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## \$22,491 PROGRESSIVE COVERALL



A fantastic win for Francisca at Green Valley Ranch bingo! She won the Progressive Coverall on the 49th number for a total of \$22,491. She is pictured here with her supervisor, Javier, her lucky charm. GVR plays daily on the odd hours from 9am-11pm. Congratulations, Francisca!

## \$44,027 DUAL DAUB BINGO WINNER!



Carla was the lucky lady at Rampart Casino, hitting the Dual Daub in 35 numbers and winning a prize worth \$44,027! Rampart offers six sessions from 11am-9pm daily. Congratulations on the big win, Carla!

## Vegas' Top Ten Values for July

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## Super Bingo at Plaza Hotel & Casino July 31-Aug. 2

Nevada residents save 50 percent on event registration

LAS VEGAS – Home to Downtown Las Vegas' only bingo room, the Plaza Hotel & Casino will hold its \$160,000 Super Bingo tournament, July 31 through Aug. 2, and is offering a 50 percent discount to Nevada residents on their event registration.

Held in the Plaza's updated ballroom, Super Bingo typically draws nearly 1,000 people from across the country and as far away as Hawaii and Canada for the opportunity to win big playing fun-filled games of bingo over two days, with a \$50,000 super overall both days, while socializing with like-minded bingo players.

Bingo-only registration is \$160 per person. For the July 31-Aug. 2 event only, Nevada residents can register for just \$80 per person. A registration request form is available online at <https://www.plazahotelcasino.com/bingo/super-bingo-registration/>. Hotel-and-bingo packages start at \$300 for a four-night stay (Sunday through Wednesday) with no resort fee.

All Super Bingo players receive one 6-on paper pack for both days, two daubers, free drinks via an open bar at all sessions, boxed lunch both days, and \$10 in free slot play after the first day's session.

The Plaza's Bingo room offers six daily bingo sessions at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and is uniquely located two floors above the main casino. By parking on the third floor of the Plaza's self-parking garage, guests have convenient and direct access to the Plaza's bingo room.

### About the Plaza Hotel & Casino

Located in the heart of downtown Las Vegas, the Plaza Hotel & Casino combines a vintage Rat Pack attitude with modern styling and personal customer service for the ultimate Vegas experience. First opened in 1971 and built on the site of the original Las Vegas railroad depot, the Plaza has nearly 1,000 modern rooms and suites, a classic Vegas showroom, downtown's only bingo hall, and 30,000 sq. ft. of refurbished ballroom and meeting space. Larger outdoor events are hosted at the Plaza's Core Arena, downtown's only equestrian and multipurpose facility. Guests enjoy a variety of dining options led by the renowned Oscar's Steakhouse in the hotel's iconic glass dome overlooking the Fremont Street Experience. A new race & sports book along with hundreds of slot machines and nearly two dozen table games comprise an 80,000-square-foot casino floor. A fully renovated rooftop pool and recreation deck complete with private cabanas, hot tub, food truck, tennis court and dedicated Pickleball courts, provide a variety of outdoor amenities. For more information on the multiple award-winning Plaza Hotel & Casino, visit [www.plazahotelcasino.com](http://www.plazahotelcasino.com). Get updates via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

## Lucky Lotto News

### Nurse Wins on First Day of Retirement

A Kentucky nurse who served on the COVID-19 frontlines started off retirement with a bang, and she believes it's all thanks to fate. The Floyd County woman, who has chosen to remain anonymous, said she was just hours into her first day of retirement when she purchased a \$200,000 winning lottery ticket according to a press release from the Kentucky Lottery. "It was unbelievable," said the nurse, who retired after 36 years on the job. "I saw this as a sign it was meant to be for me to quit working." On that fateful day, she made a stop at the Double Kwik in Prestonsburg, where she decided to purchase a \$10 Tree-Mendous Winnings Scratch-off ticket, according to the release. Standing in the convenience store, she scratched off the lottery ticket to find that she had matched the number 20 on the last row, the release explained. After scratching off the prize amount below, the woman learned that she had won the game's top prize: \$200,000. The news came at a great time for the nurse, who dedicated nearly four decades of her life to helping others and was feeling unsure about retirement. "It's been tough," she said of working on the COVID frontlines. However, thanks to the winning ticket, she now has a renewed spirit about retiring.

### Much Needed Win

Joe Camp had suffered a particularly tough few months—losing his longtime job and mourning the death of his father—until his luck turned around last Christmas Eve morning. The Charlotte, North Carolina, resident headed to a gas station to buy a

lottery ticket that morning, per his normal routine. However, he ended up winning \$250,000 on the Gold Rush ticket he bought that day. "I bought two tickets. I didn't win on the first one, so I tried the second and I scratched it off, and I fell to my knees at the gas pump." He told the NC Lottery, despite his recent hardships, that his friends and family kept him strong. "I was a teacher for 20 years, a preschool teacher, and I got laid off on September 6. A month after that, my dad passed away. And it put me in a dark place. But I have a lot of friends and family that just told me to keep sticking in there, keep believing in myself." As a father and grandfather, Camp added that he's planning on putting his winnings aside for his family, including securing a new home and saving for his daughter's education.

### Kentucky Win Better with Mom

Lisa Maltese, of Prospect, said she won \$111,615.38 while teaching her mom about the Celtic Coins Jackpot Instant Play on the lottery website, according to a release from the Kentucky Lottery. Maltese told lottery officials that she "wanted to show" her mom, who was visiting from Florida, how to play the game "step-by-step"—in the process, she ended up getting much more than she bargained for. Maltese began by placing a \$5 wager, after which "the screen started going into a bonus coin frenzy," she explained. After "a pyramid appeared" on her screen, she learned she had won the game's jackpot. "I just couldn't believe it," she told lottery officials. She went on to note that sharing the moment with her mom made it even more special.



The caterpillars of fritillary butterflies hatch in the fall, go dormant right away without feeding, and sleep through the winter. They awaken in the spring at the same time as violet plants, their only food, begin to grow. It is feared that global warming may disrupt this delicate and important synchronization and cause extinction of fritillary butterflies.

