play on the exact same paper as everyone else.

BDG, via email

Dear Peg and BDG:

I am hoping someday that a few folks will write in and explain why they think workers should not be players, because right now all I can assume is that these are generally angry people who are always on the lookout for something to be angry about, and a Bingo hall is as good a place as any to stir up a little drama.

It would also be interesting to know if there are Bingo halls that prohibit their workers from playing.

Finally, my one bit of advice would be that to keep the peace, if I was a Bingo volunteer/worker who also enjoyed playing the game, I would probably steer clear of the Bingo hall where I worked and play at another hall. Then again, workers volunteer at a charity hall to support that charity and playing bingo at that hall is just another way for them to contribute. —***Aunt Bingo***

Dear Aunt Bingo:

I have been singled out by people who think that I should not be allowed to play Bingo because I am sometimes a Bingo worker.

Write to: Aunt Bingo, The Bingo Bugle, P.O. Box 527, Vashon, WA 98070, or email the editor at tara@bingobugle.com.



Losing My Pants!

Thanksgiving is all about overeating so maybe we should rename Stuffing as Cram-It-All-In or Eat-Till-You- Can't- Breathe. – Jim Gaffigan

Topaz is an official birthstone for November and December. Their colors differ with November's being yellow/orange whereas December's is blue to match the cool vibe of winter. Ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make the person wearing it completely invisible. Well, let me tell you, I wish I had been wearing lots of topaz recently when my pants fell down, an absolutely true story, while visiting Casino Windsor in Canada. I hear you laughing across the miles but that's OK because I did the same thing when it happened. That morning at home, I grabbed a too large pair of pants from my closet, forgetting my recent small weight loss. After putting them on, I asked Robert if he thought they were too big. Being a prudent and cautious husband regarding such matters, he replied no so I cinched them at the waist and proceeded to get ready for the four-hour drive.

All was well as we stopped to eat and visit a rest stop along the way. We checked into the beautiful Caesar's Windsor and proceeded to the casino which we visit frequently because we love its ambiance. I might also add, young Americans also love this casino for a totally different reason. In Canada legal gambling age is 19 so hordes of them cross into Canada via the tunnel or bridges to gamble legally. Anyway, continuing my embarrassing story of literally losing my pants this time, instead of losing my money as I usually do, we tried a few slots, then sat down at Video Poker. After a while and not winning, I stood up to go to the bathroom and find something to eat. Horror of horrors! I felt a cool breeze and looked down to see my too large pants bunched around my feet. Thank God for underwear, but I was still standing there with my pants on the floor. After a stunned moment, I started to laugh and so did Robert. It was not a quiet giggle but a full-blown laugh out loud moment from both of us. Of course, other players at the poker machines and slots around me looked over and then they started to laugh as I proceeded to pull up my pants. Tears were streaming down my cheeks as I thought about the security cameras and wondered if I were being filmed by someone's camera to end up on YouTube or TikTok. In gambler language, I went to the casino knowing I might lose a few bucks but ended up losing my dignity when my pants decided to fold. I console myself that it could have been worse had I been commando with no underpants!

On another not so hilarious topic, as is my annual custom, this is the month of Thanksgiving and I want to mention some of those for whom I am truly thankful: Tara, my *Bugle* editor; Dick who encouraged me to write for the *Bugle*; bingo staff and volunteers; fellow players; and my # 1 fans, Chris and Carolyn; the Popes, Peggy, Sandy, and numerous other family and friends who faithfully read my columns. I am blessed. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as she dances out the door with dollars. Win big. To share any of your embarrassing faux pas at bingo or casinos, email me and I promise to laugh with you, not at you. Contact: nlpvzw6172@gmail.com.

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



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TRENDING TOPIC

Eight Autumn Outdoor Power Equipment Tips to Avoid Headaches Later

Once the grass gets its final cut and the leaves are handled, it's time to swap out the lawn mower, blower, and trimmer for the snow thrower, generator, and chainsaw. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) says handling equipment this fall sets the stage for when the weather turns colder.

"A little prep now means less stress—and fewer repair bills—later," sums up Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing manufacturers and suppliers of outdoor power equipment, small engines, battery power systems, portable generators, utility and personal transport vehicles, and golf cars.

What To Do

Here are eight quick tips for getting ready for fall equipment storage and winter weather:

1. Follow the manual. Review the manufacturer's guide and follow all safety steps—especially how to shut down equipment quickly. Never disable or remove safety features.

