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by Amanda Cox

Hometown hero Ana Leigh Watkins ventures to Bitter End, Tennessee, to help her great-aunt prepare for retirement. A town called Bitter End seems an ironic place for Ana to refresh her weary spirit, but she's desperate for respite from the attention and unwarranted admiration of her community. While on a hike in Roan Mountain, a ragtag group of amateur bird-watchers takes her under their wing — a little against her will. However, she quickly warms to these genuine souls seeking solace in the great outdoors.

But when Ana's adventures in Bitter End lead her to a severed branch of her family tree — one that involves the forbidden love between a moonshiner's daughter and a preacher's son — what began as a getaway to help her great-aunt becomes a transformative journey that binds together two women who, though they live on the same street, have been estranged for sixty years.

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\* "If you have to talk to someone at the cable company, call on a Thursday (unless it's urgent), as that's the day they tend to have the fastest response times, experts say." — *J.C. in Florida*

\* If you have lost a zipper pull, you can create a temporary one with a paperclip.

\* You can use a salad spinner to gently "wring out" delicate hand washables. Remove excess water, and then hang dry or lay flat according to the garment's instruction.

\* Here's an oldie but a goodie! Iced coffee is at its best when brewed with twice the usual amount of ground coffee, because the coffee is diluted by the (melting) ice cubes. Or use regular-strength brewed ice coffee and serve over coffee ice cubes. They're easy to prepare: Pour cool brewed coffee into ice-cube trays and freeze.

\* Clear bins make it easy to group like items in your pantry. You can remove the bin, get what you need and replace it rather than digging through cans and boxes on a shelf and having to straighten it back up when you're done.

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

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

LISTEN, FRANK, DID YOU EVER CONSIDER MAYBE YOU'RE NOT MEETING ANY LADIES BECAUSE YOU'RE WEARING A FLEA AND TICK COLLAR?



## STREAMING SOURCE

### What to Watch Where to Watch It

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*The Last Rhinos: A New Hope* (Documentary) — Disney+  
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*The Terminal List: Dark Wolf* (Season 1) — Prime Video  
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## Bingo Buddy Hits the Deck

John is one of my favorite Bingo Buddies. He is a giant of a man who is as gentle as a butterfly. “Big people, especially men, have to be careful,” he once explained, “Or we could end up using our size to bully or scare smaller people.”

Playing Bingo is John’s favorite hobby, but he doesn’t get to play very often. He is a computer genius whose huge hands rest lightly on the keys. A consultant and troubleshooter, he is often called out at strange hours to fix a complicated computer problem that can’t wait. He has even been called out of Bingo games to rescue a customer whose system has crashed.

“My size seems to reassure people who have trouble,” says John. “It’s as if I can go forth and slay the dragons of cyberspace.” John has a laugh that exactly fits his size. He booms and guffaws. When he has a Bingo,

he doesn’t just win, he claims victory over all the forces of chance. He shouts and pounds the table and involves everybody in his triumph. He turns to someone else at the table and says, “Sorry you didn’t win, fella. I guess it was just my turn.” Then his infectious laugh encircles all those around him and it is impossible not to celebrate with him.

I am surprised John isn’t married but Kate says she understands completely. “Who could keep up with him? He is so full of energy and besides he’s a great cook and housekeeper.” Every so often he brings a date to Bingo and she is nearly always a smaller person who seems timid. Most of the time, however, he comes alone and creates a party around himself. He brings homemade cookies for sharing, as his spirit is as generous as his size.

Last week as we played a late-night game, John unexpectedly bounced wildly in his chair and it collapsed under him, spilling him to the floor. All of us around him were terrified at the loud crash and for his bulk being so suddenly thrown down. “Call 911,” someone shouted. “Don’t move him,” came another distressed suggestion. “Get a lawyer,” said a player nearby. Kate pushed her way through the other players and knelt by John’s side. “He seems to be having some kind of seizure,” she said softly to me. “Help me roll him over.”

We struggled, determined not to hurt him further while trying to give aid. “Perhaps we should put him face down,” I said. “I’ve heard that helps if someone is having a fit.”

“Don’t be dumb,” replied Kate. “Just help me.”

As gently as possible we hefted his bulk until we could see his face. He was shaking with laughter and at first could not speak. Then he sat up, wiped tears from his face and said, “Oh my, that was a flat out, fall on the floor win. I’ve got a Bingo!”



## Misinformation

Last month we went over three common nuggets of misinformation dispensed by players, and even dealers, about the game of blackjack (picture cards always follow pictures cards; always figure the dealer has a ten in the hole, and “that third baseman is killing me”). Here are three more.

“Always Insure the Good Hands.” Most players will insure a 10-10 but never a 5-3. Guess what? Insuring the 20 is a worse play than insuring an 8. Why? Because when you make the insurance bet you are betting that the dealer has a ten in the hole (for a blackjack). The fact that you are holding two ten-value cards (with your 20) means the chance that the dealer’s hole card is a ten is less than if you held a 5-3. Insurance is a bad bet, but it’s an even worse bet when you hold a “good hand.”

“Don’t Mess with the Order of the Cards.” Many players cringe when a new player enters a game in mid-shoe. Why? Because the order of the cards that will be dealt to players changes and they believe that this works against the players. This of course is nonsense. You don’t know what the order of the cards is in the shoe and if a new player changes the order, it could help you as much as hurt you. The order of the cards is not sacred!

“Press your Luck.” Many players who win two or three hands in a row will start pressing (or increasing) their bets to take advantage of their luck. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but just because you won the previous two or three hands, this has no bearing on your chances of winning the next hand. The odds of winning any hand at blackjack is roughly 42 percent regardless of how many hands that you just won. So “pressing your luck” might be a fun thing to do, but it isn’t going to win you more money in the long run (in fact, by betting more money you expose more of your bankroll to the house edge).



## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## BINGO LAND

NEWS FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

### New Vegas Bingo Room

Suncoast Hotel & Casino today recently the unveiled its all-new Bingo Room, introducing a new and improved gaming experience as part of its property-wide transformation. Conveniently located on the west side of the casino floor, the new, state-of-the-art Bingo Room is a bold reimagining of a timeless classic, designed to deliver high-energy entertainment within a modern setting. The venue embodies sophistication and fun in equal measure. As part of Suncoast’s ongoing renovation efforts, the new 9,170 square-foot Bingo Room features a modern coastal aesthetic theme along with a massive 17-foot bouncing bingo ball chandelier. The 406-seat room also features a snack bar and a glass-enclosed smoking area with its own ventilation system. The Bingo Room is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The opening of the Bingo Room is a continuation of work that began in late 2023, when Boyd Gaming launched a complete transformation of the Suncoast beginning with the debuts of an all-new High Limit Room and William B’s Steakhouse. Renovations have continued and include a revamped sportsbook and casino floor spaces. Future plans include the remodel of guest favorite Du-Pars, a modernized bowling center, expanded banquet and meeting space, reimagined bar spaces, hotel rooms, casino pit, front desk registration, the addition of a new food hall concept and a complete transformation of the entire casino floor.