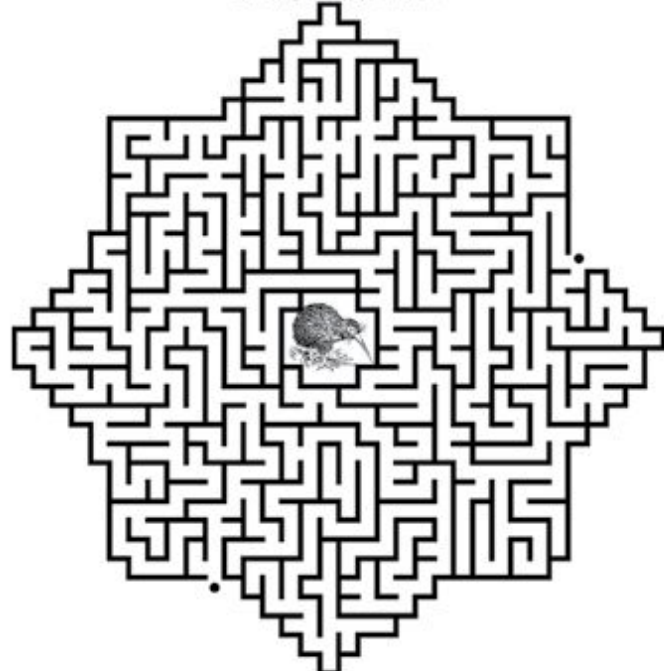


— Brenda Weaver  
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## Heat-tolerant lettuce

The leaf lettuces are ideal for containers; pick the outer leaves and let the center continue to grow. This is called "cut and come again" harvesting. Head lettuces like Romaine, Bibb and Crisphead need to grow about 50 days to harvest, so plan for those to grow in-ground.

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## AS I SEE IT

by N. L. Preston

### Bikers, Ghosts and Tattoos

*During the day I don't believe in ghosts. At night I'm a lot more openminded. — Anonymous*

Oops! We did it again; took another jaunt to Vegas, that is. We get bored and like to gamble and play bingo there. Unfortunately, we did not thoroughly check out our travel dates. After making non-refundable reservations, we discovered it was NFL Draft Week, so we were there with our closest friends; all 900,000 or more. We stayed downtown on Fremont Street which was also crowded, and it cost us sixty bucks to get there from the airport. Zowie! Or should I say ouch!

The next day we played bingo at the Plaza. The cash balls were high; \$3000plus at 11am and \$5000plus at 1pm. Wish I could say we hit one on one of them, but alas, no. However, I did end my l-o-n-g losing streak and bingoed twice at both sessions; better than nothing, but not as good as hitting the big bucks would have been.

We stayed at Binion's Hotel Apache. Haunted it is, and I can verify. One night I was awakened by a loud buzzing in my ear and under my pillow. It sounded like a muted cell phone but mine was turned off. I sat up in bed, then when I lay down again,

the sound repeated. After three or four times, I woke Robert to listen, but he didn't hear a thing. When I heard it again, I knew what to do. I said aloud, "I hear you and I know you're here, but please leave us in peace and go into the light. I said it twice and that was the end. I didn't hear the sound for the remainder of our stay there. Maybe you can explain it because I can't.

On Friday, we ventured southeast to Laughlin on the Colorado River. Escape the crowds we said. Relax and enjoy the river view while gambling we said. Ha! Joke was on us. Bikers were in town for their annual get together; motorcycles zooming and varooming everywhere, no place to park. And besides that, there was a tattoo convention. Packed casinos, long lines. Robert and I retired to our room before sundown our three nights there. I couldn't stand the noise and other players breathing down my neck as they waited for me to leave my machine. Our host, Rudy, put us in a nice room with a view and the host's office had drinks and cookies. I got fatter while my pocketbook got slimmer as I kept trying to change my luck. We would venture downstairs early in the morning before late risers got their carcasses out of bed, not that it made any difference. Lady Luck was unkind so on Monday we drove back to Vegas with our bankroll in significant decline. Usually, we play bingo while in Laughlin, but this time we didn't because we were afraid to move our car as parking spots were at a premium. If you looked like you were leaving, you were followed to your car by circling vehicles; like lions stalking their prey, they were ready to pounce on any empty spot.

Until next month, may Lady Luck blow you kisses as you dance out the door with dollars. Win big and may your winnings be bigger than the fireworks on the 4th of July. Contact me at nlpvzw6172@gmail.com to share your comments.



### Numerous Mistakes in 1 Hand

By Jonathan Little

I was recently told about a hand from a \$2/\$3 no-limit game that illustrates a few detrimental mistakes many amateur players make on a regular basis. A player in third position limped with a \$450 effective stack at a nine-handed table, as did our Hero in the cutoff with Ks-10h.

Hero told me that he limped with his K-10 instead of raising because he thought the initial limper had a tight range and likely had him dominated. If that is the case, K-10 should be folded. If you are confident your opponent has a premium range, you should not get involved with hands that are easily dominated, such as A-8 and K-10.

An unknown player on the button raised to \$15. The initial limper called, as did Hero.

At this point, Hero has to put \$12 more into a pot that will be \$50 (minus the rake) after he calls. It is reasonable to

think Hero will realize about 25% equity, so calling is probably fine (assuming he does not think he is horribly dominated). That said, Hero is certain to find himself in difficult postflop situations, especially when he flops a pair and faces a bet on all three streets -- so again, folding is ideal.

The flop came Qc-9c-2d. The initial limper and Hero checked to the pre-flop raiser, who bet \$25 into the \$50 pot. Only Hero called.

Hero again has an easy fold. A gutshot straight draw with an overcard is nothing to be proud of when you are likely against a strong range. If the opponent bet smaller, perhaps \$18 or less, calling (or raising) may be reasonable, but again, folding is almost certainly the best play because in order to bet into two opponents, the bettor must have something reasonable, like a decent pair or draw.

The turn was the 3c. Hero led for \$40 into the \$100 pot.

I actually don't mind Hero's bluff. When you check/call the flop, you should actively look for spots to take away the pot on the turn, either by leading or check/raising. Given stacks are still quite deep, I would have check/raised to a turn bet, but check/raising may be fine if Hero expects the opponent to continue bluffing with all their unpaired hands (which may or may not be the case). I would have been a bit more patient when choosing my bluffing spot, waiting for hands containing one club, giving me some additional outs when I happen to get called.

The opponent called. The river was the Jh, giving Hero a straight. Hero bet \$75 into the \$180 pot and his opponent raised all-in for \$370 total.

At this point, Hero has to call \$295 more into a pot that will be \$920 after Hero calls, meaning he needs to win about

30% of the time or more to justify calling. While a straight is quite high up the hand-ranking chart, I would be quite surprised if a generic player in a \$2/\$3 game is bluffing all-in anywhere near 30% of the time. Hero also does not have any clubs in his hand, making it quite reasonable for the opponent to have a flush (including the nut flush). If the opponent was known to bluff in spots like these where Hero could easily have a flush, then calling may make sense, but against almost everyone, Hero has an easy fold. When you represent extreme strength by leading on a scary turn and then continue betting on the river, you can be confident when you get raised that you are against the flush the vast majority of the time.

Hero called and lost to the nuts, Ac-5c. As Hero told me, he got what he deserved.

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### Broken Promises by Anne Willow

Julia needed a new start. The unexpected death of her favorite aunt sends Julia to the artist town of Grand Marais. There she starts to weave tattered threads into a new tapestry while rediscovering her love of sketching and running the antique shop, Past Imperfect. Everything is just starting to go right when a mysterious package arrives bearing an antique letter opener.