2. Service before storage. Do all maintenance as directed by the owner's manual. Clean, change oil, swap filters, and handle any repairs before parking summer gear. Give winter equipment a once-over, too.

3. Manage fuel smartly. Be sure to run tanks empty before storage. For winter equipment, use fresh fuel (most engines run on no more than 10% ethanol), add stabilizer according to manufacturer's guidelines, and use fuel within 30 days.

4. Charge and store batteries correctly. Fully charge batteries, keep them away from metal, and store in a climate-controlled space.

5. Keep gear sheltered. Store summer equipment where it's clean and dry. Keep winter gear handy but out of the weather.

6. Clear the way. Make space in the garage or shed now. Remove yard debris, toys, and other hazards from the yard before tree leaf piles or snow hide them.

7. Be generator-ready. Stock heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords long enough to run your generator at a safe distance from the house. Never operate it indoors or near openings.

8. Keep what's most important inside. When operating any outdoor power equipment, kids and pets should be indoors and supervised.

Learn More

For more on safety, visit OPEI.org.

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Don't Reel in a Fish too Quickly

By Chad Holloway

Poker is sometimes like fishing. When you have a fish on the hook, you have to be careful not to let it off. A classic hand from the 2004 World Poker Tour Reno Hilton World Poker Challenge was a good example of this.

With just three players remaining from a 342-player field, the blinds were 10,000-20,000 when Mike Kinney raised to 60,000 from the button holding Ah Js. The late Paul "Eskimo" Clark folded 8d 3d from the small blind, and retired navy veteran Harry Knopp opted to defended his big blind with 8h 6h by calling 40,000.

The 2s Jd Jh flop didn't do anything for Knopp, and he checked it to Kinney, who had flopped trip jacks. Even though he hit the flop hard, Kinney checked it back.

Why didn't Kinney bet? Because he had a fish on the line and didn't want to set the hook too hard. Kinney had a monster hand and was looking to get paid, but what could Knopp have that would foreseeably pay Kinney off?

Most of the jacks were accounted for, so it was unlikely that Knopp had the missing one. Maybe he had a deuce in his hand, but even if he did, would he be willing to commit a lot of chips? In all likelihood, Knopp failed to connect with this flop -- which we know to be the case -- so Kinney was best served checking it back to allow a free turn card that might improve Knopp's hand. Even if it didn't, it would give Knopp the opportunity to bluff at it. Kinney had to reel him in slowly.

Well, as it happened, the dealer burned and turned the Jc, putting three of a kind on the board and giving Kinney quads. Knopp did in fact take the opportunity to bluff by betting 200,000. By checking the flop, Kinney got his opponent to commit some chips even though he was drawing dead.

While Kinney made a wise decision on the flop, he followed it up by making a horrendous one on the turn by moving all in. Knopp, who had 848,000 behind, didn't have much of anything and had an easy fold.

Why Kinney didn't just call with his four of a kind is beyond me, and the television commentators agreed.

"Why would he do this with four jacks?" commentator Mike Sexton wondered aloud.

"He might've just lost his fish," co-host Vince Van Patten added.

"Well, he has to lose his fish," Sexton said. "In my view, you must call there with four jacks, the reason being if his opponent had a pair and had a full house, he's gonna bet or call you at the river if you bet, but you must give him a chance to catch a card or to bluff at the river here."

It was a vast overplay and a strategic misstep, but fortunately for Kinney it didn't hurt him in the long run, as he went on to win the tournament for $629,469.

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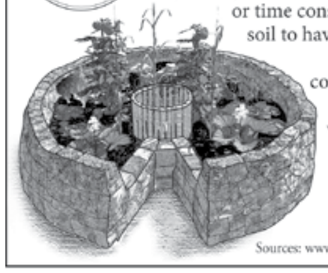
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The Garden Bug

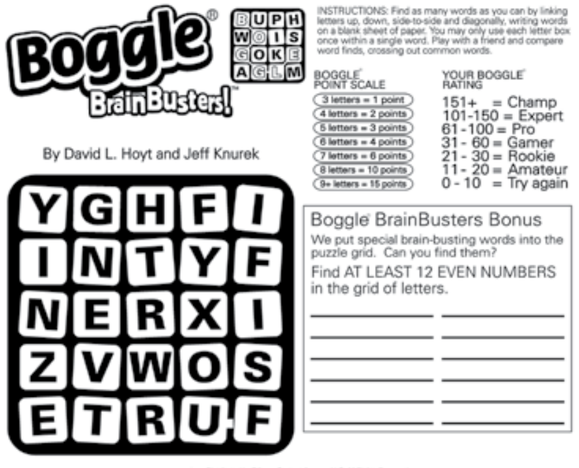
Keyhole garden

This raised-bed garden design is an option for those who are unable to manage a larger, in-ground space due to physical limitations or time constraints. Its design allows the soil to have direct access at all times to the nutrients in the built-in composting bin. The "keyhole" is a wedge-shaped opening where the gardener can walk easily to the composting bin and refill it.