People who take medications such as diuretics, anticoagulants, ACE inhibitors or ARBs (angiotensin receptor blockers) to manage cardiovascular issues should also be careful, because ibuprofen stresses the kidneys and the heart.

To reduce these health risks, don’t take the maximum recommended dose for more than a week or two at a time. If you are needing it for more than two weeks, or you’re turning to ibuprofen every day to keep your aches and pains in check, you need to see your doctor.

When taken for long periods, ibuprofen can also increase the risk of stomach ulcers. The drug inhibits enzymes that, among other things, aid in the production of mucus that lines and protects the stomach lining, so without these enzymes, the stomach becomes vulnerable to irritation and damage.

### Alternatives

Some alternatives to ibuprofen you should talk to your doctor about include acetaminophen (Tylenol), topical NSAIDs (diclofenac gel) that is not absorbed into the blood to the same extent as oral NSAIDs, nonacetylated salicylates, curcumin (an active ingredient in turmeric) and acupuncture.

### Double Progressive Bingo

This past July Glenna D., a Legit True Rewards member from Rancho Cucamonga, California, won the Double Progressive Bingo Jackpot at the Edgewater Casino

Resort in Laughlin, taking home \$56,826. Her winning card achieved a full coverall within the posted number of balls, triggering a payout that had been building since late May. Double Progressive Bingo is a coverall game that starts at 32 numbers and progresses every 14 days until it reaches the 35th number, where it will remain until the jackpot is won.

### The Great Bingo Revival

LAKE TAHOE, Calif.—In 2012, the Reverend Rusty Reams found himself surrounded by strangers singing *Happy Birthday* to him after he won a game of bingo. The connection he felt that night was the catalyst for a nine-year mission to bring that feeling to everyone—and The Great Bingo Revival was born. Reams has transformed bingo from a game to an event, adding costumed dancers, interactive prizes and the sounds of everyone’s favorite disco and funk tunes. He continues to spread the message that “bingo saves.” He’s a bingo-vangelist on a mission to uplift and connect party guests with 90 minutes of pure joy and positivity. He hasn’t changed the game itself but has surrounded it with infectious music, the lively steps of the “BinGo-Go Dancers” and his tireless energy for a rhythm, funk and soul explosion that’s attracting an impressive list of corporate and private clients. Reams and his band of bingo players have entertained at events of major corporate clients like Google; engaged revelers at some of the biggest music festivals in the U.S.; and performed at exclusive private parties and country clubs. The show is customized for audiences from 8 to 88 and beyond, suitable for a child’s birthday party or late-night bash.



## PICKS OF THE MONTH

*Jurassic World: Rebirth* (PG-13) — “Rebirthing” a series that was literally just respawned a decade ago (into three very similar and forgettable Chris Pratt movies, I might add) is a choice that the *Jurassic Park* franchise has stood by proudly. And to their monetary pleasure, they raked in the dollars with a whopping \$800 million worldwide, making it the fourth highest-grossing film of the year. But to viewers’ dismay, lead Scarlett Johansson’s performance, as well as the plot itself, left a lot to be desired. Mahershala Ali (*Green Book*) and Jonathan Bailey (*Wicked*) co-star as others on Zora’s (Johansson) team who attempt to retrieve samples from three of the biggest dinosaurs alive. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

*Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning* (PG-13) — Although Tom Cruise has been wishy-washy with his claims that this is his final film in the *Mission: Impossible* franchise, it seems pretty set in stone that this

is Ethan Hunt’s last hurrah with the phrase “final reckoning.” As the eighth installment in the franchise, this film made about \$600 million at the box office and became the sixth-highest-grossing film of 2025. Starring Cruise, Hayley Atwell (*Captain America: The First Avenger*), Ving Rhames (*Pulp Fiction*), and Angela Bassett (*Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*), it follows Ethan and his Impossible Missions Force team, who try to stop a rogue AI from taking over the world. (Amazon Prime Video)

*Audrey’s Children* (PG) — Natalie Dormer (*Game of Thrones*) leads this biographical drama as Dr. Audrey Evans, a British-American pediatric oncologist who was known as the “Mother of Neuroblastoma.” By revolutionizing the treatment for neuroblastoma, which claimed 90% of people who were diagnosed with it at the time, she reduced its mortality rate to 50%. (Right now, the survival rate is 85%.) Her total-care approach of focusing on the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of her patients set her apart from other female doctors at the time, especially due to her unconventional nature as a doctor. In addition, Evans co-founded Ronald McDonald House Charities and the St. James School in Philadelphia. Learn more about her story in this biopic out now. (Peacock)

Write in to Couch Theater by emailing TheCouchTheater@gmail.com or writing to KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals C

UJFGSRZD VGOZH TWFRJIK  
BVWTJ OJOQJDT ZSBZKT IJHC  
IW VRI JZJV WIVJD WH IVJ  
VJZC: QWU FGSIGDJ.

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## Zucchini Bread

Dear Annie,

I love to bake. I have been asked for zucchini bread. Do you have a recipe that you would be willing to share with someone who loves bake?

*Jacqui from Todd, NC*

Dear Jacqui,

I have a friend, Marion, who has a friend named Shirley. Shirley makes a wonderful zucchini bread. I asked Marion if it would be alright to share this ideal recipe for zucchini bread. I am absolutely positive you will love it. —Annie

### ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 cups self-rising flour  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
¾ cup pecans  
2 cups sugar  
½ cup vegetable oil  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 eggs (beat well)  
1 18-oz. can crushed pineapple—save liquid  
2 cups shredded fresh zucchini  
½ cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
Non-stick vegetable oil coating

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine the flour, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, pecans and 2 cups sugar. In a large separate bowl, combine the oil, vanilla and eggs. Beat the egg mixture until creamy. Add the pineapple (with the liquid from the can). Add the dry ingredients to the liquid mixture and stir until mixed well. Add the shredded zucchini, stir until blended. Combine the additional sugar and cinnamon and pour 1/2 of it into 2-9-inch by 5-inch by 13-inch pans that have been sprayed with a non-stick vegetable oil coating. Pour the zucchini mixture into each pan (dividing evenly). Sprinkle the remaining cinnamon sugar on top of each pan. Bake for one hour.