Julia's natural curiosity is piqued, but before she can untangle the mystery it's found embedded in Tom Peterson's chest. The tapestry of her new life begins to unravel as she is named a prime suspect. Now Julia works to solve the mystery and the murder.

### Final Flight by Eric C. Anderson

On a clear, cold night high above East Asia, a China Air passenger jet disappears from radar with all aboard. It's an anomaly, a fluke. And then a couple of hours later, it happens again.

It's 2023. Former Air Force maintenance officer Jason Montgomery and Rob "Ski" Kalawski have just landed the gig of their lives. China Air's aging fleet of Boeing 777s desperately needs navigation hardware and software upgrades. It's a multimillion-dollar contract, and they're just the guys to do it. Right? Wrong. Jason's just the middleman, but he finds himself trapped between yakuza gangsters, a tattooed dragon-lady sales exec and murderous Russian mobsters.

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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

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TYIP  
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♥ RFO  
PYLE  
♥ BOTRA  
♥ EPR  
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OLYRA  
TEYB



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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8 Hairdresser's item  
12 Pop  
13 Raw mineral  
14 Hawaiian feast  
15 Desert-like  
16 Painting, sculpture, et al.  
18 Conifer exudation  
20 Lascivious  
21 Two, in Tijuana  
22 Owns  
23 Hodge-podges  
26 Reception amenity  
30 Coop dweller  
31 Ewe's mate  
32 Altar affirmative  
33 Tram, usually  
36 Otherwise  
38 Grecian vessel  
39 Supporting  
40 Pedro's pal  
43 TV schedules  
47 Oscillation  
49 Locate  
50 Picture on a PC  
51 Zero

**DOWN**

1 Pronto, on a memo  
2 Spelling of TV  
3 Valhalla VIP  
4 Got by somehow  
5 Couches  
6 Stumble  
7 Longing  
8 Contract section  
9 What we share  
10 Dillon or Damon  
11 Not idle  
17 Verve  
19 "Help!"  
22 That guy  
23 Resistance measure  
24 Garland for 14-Across  
25 Hostel  
26 Series of battles  
27 Crib  
28 Big bother  
29 Deteriorate  
31 Scooted  
34 Oregon city  
35 Singer Sheryl  
36 Charged bit  
37 Painting on plaster  
39 Profession  
40 Unrepaired  
41 Isinglass  
42 Privy to  
43 Roman 57  
44 "Once — a time ..."  
45 Shetland, for one  
46 Underworld river  
48 Moreover

## HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS

## SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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!

## 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 grid!

WITH SCHAM  
The LACER  
Legend BAFEL  
Whisker BLISTER

"I wish your mother would stop referring to me as her son-in-law, the \_\_\_\_\_."

TODAY'S WORD

## JUMBLE

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

ULERM

LENKT

HARPEM

CUPSMA

Print your answer here: ○○○○○

Oh, my! That doesn't sound good. With you sitting in this damp basement, no wonder you're sick.

THE COMPUTER PROGRAMMER WITH THE BAD COLD WAS A \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another in this cryptogram. 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.

NRIITKG TI VGVSDJ. LVVX MBV  
NKFVS MBRM ZKHVI LSKH  
LKZWITGJ KG FBRM VCZTMVI  
DKW. — KNSRB FTGLSDV

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"Take one of these before each meal, and then don't eat."

## FEAR & KNOT

answer

A									
P	U	B							
E	R	A	T	I	F	Y			
B	Y	T	E						
L									
F	O	R	O						
R	U	P	E	E					

## GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		×					24
×		÷		×				
	×		+					17
+		×		+				
	×		-					27
26		24						29
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	9

DIFFICULTY: ★★★  
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

## 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: W equals M

X'W TICDEWXPB SZC QMYFIXSC  
WEDXGMV GMSCBFIL FQ W MPL  
DSCTQMSZCID XD TIFOMOVL  
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- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

6	6	3	4	1	5	6
6	3	5	4	7	6	1
7	4	1	4	2	4	3
7	7	7	2	3	6	5
4	5	7	6	1	1	1
2	1	7	3	6	2	4
5	6	2	1	4	7	6

**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Reduce in size	_____ K	Memorial	_____ E
2. Plenty	_____ P	Saunter	_____ B
3. Italian river	_____ R	Nepal's neighbor	_____ T
4. "Cat Ballou" actor	_____ V	Director Scorsese	_____ T
5. Veranda	_____ R	Kangaroo's pocket	_____ U
6. More daring	_____ L	State line	_____ R
7. Courtroom official	J _____	Poke with the elbow	N _____
8. Peril	_____ G	Ballerina, e.g.	_____ C
9. On the very edge	_____ N	Adobe block	_____ C
10. Put inside	_____ S	Turn inside out	_____ V

**Boggle BrainBusters!**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

E	W	G	M	U
S	A	C	L	E
V	N	R	A	H
Y	E	K	W	D
G	T	V	O	L

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus  
We put special brain-busting words into the puzzle grid. Can you find them?  
Find 11 BIRDS in the grid of letters. Write your answers below.

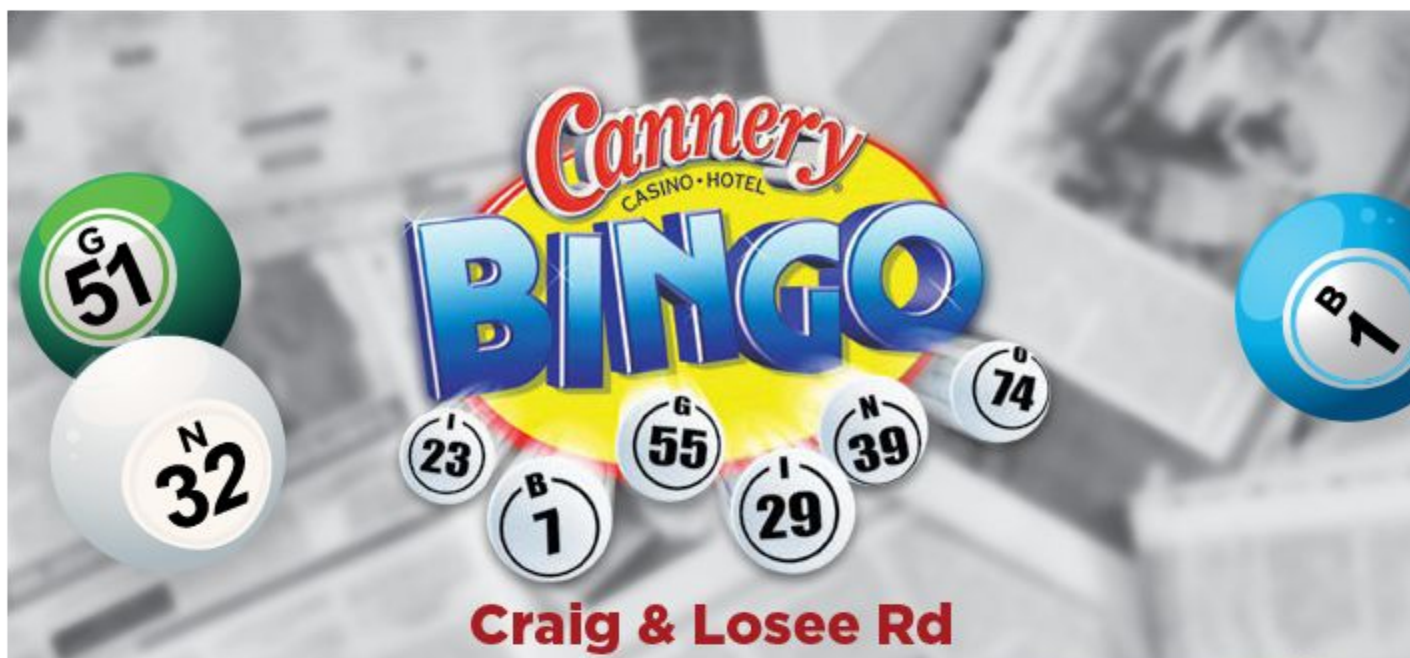
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Most pizza lovers agree: What sets pizzeria pizza apart from homemade pizza is that glorious crispy, crackly crust. That's because commercial pizza ovens cook at temperatures between 700 F to 800 F. Yeah, well, that's not happening in most home kitchens. But we can achieve a similar effect by using a pan made of cast iron. This will act as an oven within your oven, yielding a temperature high enough to get that irresistible crispy, yet tender crust (cue the angel chorus).