– Brenda Weaver



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by Annie E. Ennis

Sides and Sauce

Dear Annie,

I love making pork chops for my family. Can you suggest a side dish that goes with pork chops?

Barbara Sue from Jacksonville, Georgia

Dear Barbara,

Here's one of my favorite cabbage recipes. This recipe is prepared in a slow cooker. If your slow cooker is only 3.5 quarts, use a small head of cabbage. If the slow cooker is larger, use a larger head of cabbage. It will be the perfect side for your pork chops. This should be enough for four people. Enjoy! — ***Annie***

RED CABBAGE AND APPLES

1 head red cabbage, thinly sliced
2 apples, seeded and chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 tablespoon brown sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground mace
¼ cup dry red wine
½ cup apple juice



Combine the cabbage, apples, onion, brown sugar, salt, pepper and mace in a slow cooker. Pour the wine and apple juice over all the ingredients. Cover and cook on "low for 6 ½ to 7 hours. Makes about 6 cups.

Dear Annie,

I am invited to Thanksgiving dinner at my in-laws every year. Can you give me a recipe that's easy to make? I would like to make a good impression.

Fred S. from Boise, Idaho

Dear Fred,

Here's another slow cooker recipe. This Cran-Apple Sauce is delicious and easy to prepare. You might need to double this recipe. Hopefully your slow cooker is a large one. Bon Appetit! —***Annie***

HOLIDAY CRAN-APPLE SAUCE

1 cup fresh cranberries
8 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
½ cup sugar
1 stick cinnamon, halved crosswise
6 whole cloves
ground nutmeg
6-inch piece of cheesecloth

Combine the cranberries, apples and sugar in a slow cooker. Place the cinnamon stick and cloves in the center of the 6-inch square of cheesecloth. Pull up around the side and tie in a knot. Place in the pot. Cook and cover on "Low" for 4 to 5 hours or until the cranberries and apples are very soft. Remove the spice bag. Puree the hot fruit in a blender or food processor. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes about 3 ½ cups.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been prescribed Janumet XR and am concerned if this drug is addictive. I do not want to be on this medication long-term. Can I get my diabetes under control by weight management and diet? — ***S.S.***

ANSWER: Janumet is a combination of Januvia (sitagliptin) and metformin (Glucophage). Together these drugs work to reduce sugar made by the liver and to increase release of insulin by the pancreas. Janumet is not addictive.

Many people are able to control diabetes through careful management of diet and weight control (exercise is the other important lifestyle management tool); however, depending on where your sugar levels have been, your doctor may have decided to put you on medication now to protect your body. It's possible for many patients to get off medications, but it requires a real commitment: a big change in diet and exercise, usually with significant weight loss.

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KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Q: How can I find out if my majolica plates are authentic and what their value is? I have five majolica plates, each with a large raised leaf. Some of the plates are leaf shaped and some are round. They are yellow with green and brown or tan leaves.

A: The term "majolica" was first used to describe tin-glazed earthenware made in Spain in the 14th century. Designs look painted on. A different kind of majolica, with molded designs, was made in England by Minton beginning in 1851. It became popular during the Victorian era and was made by manufacturers in several countries. New, reproduction majolica has been made since the 20th century. Collectors look for Victorian majolica. Older pieces are heavier than reproduction majolica, the painting is more carefully done and the body under the glaze is colored, not white.

Q: The metal drawer pulls on my antique dresser are marked "RD 769778, Made in England." I can't find anything about this online. What can you tell me about it?

A: This number is an English design registry number and indicates the design for the hardware was registered in 1905. This helps date your dresser since it could not have been made before 1905. Look on the bottom or the back of the dresser for a maker's name or mark. It may give a better idea of age. The handles are copies of a 19th-century style.