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## ANSWERS

1. From a French fashion magazine. The translation meant “fashion update” or “hurried fashion.” Their first No. 1 single was “People Are People” in Germany in 1984.
2. The Four Seasons. Several songs with girl names as titles were released in 1963: “Denise,” “Ruby Baby,” “Alice in Wonderland” and “Donna, the Prima Donna,” as well as many more.
3. Whitney Houston, in 1985. The song was Houston’s first to top the Hot 100 chart, and she won a Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal for her performance.
4. Bob Dylan, in 1966. The album version was twice as long as the single, at 4 minutes 53 seconds.
5. “Vehicle,” by Ides of March, in 1970. Despite the big success of the song, the group never reached that level again. The song itself, however, found success in television commercials.

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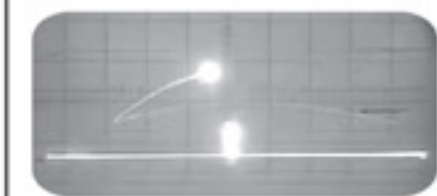
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2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Saudi Arabia?
3. TELEVISION: Ron Swanson is a character on which sitcom?
4. MOVIES: Who is the villain in the animated film *The Little Mermaid*?
5. SCIENCE: What part of the cell contains genetic material?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Peace Corps?
7. HISTORY: Which country is home to Botany Bay, an early British colony?
8. MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open?
10. MYTHOLOGY: What animal did Zeus turn into to kidnap Europa?

### ANSWERS

1. Ohio.
2. Riyadh.
3. *Parks and Recreation*.
4. Ursula.
5. Nucleus.
6. John F. Kennedy.
7. Australia.
8. Euclid.
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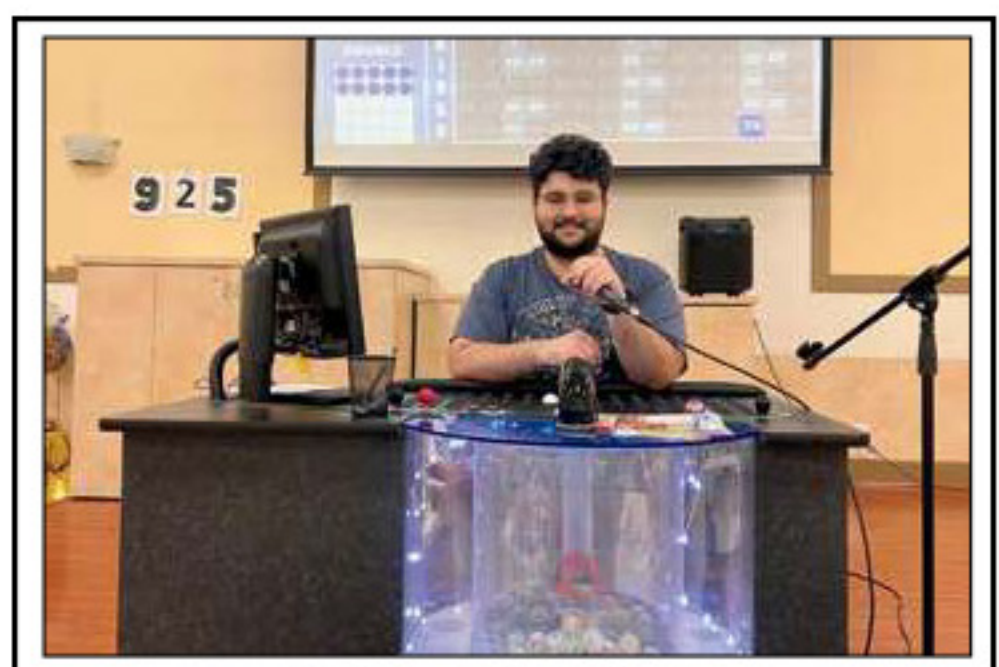


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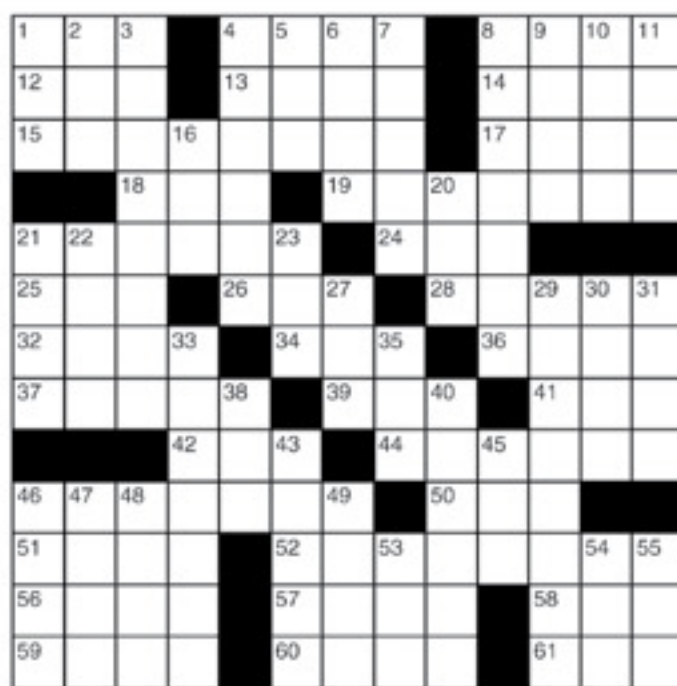


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### ACROSS

- 1 Height of fashion?
- 4 First victim
- 8 Expansive
- 12 Retirement plan acronym
- 13 Sushi bar soup
- 14 Grooving on
- 15 Plaid garment
- 17 Greek vowels
- 18 Small barrel
- 19 Irish overcoats
- 21 Wunderkind
- 24 Thither
- 25 Atmosphere
- 26 — sauce
- 28 Florida city
- 32 Mid-month date
- 34 Chow down
- 36 Painter
- 37 Archaeologist's find
- 39 Cushion
- 41 Opposed
- 42 Plaything
- 44 Malign
- 46 Young child
- 50 Mongrel
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Yankee Doodle's feather?
- 56 Huff and puff
- 57 "Zounds!"
- 58 Erstwhile



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| acorn                  | locale                | 33 Take a chair         |
| 59 Knitting need       | 9 Initial stake       | 35 Slight amount        |
| 60 Scruff              | 10 Celebrity          | 38 Army rank (Abbr.)    |
| 61 "Science Guy" Bill  | 11 Pitch              | 40 Ten-year period      |
|                        | 16 Barbie's companion | 43 Sanaa's land         |
| <b>DOWN</b>            | 20 Drunkard           | 45 Bear hair            |
| 1 That guy             | 21 Twosome            | 46 Country singer Keith |
| 2 Mound stat           | 22 Stash              | 47 — podrida            |
| 3 Holy fish?           | 23 Curly's brother    | 48 A-line designer      |
| 4 Pedro's pals         | 27 Shrill bark        | 49 Sitarist's rendition |
| 5 Recycling receptacle | 29 Coconut cookie     | 53 Upper limit          |
| 6 Jacob's brother      | 30 Senior moment?     | 54 Aye rival            |
| 7 Humble               | 31 Zits               | 55 Mamie's man          |

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— NSODCED PTRLSRX

## COFFEE BREAK ANSWERS NOW ON ASTROLOGY PAGE



## Pork Piccata Made Easy at Home

Piccata, that Italian restaurant classic, is a dish we all know and love. But what exactly is piccata? It's a cooking method where meat (often chicken, fish or pork) is tenderized, sautéed and served with a bright lemon, butter and caper sauce.