Safety warning! This technique is not for the kiddies or the faint of heart. We're going to get that cast-iron skillet screaming hot. Use caution and protect your skin and your surfaces from the heat.

The ingredients I used are below, but feel free to make substitutions. Use this guideline, no more than 2 cups shredded cheese and 1 1/2 cups assorted toppings (vegetables and meats) or you risk your pizza becoming soggy and not cooking completely through the center.

**CAST-IRON SKILLET PIZZA**  
Yield: 2 to 4 servings Time: 45 minutes

1/4 cup olive oil — divided  
6 ounces Italian sausage, casings removed  
1/3 cup onion, thinly sliced  
1/3 cup bell peppers, green and red, thinly sliced  
1/3 cup mushrooms, thinly sliced  
12 to 16 ounces pizza dough — store bought or homemade equivalent  
1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded  
8 ounces pizza sauce — purchased or recipe below  
2 tablespoons olives, sliced

1. Bring the dough to room temperature and have your ingredients sliced and ready before you begin. If you're using my pizza sauce recipe, make that now, as well. Prepare the dough by placing on a lightly floured surface and shaping into a 14-inch round.

2. Preheat the oven to 475 F. Preheat a 12-inch cast iron skillet on the stove top on medium-low heat. Add one tablespoon olive oil to the skillet and cook the sausage, breaking into crumbles. Drain on paper towel and set aside. Place the onions, peppers and mushrooms in the skillet, cooking enough to soften. Set aside.

3. Now, add 2 tablespoons olive oil, using a brush to spread the oil up the sides of the pan. Carefully place the dough round into the pan. The dough starts cooking the moment it hits the hot pan, so work quickly to avoid the bottom burning. Evenly sprinkle half the cheese over the entire crust. It'll act as a barrier, preventing the sauce from seeping into the crust making it soggy. Dollop the sauce over the cheese layer, using the back of a spoon to spread it out. It's OK if it's not perfect.

4. Next, add the sausage, onion, peppers and mushrooms. Top with remaining cheese and olives. Brush any exposed crust with remaining olive oil.

5. With caution and heavy oven mitts, place the skillet into the hot oven. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes. The cheese should be bubbling and slightly browned, and the crust should be golden.

6. With extreme caution, remove skillet from the oven and place on a heat-protected surface. Run a knife around the outside edge of the pizza to prevent the cheese from sticking. Post a picture to impress your friends. Let cool for 10 minutes before devouring.

**PETITE PORTION PIZZA SAUCE**

1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
2 teaspoons sugar

Drain tomato sauce through a coffee filter set in a strainer over a bowl for 15 minutes to remove excess liquid from the sauce. Into the drained sauce, stir in garlic powder, Italian seasoning and sugar.

Pizza night just got a whole lot better. Drool. Eat. Repeat.

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**Stick with the Strategy**

My late father-in-law Pete (at age 91) played jacks-or-better exclusively and he had a knack for getting dealt the following hand: a paying flush that also contains four cards to the royal flush. In fact, once he was dealt this hand twice in the same session. Here's what happened.

Pete was down a couple hundred bucks when his "favorite hand" popped up on the screen. He nudged me and said, "What should I do?"

Now Pete has been dealt this hand many times and he knows the correct playing strategy, which is to hold the four card royal and draw one card (i.e., you give up the paying five-card flush because it has a lower expected value than holding the four-card royal flush). So, I said to him, "You know what the right play is. Why are you asking me?"

He then explained his logic for why he decided, at this point in time, to hold the paying flush. It went something like this: "I think it's better to hold the paying flush when you are losing because it can

help you get back to even. Plus, it's tough to get the royal, and when you're down, it's nice to get that payoff."

Perhaps you've been dealt this hand, got cold feet, and held the paying flush like Pete wanted to. I mean, who wants to risk giving up a winning hand for the long-shot chance of getting the royal, and end up with potentially nada? Holding the paying flush is very tempting (Pete's words), but it's the wrong play to make. What follows is what I told him about his flawed logic... perhaps what I said will also help you become a better video poker player.

What you are telling me is that when you are winning you are going to hold the four-card royal but when you are losing, you are going to chicken out and hold the paying flush, right? Well, guess what? There is one and only one mathematically correct way to play that hand and it's to go for the royal. Sure, it's a risky play but the risk is worth it. The fact that you happen to be losing has no bearing on how you should play that hand. You can't let the state of your current bankroll influence playing decisions. You have to play like a robot and follow the basic playing strategy for every hand. Even if you end up with nada this time, the next time that you are dealt this hand you should follow the same strategy and draw one card for the royal. I concluded my lecture by reminding him that playing video poker is a journey; on some days you are going to win and others you will lose, and along the journey, you are going to have to take some "smart" risks. The bottom line is this: You will never achieve the 99.5 percent return on the game if you don't religiously follow the basic playing strategy and take

some justified risks. End of sermon.

Pete agreed that he was wrong, and I was right. Therefore, he listened to my advice, held the four-card royal, and hit the "deal" button.

I wish I could tell you that he miraculously got the card he needed for the royal flush but that's not what happened. He drew a garbage card and wound up with no payout on the hand. However, that doesn't mean he made the wrong play...in fact, he made the mathematically correct play. And when you are dealt this hand, draw one card and get garbage, don't fret because one time you will hit the royal. And the generous 4,000-coin payout would more than make up for the times that you were dealt "garbage."