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BINGO ASTROLOGY FORECAST

by Alessandra

Lucky Predictions for November 2026

ARIES: *March 21 to April 19*
1st thru 6th…
Great fun the 1st!$$
7th thru 12th…
Gift from afar 11th$$
13th thru 18th…
Waste no time the 15th!
19th thru 24th…
Bring it on the 21st$
25th thru 30th…
Plan ahead for the 28th$$

TAURUS: *April 20 to May 20*
1st thru 6th…
Bags of $$ the 3rd!
7th thru 12th…
Nice surprise late the 12th$
13th thru 18th…
Back on track 13th & 18th$
19th thru 24th…
Not cool
25th thru 30th…
Beaucoup bucks 26th!

GEMINI: *May 21 to June 21*
1st thru 6th…
Great triumph 2nd & 6th$!
7th thru 12th…
Hang tight
13th thru 18th…
Step up & win the 15th$$
19th thru 24th…
RED card fun the 21st!
25th thru 30th…
Money explosion 28th-29th$!

CANCER: *June 22 to July 22*
1st thru 6th…
Window of chance the 4th$!
7th thru 12th…
Charged up 2 win 12th$!
13th thru 18th…
VIOLET favored 17th-18th$
19th thru 24th…
Pretty good the 22nd!
25th thru 30th…
A week to remember$!

LEO: *July 23 to Aug. 22*
1st thru 6th…
Do not miss 2nd & 6th$$
7th thru 12th…
Make it last 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th…
Sit this out
19th thru 24th…
Darn good chances 20th-21st!
25th thru 30th…
Luck infusion 28th-29th$$

VIRGO: *Aug. 23 to Sept. 22*
1st thru 6th…
Serves you well the 3rd$
7th thru 12th…
Driven to win the 8th!
13th thru 18th…
Hard cards HOT 13th$$
19th thru 24th…
Born to win 22nd$
25th thru 30th…
Bundles of $$ 26th/30th!

LIBRA: *Sept. 23 to Oct. 23*
1st thru 6th…
Lucky dog 2nd & 6th$$
7th thru 12th…
Outstanding bets 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th…
Make it so 15th-16th$
19th thru 24th…
Swift returns the 24th$!
25th thru 30th…
Irresistible chances 28th-29th!$

SCORPIO: *Oct. 24 to Nov. 21*
1st thru 6th…
Bank on it the 4th!
7th thru 12th…
Concentrated effort the 8th$
13th thru 18th…
Take it home 13th & 18th!
19th thru 24th…
Stay on the sidelines
25th thru 30th…
Easy gains 26th!$

SAGITTARIUS: *Nov. 22 to Dec. 21*
1st thru 6th…
Far ahead 2nd & 6th$$
7th thru 12th…
Right on the $$ 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th…
Luck visits 15th-16th$$
19th thru 24th…
Hella good chances 20th-21st!
25th thru 30th…
RED's lucky 29th$!

CAPRICORN: *Dec. 22 to Jan. 19*
1st thru 6th…
Plenty of chances 3rd$$
7th thru 12th…
You magnetize $$ the 8th
13th thru 18th…
Aim high the 14th!
19th thru 24th…
Fabulous wins 22nd$
25th thru 30th…
Focus on the 30th$$

AQUARIUS: *Jan. 20 to Feb. 18*
1st thru 6th…
Sweet situation 5th-6th$
7th thru 12th…
Sky's the limit 10th-11th!
13th thru 18th…
Made in the shade 15th$
19th thru 24th…
Hunches pay big 21st & 24th $$
25th thru 30th…
Observe and wait

PISCES: *Feb. 19 to March 20*
1st thru 6th…
Plan, but delay
7th thru 12th…
Amazing luck the 8th!
13th thru 18th…
As you imagined 13th!$
19th thru 24th…
Dreams materialize 22nd$$
25th thru 30th…
Success awaits 26th-27th$!