While many restaurant dishes seem complicated, this easy pork piccata proves that you can re-create the magic at home. Think tender, thin pork chops, lightly coated in seasoned flour, sautéed in butter and olive oil, and finished with a tangy, buttery sauce accented by lemon and capers.

Capers might be new to some of you. They're pickled flower buds, adding a briny pop to Mediterranean dishes. Look for them in the condiment aisle near pickles or olives, usually priced around \$2.

No fresh lemons? Bottled lemon juice works just fine, especially when lemons are out of season. No white wine? Simply use more chicken broth. And for a lighter version, you can easily substitute chicken breast for the pork.

### EASY PORK PICCATA

Yield: 4 servings  
Total Time: 40 minutes

4 boneless pork chops (about 1 1/2 pounds, 1 inch thick)

Zest and juice of 1 large lemon (or 3 tbsp lemon juice, divided)

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

4 tablespoons butter, divided

Splash of olive oil

2-3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

1/4 cup dry white wine

1/2 cup chicken broth

1 tablespoon capers

Place each pork chop between two pieces of wax paper or in a large zip-top plastic bag. Use a meat mallet or rolling pin to gently pound the chops to about 1/2 inch thick. This helps to tenderize the meat, allowing it to cook quickly and evenly.

In a shallow bowl, pour 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. In a separate shallow dish (like a pie pan), mix the flour, salt and pepper. Dip each flattened pork chop in the lemon juice, allowing any excess to drip back into the bowl. Then dredge the chop in the seasoned flour, coating both sides. Shake off any excess flour and set the coated chops aside.

Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and a splash of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until sizzling. This will help the chops get a nice golden-brown crust. Add the pork chops to the skillet, working in batches if necessary to avoid overcrowding the pan. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side, turning once, until the chops are browned and cooked through (an internal temperature of 145 F). Remove the chops from the skillet and keep warm, covering them loosely with foil.

In the same skillet, add the sliced garlic and sauté for about 20 seconds until fragrant — be careful not to let it burn! Add the white wine and stir to scrape up any flavorful browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Let the wine cook down for about 3 minutes, reducing by half.

Add the chicken broth, capers and the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter to the skillet. Stir until the butter is fully melted and the sauce is smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning with a pinch of salt or a squeeze of lemon juice if needed.

Return the pork chops to the skillet and spoon the sauce over the chops, turning them to coat. Let everything simmer together for an extra minute, then serve with the sauce drizzled over the top.

Serve with buttered thin spaghetti and asparagus. If asparagus is out of season, substitute steamed broccoli or sautéed spinach.

Homemade piccata makes any day feel special. Enjoy!

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

\* Beef and liver paste, squeezed from a tube, was the first meal eaten in space, consumed by Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin, who chose it because it was space-friendly.

\* Cigarettes were once advertised as a source of relief for asthma and hay fever.

\* A full head of hair can support the weight of two elephants.

\* The original recipe for Oreos, which were originally called Oreo Biscuits (though it's not clear where "Oreo" came from), included pork fat for the cookie's creamy center.

\* Ninety-five percent of books that are submitted to traditional publishers are rejected.

\* Senet, or senet net hab ("game of passing through"), the oldest known board game, dates back more than 5,000 years and has been found in the tombs of Egyptian royalty, including King Tut.

\* Canada's Parliament once argued about the appropriateness of using the word "fart" on the chamber floor.

\* In medieval Europe, animals, especially pigs, were put on trial for crimes, with prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges.

\* Oct. 31, 2000, was the last day all humans were together on Earth. Since that time, there has always been at least one person in space.

\* In early 2019, an 18-karat gold toilet named "America," made by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan and valued at \$6 million, was stolen from Blenheim Palace in England. The four thieves responsible were captured, but the toilet's ultimate fate remains a mystery, though authorities suspected it may have been melted down.

\* The bite of a mountain gorilla is twice as strong as a lion's.

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### QUESTIONS

1. Name the owner of the Boston Red Sox who infamously sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920.

2. In motorsports, what does the acronym HANS stand for?

3. In June 2025, autonomous humanoid robots from Tsinghua University's THU Robotics team defeated China Agricultural University's Mountain Sea Team's robots in what sport?

4. Who did the Charlotte Hornets select 11th overall in the 2018 NBA Draft and then immediately trade to the Los Angeles Clippers?

5. Unicycling acrobat Rong "Krystal" Nin, a fixture at pro basketball halftime shows, is better known by what stage name?

6. In 2024, Amit Patel pleaded guilty to stealing \$22 million from what NFL franchise while employed with the team?

7. What 1978 National League MVP died 29 days before being inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2025?

### ANSWERS

1. Harry Frazee.

2. Head and Neck Support.

3. Soccer.

4. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.

5. Red Panda.

6. The Jacksonville Jaguars.

7. Dave Parker.

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## The Flying Dutchman

By Chad Holloway

In poker, a cooler is the term used to describe a situation in which a player has a very strong hand, but loses to an even stronger hand held by an opponent. This usually happens in a situation where the strength of both hands would, in most cases, be unbeatable or very strong, and therefore it's almost impossible to fold. Let's look at an example.

The 2025 World Series of Poker (WSOP) at the Horseshoe & Paris Casinos in Las Vegas was comprised of 100 live events. One of them was the popular Event #64: \$1,000 Super Seniors, which required players to be at least 60 years old to play.

That tournament attracted 3,338 entrants and awarded \$2,937,440 in prize money. On Day 2, PokerNews was on-site and captured a big hand involving Marcel Luske, who poker fans might know as "The Flying Dutchman" from his early appearances of the WSOP on ESPN.

Chad Holloway is a 2013 World Series of Poker bracelet winner, host of the PokerNews Podcast, and PR & Media Manager for PokerNews.com. Follow him on Twitter: @ChadAHolloway.

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## Make Adorable Fall Haystack Cookies With Kids

We were sitting around the dinner table recently commenting about fall and how much our family loves this time of year. When it came to specifics, we blurted out favorites like football, jumping in raked leaves, crispy apples at the farmer's market, and cooler evenings sleeping under comforters with the window still open. Then a friend who grew up in Indiana chimed in, "Don't forget haystacks!"