So, what's the moral to this story? Namely this: If you want to be a winning video poker player, you've got to discipline yourself to follow the basic playing strategy even if it means that sometimes you have to give up a paying hand and take a shot at the royal flush.



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by Kate and Reva

### Standing Room Bingo

"It's only a week until festival!" proclaimed Kate happily. "And we get to run the Bingo." She was so happy I hadn't the heart to tell her I was not as enthusiastic about the project as she seemed to be. The festival committee had blocked out a large portion of the Family Services building for Bingo and Kate and I were to be in charge as callers. It would be a long two days with only brief breaks in the program.

"We get to try out new games and make our own rules," continued Kate. "I can hardly wait."

The first of what I have come to call the "great disasters" occurred two days later when the festival board phoned to say that some of the chairs had been commandeered to fill a need at the outdoor concert. "What will we do?" I wailed.

The unflappable Kate replied, "We will set up a section for standers. You

know, people who will stand to play Bingo. We'll have some fast games for them and keep them moving during the day."

I was astonished to believe it would really work. We would both have to call during those standing sessions, but we could figure that out and maybe have fun doing it. I felt my mood lightening when the phone rang again and the festival committee reported that the hot dogs we had intended to provide for the players would not be coming, as they were needed again for the outdoor concert. I sat down dispiritedly.

"We'll do our own hot dogs," said the intrepid Kate. "Where is that old wiener turner we used to have? We can use that, warm the buns in the oven and provide condiments. We will manage just fine."

I was impressed with Kate's spirit and lively interest in the big game.

When the phone rang a third time, I refused to answer. Kate picked up and growled a "hello."

"We really hate to tell you this," said the caller. "But we don't have enough paper Bingo sheets. We ordered them but they didn't come in. I don't know what to tell you."

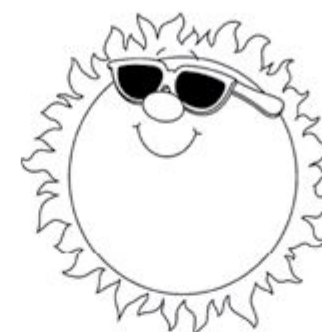
"I'll tell you what," said Kate ferociously. "You find those old Bingo cards with the covers that slide over the numbers and get them delivered to our building. It's still our building, isn't it? Or are you going to put us out on the street?"

Kate is a terror once she gets riled up.

There were no more phone calls and when we went to the Family Services Building, the old cards had been delivered, as had a box of condiments for our hot dogs.

We set up a standing area—which Kate would run for the first session and had a smaller area for regular Bingo where I would call.

Our games were a hit from the off. We had many standees and the tables were always full. A volunteer showed up to run the hot dog stand and we were declared an unmitigated success.



### Go Figure!

answers

2	+	6	×	3	24
×		÷		×	
9	×	1	+	8	17
+		×		+	
8	×	4	-	5	27
26		24		29	

### Boggle BrainBusters Answers:

OWL EMU SWAN LARK  
DOVE WREN TERN  
RAVEN CRANE EAGLE

### CryptoQuip

answer

I'm presuming the favorite musical category of many stepfathers is probably alternative pop.

### Hitori

answer

6	6	3	4	1	5	6
6	3	5	4	7	6	1
7	4	1	4	2	4	3
7	7	7	2	3	6	5
4	5	7	6	1	1	1
2	1	7	3	6	2	4
5	6	2	1	4	7	6

### Even Exchange

answers

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Shrink, Shrine | 6. Bolder, Border  |
| 2. Ample, Ambie   | 7. Judge, Nudge    |
| 3. Tiber, Tibet   | 8. Danger, Dancer  |
| 4. Marvin, Martin | 9. Brink, Brick    |
| 5. Porch, Pouch   | 10. Insert, Invert |



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### How to Start a Walking Program and Stay Motivated

Dear Savvy Senior,

My doctor recently suggested I start a walking program to help get my weight and blood pressure under control, but I've never exercised much and am 66. Can you recommend some tips?

—Hate to Exercise

Dear Hate,

You should follow your doctor's orders. Years of research have shown that walking may be the single best exercise you can do to improve your health as you age. It burns calories, which will help you lose weight, builds endurance, enhances muscle tone and it doesn't pound your joints.

It also helps improve or prevent many age-related health problems including high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, osteoporosis, dementia and even depression.

But walking is not only good for what ails you. It's also one of the easiest and most convenient exercises you can do and is completely free. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes that fit well and a little desire. Here are some things you should know to help get you started and stay motivated.

**Getting Started**

Start out slow if you need to. For many people this means head out the

door, walk for 10 minutes, and walk back. Do it every day for a week. If that seems easy, add five minutes to your walk the next week and keep adding five minutes until you are walking as long as you desire. It's also a smart idea to finish your walk with a few simple cool down stretches. Stretching will make you feel better and help prevent injury.

Most fitness professionals recommend walking about 30 minutes, five or more days a week. Or, for optimal health benefits aim for 10,000 steps per day, which is the equivalent of about five miles.

Your walking pace is also important. While strolling around the park or neighborhood at an easy pace is good for you, a brisker pace that has you breathing heavily, but you are still able to carry on a conversation, provides better health, fitness and weight loss benefits.

**Staying Motivated**

While starting a walking program takes initiative, sticking with it takes commitment. Here are some tips to help you stay motivated:

--Find a walking buddy: Having a friend to walk with can provide motivation and support along with companionship.

--Wear a fitness tracker or pedometer: These devices measure how far you've walked in steps and miles, providing motivation by spurring you to meet a particular goal and showing you if you've met it. Or, if you use a smartphone there are free pedometer apps you can download like MyPacer.com, Google.com/fit or Accupedo.com.

--Join a walking club: To find one in your community, call your nearby medical center, mall, health club, senior

center, running shoe stores or Area Agency on Aging to see if they sponsor or know of any clubs or groups. Or try MeetUp.com or the American Volkssport Association (AVA.org), to search for non-competitive walking clubs in your area, or start one.

--Keep a journal: Use it to keep track of your walking minutes, steps, or mileage and total it up at the end of each week to see how you're progressing. There are also free apps like MapMyWalk.com and Walkmeter.com that use GPS to map your walk and measure your distance and time, which is fun and motivating.

--Have a backup plan: If bad weather, allergies or other factors limit your outdoor walking have a backup plan like walking at your local mall, buying a home treadmill or joining a health club.



by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



## BINGO LAND

STORIES FROM THE REAL WORLD & CYBERSPACE

### Bingo Questions and Answers

**Question:** What is the biggest Bingo in the world?

**Answer:** The largest game of Bingo involved 70,080 participants at an event organized by Almacenes Exito S.A. in Bogotá, Colombia on 2 December 2006.

**Question:** Where is the largest Bingo hall?

**Answer:** According to Casino City data, Foxwoods features the largest Bingo parlor in the world with the capacity to hold 4,000 players.