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

PREDICTORS
LUCKY CARD FOR NOVEMBER 2026

5	17	45	57	74
4	25	38	52	63
9	30	★	49	68
11	18	34	51	75
6	19	40	54	70

MOON PHASES & SPECIAL EVENTS — NOVEMBER 2026

1st	Daylight Saving Time ends
1st	Last Quarter Moon
3rd	Election Day
6th	National Nacho Day
9th	New Moon
11th	Veterans Day
13th	Sadie Hawkins Day
17th	First Quarter Moon
18th	National Princess Day
24th	Full Moon
26th	Thanksgiving Day
29th	Chia Pet Day

Star Luck Fortunes

by Frederick Woodruff
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Horoscopes for November 2026

ARIES (MAR 21-APR 20): Emotional intelligence is a key concept for you to contemplate this month. What's it like to walk in someone else's shoes? Try to accommodate the needs of those closest to you without feeling trapped by guilt. Hear what they share with you, but don't lose your own voice.
Lucky Days: 9 -16
Lucky Numbers: 22 - 24

TAURUS (APR 21-MAY 21): The new Moon on the 9th stimulates your desire for transformation. Watch for an opportunity to change the course of an ongoing project. Progressing into the new year requires freeing yourself from habits that decrease your self-control. Gain insights from those more advanced than you.
Lucky Days: 5 - 13
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 45

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN 21): Your ability to mix with all sorts of folks is one of the ways you achieve your goals. But this month—with your ruler, Mercury, feeling private and reserved—you'll benefit most from solitude and downtime. This allows you to deep dive into some of the new interests that have intrigued you.
Lucky Days: 12 - 30
Lucky Numbers: 10 - 58

CANCER (JUN 22-JUL 22): The new Moon on the 9th stimulates a more forceful, determined part of your nature. You usually find a way to remain low-key when going after your goals. But this month you're ready to force your way to the front of the line and express exactly what it is you need.
Lucky Days: 3 - 11
Lucky Numbers: 4 - 47

LEO (JUL 23-AUG 23): Money is uppermost on your mind now. The new Moon on the 9th places your attention on creative ways to live more frugally. Reign in your carefree, shoot-the-moon attitude when it comes to spending and learn to budget up until the end of the year when cash starts flowing again.
Lucky Days: 5 - 17
Lucky Numbers: 26 - 36

VIRGO (AUG 24-SEP 23): With your ruler moving through snarky Scorpio, be careful with how you apply your quicksilver wit. Now is a good month for sleuthing and in-depth research. Don't rush though; carefully applied analysis will win the day with just about any puzzle or predicament you're stuck in.
Lucky Days: 8 - 9
Lucky Numbers: 33 - 39

LIBRA (SEP 24-OCT 23): Self-analysis can pay off big time now. Make sure your natural inclination to compromise for the sake of peace isn't being taken advantage of by others. If you're tired of living under someone else's rules, this is a fantastic month to strike out on your own.
Lucky Days: 3 - 10
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 23

SCORPIO (OCT 24-NOV 22): The new Moon in your sign on the 9th opens the door to the world of magic. Don't be afraid to experiment with pastimes that might seem foolish or irrational. Your imagination is potent; focus on what it is you need and say the right prayer or affirmation to bring it to life.
Lucky Days: 3 - 5
Lucky Numbers: 39 - 55

SAGITTARIUS (NOV 23-DEC 21): Autumn is a melancholic time of year for you. You might be missing friends who have disappeared or moved away. Rather than losing yourself in emotion, practice conscious gratitude. Acknowledge the blessings that enrich your life. And know that more are on the way.
Lucky Days: 2 - 22
Lucky Numbers: 1 - 8

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22–Jan. 20): If you've ever desired to devote more of your life to a spiritual or philosophical path, this is your moment to explore those teachings. Get outside! As an earth sign, you benefit from long walks that open your heart to new vistas. The natural world revitalizes you with each step you take.
Lucky Days: 12 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 44 - 56

AQUARIUS (JAN 21-FEB 19): You thrive when you participate with others in a group or club. This brings out the best part of your intuitive nature, which is uncanny when it comes to sensing the future. The new Moon on the 9th highlights a trove of fresh ideas related to work. What do you wish to focus on in the new year?
Lucky Days: 4 - 15
Lucky Numbers: 49 - 53

PISCES (FEB 20-MAR 20): Don't let the passage of time trick you. You always can change direction in the middle of whatever road you're traveling. With your ruler in a fire sign now, it's imperative that you give your ego an opportunity to shine and do what you do best—attract the people you need to fulfill your aims.
Lucky Days: 22 - 27
Lucky Numbers: 5 - 19

COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS

SCRAMBLER ANSWER: 1. Action 2. Invent 3. Hermit 4. Waiver
Today's Word: MOWER

JUMBLES: WEDGE BULKY EYELID CANYON

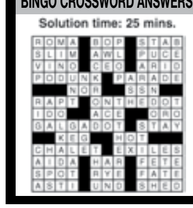
Answer: The pianist played for just a few people. His performance was — LOW-KEY

HOCUS FOCUS DIFFERENCES: 1. Paper is lonter. 2. Mirror is moved. 3. Man's left arm is not showing. 4. Light is lower. 5. Hood is different. 6. Pants are different.