If you are a city dweller, you probably don't think of haystacks when images of fall come to mind. But take a leisurely autumn drive into the countryside, and you'll no doubt see haystacks of all shapes and sizes lined up in the farm fields, mile after mile.

Haystacks have been in fields and part of our culture for ages. Young children recite the charming rhyme about *Little Boy Blue*

who fell fast asleep under a haystack. French impressionist Claude Monet painted a memorable series of haystacks, and there's also the old expression "it's like finding a needle in a haystack" that comes up in moments of frustration. Now you and your kids can make your own Haystack Cookies in your kitchen in three easy steps to celebrate the harvest season when it comes.

Here are the ingredients for Haystack Cookies:

- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup cornflakes cereal
- 1 cup chow mein noodles
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

Here's the fun: Let the kids measure and stir together the corn syrup, honey, and peanut butter in a medium saucepan. An adult should then take over and bring the mixture to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Meanwhile, kids can measure and mix the cornflakes, chow mein noodles, and chocolate chips in a large mixing bowl. An adult should pour the melted peanut butter mixture over the dry ingredients. Stir lightly until completely coated.

When it's cool to the touch, let kids drop the mixture by heaping tablespoons onto a foil-covered baking sheet. Form each one into a haystack shape. Cool in refrigerator until firm.

(Makes approximately 24 haystacks, depending on the size you create.)

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



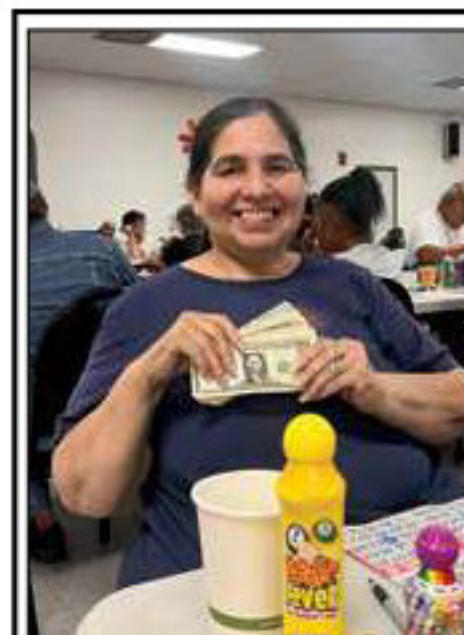
Amanda R. won the Double Action Jackpot of \$2,800 at Casino Morongo



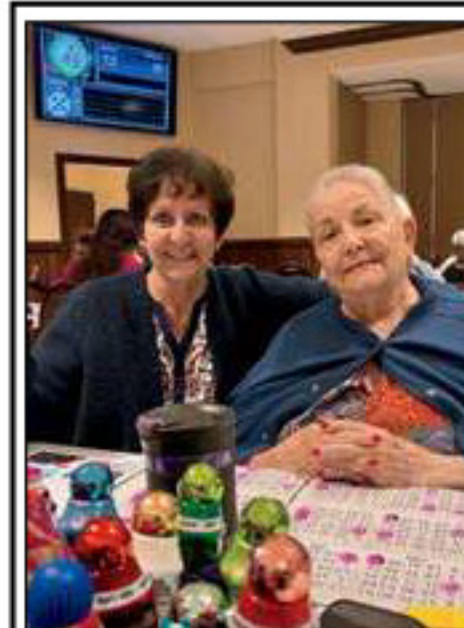
Happy Bingo Winner, Eleanor at St. Joseph High School



Bingo Bugle reader, Altagracia N. won \$200 at Armenian Center Montebello



Bingo winner, Rosie H. St. Bernard Catholic School



Double winners, Susie R. & Delia T. at Santa Ana Elks

Note: These cookies freeze well. "The Grandkids Are Coming!" Tip: Take a walk with your grandchild and look upward for nests tucked in bare tree branches. When you return, prepare this recipe, replacing the cornflakes with more chow mein noodles for a total of 2 cups. Shape the cookies into bird's nests instead of haystacks. \*\*\* Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at [www.donnaerickson.com](http://www.donnaerickson.com).

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## Fun Fact

Globally, Domino's Pizza has more than 20,000 store locations. Over 6,000 of these are in the United States. India has the next-highest number of stores: over 1,900. There, you can order chicken keema paratha, paneer paratha and harissa, makhani, and mint mayo sauces.

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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Exercise videos on AARP

Here's one more reason to keep checking back on the AARP website: the big selection of fitness offerings in the healthy living section. There are the articles, of course: complete guide to pickleball, link between sugar and cancer, ways to get an energy boost and others. But it's the workout videos that have caught my eye.

The site (aarp.org) has videos on cardio, walking, balance, stretching, core exercises and more. The knees get a lot of much-needed attention with videos on improving knee mobility and building stronger knees. Strength training has videos on building both the upper and lower body muscles.

What I appreciated in these videos is that many of them can be done while seated or holding a chair for balance, if necessary, and none require expensive equipment. A couple of light hand weights (or even soup cans), maybe a mat for the floor, and that's all you need.

The yoga section is comprehensive, with videos aimed at beginners who are ages 50 and 60 plus a video for those who are already 70.

But I think my favorite area is the 10-minute section for when I just don't have time for a full workout. If you can't make your way around the AARP site to get to the videos, do a search for "10-minute workout" to find a long list of short videos done by experts. Or search for "Denise Austin" and you'll find dozens of exercise videos she's created for seniors.

If you're only going to look at one exercise article, make it *10 Exercises to Do Today for a Healthier, Happier Tomorrow*. These exercises are geared to helping us continue doing the daily things we need to accomplish: Strengthen your grocery-carrying muscles, keep your shoulder muscles limber and strong so you can put away dishes and (a favorite of many) strengthen your grip so you can open jars.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** In a recent column, you stated that the body works to keep blood pH levels steady. My urologist has recommended that I drink baking soda in water to alkalize my urine. Is it true that urine pH levels can be changed even though blood pH levels cannot? — C.T.

**ANSWER:** This is true. Your urologist is taking advantage of the fact that your kidneys will excrete the bicarbonate ion into your urine very quickly after you take it in by mouth. (Baking soda is sodium bicarbonate. We sometimes use potassium bicarbonate for this purpose, too.) Your blood pH will stay normal, but the urine pH will go up into the alkaline range.

Kidney stone specialists use this to reduce formation of uric acid stones. Potassium citrate also has the same effect on urine pH levels. With a higher urine pH (even just to 6.5 or 7), uric acid cannot form stones. Long-term treatment with urinary alkalization dramatically decreases stone formation.