**Question:** What are some basic tips for playing Bingo?

**Answer:** Here are six essential bingo tips:

(1) Get there early. Make sure you have plenty of time to purchase cards, visit with friends, get something to drink, set up your station, and get your head in the game before it begins. You do not want to miss a single number or start the game all stressed out.

(2) Bring a Bingo dauber, masking tape, and a pencil, ballpoint pen or highlighter pen. A Bingo dauber enables you to quickly mark the numbers on your cards that have been called. Masking tape can help you keep your game papers secured to your table (so you don't waste time adjusting them), and a pencil or pen can be used to mark out more complex patterns on your cards so you know which squares are needed to win. You may also want to bring some good luck charms.

(3) Choose your seat carefully. The key is to avoid distractions so you can stay focused. You may want to sit as close to the caller as possible to improve focus.

(4) Stay alert. Whether you are playing in-person or online, missing even one number can make the difference between winning and losing—the number one way to win at Bingo is to stay alert! Strategies for staying focused and aware can vary from person to person, but some tips:

- \* Avoid drinking alcohol.
- \* Consider drinking coffee or tea instead.

- \* Don't go to Bingo on a day when you're especially tired.

- \* Take advantage of scheduled breaks.

(5) Play games with lower attendance. Fewer players means that each player has a greater chance of winning. Try attending Bingo games on weeknights when the crowds tend to be smaller (note that some Bingo prize pots are based off the number of cards purchased, so although a small group of players increases your chances of winning, it may mean a smaller prize).

(6) Figure out how many cards you can handle. The more cards you have, the better your chances are of winning. This is true for in-person Bingo, as well as online. However, this only holds up if you are able to truly check the numbers on all of your cards effectively.



## BOB ON BINGO

By Bob Whittmore

### A Near-Riot at Bingo

Hi, everyone. This month a sad tale. And I actually saw it happen. As many of you know, I am now retired and back in southern Indiana, near the town where I grew up. I am able to play, two nights a week, in the same grade school cafeteria where I first saw Bingo played in 1957. I have renewed old friendships with a lot of people from my childhood. I can't wait for Friday and Sunday nights when I can go back to the old School and play.

But, recently, I saw something that I have never seen before at a Bingo game. It's the kind of thing you would expect to see in a big-city hall or in Vegas or Atlantic City. But, sadly, it happened in a town of 11,000 in Indiana. And, I still can't believe it.

If you remember, some months ago the hall got a brand new electrical "tote board" and all new equipment, including the machine that stirs the balls and pushes them up a tube—one at a time—for the caller.

The incident I am going to tell you about was the result of a relatively new caller not being fully versed on how the

equipment operated. It was near the end of the evening—in the final minutes of the COVER-ALL for the big prize of the evening. Up front I could hear a rumble starting.

Soon, people were yelling at the caller. And it got worse. Suddenly about a dozen people stormed the caller's desk. It looked like a riot!

Some players had noticed that only about a half a dozen or so balls were left in the hopper, but the tote board showed that fifteen or so numbers had not been called yet—WHERE WERE THE MISSING BALLS? People were demanding a refund. They wanted a "recount."

Not liking conflict, and especially not liking to see it happen in my old grade school, I got up and left. The following weekend I talked to the manager of the games and he told me what happened. The relatively new caller hadn't realized the importance of totally turning the equipment off after each game. Her failure to do this meant the air pressure within the device was preventing some of the balls from falling back into the hopper. So, in that final game, instead of having all 75 numbered balls, there may have been as few as 60 in play.

The problem was NOT the equipment. No cheating was going on. The caller was NOT trying to rig the game. IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CHEAT AT BINGO. Anyone who can get that angry just because someone made an honest mistake should not be playing Bingo, in my opinion.

I still can't believe how usually quiet people suddenly turned into screamers. See you next week. E-mail me at: bobonbingo@earthlink.net.





1pm cashball winner, Marilyn won the 1pm cashball for \$5,717 at Green Valley Ranch! Congratulations Marilyn!

# DEAR AUNT BINGO

by Bonnie Mitchell

## Keeping Tabs on Bingo

Dear Aunt Bingo,  
There is a Bingo I go to several times a week. I've been keeping track of my wins and costs to know if I'm ahead of the game. I've also been keeping note of who wins the games. One thing I've noticed is: the people who buy the pull tabs win the most Bingo games. Is there some way they can rig the computers so the pull-tab buyers' machines win most often?  
RRN, Chicago, Illinois

Dear RRN,  
I applaud that you track your wins and losses; it's important during these inflationary times to pay close attention to ALL your spending, be it gas, groceries, or Bingo. As far as the games being rigged so that pull-tab winners also will win at Bingo, I'm afraid that's a stretch. It's far more likely that what you are witnessing is that people who play lots of Bingo cards also tend to purchase lots of pull tabs, and naturally increase their odds of winning by doing so. —Aunt

**Bingo**  
Dear Aunt Bingo,  
I am so excited about winning tonight at Bingo that I just had to send you a note. I am not an overly lucky player and have never won a big jackpot, but tonight I won my biggest ever: \$3,000! I am still in shock, my stomach is all butterflies, and I know I will never get to sleep. But I don't care! I won \$3,000!  
I have always wondered what it must feel like to win a big pot. And now I know! It is GREAT! If I never win another Bingo again, right now I couldn't care less. I am the big winner of the night and everyone in the hall hated me and wished they were me. And I love it. Woohoo!  
Carol, via e-mail

Dear Carol,  
Congratulations! I, for one, certainly don't hate you, and definitely know that exhilarating feeling you are talking about when you come away the big winner. Enjoy your moment, spend the money wisely, and I hope your next jackpot comes soon. —Aunt Bingo



# ASK ANNIE

LET'S GET COOKING!

by Annie E. Ennis

## SHORT RIBS OF BEEF

- 3 pounds of beef short ribs
- flour
- cooking oil
- salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon powdered mustard
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1 green diced pepper
- 1 small can tomato sauce
- ½ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup brown sugar

Trim the ribs of excess fat, roll in flour, and brown in a heavy skillet or Dutch oven in hot oil. After the meat is browned, add all ingredients, salt and pepper to taste and cook over low heat until the meat is done. This should take 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Serves 4.

## RICE PILAF

- ½ cup rice, uncooked
- ¼ cup onion, grated
- 2 cups chicken stock
- ¼ cup celery, chopped finely
- ½ stick butter, melted
- ¼ cup carrots, chopped fine

Combine all ingredients in a casserole dish. Cover tightly and bake for 45 minutes at 375 degrees. Serves 4.

Your comments and questions about cooking and entertaining will be addressed in this monthly column. Write to "Ask Annie" c/o Annie Ennis, 17050 SE 91st Culver Court, The Villages, FL 32162. So Ask Annie. Don't forget you can E-mail me at aennis@thevillages.net. And let's get cooking.