CRYPTOQUOTE ANSWER: For many of you who maybe don't have it all figured out, it's OK. That's the same chair that I sat in. — Will Ferrell

BINGO CROSSWORD ANSWERS

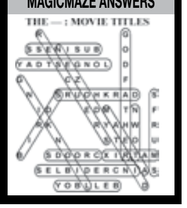
Solution time: 25 mins.



SUDOKU ANSWERS

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

MAGICMAZE ANSWERS



Los Angeles Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
ARMENIAN CENTER IN MONTEBELLO	410 Washington Bl., Montebello	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm				DO 12:00pm ST 2:00pm
THE BINGO CLUB	21900 Norwalk Blvd., Hawaiin Gardens	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 4:00pm ST: 6:00pm	DO: 12:00pm ST: 2:00pm
BOSCO TECH BINGO	1151 San Gabriel Blvd., Rosemead							DO: 11:00am EB: 12:30pm ST: 1:00pm
CANOGA PARK YMAF BINGO	21433 Strathern Street, Canoga Park	DO: 10:30 AM WU: 12 Noon		DO: 10:30 AM WU: 12 Noon				
HOUSE BINGO LAX	685 S. La Brea Ave., Inglewood	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm		DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm	DO 4:00pm EB 6:00pm ST 6:30pm
OLOV HALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park (747) 449188							DO: 10:30am EB: 12:00pm
ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL	9647 Beach St., Bellflower					DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO BINGO	13400 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 920-7796				DO 4:00pm WU: 6:00pm			
ST. MARY'S ARMENIAN CHURCH	500 S. Central Ave., Glendale (818) 245-6832	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm			DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm			
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	3848 Stewart Ave., Baldwin Park					DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL	13640 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower (562) 920-1734						DO 3:00pm ST 5:00pm	
SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL	5825 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood (562) 940-7197			ST 6:00pm				
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH	14020 Foster Road La Mirada, CA 90638					DO 4:00pm ST 6:30pm		
VFW POST #3261 DIST. 4	1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena (310) 324-6161			DO 3:30pm EB 6:30pm				

Orange County Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
40 MARTYRS	5315 W. McFadden Ave., Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm				DO 4:00pm ST 6:00pm		
SANTA ANA ELKS	1751 S. Elk Lane, Santa Ana	DO 4:00pm EB 6:15pm ST 7:00pm						
SDA BINGO	1661 S Raymond Ave Suite 200, Anaheim (714) 872-7667							DO 3:00pm ST 5:00pm

San Bernardino/Riverside Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
CASINO MORONGO	49500 Seminole Dr., Cabazon (951) 755-5500			DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 3:00pm 1st Game 6:00pm	DO 11:00am 1st Game 2:00pm

San Diego Program Listing

BINGO HALL	ADDRESS & PHONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SYCUAN CASINO RESORT	5469 Casino Way, El Cajon (619) 445-6002	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm BAD BINGO 10:30pm	MA 9:30am, 11:45am & 2:00pm ES 6:00pm

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Legend
- EB = EARLY BIRDS
- ST = STARTS
- WU = WARM UPS
- MA = MATINEE SESSION
- ES = EVENING SESSION

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Nevada Happenings

New Discovery Series

It seems the Discovery channel might have rediscovered its old love: Las Vegas. A new series, *Secret Life of a Las Vegas Casino* made its debut this past September. The first season kicked off at the Golden Nugget, with an unscripted look at the day-to-day operations, including interviews with and following security, front-desk, housekeeping, VIP hosts, and managers. Promotional clips highlight a bit of chaos—a naked guest in a tower hallway, handcuffed patrons being walked out, a drink thrown in a guard's face—and the usual high-stakes pressure and staff camaraderie. In addition, a missing $1,000 chip sparks a high-tech and hotel-wide hunt to find the person who took it; gaming surveillance cracks down on a team of card counters hitting Fremont Street casinos; tempers flare at the hotel check-in line, and a host pulls strings to keep a high roller happy and gambling after he goes on a six-figure winning streak. Vaults and back-of-the-house areas are also featured. At press time no episode guide, titles, or descriptions for later installments were available.