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

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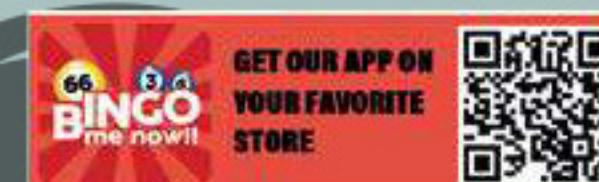
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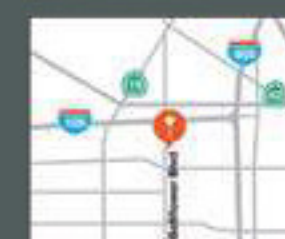
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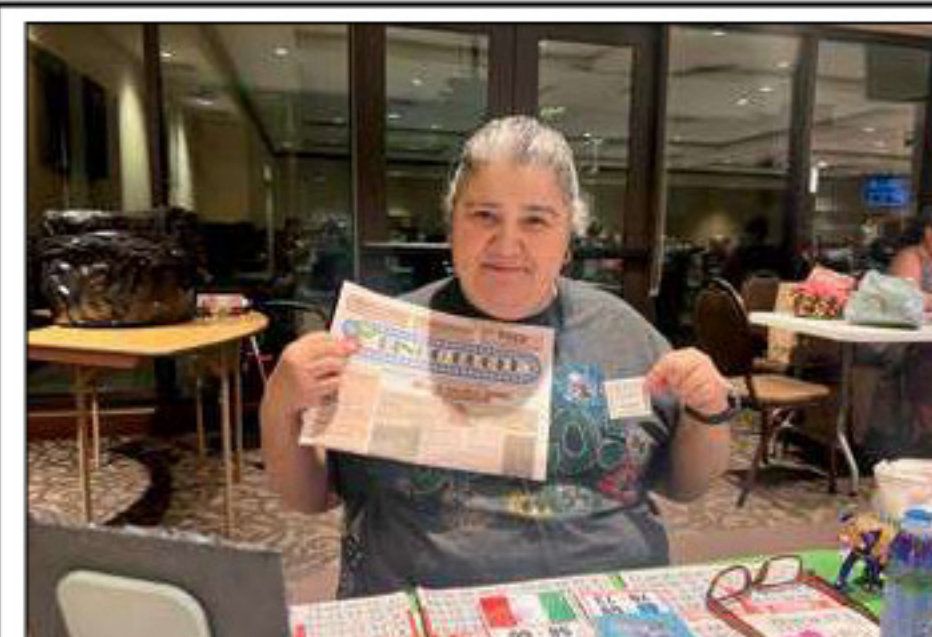
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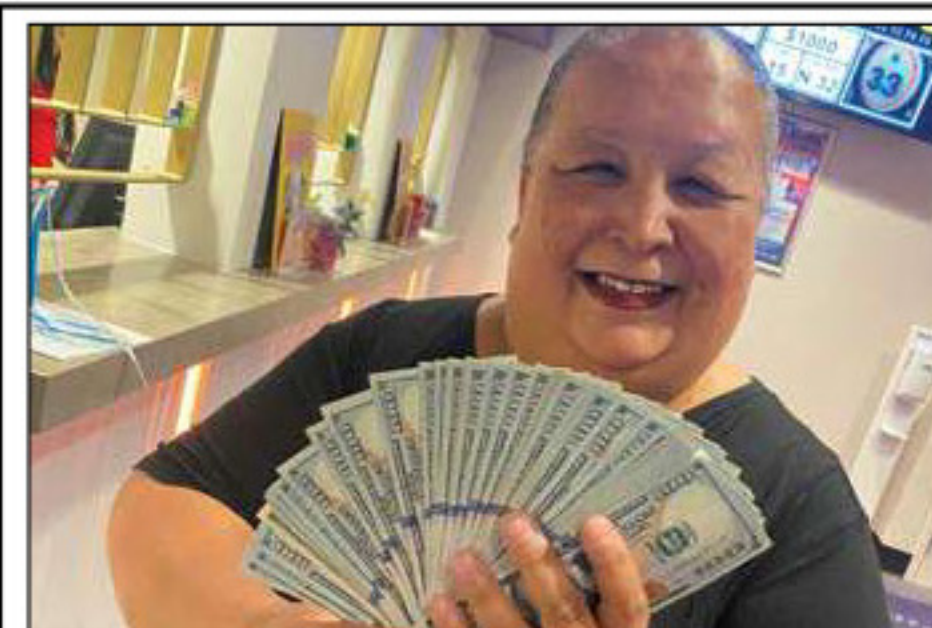
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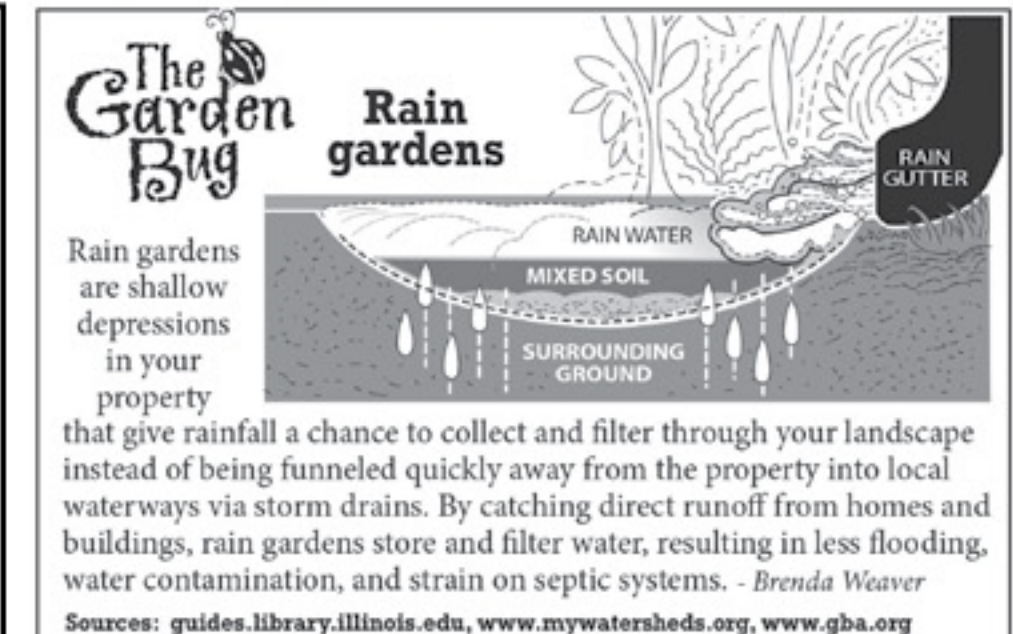