# celebrity extra

by cindy elavsky

Q: I've been watching the miniseries *Under the Banner of Heaven* on FX. All the actors are top-notch. Can you tell me about the lead actress who plays Brenda? Also, who plays detective Pyre's wife in the movie? She looks just like Kirsten Dunst, but I didn't see her name in the opening credits. —S.S.

A: A relative newcomer to American audiences, Daisy Edgar-Jones is an English actress, but 2022 is definitely her year. Just 23 years old, she has that star quality that should soon make her a household name. In addition to playing the lovely and charming yet stubborn Brenda in *Under the Banner of Heaven*, she can be seen as the lead in the upcoming film *Where the Crawdads Sing*, based on the best-selling novel of the same name. If you have Hulu, you can also watch her in another series, *Normal People*, which is set in Ireland.

Rebecca Pyre, wife of Andrew Garfield's Detective Pyre, is played by Adelaide Clemens. She does bear a strong resemblance to Dunst, but she's an Australian actress with an impressive list of credits. Most notably, she played Tawney Talbot in another heart-wrenching drama, *Rectify*, which aired on Sundance TV from 2013 to 2016.

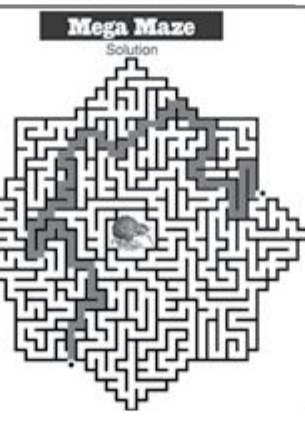
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# top 10 movies

1. Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness ..... (PG-13) Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen
  2. The Bad Guys ..... (PG) animated
  3. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 ..... (PG) James Marsden, Jim Carrey
  4. Firestarter ..... (R) Zac Efron, Ryan Kiera Armstrong
  5. Everything Everywhere All at Once ..... (R) Michelle Yeoh, Stephanie Hsu
  6. Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore ..... (PG-13) Eddie Redmayne, Jude Law
  7. The Lost City ..... (PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Channing Tatum
  8. The Northman ..... (R) Alexander Skarsgard, Nicole Kidman
  9. Family Camp ..... (PG) Tommy Woodard, Eddie James
  10. The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent ..... (R) Nicolas Cage, Pedro Pascal
- Source: Box Office Mojo

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# COUCH THEATER

BY RACHEL ROSE

## PICKS OF THE MONTH

**Navalny (R)** — As a force behind Russian opposition against the Kremlin, Alexei Navalny is recognized worldwide as a leader in organizing the Russian people against Vladimir Putin. But those who rally against Putin know that this fight comes with severe consequences. At first, Navalny was blacklisted, but as his opposition gained more traction, he became a red dot on Putin's radar. Mistakenly thinking that Putin wouldn't be foolish to attempt assassination on someone so public, Navalny was poisoned in 2020 and hospitalized, where he then fought for his life and was able to prevail. However, this fearless man refuses to stop his fight against the Kremlin. Follow Alexei Navalny's journey in a new award-winning documentary film. Streaming May 26. (HBO Max)



**Obi-Wan Kenobi (TV-PG)** — Taking place 10 years after *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith*, when the villainous Darth Vader emerged, Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi watches over a very young Luke Skywalker on Tatooine. Obi-Wan pleads with Owen, Luke's uncle, to keep Luke hidden until Obi-Wan can train Luke himself. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan embarks on an escapade as he is forced to run from the dark side that desperately searches for him. Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen reprise their roles from the prequel trilogy as Obi-Wan and Darth Vader, respectively. The first two episodes of this limited series premiere Friday, May 27. (Disney+)

**Emergency (R)** — The trend of college comedies has died down since the early 2010s, which brought us movies like *Neighbors* and *Pitch Perfect*. But this satire film from Amazon might reawaken the college comedy subgenre and shake things up! Two college students, Sean and Kumble, set a challenge to hit seven parties in one night. With their plans solidified, they head home to pregame and change after class when they find an unconscious girl in the living room. Now with a completely different mission in mind, Sean and Kumble must figure out how to safely rid themselves of the girl, all without knowing that her friends are attempting to track her through her phone. *Emergency* easily hooks in viewers with a diverse and refreshing cast who provide great turmoil for us to enjoy. Premieres May 27. (Prime Video)

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# Gaming News

**Global Gaming Hits \$200 Billion**  
For the first time in history, the global gambling industry will surpass \$200 billion in revenue this year, according to SafeBettingSites.com. The gaming industry will bring in more than \$200 billion in revenues for the first time in 2022. The United States and China will continue to be the biggest gaming markets, accounting for fully half of that amount. The total of \$203.1 billion for the year will surpass 2021's \$192.7 billion, which would be a 5.4% increase year over year. The Asia-Pacific region is expected to be most significant, with \$96.3 billion in revenues, followed by North America at \$54.3 billion. However, the United States should retake the throne of the biggest national market with \$50.4 billion in revenues, followed by China with \$50.2 billion. Together, they'll add up to nearly \$100.6 billion, just under half for the world.

**Daily Wagers**  
According to a SportsBettingReport.com survey, 24% of Americans who gamble on sports say they place sports bets every day. The survey polled surveyed 1,250 Americans 18 and older who bet on sports earlier this month. Among the findings, 39% of daily sports gamblers bet, on average, half or more of their monthly take-home pay; 60% claim that gambling is a source of extra income, while 35% say it's their main source of income; 80% of daily gamblers say the habit has a positive effect on their lives; 26% of women and 23% of men are daily sports gamblers.

**Kansas Legalizes Sports Betting**  
Sports betting is now legal in Kansas, but don't expect bets to be placed there anytime soon. A convoluted legal challenge that involves historic horse-racing machines will hold things up, at least for a while. Assuming the situation is settled, Kansans will be able to bet in person at designated brick-and-mortar outlets, plus remotely online.

**Women and Sports Betting:**  
Women are flocking to sports betting in droves, according to data supplied by Global Wireless Solutions. More than 4.6 million women signed up for sports betting apps in 2021, a growth rate of 115% over 2020, compared to 63% for men. Of course, many men signed up for sports betting prior to 2020, which accounts for 250% more men than women on sports betting apps in 2021, but millions of women are discovering that betting on sports enhances the spectator experience. Global Wireless reports that some sports book apps have more women than men. For example, BetRivers and its associated New Jersey outlet SugarHouse show a ratio of 54% women to 46% men; in 2021, slightly less than 380,000 men signed up with the company, compared to 600,000 women. However, women use the apps less frequently than men: 70% of women "engage with" from only one-to-five weeks per year, compared to 61% of men.

**Wynn Accused of Being Agent for China**  
The U.S. Department of Justice is suing Steve Wynn for, of all things, failing to register as a foreign agent. The feds allege that Wynn "acted at the request of the People's Republic of China out of a desire to protect his business interests in Macau." Apparently, for



## Unconventional Breakfasts

If you're like me, after decades of traditional breakfast fare such as toast, juice, milk, eggs, bacon, pancakes, and so on—you eventually get tired of looking forward to the first meal of the day.