Oprah Coming to Sphere

Oprah Winfrey will host three shows at Sphere next April. "AHA" will be "a new live immersive experience created in collaboration with a global collective of musicians, artists, and storytellers," according to the press release. Oprah herself will appear live on stage along with a variety of performances in a "brand-new visual, musically immersive, symphony of senses." Oprah said the idea came to her as she sat "in awe" at the opening night of U2 at the Sphere. The two-hour shows will feature performances by Grammy Award-winner Jacob Collier, poet and author Ocean Vuong, musician Ajeet, and gospel singer Wintley Phipps, among others. Tickets for the three shows, on April 2, 3, and 4 went on sale in late September.

Wizard of Oz Upgrades at Sphere

Adding to the colossal screen and "four-dimensional" special effects, such as fire, falling apples, and a tornado that forms inside the arena, starting on Sept. 25, the Wizard of Oz at Sphere will include "new animatronic winged monkeys that will fly over the audience, additional pyrotechnic fireworks, 'Glinda Glitter'; new scented apples that will fall from the sky, and new scents that will be released into the venue during key scenes," according to The Hollywood Reporter. The movie just passed its one-year anniversary in late August, has sold more than 3.6 million tickets, and sales revenue is approaching a half-billion dollars.

Vegas Matt on the Silver Screen

According to a recent blurb in the *Hollywood Reporter*, a biopic on Vegas Matt is in development. Tentatively titled *The Chop*, it's described as a "rags-to-riches drama, inspired by Matt Morrow's path from dedicated husband and father to advantage slot player and influencer with more than 1.6 million YouTube subscribers." The writer Mike Young's credits include *Stealing Jokes* (Michael Rapaport) and *My Man Is a Loser* (John Stamos). Production is slated for some time next year. No director, cast, or financing details have been announced.

$1 Million Slot Jackpot

Fortune smiled on a guest this past September at the Venetian. The slot player, who wished to remain anonymous, was playing Wheel of Fortune Triple Gold Gold Spin and scored $1,006,156 from a $5 bet.

SCRABBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

G2	U1	N1	F4	I1	R1	E1	RACK 1 = 61
A1	C3	A1	D2	E1	M3	Y4	RACK 2 = 65
B3	E1	T1	W4	I1	X8	T1	RACK 3 = 107
C3	O1	U1	R1	A1	N1	T1	RACK 4 = 59
C3	O1	W4	P3	E1	A1	S1	RACK 5 = 68

PAR SCORE 265-275 TOTAL 360





Q: My two cats, Mitsy and Bitsy, got along well for nearly five years. Bitsy is 11 years old, about six years older than Mitsy. In the past couple of months, they squall and squabble with each other every time they're in the same room. What is going on, and how do I stop it? — ***Cara C., Albuquerque, New Mexico***

A: Take both of your cats to the veterinarian as soon as an appointment is available. Because the behavior just recently started after years of tranquility, a health issue could be at the root of their fighting.

Senior cats are especially likely to develop conditions that cause them to be cranky or more territorial than usual. Pain from arthritis or other conditions can be a big factor in making Bitsy irritable, tired and just not in the mood to hang out with Mitsy. Likewise, Mitsy could be developing a medical condition; it's best to rule out physical problems in both cats.

Once their health has been assessed and treatment, if necessary, started, then the hard work of reconciling the two can begin. Keep the cats separated at first -- on opposite sides of the house, if possible, in closed rooms. Each day, reintroduce them by placing a small plate of food in front of each door and letting them out. If they calmly eat, then the next day, move both plates closer. Observe the cats as they eat; if they begin to growl or tense up, put both back into their rooms before they escalate — fighting is very traumatic for them. Shift the bowls back a bit and try again.

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

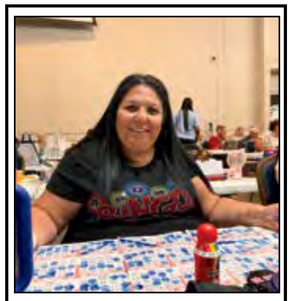
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Natalie R. brought home $800 from **40 Martyrs!**



Veronica "Mama Guam" won $1,000 at **St. John Bosco High School**

Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

ZERO TWO FOUR SIX
EIGHT TEN TWENTY
FORTY FIFTY SIXTY
EIGHTY NINETY

CryptoQuip
answer

The property of having features very much similar to poet T.S. or novelist George: Eliot-ness.





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