## A Little Dab'll Do Ya

Dear Guy,  
I have a request. Would you mind mentioning in your column the gallons of perfume some women spray on themselves whenever they go out? Some nights it's almost overwhelming to be at Bingo and have all these different flowery smells everywhere. Some women will walk by and practically leave a vapor trail of perfume behind them. Others will actually sit in the hall and spray more perfume on themselves, when they already smell like an acre of roses. I don't mean to make it sound like ALL

women do this. But at my Bingo hall, it sure seems like it. Please, ladies, a little perfume goes a long way. Please give our burning eyes and itchy noses a rest!  
—Abe, via e-mail

Dear Abe,  
Burning eyes and itchy nose? It sounds like you may have some hypersensitivity to the scents that waft around you. That said, I must agree that I have been in certain settings—at work, in church, and at Bingo, to name a few—where I too have felt a bit overwhelmed by someone's perfume. As a matter of fact, years ago I worked with a woman who wore so much of her particularly strong scent that you could be walking down an empty hallway and know that she had passed through the same area sometime earlier, because her "vapor trail," as you put it, was still hanging in the air.  
Anyway, on behalf of Abe and others with sensitive sinuses—ladies (and gents for that matter) the next time you feel the urge to respritz before bingo, ask yourself if you really need an aroma boost. —Guy



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## Gaming News

**Illegal Gambling Dwarfs Legal**  
The market intelligence firm Yield Sec issued a summary of legal and illegal online gambling in the U.S. and reported that in 2024, “unlicensed offshore gambling platforms accounted for a staggering 74 percent of the United States’ total online gross gambling revenue of \$90.1 billion. That means nearly three-quarters of all online gambling dollars are flowing through illegal channels.” Out of the total \$90 billion, \$67.1 billion in revenue went to illegal operators and \$23 billion to legal. Yield Sec report lists 917 illegal platforms, compared to 95 licensed, with 668 affiliate sites, compared to just over 100 legal affiliates. And the illegal sector grew by nearly 65% in 2024 compared to 26% growth for the legal. The report concludes, “Most betting now happens on mobile devices and new features like live dealer games are catching on quickly. Younger tech-savvy players are looking for fast easy access and exciting new experiences.” And with igaming legal in only seven states, illegal sites dominate the other 43 and are taking more and more of Americans’ money.

**New Ocean’s Movie**  
Hollywood scuttlebutt has it that another in the Ocean’s franchise of movies is in the works. Apparently, it’s a prequel to the current crop of Las Vegas heist flicks, but that’s about all that’s known, other than filmmaker Lee Isaac Chung was at press time “in talks” to direct. Chung was an Academy Award nominee for his 2020 film *Minari*—about a Korean American family that moves to a tiny Arkansas farm in search of their own American dream.

**Bingo and Poker Capital**  
After being named the bingo capital of the U.S., Montana has added poker king to its gambling-related resume. Following up on the bingo study, gambling.com applied a

similar analysis to poker and cited Montana’s 2.11 poker rooms per 100,000 residents as tops in the country. Nevada was second at 1.13. Texas has the most poker rooms with 84 but finished ninth in the per-capita ranking. California with 60 poker rooms was 15th on the list. One thing is certain: They like to gamble in Montana.

**Record Year So Far**  
For the first half of 2025, gross gaming revenue (GGR) in the U.S. from commercial casinos added up to \$38.4 billion, up from \$35.7 billion in the first six months of 2024. Sports GGR year to date was \$7.1 billion and igaming \$4.7 billion; combined, remote gambling accounted for a full 30% of the total. Last year from the beginning of January to the end of June, sports betting and online gambling were 26.4% of the total, so the trend of placing sports bets and playing slots and table games outside of brick-and-mortar sports books and casinos is gaining steam. This year is on track to set a record for GGR and the growth of sports betting and igaming continues to play an ever-increasing role.

**New Gambling Movie Trailer**  
In *Ballad of a Small Player*, Colin Farrell plays a “desperate gambling addict” in a psychological thriller produced by Netflix. Based on a 2014 novel by British author Lawrence Osborne, the film is set in the casinos of Macau and “follows the fortunes of an English con man who passes himself off as a runaway Lord.” It’s described as “an evocative look at a gambler’s life in the casinos of China.” *Ballad of a Small Player* is set to open in theaters on Oct. 15th and will be streamed on Netflix starting Oct. 29.



### Top in Tech

These five podcasts are consistently the highest rated on the Apple Podcast charts, with each of them offering a convenient way to learn about the latest trends. They provide insights and various perspectives on topics like artificial intelligence, market trends, and the ethical implications of all this new technology.

**Acquired** — Hosts Ben Gilbert and David Rosenthal launched their podcast *Acquired* 10 years ago as a way for us to “learn the playbooks that built the world’s greatest companies — and how you can apply them.” Recent episodes include an interview with Jamie Dimon and his incredible turnaround after being fired from Citigroup in 1998 to becoming the chairman and CEO of

**Boggle BrainBusters**  
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TEAL PINK GREEN  
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## Bingo John

### Down the Ocmulgee River

Here I am, dear reader, with the second part of my Bingo Adventure. Between Sarah Mae being after me and work going south, I felt like life was bearing down on meheavy as a bucket of cement dumped in my drawers.

So, I grabbed my canoe and headed down the Ocmulgee to see where the river might take me. It started off dreamy enough, but like always, life had other plans. As I rounded a bend a big old log came drifting out of nowhere, and I felt the canoe rolling over. As I flipped, I thought it was the end—water pouring over my face, everything going black like the end of a movie. But just before the credits rolled, I felt the canoe tug me under a log. When I popped back up, I gasped a heap of God-given air and hung onto the side of the half-drowned canoe. It floated just enough to keep me from going under.

Once my senses came back, I spotted trees swaying on shore, leaves flickering like Christmas ornaments in the breeze. I hung there for the better part of an hour before hearing the low rumble of a motorboat. Upstream came an old aluminum jon boat with two fishermen grinning wide—until they saw me. The one up front stopped smiling and pointed.

“He’s too cold to talk,” he said, and reached down with hands the size of watermelons to haul me in. The man in back cleared his throat. “Name’s Clem. This here’s Jonathan. We’re gonna take you to Ma.”

We rode downriver until they tied up at an old wooden dock, half its boards were missing, and the rest sagged like a wet dog. In my shivering state, I barely made it up the walkway. The dock led to a little shack covered in fake brick shingles with a flag out front. When the wind caught it, I saw a bingo card with “I Love Bingo” printed across the bottom.

Inside, Ma sat hunched at a flickering computer screen, playing online bingo. Every time the screen changed, she brushed greasy blond strands of hair out of her eyes.

“Sit him next to Pa,” she said without looking away. Pa, red-eyed and half-slouched, watched TV. Every now and then he glanced at me, but when the screen faded out, he pulled out a stainless-steel Colt .45 and aimed it at the set.