Years ago, I decided to shake it up a bit. A few times each week, I like to enjoy a less traditional breakfast and opt for something...a bit different. Read on:

One morning, I woke up with a crazy hankering for some alphabet soup. The old, condensed soup that's been around forever. Odd craving, but I gave into it. It was delicious and just what I wanted, and now it's a part of my unconventional breakfast rotation.

A couple of days ago, while on the road early in the day, I popped by a local fast-food chain to grab some sort of breakfast sandwich to take home with me. However, once at the mic in the drive-thru, the picture of those chicken strips looked mighty tasty. Ranch dip

sounded good, too. So, at 8:00am, I'm munching on chicken breast strips, ranch dressing and a cola. Super unhealthy choices, I'm sure, but they hit the spot.

Leftovers! Leftovers are sometimes the best, gastronomically, and economically. I usually prepare our dinners a little more sensibly/healthier than take-away food from a restaurant, so my leftover spaghetti with a "hidden vegetables" sauce isn't a bad choice for breakfast.

Other things on toast: Tuna salad, chicken salad, egg salad, avocado slices, pimento cheese, leftover mashed potatoes... I acknowledge that I'm basically having lunch for breakfast, but it balances out when we have breakfast for dinner, right?

Ramen: It's quick, it's easy, it's cheap. Who doesn't want to relive their college days at 6:30 in the morning? Add an egg for extra protein.

If we have any leftover baked or grilled fish in the fridge, I'm definitely reheating that and adding it to a bowl of brown rice with a little soy sauce and calling it breakfast.

Another brown rice breakfast might include leftover chicken or turkey, chopped, and combined with any leftover veggies (or beans—black beans are good) tossed in to make it even more hearty and healthy.

Okay, one more brown rice breakfast: brown rice with eggs—either fried or scrambled. A good choice if you're short on leftovers. I should note—I choose brown rice a lot because it keeps me fuller longer and is probably a better choice than the white rice varieties.

The next time you're having a mental block on what to have for breakfast, look beyond the bacon and eggs, go past the cereal boxes, and look inside your pantry for soups—or check out the leftovers in the fridge. You may just discover your new favorite unconventional breakfast.



## Veterans Post



## Wait Times for VA Medical Care

A recent audit by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General outlined what so many of us already knew — that it's difficult to understand the wait times for appointments and medical care at the VA. It seemed to some of us that the rules changed day by day, that our appointments were at the whim of whatever program was being followed at the time. Turns out that we were right all along.

In a perfect world, wait times at the VA always begin with an accurate starting point. If, for example, a veteran wants to seek civilian care because the wait is too long at the VA, he doesn't qualify for that outside care until he's waited a certain amount of time. Precisely when that period of time begins is at the heart of the problem.

Since 2014, the OIG discovered, the VA has used various methods of calculating wait time and figuring out when the criteria is met to seek civilian care. The rules for those calculations were in writing back to 2014. But without following those rules consistently, wait times varied and wandered all over the place. It didn't help that the website gave misleading information about how dates were to be calculated, with differences between wait times for new patients and what was written in the scheduling directive.

Enter the OIG, with its excellent investigators who always leave no stone unturned. While the recent audit doesn't assign blame (which the OIG won't hesitate to do when it's called for), the VA knew about these problems. The OIG has officially asked the VA to respond and let them know what steps they're going to take to fix this.

To read the details, go to [www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-21-02761-125.pdf](http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-21-02761-125.pdf). Don't miss the timeline on the cardiology patient whose provider wanted him seen pronto. There was a 66 day wait.

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

★ During World War II, French actress/dancer Leslie Caron's wealthy family suffered such severe financial reversals that she was once forced to make shoes out of her grandmother's opera gloves.

★ Until 1937, it was illegal for men to be topless in the U.S., even on beaches.

★ Is there a "junk drawer" in your house? If so, you're in good company, as a whopping 80% of Americans have at least one, but the average household actually boasts three. The most common items found in these catchalls are super glue (57%), writing utensils (also 57%) and duct tape (51%). What's in yours?

★ Gary Kremen, the founder of Match.com, one of the world's largest and most popular online dating websites, lost his girlfriend to a guy she met on Match.com.

★ The origin of the phrase "in the limelight" comes from the early days of theater, when spotlights were produced by directing a flame at calcium oxide, or quicklime.

★ In 1922, Americans consumed around 1,000,000 Eskimo Pies a day, which not only hiked up the cost of cocoa beans by 50%, but also single-handedly lifted Ecuador's economy out of a depression.

★ An "ending" is a term used for the last animal of an entire species. When an ending dies, the species is considered extinct.

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**The Garden Bug** Nutmeg

The nutmeg tree is cultivated in many tropical islands and countries, where the soil is very moist and loaded with sand, clay, silt and organic matter. Transferring potted sprouts to the soil must be done carefully, as the root systems are very sensitive to bruising and damage.

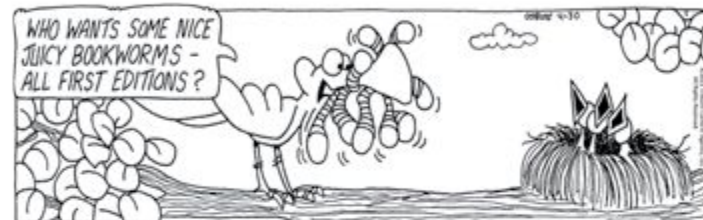
— Brenda Weaver

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## ANIMAL CRACKERS

By Fred Wagner



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by Healthy Exchanges

### No-Bake Creamy Strawberry Pie

This is almost like whiling away the hours in a strawberry patch and indulging to your heart's content.

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free strawberry gelatin
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 2 cups finely chopped fresh strawberries
- 1 (6-ounce) purchased graham cracker pie crust

1. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry gelatin and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Place saucepan on a wire rack and allow to cool for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Fold in whipped topping. Add strawberries. Mix gently just to combine. Evenly spoon mixture into pie crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.

\* Each serving equals: 141 calories, 5 g fat, 2 g protein, 22 g carbohydrate, 200 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch/Carbohydrate, 1

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to your good health

WITH Dr. Keith Roach

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a postmenopausal woman with osteoporosis. My physician has just prescribed Calcitonin Salmon nasal spray. Is this treatment very effective rebuilding bone mass, and how long does a patient use the drug? Also, are there any serious dangers using this drug? — M.L.

ANSWER: Calcitonin, usually derived from salmon, is not typically used long term for osteoporosis. Other drugs, such as those in the alendronate (Fosamax) class, are more effective. The Food and Drug Administration advisory panel has recommended its use be limited to less than six months due to concerns about possible increased cancer risks. It also can cause allergic-type reactions, including swelling of the lips and tongue. I seldom see it prescribed anymore outside of short-term use for pain relief in vertebral fractures due to osteoporosis.

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

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