JPMorgan Chase. Other guests include Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer and Epic Systems’ Judy Faulkner, who is the “most successful self-made woman in history.” (Acquired.fm)

**The AI Daily Brief** — As noted in the title, this is a daily podcast about all things AI. It sits at a perfect running time of about 20 minutes so that you feel well-informed and your mind doesn’t wander. Listeners of the podcast say that this one in particular focuses more on the commercial side of AI. Host Nathaniel Whittemore is adept at asking and finding the answers to interesting questions like: “Does AI secretly slow developers down?” “How scared should we be of AI music?” and “Is OpenAI going to kill your startup?” (Sites.Libsyn.com)

**Lex Fridman Podcast** — Hosted by an AI researcher from MIT, this podcast features conversations with special guests about a wide range of topics centered around science, technology, history, philosophy, and the nature of intelligence, consciousness, love and power. Guests include someone for everyone: mathematician Terence Tao, Google CEO Sundar Pichai, and World War II historian James Holland, to name a few. (LexFridman.com)

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### Trick or Treat & Belsnickel

Halloween is right around the corner. You can tell because all the stores are decked out for Christmas. —Ms. Anonymous

October is the month of Boo! I scared you. In other words, it’s when ghosts, goblins, and monsters of various varieties roam our streets and bang on doors begging for candy. Imagine if instead of saying trick-or-treat, kids rang doorbells and shouted, Belsnickel! Belsnickel was an old German-American tradition in which children dressed in costumes and visited neighbors at Christmas, not Halloween. If neighbors couldn’t guess who was behind each mask, the penalty was paid with sweet treats. Well, that sounds mighty familiar, don’t you think?

And speaking of treats PSLs, Pumpkin Spice Lattes, have arrived as they do every year at this time. They were first named Fall Harvest Lattes, but their creator, Peter Dukes, switched the name to the company code PSL; the initials baristas were writing on customer cups. Since we’re not all fans of PSLs, how do you feel about pumpkin seeds, a so-called superfood? One recipe recommends after you’re done with your pumpkin, soak its seeds to remove pulp; add spices, then roast the seeds on a cookie sheet on top oven rack for 15/20 minutes at 350 degrees. The American Heart Association claims these

babies contain 5.2 grams fiber/serving as opposed to those from shelled, store-bought ones. A quarter cup of these seeds provides 42% of recommended daily magnesium intake to stay heart and bone healthy, lower blood pressure, and prevent migraines; not bad for a tiny tasty seed.

Personally, I love October not for its PSLs, or certainly not trick or treaters, but for its colorful fall foliage and cooler weather. In my home state, I can travel not far in any direction and see an array of God’s leafy handiwork; masterpieces in motion as the colors deepen and the leaves drop gracefully from the trees. In Vermont, this is Leaf-Peeping, a term first seen in print in a Vermont newspaper in 1966. Apparently, the locals were grumbling that out-of-towners were causing traffic jams and had retaliated with signs reading Tourists Go Home on their cars; so much for small town hospitality!

One last thing about this month of October is that its last day is referred to as All Hallow’s Eve, an offshoot of the ancient festival of Samhain. This pagan religious celebration honored the summer harvest when people would light bonfires while wearing costumes to ward off ghosts. Truth be told, if you believe in ghosts, you are not alone. One poll revealed that four out of 10 Americans do believe in ghosts, demons, and other supernatural entities. Not to worry though. All you need do to ward off evil spirits is to ring bells loudly on October 31st. Easy-peasy. On the other hand, if you want to summon ghosts, you should visit New Orleans or Salem, Massachusetts. These locations are supposedly haunted to the max. For scary fun, sign up for the ghost tours that are readily available. Robert and I did and thoroughly enjoyed hearing supposedly true ghost stories—while watching out for any apparitions that might be peeping over our shoulders. It didn’t happen, just like when I need one number to bingo and it hides in the bottom of the bingo hopper taunting me until the game is over. Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big. Contact: nlpvz6w172@gmail.com

### THE MIDDLETONS

By Ralph Dunagin and Dana Summers



### A Delicious Month for Foodies

Last month was National Fruits & Veggies Month, and we learned about the benefits of various types of produce. I tried a few new recipes and experimented with roasting vegetables which may be my new favorite way of cooking veggies.

While October celebrates National Vegetarian Month, it also observes other appetizing fare. Let’s explore:

–National Cookie Month: National Cookie Month is dedicated to appreciating and indulging in various types of cookies, whether homemade or store-bought. You can bake a tray of cookies, or eat a tray of cookies, or share a tray of cookies—all delicious options for celebrating the joys of cookies.

–Eat Country Ham Month: Eat Country Ham Month promotes the enjoyment of country ham, a Southern delicacy known for its salty, cured flavor. This month-long celebration encourages people to indulge in this traditional, slow-cured meat, which is often associated with Southern cuisine and heritage. Country ham is typically

aged and dry-cured, giving it a distinct, rich taste that has made it a beloved part of regional American food culture. Eat Country Ham Month is also a great time for people to explore recipes, try different ham preparations, and support local farmers and producers who continue the art of curing hams through traditional methods

–National Pizza Month: This month-long tribute to America’s favorite food, pizza, is a time for pizza lovers to indulge in their favorite slices, try new toppings and explore different pizzerias. Many restaurants and pizzerias participate by offering special deals, promotions, and events.

–National Popcorn Poppin’ Month: National Popcorn Poppin’ Month is celebrated annually in October to honor popcorn as a beloved and healthy snack. The month-long celebration encourages people to enjoy popcorn in its many forms, from air-popped to flavored varieties. Popcorn comes in so many forms, from salty, sweet to spicy... and more. You could easily try a different flavor for every day in October.

–National Vegetarian Month: National Vegetarian Month is observed every October and begins on World Vegetarian Day, October 1st, to promote awareness of vegetarian diets and their benefits for health, ethics, and the environment. This month encourages people to try new vegetarian recipes and incorporate more plant-based foods into their diets, whether by going fully vegetarian or simply reducing meat consumption.

–National Seafood Month: National Seafood Month is an annual celebration dedicated to highlighting the health benefits of seafood, exploring new dishes, and promoting the importance of sustainable fishing and seafood sourcing practices to protect marine ecosystems. During October, consumers are encouraged to learn where their seafood comes from, choose sustainable options, and try new seafood recipes.

Don’t forget all the Halloween candy! I think October might be the tastiest month of the year.

Enjoy! —Elle

### BROOM-HILDA



### By Russell Myers



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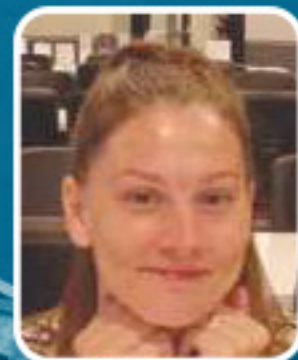
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